

THE CHAPTER LETTER



Sunday 24 June to Saturday 7 July 2018

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Philippa White, Succentor

We were shown the harrowing faces of children this week, the victims of a zero tolerance policy towards illegal migrants in the United States. It was reported that over 2000 children have been separated from their parents and placed in detention centres. It is hard to imagine the misery and fear this inflicts on vulnerable children far from home and family. Such was the outcry against this outrageous cruelty that the policy has been ended. A reminder that enough voices demanding justice can have the power to make a difference. The whole incident was a timely reminder at the end of Refugee Week of the desperation of people fleeing from war and violence, poverty and persecution. The latest report from the UN Refugee Agency estimates that there are now 25.4 million refugees in the world. Approximately 44000 people are forced to flee their homes every day because of violence and persecution. That is one person every 2 seconds, every one of them with a name and a human face.

Sometimes it is difficult to know how we can make a difference and yet we know that Christ taught us to care for the marginalised and the poor in the words: "I was a stranger and you took me in" and "As much as you did not do for the least of my brothers and sisters you did not do for me."

We can often feel impotent in the face of suffering and need. Right here on our doorstep we encounter the homeless sleeping rough across the city and rising incidents of illegal begging. It is often problematic to know how to respond when asked for money. Do we give money and support a drug or alcohol addiction, do we offer food or do we walk by feeling uncomfortable?

There are several things we can do that are life affirming and supportive. We can take the time to stop and have a conversation and treat the person with dignity as a human face with a name and a story. We can offer to fetch them something to eat or drink. We can also support the needs of the homeless through a new initiative called the Diverted Giving Scheme. The scheme is led by Lincoln Business Improvement Group, and aims to encourage the public to support rough sleepers without giving them money directly. All funds raised will be handled by the YMCA (NOMAD) Lincoln and will be used in helping the most vulnerable rough sleeping cases highlighted by partners through their work in the city centre.

People wishing to make a donation will just need to text JGIV96£(add amount) to 70070 in order to contribute.

Christine Wilson, Dean



Exciting news! We welcome a new Curate to Lincoln Cathedral! We are delighted to welcome Rachel Revely, (who will be ordained as a Deacon on the 30 June) as our new Curate.

Rachel grew up in Newcastle Upon Tyne. For Rachel's first undergraduate degree she studied music at Newcastle University and went on to do a Master's degree specialising in musicology and composition. Her childhood experience of faith and love of music coalesced in the world of English Choral Music which opened up to her an understanding of the God to whom it was directed. She felt a sense of call whilst singing regularly in a church choir. Whilst discerning her vocation Rachel led a community choir in Edinburgh in a respite centre for people with HIV and Hepatitis C. Rachel worked closely with the chaplain in coordinating the choir, this was a seminal experience in her discernment process. Rachel became a pastoral assistant in the North Scunthorpe Group of Parishes for a year whilst I was discerning her vocation and whilst developed a love for Lincolnshire. After leaving Scunthorpe, Rachel trained at Westcott House over the last three years and completed a Bachelor of Theology for Ministry through Cambridge University. She did a placement in Selwyn college chapel and in a parish in Manchester. During her training, she spent 3 months studying in a theological college in Hong Kong and experienced a different part of the world while Anglican communion. While there Rachel had opportunities to teach doctrine and to broaden her spirituality and understanding of different spiritual traditions. These are both subjects Rachel is keen to continue studying.

Please keep Rachel and all the Ordinands in your prayers at this important time as they begin new ministries amongst us.

The Succentor's final service at the Cathedral will be at 09.30 on Sunday 15 July 2018. You are invited to join us in the Chapter House following the 9:30am service on Sunday 15 July 2018 to celebrate her outstanding contribution; it will also give everyone the opportunity to wish her good luck as she embarks on a new challenge as Succentor at Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford. If you would to contribute to the leaving gift and sign the card it will be available after the 09:30 service on 24 June or in the Chapter Office from 25 June.

Filming at Lincoln Cathedral On Monday 25th June, Lincoln Cathedral will be a location for a feature film. As such, there will be some disruption around the Cathedral between 18th June and 4th July as preparations are made for the filming which is taking place in the Nave. The Cathedral will be closed to visitors on Monday 25th June. Services are to continue as normal. However, on Monday 25th June, the 0730 Mattins, 0800 Holy Communion and 1230 Holy Communion will all take place at St Hugh's Shrine. Access to the services will be via the Judgement Porch.

Organ Recital Series 2018 Join us and experience an instrument like no other: This series of concerts showcases talent from across the UK and Europe, bringing some of the greatest organists to perform on the world famous Father Willis Organ – 23 June – Colin Walsh, Lincoln Cathedral. 7 July – Jan Vermeire, Dunkurque, France. 21 July – Phillip Rushforth, Chester Cathedral. 8 September – Wolfgang Kleber, Darmstadt, Germany. 29 September – James Lancelot, Emeritus, Durham Cathedral. 5 October - Organ Extravaganza, with Lincoln Cathedral Resident Organists and Lincoln Cathedral Choir. 16 December – Olivier Messiaen's La Nativité du Seigneur, Colin Walsh.

Magna Carta Lecture 2018 – God and Caesar: On 5 July at 7pm, we are thrilled to have Lord Richard Chartres as our guest speaker for this year's Magna Carta Lecture entitled God and Caesar. Lord Chartres is former Bishop of London, Life Peer, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order and is renowned for his engaging and witty discourse. This is an event not to be missed. Tickets are now available from lincolncathedral.com and the Cathedral Gift Shop. For Accessible seats please contact the events team on events@lincolncathedral.com or 01522 504394.

LCCA Summer Walk Saturday 14th July: The LCCA Summer Woodland Walk around Market Rasen includes three woods, fields and footpaths and generally flat terrain. Coincidentally the walk includes part of the Journey of Faith route from Louth. The Walk starts around 10.30 a.m. at Willingham Woods car park, two miles east of Market Rasen on the A631 Louth road. Explorer Map 282 and Grid Reference is TF 138 / 885. Parking is free and there are also toilet facilities. The options are a 4 mile morning walk, or a 3 mile afternoon walk or both. Lunch will be available at a pub in the Market Place. If you'd like to join the walk please add your name on the List on the LCCA Notice Board.

Evensong Collections: Would anyone in the Community feel able to take on a regular Evensong Collection role. Collections are made Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays when there is a sung service and the money funds a chorister for a year. If so, please let me, Michaela Philp, or the Subdean know.

Sunday Preachers: 24th June – The Revd Julie Wearing, Vicar of St Faith & St Martin with St Peter at Arches, 1st July – The Revd Ann Mazur, Co-ordinator of Duty Chaplains, 15th July - Mr Simon Dean 22nd July – The Revd Canon Christine Pennock, Rector, Rector of the Lafford Group, and Rural Dean, Lafford.

Bible Readings

Sunday 24 June

Sung Eucharist
Mattins
Evensong

Birth of John the Baptist

Isaiah 40:1-11; Acts 13: 14b-26; Luke 1: 57-66 and 80
Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10; Luke 3.1-17
Malachi 4; Matthew 11.2-19

Sunday 1 July

Sung Eucharist
Mattins
Evensong

5th Sunday after Trinity

Wisdom 1:13-15 and 2: 23-24; 2 Corinthians 8: 7-end; Mark 5: 21-end
Deuteronomy 15:1-11; Acts 27. [13-32] 33-end
Jeremiah 11.1-14; Romans 13.1-10

Sunday 8 July

Sung Eucharist
Mattins
Evensong

6th Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 2: 1-5; 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10; Mark 6: 1-13
Deuteronomy 24.10-end; Acts 28. 1-16
Jeremiah 20.1-11a; Romans 14.1-17