

THE CHAPTER LETTER



Sunday 30 September to Saturday 13 October 2018

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On the 27th September, the church remembers Vincent de Paul. He had been educated by a Franciscan order and was ordained in 1609. However, it was not until his conversion experience in 1620, that Vincent de Paul truly understood God's call upon his life. He went on to found communities for men and along with Louise de Marillac, helped to begin the first community of women not to be enclosed and which was devoted to caring for the poor and sick and dedicated his own life to the same. He was focused on bringing relief to galley slaves, tending for the sick and needy and taking care of those who lived in poverty. He was seen as saintly in his own lifetime.

And if there was ever a saint who matched their set gospel reading, it is Vincent de Paul: 'I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' This gospel invites us just like it did Vincent de Paul to look at those around us and see Christ, and not just to see Christ but to also serve Christ.

If we allow ourselves to see Christ in all around us, those in need, those we see on the periphery of our society, who do not conform with what we expect, we start to be able to see the Christ in ourselves. Through our striving after the common good, we see our commonality that we are all beloved children of God.

And as we journey through Creation season and move into a time when we celebrate Harvest when we give thanks for all we have and for the gifts that God has given us. This image of the Christ in all who we see and serve can provide the underpinning of our thankfulness. We live in a place of abundance yet where food banks are now a norm and people struggle to feed their families on a daily basis. We are witnesses to a chasm forming between the privileged and not privileged which does not reflect the kingdom values that we as Christians are called to uphold: values of radical equality, love and justice.

This harvest we see the work of food banks ever more needed, across Lincoln and our whole diocese. What are you doing to support that work, and to bring about the harvest of the kingdom of God?

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Carolyn & Peter Kendall write: we would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks to you all for your prayers, messages and support during the recovery of our daughter Elizabeth Lee following neurosurgery in May this year.

LCCA Harvest Supper will be held on Tuesday 16 October in the Chapter House, entertainment by a Ceilidh Band! Tickets are priced at £10 and will be on sale at coffee after the 9:30am service on Sundays or from the Cathedral Shop.

Lincoln Cathedral Community Association Annual General Meeting will be held in the Cathedral Centre on 5 November 2018. Nomination Forms for election of Lay Vice Chair and Committee Members are available from Mrs June Pallister, Secretary LCCA Executive Committee

All Souls' Day: This year on All Souls' Day (2 November 2018) the Cathedral will host an All Souls' Requiem at 5.30pm. The Cathedral Consort will sing the mass in the Gabriel Fauré setting.

Service to remember all children who have died before birth and in infancy: Taking place in the Angel Choir on 10 November 2018 at 10.30am. All are welcome, especially those who have lost a child or supported someone through loss.

Micky Philp writes: All Souls' Tide is on the way. If anyone in the Community would like to donate towards white chrysanthemums for this feast, the Flower Team would be most grateful.

2018 Organ Recital Series: James Lancelot (Organist Emeritus, Durham) Saturday 29 September. 7pm in the Nave. Join us for the final performance in our 2018 Organ Recital Series on Saturday 29 September. James Lancelot (Organist Emeritus, Durham Cathedral) will be playing a varied programme on the Father Willis for all to enjoy. On 16 December at 5.30pm Colin Walsh will perform Messiaen's *la Nativité du Seigneur*. For further information on either of the programmes or to purchase tickets please visit www.lincolncathedral.com. Tickets are priced at £6 per person.

Organ Extravaganza! Friday 5 October – 7pm: A welcome comeback to the ever popular Organ Extravaganza, featuring Lincoln Cathedral's Resident Organists, Lincoln Cathedral Choir and six organs! A selection of music for everybody. Well known items from Bach & Handel to Mozart & Wagner. This event is not ticketed so the more the merrier! There will be a retiring collection.

Handel's Messiah: Saturday 24 November, 7pm

Following its premiere in Dublin in 1742, Messiah quickly became one of Handel's most popular pieces of music and has been performed around the globe every year since 1945. This year, Lincoln Cathedral Choir are returning with their performance of Handel's Messiah, a spectacular piece of music which is to be accompanied by Lincolnshire Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are on sale now from www.lincolncathedral.com, the Cathedral shop and on 01522 504394

New Volunteer Co-ordinator: Claire Taylor has joined the Cathedral in the new role of Volunteer Co-ordinator. Claire's role will include supporting our current volunteers (of which there are roughly 600!) and recruiting new volunteers. Any current or future volunteers are encouraged to contact Claire directly at volunteers@lincolncathedral.com or on 01522 504399.

Bible Readings

Sunday 30 September
Sung Eucharist
Mattins
Evensong

18th Sunday after Trinity
Numbers 11 4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5 13-end; Mark 9 38-end
Isaiah 48 12-end; Luke 11 37-end
Exodus 24; Matthew 9 1-8

Sunday 7 October
Sung Eucharist
Mattins
Evensong

19th Sunday after Trinity
Genesis 2 18-24; Hebrews 1 1-4, 2 5-12; Mark 10 2-16
Isaiah 49 13-23; Luke 12 1-12
Joshua 3 7-end; Matthew 10 1-22

Sunday 14 October
Sung Eucharist
Mattins
Evensong

20th Sunday after Trinity
Amos 5 6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4 12-end; Mark 10 17-31
Isaiah 50 4-10; Luke 13 22-30
Joshua 5 13-6.20; Matthew 11 20-end