

THE CHAPTER LETTER

Sunday 8 to Saturday 21 July 2018



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'It's coming home.'

England's dramatic World Cup quarter-final penalty shootout against Colombia on 3 July almost made it into the list of the top ten most watched television programmes of all time in the United Kingdom with a peak audience of 24.4 million people. The team's performances in the group stages of the tournament gave the nation hope that maybe - just maybe - for the first time since 1966, the men with the three lions on their shirt might be able to go the distance and bring the famous Jules Rimet trophy home. 'It's coming home' has become an oft-repeated phrase in these past few weeks.

'Football's coming home' was a recurrent line in *Three Lions*, a song released by David Baddiel and Frank Skinner in 1996 to mark England's participation in that year's European Championships, held in England that year. At those championships, England won a penalty shootout at the quarter final stage. Sadly, they went on to lose another at the semi-final stage and the rest, as they say, is history, heralding in as it did more than twenty years of lost penalty shootouts in major championships. So it is no wonder that well over 24 million of us rejoiced earlier this month when the team finally put an end to that unenviable record.

(By the time you read this, the outcome of the England's World Cup quarter final match with Sweden will have taken place, and we will know whether that match also went to a penalty shootout.)

Three Lions is worth listening to if you can spare a few moments. It provides a great insight into what it takes to be a football fan, sticking with the team through thick and thin, particularly when things are not going well. The song is shot through with themes with which many of us who profess a faith would identify: never giving up, despite real and crushing disappointment which never seems to end; carrying pain and hurt, often for considerable time which stretches beyond years and into decades; always believing that things *will* get better, despite the evidence before us; never allowing the dream that is inside us to die.

May God bless all those dealing with hard things in their life; and may the hopes and dreams which God has planted deep in each one of us continue to draw us ever on, towards him who is our source and our eternal home.

Sal McDougall, Precentor

Chapter would like to extend a huge thank you to all who contributed to enabling the filming of 'The King'. It was a great piece of shared endeavor and a moment of history in the life of the Cathedral. We look forward to being featured in this Netflix production next year.

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.

Forest Stations: as many of you will be aware William Fairbank's, *Forest Stations* were temporarily removed during the period of recent filming. This has provided an opportunity to consider how and where we might present these Stations in order that they might be used liturgically as a form of Stations of the Cross.

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 – 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.

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.

Sunday Preachers: 15th July - Mr Simon Dean 22nd July - Revd Canon Christine Pennock, Rector, Rector of the Lafford Group, and Rural Dean, Lafford.

Fairtrade: Lincoln Cathedral is working to become a Fairtrade organisation, as a means of ensuring social justice and environmental standards are met in our supply chains. The Lincoln Cathedral Community Association committee has agreed to support this and has already introduced Fairtrade coffee and sugar for refreshments after the main Sunday Eucharist, and will soon add Fairtrade tea once current stocks have expired. In the next week or two our communion wine will change to a Fairtrade wine (which is also organic and suitable for vegetarians and vegans, being sedimented without gelatine, fishbone, or casein). The cafe already sells Fairtrade tea, and our coffee suppliers, Stokes, will soon be supplying Fairtrade coffee for our cafe and Cathedral Centre. A short article by the Chancellor, explaining the Christian concern for trade justice and the reasons we support Fairtrade, will appear in the next InHouse magazine.

Volunteer Gardener Wanted: Do you have an hour a week to spare to help with gardening at the Song School? If you are interested please email Katie Grainger, PA to the Dean and Precentor on precentorpa@lincolncathedral.com

Hallé 2018: The Hallé Orchestra are returning to the Cathedral on Friday 21 September 2018 under the Baton of Karl Heinz-Steffens. Tickets are now available on the Cathedral website, from the shop or over the phone on 01522 504394

RAF100 Dinner: A Black Tie Dinner is being held in the Nave on Friday 10 August 2018 to celebrate 100 years of the RAF. The dinner will be a chance to commemorate the RAF in Lincolnshire as well as raise vital funds for the Cathedral and IBCC. For more information please go to the Cathedral website or contact Clare Ferrar on events@lincolncathedral.com or 01522 504394

Bible Readings

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

Sunday 15 July
Sung Eucharist
Mattins
Evensong

7th Sunday after Trinity
Amos 7: 7-15; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 14-29
Deuteronomy 28.1-14; Acts 28. 17-end
Job 4.1;5-6-end; Romans 15.14-29

Sunday 22 July
Sung Eucharist
Mattins
Evensong

Mary Magdalene
Song of Solomon 3: 1-4; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; John 20: 1-2 and 11-18
1 Samuel 16.14-end; Luke 8.1-3
Zephaniah 3.14-end; Mark 15.40-16.7