

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER – SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

A Time of Remembering

November is a time of remembering: on this Remembrance Sunday we say, yet again, We will remember them. And that theme of remembrance runs throughout the month. We remember on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, on this Remembrance Sunday and on those days when we commemorate individuals: St Martin (11 November), St. Margaret (16th November), St. Hilda (19 November) and St Cecilia (22 November). Next week of course we also remember St. Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop and Pastor, Builder and Diplomat.

Hugh's names will be read out next Sunday in Evensong (17th November) along with those who over the last 1000 years have in ways both great and small been associated with this Cathedral Church.

As I hear names read from the "Obit Book" at the final service of every day I find it a Godly reminder: of those who have gone before us; that we are here for just a moment in time; and that we are one with those who have gone before us. The belief that we are one with those who have gone before us is not some form of superstitious hocus pocus. In the Creed we affirm our faith in the Communion of Saints and because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, we believe that we are linked either side of death, in one Communion through the Holy Spirit. The Saints are those who are hallowed - made holy - because they are one in Christ forever.

This "Kingdom Season" as it is called helps us to rejoice in those who have gone before us in the faith knowing they are safe and one in Christ with us in the Communion of Saints. This means that as we worship here on earth we worship with angels and with archangels and with all the company of heaven. Death is no longer anything to fear and life becomes an exciting adventure knowing that come what may, we are made whole in Christ.

JOHN PATRICK, SUBDEAN

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 10 November
Third Sunday before Advent

Sung Eucharist
Job 19: 23-27a
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end
Luke 20: 27-38

Mattins
Isaiah 2: 1-5
James 3: 13-end

Evensong
1 Kings 3: 1-15
Romans 8: 31-end

Sunday 17 November
Second Sunday before Advent

Sung Eucharist
Malachi 4: 1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13
Luke 21: 5-19

Mattins
1 Samuel 16: 1-13
Matthew 13: 44-52

Evensong
Daniel 6
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Sunday 10 November
Christ the King

Sung Eucharist
Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Colossians 1: 11-20
Luke 23: 33-43

Mattins
Zechariah 6: 9-end
Revelation 11: 15-18

Evensong
1 Samuel 8: 4-20
John 18: 33-37

Worship & Mission

Sacred Space

Once a month on a Sunday at 6.45pm

This popular service is gentle and reflective with time to wonder and explore, encouraging everyone to use all their senses; it offers a different way to experience worship at Lincoln Cathedral.

Dates and themes for the coming months are:

November 24 - Kingdom

December 15 - Light in the Darkness

Stillpoint

Saturday 9 November, 9am-9.45am

Led by Revd Ann Mazur, this is a time of guided silent prayer to be still and aware of the presence of God.

Season of Remembering

Join us in November to remember all those dear to us who have died. Our services in this period include:

Remembrance Service. Sunday 10 November, 10.40am

Service of Music and Readings for Remembrance including Faure's Requiem. Sunday 10 November 2019, 3.45pm

Community

LCCA

Following on from the visit of Rachel Baxter, Community Engagement Officer at YMCA, to the LCCA AGM, members of the Cathedral Community are invited to a Drop In Day at the YMCA on Saturday 16 November between 10am-4pm, to view the work which has been done to provide night shelter for the homeless. If you are interested in going along, can you please let Rachael know on Lincoln 508379.

The Dean's Verger Writes...

Christmas comes but once a year as does the appeal for help during the Christmas Market.

We seek help in four main areas of the Cathedral's mission of hospitality; Welcoming - working with the Visitor Service Team and the general Ministry of Welcome, Stewarding - assisting the established team of Stewards who help with the smooth running of activities sacred and secular, Chapter House - supporting the Refectory Staff with the serving of refreshments in the Chapter House, General Support shadowing the Verging Team with general duties and staffing the vestry telephone.

There will be a matrix of two-hour time slots available in the Vergers Vestry from Sunday 17 November please sign up - any and all help appreciated.

'The Dickin Medal (the Victorian Cross for animals)'

Thursday 14th November, 10.30am, Cathedral Centre.

A lecture by Kenneth Moore.

The event is hosted by the Lincoln Cathedral Retired Staff and Volunteers Group. A perfect opportunity to meet former colleagues and make new friends. Annual Membership fee £5, guests very welcome £2.

Victoria and Albert: Treasures of a Royal Marriage

Following Tristram Hunt's lecture in the Cathedral, we would encourage you to visit the exhibition 'Victoria and Albert - Treasures of a Royal Marriage', which is open daily in the Collection and the Usher Gallery until 5 January. It features some of the earliest treasures to be given to the V&A Museum.

Events

Lincoln Cathedral Shop Christmas Preview Evening

Join us as Lincoln Cathedral Shop launches its 2019 Christmas product range. There are gifts for all and decorations to bring the joy of Christmas into your home. Meet some of our fantastic local suppliers and enjoy a festive evening in the Nave of the Cathedral.

And if you see something you fancy, there'll be a 15% discount on the night*. We're even offering free gift wrapping, so you can enjoy light refreshments and music by our pianist, while we take care of your gifts.

You can meet some of our local suppliers including:

- Harold Pinchbeck Watches

- Curtis of Lincoln

- Lincoln Gin

- The Lincolnshire Brewing Company

You can reserve your FREE ticket by visiting the Lincoln Cathedral website - www.lincolncathedral.com

Handel's Messiah

Saturday 23 November

We welcome you once again to our popular annual performance of Handel's Messiah performed by the Choir of Lincoln Cathedral and the Lincolnshire Chamber Orchestra, conducted by our Director of Music, Aric Prentice.

Tickets are on sale from www.lincolncathedral.com, by calling 01522 561658 or from the Cathedral Shop.

A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten

Saturday 14 December 2pm and 7pm

Performed by the Lincoln Cathedral Choristers and harpist Louise Thomson

Join us on for two performances of this classic, festive favourite, in the stunning Cathedral Chapter House.

Prices:

2pm performance £11, £5 for children under 14

7pm performance £27 including wine, canapés and a lantern-light tour of the Cathedral.

Tickets are on sale from www.lincolncathedral.com, by calling 01522 561658 or from the Cathedral Shop.

Carols by Candlelight

18 December 7.30pm in the Nave of Lincoln Cathedral.

Join the Lincoln Cathedral Choir and sing Seasonal Carols by Candlelight. Afterwards enjoy a mince pie and warm fruit punch This event is a popular favorite by all, book early to avoid disappointment .

Tickets - £10 Unreserved front Nave

£5 - Unreserved restricted view side aisles

For accessible seating please call the shop direct on 01522 561644

Organ Concert - La Nativité du Seigneur

Come and experience Jeffrey Makinson in concert on the grand Father Willis organ in Lincoln Cathedral.

Olivier Messiaen's 1935 masterpiece is considered to be one of the greatest Organ compositions of all time. La Nativité du Seigneur is a Christmas tradition at Lincoln Cathedral and one not to be missed.

Wallace and Gromit In Concert; The Wrong Trousers

Saturday 4 January

Audiences will be treated to five showings of the film on a big screen in the Nave, and the 30-piece chamber orchestra will bring the soundtrack to life in spectacular fashion.