

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 11 JUNE - SUNDAY 25 JUNE

Instituted in 1264 and falling on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, the feast of Corpus Christi celebrates Christ's institution of the Eucharist. A number of the texts we use to celebrate the Eucharist emphasise the communicant's unworthiness to receive Christ's body and blood: for example, 'Lord, I am not worthy to receive you' and 'We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table'. Christians often fall into the trap of expressing this sense of our unworthiness, and then going no further. But none of these liturgical texts ends at this point. To quote the Prayer of Humble Access: 'But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy'.

In the Eucharist, the all-merciful God makes the first move by offering himself to us despite, and because of, our unworthiness. For me, this divine initiative is expressed most beautifully in George Herbert's poem, Love bade me welcome from his Five Mystical Songs:

LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
 If I lack'd anything.
'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'
 Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
 I cannot look on Thee.'
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
 'Who made the eyes but I?'
'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
 'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
 So I did sit and eat.

As we give thanks for Christ's institution of the Eucharist, let us remember that Christ's institution is also Christ's invitation, and is offered in love.

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BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 11 June

Barnabas the Apostle

Eucharist
Job 29. 11-16
Acts 11. 19-end
John 15. 12-17

Evening Prayer
Ecclesiastes 12. 9-end
Acts 9. 26-31

Sunday 18 June

*Second Sunday after
Trinity*

Eucharist
Genesis 18.1 -15
Romans 5.1-8
Matthew 9.35-10.8

Evening Prayer

I Samuel 21.1-15
Luke 11.14-28

Sunday 25 June

*Third Sunday after
Trinity*

Eucharist
Genesis 21.8-21
Romans 6.12-End
Matthew 10.24-39

Evening Prayer I

Samuel 24.1-17
Luke 14.12-24

Worship & Mission

Weekly service schedule

The service sheet for the coming fortnight can be [viewed on the cathedral website](#) (click link to visit)

Sacred Space

Sacred Space will be taking place at 7pm on the following Sundays in 2023:

16 July - The beauty of creation

10 September - New beginnings

19 November - The darkness of waiting

Sacred Space is a gentle, reflective service with time to wonder, the opportunity to use all your senses to explore faith and the chance to experience the unique and serene atmosphere of the Cathedral as the day draws to a close.

Stillpoint

This is a time of guided silent prayer to be still and aware of the presence of God. All are welcome to join us.

Please note the new time for Stillpoint. We meet in the Ringers Chapel from 8.45am - 9.15am on the following Mondays:

12 June

10 July

Forthcoming services

11 June 3.45pm Solemn Evensong for Barnabas

24 June

10.30am Ordination of priests

5.30pm Solemn Evensong for the Birth of John the Baptist

25 June - 10.30am Ordination of deacons

26 June - 2pm Lincoln Anglican Academies Trust (LAAT) 10th Anniversary Service

29 June - 5.30pm Solemn Evensong for Peter and Paul

Community

Thank you from LCCA

Thank you to all who supported the LCCA Pentecost Cake in the Cloisters which raised £400 for the Lincolnshire Warm Packs project, a charity aiming to provide 1,000 Warm Packs to families across Lincolnshire to help them keep warm, keep safe and cook a hot meal this coming winter.

LCCA Summer Outing

On Saturday 29 July there will be a visit to Tealby with a Tennyson theme and will include a talk, optional walks and the opportunity to picnic communally in the village.

Lincoln Cathedral and the HeART Trail

10 June - 4 September

These intricate sculptures are from the St Barnabas HeART Trail and are part of a celebration of 40 years of St Barnabas being at the heart of the community, caring for and supporting people across the county.

The trail is made up of 20 sculptures that can be found in Lincoln, some of which are found on cathedral grounds. 5 are on the East Coast and another 5 in towns where St Barnabas has a Wellbeing Centre - Boston, Gainsborough, Grantham, Louth and Spalding.



Events

Fleetwood Mac by Candlelight

16 June, 7.00pm

Featuring a cast of West End Singers and a live band, join us for a 'landslide' concert, jam packed with Fleetwood Mac hits as you have never heard them before.

Bowie by Candlelight

17 June, 7.00pm

An incredible night of Bowie anthems including 'Let's Dance', 'Starman', 'Life on Mars', and more.

Byrd 400

30 June - 4 July

A five-day festival with daily choral services sung by the Cathedral Choir will focus on Byrd's liturgical music

Lincoln Jazz Festival

14 July - 16 July

A weekend festival of Jazz and Gospel music featuring leading musicians from the UK and overseas.

Summer Organ Recital Series

12 August, 7pm

Our summer series begins with our very own Jeffrey Makinson. As always, there will be a big screen show you can enjoy watching the recitalist in action in the organ loft. There will also be an opportunity to meet the recitalist at the end of the performance.

Queen by Candlelight

25 - 26 August 7.30pm

Join us for an incredible night of Queen Anthems, performed at beautiful venues across the UK, UAE, Australia and the USA, by candlelight.

The Halle in Concert 13

October, 7.00pm

The players in the Hallé are among the finest in the world, and come from 14 countries to work in Manchester. Many teach at the Royal Northern College of Music, Chetham's School of Music, and other UK-wide specialist Conservatoires and schools, playing and teaching in the wider community. All are involved in the Hallé's concerts in the UK and overseas and are central to our huge community and outreach programme.

Half-term fun: Meet the Teach Rex dinosaurs

25 October, 10.15am - 11.45am, 1.15pm - 2.45pm, 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Meet the Dragons as Teach Rex introduces children to a unique and innovative approach to storytelling in which the team will bring a mythical story to life in front of the children's eyes.

For more details of forthcoming events and to book your tickets, go to our website at www.lincolncathedral.com/forthcoming-events