

# The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 25 JUNE - SUNDAY 9 JULY

## Thank you for the music

One of the joys (as well as duties) of being a residentiary canon is taking part in the daily life of prayer and worship that is offered for and on behalf of the bishop and parishes of the diocese. The foundational element of this is underpinning the ministry of the bishop and the life of the diocese in a regular round of daily prayer – which also means that anyone from the communities that make up the diocese can be secure in the knowledge that they have access to the full round of daily, weekly and seasonal services and to daily pastoral care provided by the cathedral (largely thanks to the dedication of our duty chaplains). A huge part of this offering is sustained by the work of our musicians who offer beauty in music as a part of our worship – that through that beauty we might see a reflection of the greater beauty of God.

As we enter the last two weeks of the summer term, there is no let-up in the work that is undertaken by our musicians – resourcing the worship of two ordinations, singing at the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust, marking the 400th Anniversary of the death of William Byrd with a five-day festival of his music, and undertaking a live broadcast on BBD Radio 3. None of this is possible without the huge level of dedication shown by all our musicians and the support provided by the parents and families of our choristers.

Of course, the end of the summer term also brings some natural farewells. We will be saying farewell to several choristers who have seen the choir through the disruption of COVID and worked hard as we have started to rebuild our musical life since then. We will also be saying farewell to several of our choral scholars – who have given great service both with their voices and their care and supervision of the choristers. This summer, we will also be wishing Alana well as she the progression of her musical career takes her to her new role as Assistant Director of Music at Wakefield Cathedral. Speaking of this role, Alana has said:

*I am excited to take this next step in my career in Wakefield, where I will be the principal accompanist for services and will run the Youth Choir and Junior Choir. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in Lincoln and have learnt so much during my time here.*

As with the choral scholars who are moving on to new musical ventures, we wish Alana well and give thanks for the work she has undertaken as Assistant Organist at the cathedral.

In these coming two weeks, do please join us in the offering of music in worship – and give thanks for those who offer their skill as musicians to the glory of God and our benefit as those who worship alongside them in this place of prayer. The final weekend of the choir term is 8th/9th July, and the choristers and others leaving will be 'read out' in the course of evensong at 3.45pm on the Sunday afternoon.

NICK BROWN, PRECENTOR

## BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday 25 June**  
*Third Sunday After Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Jeremiah 20. 7-13  
Romans 6. 1b-11  
Matthew 10. 24-39

**Evening Prayer**  
1 Samuel 24. 1-17  
Luke 14. 12-24

**Sunday 2 July**  
*Fourth Sunday after Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Jeremiah 28. 5-9  
Romans 6. 12-end  
Matthew 10. 40-end

**Evening Prayer**  
1 Samuel 28. 3-19  
Luke 17. 20-end

**Sunday 9 July**  
*Fifth Sunday After Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Zechariah 9. 9-12  
Romans 7. 15-25a  
Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-end

**Evening Prayer**  
2 Samuel 2. 1-11, 3.1  
Luke 18. 31-- !9. 10

## Worship & Mission

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### 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:

10 July

7 August

4 September

2 October

### Forthcoming services

**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

**9 July** - End of choir term - 'Reading out' of choristers at Evensong

## Community

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### LCCA Summer visit - Saturday 29 July

Everyone is cordially invited to join us on the LCCA Summer outing on Saturday 29 July 2023 to Tealby where Keith Rolands-Bolton, a local Tealby author, will talk about the Tennysons and we can tour the church followed by a bring-your-own picnic with a short guided walk to the site of the Tennyson mansion to round off the day.

The outing is free to attend (donations to the church would be appreciated), you just need to register your interest in advance either at coffee after Sunday morning Eucharists or by emailing [lcca@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:lcca@lincolncathedral.com).

### Independent Safeguarding Board

In response to the recent news regarding the relationship between the Archbishops' Council and the national Independent Safeguarding Board, a statement is now available on the Diocese of Lincoln website: <https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/news/independent-safeguarding-board-bishop-david-acting-bishop-of-lincoln-response>

Over the past couple of years the cathedral has worked hard to improve safeguarding practice, and the progress made with this at a local level has been recognised in a number of audits and reviews. In this process the cathedral has benefitted greatly from independent, external advice, support and scrutiny - including voices of those who have been directly affected by past failings. We continue to work with the independent Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel, and hope that, working with others, we will be able to continue to improve the way that the church learns from them at a local level.

### The Revd Canon David Dadswell

We send our warm congratulations to David Dadswell who, at the start of July will be marking the 40th anniversary of his deaconing. WE invite you to come and celebrate with us with a glass of fizz in the Chapter House after the 10am Eucharist on Sunday 9 July.

## Events

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### 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

#### Day 1 - Friday 30 June

**5.30pm - Choral Evensong** sung by the Choristers and Lay Vicars

**7.30pm - An evening of music for Harpsicord, and Chamber Organ, with Madrigals** in the Chapter House

**9pm - Compline** sung by the Lay Vicars

#### Day 2 - Saturday 1 July

12.30pm - Sung Eucharist sung by the Lay Vicars

2pm - Concert by 'Arculo', Viol Consort

5.30pm - Choral Evensong sung by the Lay Vicars

#### Day 3 - Sunday 2 July

9.30am - Choral Mattins sung by the Lay Vicars

10.30am - Sung Eucharist, Choristers and Lay Vicars

3.45pm - Choral Evensong, Choristers and Lay Vicars

7.30pm - Recital in the Nave, the Choir of Merton College, Oxford

9pm - Compline, the Choir of Merton College, Oxford

#### Day 4 - Monday 3 July

12noon - Sung Eucharist, the Choir of Merton College, Oxford

1.15pm - Lectures: Byrd at Lincoln

3.15pm - Lectures: Byrd and Recreational Song

5.30pm - Choral Evensong, Lay Vicars, with the Choir of Merton College, Oxford

#### Day 5 - Tuesday 4 July

9.15am - Lectures: Byrd and the Chapel Royal

11.25am - Lectures: Performing Byrd: Past and Present

12.10pm - Recital: Byrd's Keyboard Music

1.30pm - Lectures: Byrd's Sacred Music - Motets and Magnificats

3.15pm - Lectures: Byrd's International and Catholic Connections

5.30pm - Choral Evensong with dedication of memorial, Choristers and Lay Vicars with the Tallis Scholars

9pm - Evening Concert in the Nave, sung by the Choristers and Lay Vicars with the Tallis Scholars

### 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.

For more details of forthcoming events and to book your tickets, go to our website at

[www.lincolncathedral.com/forthcoming-events](http://www.lincolncathedral.com/forthcoming-events)