

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 28 MAY – SUNDAY 11 JUNE

The gift of the Spirit

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost – remembering the gift of the Holy Spirit that is given to each of us. This gift is freely given by God, and touches us with the very presence of God in our hearts and lives. If in God the Father we seek the immeasurable depths of the One who brings creation into being through love, and in God the Son we find love written in the truly human life of one like us, then in God the Spirit we are touched by that love in our very selves. In this way the love, beauty and trust that sustain creation are known to us in the mystery of creation, in the life of Christ and in the fabric of our lives.

But with this gift comes a challenge – the gift is given, but is it received? As with a birthday or other special occasion, we can open the gift – but does it change who we are? Sometimes, a gift may become a valuable part of our lives – perhaps something that makes our lives easier (a current example for me might be a mower to keep the grass in check!), or it might be something that brings long-lasting delight (such as a picture or book, that repays us many times). However, a gift can also be unwrapped and put in the drawer – to be seen only rarely, or perhaps not at all.

The gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives – given to us through grace at our Baptism, nurtured in reading of Scripture, claimed as our own in Confirmation and the sustained in the sharing of the Eucharist – is one that can change who we are. Through the Spirit we can become a part of God's work in the fulfilment of creation, and a means of God's love becoming known more fully in our world. But for this to happen we have to not only receive the gift but be open to the cost of letting it shape our lives. Often, this will bring great joy – but equally, it is not always without its cost.

As we celebrate the gift of the Spirit let us be open to how it might shape our lives and our community. Let us ask how we can respond to the beauty, wonder and love of the God who we meet as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

NICK BROWN, PRECENTOR

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 28 May *Pentecost*

Eucharist
Acts 2. 1-21
1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13
John 20. 19-23

Evening Prayer
Joel 2. 21-end
Acts 2. 14-21

Sunday 4 June *Trinity Sunday*

Eucharist
Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end
2 Corinthians 13. 11-end
Matthew 28. 16-end

Evening Prayer
Isaiah 6. 1-8
John 16. 5-15

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

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

Sunday 28 May - Pentecost

10am - Sung Eucharist for the Feast of Pentecost

8 June - Corpus Christi

5.30pm Solemn Evensong

7.30pm Solemn Eucharist (Cathedral Consort)

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

Lincoln Minster School Governors

Lincoln Minster School is seeking to recruit a number of governors, with a range of experience, and closer links with the cathedral would be particularly valued.

The headmaster, Mr John Tyler, or Chair of Governors, Mrs Kate Richards, would be delighted to show potential governors around the school.

<https://www.lincolnminsterschool.co.uk/about/policies-governance>

LCCA invite you to celebrate Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 28 May 2023

Festal Evensong for Pentecost (Whit Sunday) at 3.45pm followed by Cake in the Cloisters. Tickets £5 - available after Sunday morning Eucharists or email lcca@lincolncathedral.com.

All proceeds to the Lincolnshire Warm Packs project.

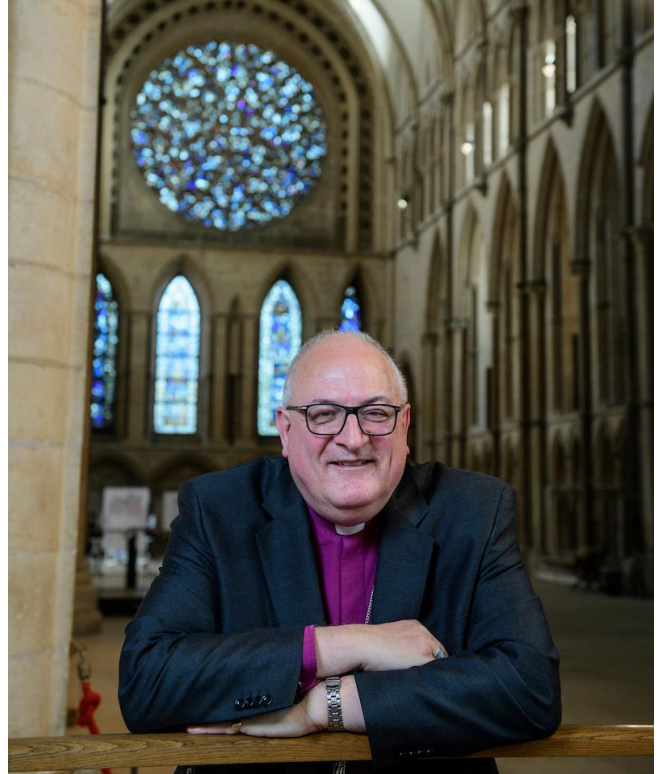
Please inform us in advance of any dietary restrictions.

LCCA Summer Outing - date for your diary

On Saturday 29 July the LCCA are organising a visit to Tealby with a talk about its connections to Tennyson and the opportunity for you to picnic in the village. Further details to follow.

The Rt Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Lincoln

Lincoln Cathedral has welcomed the news that The Rt Revd Stephen Conway is to be the next Bishop of Lincoln. The Revd Canon Simon Jones, Interim Dean of Lincoln said "I am thrilled that Bishop Stephen is to be the next Bishop of Lincoln. His wisdom, energy and passion for the Christian faith will be a great blessing to the Diocese. Bishop Stephen is already a good friend of the Cathedral. We look forward to strengthening that relationship and to supporting him in his new ministry."



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.

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

www.lincolncathedral.com/forthcoming-events