

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 9 JUNE - SUNDAY 23 JULY

Lincoln Cathedral has many reasons to be proud of its history. Over the past few days it has been wonderful to celebrate the life and work of William Byrd, who was Organist and Master of the Choristers here from 1563-72 and who, in the words of the beautiful memorial stone that now occupies a prominent place in the middle of St Hugh's Choir, 'in this place steered the course of English Sacred Music'.

I couldn't be more proud of the creative way in which the Cathedral rose to the challenge of marking the 400th anniversary of Byrd's death. All of the planning had been done before I arrived, and it's a great testament to the collaborative work of colleagues in a number of departments that the festival has been such a success. If I tried to name individuals I'd inevitably miss people out, but thanks are particularly due to Tom Wilson, our Senior Lay Vicar, without whom (with a little help from William Byrd!) the festival would not have happened.

One of the festival's strengths was the way in which it wove together worship, concerts and lectures, all of which provided opportunities to work with a number of different partners. For me, it was a particular pleasure to be able to welcome the Merton College Choir. The majority of the students, along with many others who attended the festival, had never visited Lincoln before and so, as well as celebrating Byrd's legacy, the festival also enabled us to bring significant numbers of people to Lincoln and its wonderful Cathedral for the first time. Numbers aren't everything by any means, but the fact the combined congregations attending the choral services during the festival numbered around 1,500 is one measure of the success of the last week.

On a different matter, a little while back I mentioned the idea of 'Open Chapter' - an opportunity for members of the congregation to meet members of Chapter to ask questions, and to discuss matters of common interest and concern. This will take place in the Chapter House after Evensong on Sunday 1 October. Also at Evensong on that day, Dr Tracy Buckby will be installed as Chapter Clerk, so do put the date in your diary.

Finally, please join me in congratulating Canon David Dadswell on the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate. If you're around on Sunday (9 July), there will be an opportunity to raise a glass to David after the Eucharist. Do join us if you can.

SIMON JONES, INTERIM DEAN

BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday 16 July Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist

Genesis 25.19-end
Romans 8.1-11
Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Evening Prayer

2 Samuel 7.18-end
Luke 19.41-20.8

Sunday 23 July Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist

Genesis 28.10-19a
Romans 8.12-25
Matthew 13.24-40,
36-43

Evening Prayer

1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.16-
end
Acts 4.1-22

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:

10 July

7 August

4 September

2 October

Community

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.

Byrd 400 Festival

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Byrd400 Festival. We hope you enjoyed the fantastic five days of recitals, lectures, concerts and services to remember William Byrd. It was amazing to see so many people come together to celebrate his life and work and to witness the unveiling of the new memorial for William Byrd.



Farewell to Alana Brook

This weekend we say farewell to Alana Brook, our Assistant Organist, who is leaving us to become Assistant Director of Music at Wakefield Cathedral. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her four years working here and filling the cathedral with beautiful music.

Reading out the Choir

We send our very best wishes to Anais, Frankie, Jihana, Jack, Sam, Finn and Max who are being read out of the choir on Sunday 9th July and to Tom, Katie and Ollie who are finishing their time with us as Choral Scholars. Thank you all for everything you have given to the cathedral and its worship.

Latest issue of InHouse

In this issue we look at the vast history Lincoln Cathedral has with the royal family and their multiple visits over the years, as well as a deep dive into the many historic events held in the cathedral like medieval parliaments meeting in our Chapter House, and where links to royalty can found around our inspiring building. [Visit our website to download the latest issues](#)

The Snowman returns!

The ever popular performance of The Snowman is returning this December, once again being joined by a live orchestra who will bring the score to life and make the most of the incredible acoustics of the Cathedral. Tickets are selling fast so be sure you get yours by following this link - <https://bit.ly/The-Snowman-Live>

Electing a bishop with Tracy Buckby

You don't often get asked if you would mind being locked into the Chapter House as part of the election of the Bishop but that is where I found myself on Thursday the 29th of June with the College of Canons! I waited with the two Registrars inside the Chapter House in anticipation for arrival of the College of Canons. They had lined up in their choir dress robes in the Cloisters and proceeded into the Chapter House before peeling off to walk in silence around the perimeter to take their seats on red velvet cushions. The ceremony started with the Dean saying a Prayer and welcoming the College to the proceedings. As Chapter Clerk, I was called upon to certify that summons were served on each Canon to attend the election. The Registrar, in wig and gown, confirmed the letters and called a register by which each Canon present arose and acknowledged by saying "Present, Mr Dean". The name of those absent were read again prior to the Dean reading scripted schedules which included letters from King Charles III who was pleased to name and recommend the right Reverend Stephen David Conway to be elected and chosen into the Bishopric.

The election of the 73rd Bishop of Lincoln commenced with the Dean stating his consent for the candidate proposed by the King. The Dean then asked those present whether they also gave their consent. Each Canon stood in turn and gave their vote of consent to the Registrar saying "I concur". After all the Canons had voted the Registrar acknowledged the votes, prior to the Dean reading out the third scripted schedule. The Dean was called by the Registrar to sign a number of certificates to the King, the Archbishop of Canterbury and to the Bishop-elect.

There was no white smoke, but lots of smiles, knowing that a Bishop had been elected. A ceremony steeped in tradition and a privilege to have taken part in. The big wooden doors of the Chapter House were unlocked and waiting outside in the Cloisters were the choristers, vergers and stewards ready for Evensong and to rejoice of another day of God's glory and blessings. A service in itself rich in tradition and significance shaped by great composers like William Byrd who we have also celebrated the 400th anniversary of his death this week. In that pause between the end of the election and the start of the procession to St. Hugh's choir, there was a real sense of excitement for the future, a comfort in our traditions and an acknowledgement of making history - a juxtaposition in time.

Selfie!



Events

Lincoln Jazz Festival

14 July – 16 July

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

Lincoln Jazz Festival Dinner

15 July

As part of the Lincoln Jazz Festival the Cathedral Café will be hosting a gorgeous meal, starting with a welcome drink to greet you at the door. Select from a range of delectable starters, flavorful mains, and desserts for a delightfully sweet finish. Visit our website for prices and the nights menu.

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. See below for the further dates if the Summer Organ Series:

- Christopher Stokes - 2 September
- Colin Walsh 9 September
- Francesca Massay 16 September
- John Scott Whiteley 23 September
- Stephan Farr 30 September

Nature and architecture tour of Lincoln Cathedral

19 August, 1pm

Join photographer Bruce Hargrave for a unique photography tour! All are welcome for an afternoon of the natural and man made world, that co-exists at the Cathedral. With luck, we may see and hear the Cathedral's resident peregrine falcons.

RAF Air cadets and Royal College of Organists -Festival of Music

19 August, 7pm

From pop and film music through to classical and military marches, the concert is also a collaboration with the Royal College of Organists featuring performances by Sir Andrew Parmley and organ scholar Will Bishop – all for only £5 for an adult ticket , under 18s are free!

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. Featuring a live cast of West End singers, accompanied by an incredible live rock band, experience Queen as you have never heard them before.

Lincoln Lions – South Wales Male Choir & Military Wives Choir Concert

22 September, 7.30pm

Lincoln Lions invite you to come along and enjoy an evening with the South Wales Male Choir alongside Waddington's Military Wives Choir in the stunning setting of Lincoln Cathedral

The Hallé

13 October, 7pm

The Hallé has a reputation for artistic excellence, ranking it amongst the world's top symphonic ensembles. Euan Shields the latest winner of the prestigious Siemens Hallé International Conductors Competition and the Hallé's new Assistant Conductor, takes to the podium to lead the orchestra in a programme that starts and finishes with the music of Beethoven.

Half-term fun: Meet the Teach Rex Dragons

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

Meet the dragons as Teach Rex introduce 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

