

# The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 20 AUGUST – SUNDAY 3 September 2023

BIBLE READINGS \_\_\_\_\_

In the various interactions I have with groups and organisations in Lincoln, it's interesting to see how many of them use an image of the Cathedral as part of their logo. Lincoln Pride and the YMCA's Nomad Centre are two examples I've come across in the past week.

The word 'iconic' can be overused, but there's no doubt that, in an important way, the Cathedral is an iconic building and, for many people, gives the city something of its identity. As the Cathedral community, it's important that we're not indifferent to that or take it for granted. The challenge for us is that, if that's true, how do we respond?

One way of responding is to commit ourselves to be more deeply engaged in the local community, to strengthen the relationships that already exist, and to look for opportunities to build new ones.

The Nomad Centre provides a good example of how this might be done. Situated in St Rumbold's Street, it seeks to provide safety, security and support to people who have nowhere else to live, so that they can build strong foundations for a positive future. Its work is inspirational, not least because it so clearly relates to the homeless not as a problem but as people.

The Cathedral has good relations with the Centre. We funded the purchase of its minibus, and I was thrilled to see one of our Cathedral volunteers serving lunch to the residents. For those who would like to volunteer with a local charity, the Nomad Centre is a very good option. At the moment they're looking for volunteers to serve meals in the early evening. If you're interested, let me know, and I'll gladly put you in touch.

Responsibility for our magnificent building and what goes on inside it is always going to be a priority for the Cathedral community, and rightly so. But let that go hand-in-hand with a genuine desire to look for generous and imaginative ways to serve the community that sees that same building as part of their identity.

SIMON JONES, INTERIM DEAN

**Sunday 20 August**  
*Eleventh Sunday After Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Isaiah 56.1, 6-8  
Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15.[10-20]  
21-28

**Evening Prayer**  
2 Kings 4.1-37  
Acts 16.1-15

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**Sunday 27 August**  
*Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Isaiah 51.1-6  
Romans 12.1-8  
Matthew 16.13-20

**Evening Prayer**  
2 Kings 6.8-23  
Acts 17.15-end

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**Sunday 3 September**  
*Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Jeremiah 15.15-21  
Romans 12.9-end  
Matthew 16.21-end

**Evening Prayer**  
2 Kings 6.24-25; 7.3-end  
Acts 18.1-16

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## 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:

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:

4 September

2 October

### Special Services

10th Sept - 3.45pm - Choral Evensong, attended by the Chairman of Lincolnshire County Council

14th Sept - 5.30pm - 5 30pm Festal Evensong for Holy Cross Day

17th Sept - 3pm - Battle of Britain Service (in place of Choral Evensong)

21st Sept - 5.30pm - Festal Evensong for St Matthew

29th Sept - 5 30pm - Festal Evensong for St Michael and All Angels

## Community

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### LCCA - Autumn Events

Thursday 12 October - Harvest Supper, Chapter House, 6.30pm for 7pm.

Monday 13 November - AGM, 7pm with coffee available prior to meeting.

Further information will shortly be announced, and you can register your interest by emailing the LCCA Secretary (Andrea Paterson) at [lcca@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:lcca@lincolncathedral.com).

### Destination Lincolnshire Tourism Awards

We are delighted to hear that we have been shortlisted for the Destination Lincolnshire Tourism Awards! The cathedral is a finalist in the Experience of the Year category. Ensuring a warm welcome is at the heart of the Cathedral's mission. Thank you to our whole team who are dedicated to ensuring everyone that visits Lincoln Cathedral for any reason has the best experience possible.

## Events

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### It's a wonderful world - Summer holiday crafts 1-25 August

Join us this summer for a whole month of crafts, trails, and creativity. Bring your little ones on weekdays from 1 August to 25 August, between 10am to 3.30pm all summer long so they can choose from one of our Cathedral trails, try out new crafts each week, and grow their imagination!

Activities are free with cathedral admission and children visit FREE with a paying adult. If you add Gift Aid to your admission you can return to the Cathedral for free for 12 months, making it a great value option for family days out. What will you discover on your next visit?

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### 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 per adult ticket, under 18s free.

### Queen by Candlelight

**25-26 August, 7.30pm**

Join us for an incredible night of Queen Anthems, performed by a live cast of West End singers, accompanied by an incredible live rock band. Experience Queen as you have never heard them before.

### Summer Organ Recital Series

**2 September, 7pm**

Experience the incredible talent of Christopher Stokes as he performs the second concert of our Summer Organ Recital. 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.



### 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

### Nature and architecture tour of Lincoln Cathedral

**23 September, 1pm**

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

### The Hallé

**13 October, 7pm**

The Hallé ranks 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

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

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)