

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 6 AUGUST - SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2023

One of my favourite moments in services at the cathedral is when the huge west doors are flung wide open and the procession goes out into the big, wide world in view of the startled tourists on the west green. Recently that has included processions of newly ordained deacons and priests and new graduates of Bishop Grosseteste University. It is a spectacular symbol of mission – and in particular the mission to transform.

At the end of events like graduations and ordinations we don't just sit there proud of our achievements. We get out there because what is being marked and celebrated is the work that has been done with all those young and not so young people to equip them to be transformers of the world in a wide range of context and settings. Mission is about sending out, not about sitting inside and waiting for people to come to us. It's about getting out there to make a difference – often in tiny ways that Jesus talks about in the parables we have been hearing over recent Sundays, like a tiny mustard seed or yeast in the flour for bread or a little cache of treasure.

Many, many people come into the cathedral for a range of reasons – worshippers, tourists, pilgrims, concert and exhibition goers, those puzzled or struggling. The increasing quality of our worship, our hospitality and our compassion will, God willing, plant a seed in them, the fruit of which we may never see and may not even be able to imagine. And that is a lovely possibility, particularly when we see how hard people in the cathedral, worshippers, volunteers and paid staff, work to make our visitors' experience a good one.

This week sees the feast of the Transfiguration where the disciples are stunned by the vision of who Jesus really is. However, rather than hang around in the presence of all that splendid holiness, Jesus whisks his disciples off to get straight on with the transforming work of healing and teaching. Our cathedral is a place of beauty and inspiring worship, but it only makes sense as part of a mission to transform our often ugly and struggling world, offering that world the transforming words of the Gospel.

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BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 23 July
Ninth Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist
Genesis 32.22-31
Romans 9.1-5
Matthew 14.13-21

Evening Prayer
1 Kings 10.1-13 Acts
31.1-13

Sunday 30 July
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist
Genesis 37.1-4,
12-28
Romans 10.5-15
Matthew 14.22-33

Evening Prayer
1 Kings 11.41-12.20
Acts 14.8

Sunday 20 August
Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist
Genesis 45.1-15
Romans 11.1-2a,
29-32 Matthew 15.
[10-20] 21-28

Evening Prayer
2 Kings 4.1-37
Acts 16.1-15

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:

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:

7 August

4 September

2 October

Community

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.

Cathedral website

Lincoln Cathedral now has a new website. If you have not yet had the chance to take a look, please visit www.lincolncathedral.com. As well as a fresh, inviting new look, we hope you'll find the new website much easier to navigate.

Events

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?

Events

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.



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 manmade world, that co-exists at the Cathedral. With luck, you 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 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.

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 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