

# The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 3 September- SUNDAY 17 September 2023

The Cathedral is currently advertising for a Canon Missioner. This is a new, full-time role, and will be one of the three clergy posts funded by the Church Commissioners (along with the Dean and Precentor).

The focus of the Canon Missioner's ministry will be outward-facing, working with the Dean and other colleagues to strengthen existing partnerships within the Diocese, city and county, and to establish new ones. The Canon Missioner will also have oversight of the Cathedral's education department, working with staff and volunteers to develop our already excellent work with schools, and strengthening our outreach in this area. Another crucial part of the Canon Missioner's work will concern our congregations. As well as having responsibility for pastoral care, and overseeing the work of the pastoral group, he or she will lead on developing and growing the Cathedral's in-person and online congregations.

All of these things, and the other duties mentioned in the role description (which you can find on the Diocesan website), are not the sole task of this one person. For the Cathedral to grow in line with its mission, and to be as well-equipped as possible to face the challenges of the future, the whole Cathedral community will need to work together, and to do so in a way that's open to change and development.

I'm now a little bit more than half way through my term as Interim Dean (time is flying!). A focus for me in the next few months will be to encourage us to continue the work that has already begun to look at the Cathedral from the perspective of the first-time visitor or worshipper. If we're committed to being outward-looking, that will require us to try to see the Cathedral and ourselves through the eyes of those we're seeking to draw in, and to respond in ways that respect them and take their perspectives seriously.

This is an exciting time for the Cathedral. It's my hope and prayer that the appointment of a Canon Missioner will provide new opportunities for us to engage in the mission to which we are called.

SIMON JONES, INTERIM DEAN

## BIBLE READINGS

**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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**Sunday 10 September**  
*Fourteenth Sunday*  
*after Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Ezekiel 33.7-11 Romans  
13.8-end  
Matthew 18.15-20

**Evening Prayer**  
2 Kings 12.21-13.16  
Acts 19.1-20

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**Sunday 17 September**  
*Fifteenth Sunday*  
*After Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Genesis 50.15-21  
Romans 14.1-12  
Matthew 18.21-35

**Evening Prayer**  
Ezekiel 20.1-8, 33-44  
Acts 20.17-end

## 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

### 'After hours': Reflective worship at 7pm on a Sunday evening

This autumn we are expanding the Sacred Space provision into a monthly opportunity for reflective worship on a Sunday evening. The current pattern, of Sacred Space taking place on alternate months will be supplemented with different shapes and styles of worship. This autumn the pattern will be:

10th September 'After Hours': Sacred Space, exploring New beginnings

15th October 'After Hours': Meditative Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

19th November 'After Hours': Sacred Space, exploring The darkness of waiting

Each of these occasions seeks to provide a gentle and reflective space with time to wonder, and the chance to experience the unique and serene atmosphere of the Cathedral as the day draws to a close.

Each evening begins with simple refreshments from 6.45pm, with worship beginning at 7pm.

## 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).

### Open Chapter - 1 October 2023

Good governance requires good communication. The Cathedral Chapter, which is our governing body, is keen to engage with the wider Cathedral community through a new series of 'Open Chapter' meetings. The first of these will be after Evensong on Sunday 1 October in the Chapter House. All members of the Cathedral community are warmly invited to attend.

To give us an idea of what you would like to discuss, please submit questions and topics to Katie Grainger, the Dean's EA ([dean@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:dean@lincolncathedral.com)) by Monday 25 September. Anyone without an email account can send a note to Katie via the Vergers.

Open Chapter will be no different. So please join us for Choral Evensong at 3.45pm that afternoon, at which Dr Tracy Buckby will be installed as Chapter Clerk.

Refreshments will be served in the Chapter House after the service to give us an opportunity to meet informally before the meeting.

I very much hope that you'll be able to join us.  
Simon Jones, Interim Dean

### Dean of Lincoln - Consultation

The process for appointing a new Dean of Lincoln begins this month with a consultation led by the two external Appointment Secretaries who are overseeing the process.

The aim of the consultation is to explore from a number of perspectives the challenges and opportunities that will be encountered by the next Dean as he or she starts their ministry. The Appointment Secretaries seek to understand the possibilities (and challenges) for the Gospel and the mission of the Cathedral and, in the light of those, can begin to reflect on the qualities that might be required in the next Dean.

There are three questions that the consultations will focus on:

- What fills you with joy and hope about the ministry and mission of Lincoln Cathedral?
- What are the challenges and frustrations, and what would you like to change?
- Do you have any names of potential candidates that you think should be brought to the attention of the appointment panel?

Members of the congregation are invited to participate in the consultation by responding to these questions. Muriel Robinson and Simon Crookall have kindly agreed to coordinate this, and Katie Grainger, the Dean's EA, will assist the process by collating the responses.

Please send your responses to Katie by emailing her on [dean@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:dean@lincolncathedral.com). Anyone without an email account can submit written responses to Muriel and Simon via the Vergers.

### 'Tea at 4' Discussion & Reflection Group: Monday 18 September at 4pm

The next meeting takes place at 4pm on Monday 18th September in the Wickham Reading Room (which is located where the old Refectory was located, and is accessed via the Cloisters). This is a time for reflection and discussion on reading the Gospel Reading for the previous day (Matthew 18.21-35). There is no need for preparation - and all welcome!

## Events

### 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 so you can enjoy seeing the recitalist in action up in the organ loft. There will also be an opportunity to meet the recitalist at the end of the performance.

Dates for the other recitalists taking part in our Summer Organ Series are:

9 September - Colin Walsh

16 September - Francesca Massey

23 September - John Scott Whiteley

30 September - Stephen Farr



### 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

### London Concertante: Vivaldi's Four Seasons & The Lark Ascending

**18 November, 7.30pm**

Join us on a mesmerising journey as we celebrate the seasons and soar through the sky on the wings of a lark. Vivaldi's virtuosic violin concertos will transport you to the vibrant landscapes of spring, summer, autumn, and winter, while Vaughan-Williams' ethereal melodies will awaken your senses and evoke a sense of tranquillity.

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)

