

# The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

My nine month secondment as Interim Dean comes to an end on Christmas Day. I'm very much looking forward to the next two months, and to celebrating Christmas at the Cathedral. The process to appoint the next substantive Dean is underway, and interviews are scheduled for February. To cover the period between my departure and the installation of the new Dean, the Bishop and Chapter have put in place some new interim arrangements.

The Bishop has appointed our Precentor, the Revd Canon Nick Brown, as Interim Dean from 26 December. I'm delighted to be handing over the reins to Nick, and know that the Cathedral's life and ministry will go from strength to strength with Nick at the helm.

The Bishop has also appointed the Revd Canon Prof Peter Neil as Interim Residentiary Canon. Peter was until recently Vice Chancellor of Bishop Grosseteste University. He is one of our non-residentiary canons, and a regular member of the Sunday morning congregation.

To support the liturgical and musical life of the Cathedral while Nick is Interim Dean, Chapter has appointed the Revd Prebendary Alan Moses to be part-time Interim Succentor. Alan is one of our Priest Vicars, as well as being the Bishop's liturgical chaplain.

Having outlined several new interim appointments, I want to thank all the lay and ordained ministers who continue to support the Cathedral's ministry, including Canon David Dadswell, who remains a member of Chapter and, with Nick and Peter, will make up the team of Residentiary Canons.

It also gives me great pleasure to announce that Chapter has appointed Tom Wilson, our Senior Layvicar, to the volunteer role of Vice Chancellor. Tom oversaw the academic component of this year's highly successful Byrd Festival and, in this new role, will work with colleagues to develop the Cathedral's academic programme in new and exciting ways.

Tom Wilson will be installed as Vice Chancellor, and Alan Moses will be admitted as Interim Succentor, at Evensong at 5.30pm on Tuesday 5 December. Bishop Stephen will also be with us to license the Revd Nick Nawrockyi as his Chaplain. Do join us if you're able to. Peter will become Interim Residentiary Canon in January.

Please join me praying for all those taking on new responsibilities, and in thanking them for their willingness to do so at a significant time for the Cathedral and Diocese.

SIMON JONES, INTERIM DEAN

## BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday 29 October**  
*Last Sunday After Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18  
1 Thessalonians 2.1-8  
Matthew 22.34-end

**Evening Prayer**  
Ecclesiastes 1.12  
2 Timothy 2.1-7

**Sunday 5 November**  
*Fourth Sunday Before Advent*

**Eucharist**  
Micah 3.5-end  
1 Thessalonians 2.9-13  
Matthew 24.1-14

**Evening Prayer**  
Daniel 7.1-18  
Luke 6.17-31

**Sunday 12 November**  
*Third Sunday Before Advent*

**Eucharist**  
Wisdom 6.12-16  
1 Thessalonians 4.13-end  
Matthew 25.1-13

**Evening Prayer**  
Judges 7.2-22  
John 15.9-17

## Worship & Mission

### Weekly service schedule

The service sheet for the coming fortnight can be [viewed on the cathedral website](#) (click link to visit)

### An experiment with morning service times

Please note that for a trial period Sung Eucharist on a Sunday will begin at 10.30am

### 'After hours': Reflective worship

7pm, once a month on a Sunday

**19 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.

### All Souls' Day

2 November

All Souls' Day is a time when, having remembered the example of the saints in glory, we pray for those whom we have 'loved, but see no longer'. During the day the cathedral is open for anyone to come and remember a loved one – lighting a candle, writing a prayer, or just simply being still in the holy space of the cathedral. The day concludes at 7.30pm with a Sung Requiem Eucharist, which this year will include a performance by the Cathedral Consort of Fauré's Requiem.

### Remembrance Sunday

12 November

Join us at 10.40am for our annual remembrance service for those who gave their lives or suffered in the course of human conflict.

### St Hugh's Day

Friday 17 November

All are welcome to join us in celebrating St Hugh's Day at Lincoln Cathedral. The events for the day are:

- **12noon Sung Eucharist** (St Hugh's Choir) President & Preacher: The Bishop of Lincoln
- **3.15pm Lecture by Marcus Roberts** (Chapter House) 'The Jewish Heritage of Lincoln and its Cathedral – lessons from the past for the present'. Marcus Roberts is the founder/director of JTrails, creating Jewish Heritage and Holocaust trails. This lecture will be followed by tea.
- **5.30pm Festal Evensong** with Installation of Canons (St Hugh's Choir)



### 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:

8 January  
5 February  
4 March  
8 April

## Community

### LCCA Annual General Meeting

Monday 13 November

The LCCA AGM will be held on Monday 13 November at 7pm in the Chapter House with hot drinks available after Evensong. If you would like to help us by serving on the committee, please contact Andrea at [lcca@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:lcca@lincolncathedral.com) for details.

Agenda and papers will be emailed to members on the Lincoln Cathedral Community Roll in due course.

### The loss of Veronica Edwards

Many will have been saddened to have heard of the death after a long illness of Veronica Edwards, a Cathedral Reader. Already an active Christian when she was a student at Bishop Grosseteste College, Veronica combined a varied and enterprising teaching career with service to the church in Derby Diocese and in Lincoln. She was modest about her knowledge of people as she was about everything else. She worked tirelessly, using both her practical craft skills and her spiritual insight. She was not only a Cathedral Reader for many years, but also area secretary of the Lincoln Readers' area, working with the Revd Susan Williams and with me. Susan and I valued her devotion, cheerfulness, and hard work, and above all the Christian love she showed to all. We have missed her for sometime. So, no doubt, has the congregation at Upton, which she also served and where she was much loved and appreciated. Veronica was a loving wife and sister. May she rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

### News from the Friends

We're very happy to announce that the Friends are restarting their afternoon autumn and spring talks, which will be taking place in the Dunlop-Butler room in the ODVC. (Entrance from either Eastgate or from the café.) The talks will begin at 2.45 pm, with refreshments available from 2.00 pm. The first of these is on Tuesday 7th November, where Interim Dean Simon will be speaking about his time here at the Cathedral. There will also be a report from our association's representatives who attended the recent conference of the Friends of Cathedrals, Abbeys and Greater Churches at Hereford Cathedral.

You don't have to be a Friend to attend these talks, for which there is no charge, although we would very much like to make you one! A further talk by John Campbell, entitled 'Close Encounters of an Ecclesiastical Kind' has been arranged for 21st November and another talk will take place on 6th February-details to follow.

For the first time, due to its popularity, the Friends' 'Carols by Candlelight' concert will be held on two successive evenings this year on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December. Tickets are available through Eventbrite, via the Cathedral website, and are already selling well. We're looking forward to two wonderful evenings of music from our talented Cathedral musicians, as well as some rousing carol singing.

## Events

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### **Lincoln Cathedral Shop – Christmas Preview 2023**

22 November, 3pm - 7pm

See a showcase of brand new lines and seasonal gifts so make sure you visit so you can have your gifts wrapped ready for the big day.

We'll be joined by our local suppliers:

- The Lincoln Distillery will be supplying samples of their new line of Lincoln Gin
- Sample some of the indulgent cakes from The Original Cake Company

There'll be 15% off on the evening (although please note some exclusions will apply), and free gift wrapping.

Tickets are free, and you are welcome to drop in on the evening, but to help us manage refreshments we request that you do book a place.

### **Christmas by Candlelight**

5 December, 7.30pm

An incredible West End Cast and live band perform classic Christmas Hits as you have never heard them before!

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas', so join us for this magical evening of best loved festive hits performed live by Candlelight.

### **Carols by Candlelight**

12-13 December, 7pm

Join us in Lincoln Cathedral for a magical evening of popular carols performed by Lincoln Cathedral Choir in the atmospheric surrounding of the candle-lit nave of the Cathedral.

A true winter treat, Carols by Candlelight is in aid of the Association of the Friends of Lincoln Cathedral. The choir is conducted by Aric Prentice with Jeffrey Makinson playing the Cathedral's renowned Father Willis organ.

### **The Snowman with Live Orchestra**

16-17 December

Join us on a magical journey with The Snowman, accompanied by live orchestra and cathedral chorister.

The heart-warming story will be accompanied by a live orchestra who will bring the score to life and make the most of the incredible acoustics of the Cathedral. The nave will be lit to create a magical atmosphere ensuring an unforgettable experience for adults and children alike.

### **Messiaen's La Nativité du Seigneur**

6 January, 7pm

Join us as Jeffrey Makinson plays Olivier Messiaen's La Nativite du Seigneur.

Described as one of the greatest Organ works of our time, our Cathedral Organist, Jeffrey Makinson, will be playing on the spectacular Father Willis Organ in this unmissable concert.

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)

