

# The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY – SUNDAY 3 MARCH

## ‘Our care for God’s creation’

For the past two weeks we have been hosting the installation ‘Gaia’ in the crossing of the cathedral (and there is still a week in which you can visit it if you have not yet had a chance to spend time in the cathedral using it as a source for prayer and reflection). It has provided a thought-provoking focus for reflections on both the wonder of creation (of which we are a part), and the way in which creation is marred by our own activity – by our failure to honour the glory of God that is revealed in creation, and to which we are called.

It was particularly appropriate that on the Sunday before Gaia was installed, we reflected on the beauty that we find in creation and the ways that this beauty allows us to see the reflected glory of the God who brought creation into being and calls it to its perfection. Again, it was appropriate that the following Sunday drew us into the transforming and transfiguring power of Christ’s presence – a presence that reveals to us that which is beyond our rational thought and daily experience, that we might see the true glory of God.

We are now embarking on our Lenten preparation for the great commemoration of Christ’s passion during Holy Week and the celebration of his resurrection at Easter. This time of the Christian year has traditionally been a spiritual prompt to reflect on our own lives and the ways in which we might live more closely to our individual and collective Christian callings.

As we begin that journey, there are several things that will aid us in our spiritual preparation: firstly, our sermons at evensong will focus on various aspects of our care for God’s creation; and, secondly, we will have a chance on Monday afternoons to reflect on the Lord’s Prayer and how it calls us to have our sights set both on the beauty and glory of heaven, whilst remaining fully rooted in the transformation of our daily lives and the world in which we live.

Whether in our daily worship, in your own reading and prayer, I pray that we might all find the time to travel together on a journey of fasting study and prayer – that we might be drawn into the fullest participation in the story of God’s love that is at the heart of our worship in Holy Week, and that we might experience the transforming power of Christ’s presence with us as we celebrate his resurrection. Transformed by this, may we see the beauty and glory of God reflected in each other and in the world around us, and honour that glory by our own care for God’s creation.

NICK BROWN, INTERIM DEAN

## BIBLE READINGS

### **Sunday 18 February** *First Sunday of Lent*

**Eucharist**  
Genesis 9.8-17  
1 Peter 3.18-end  
Mark 1.9-15

**Evening Prayer**  
Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7  
Romans 5.12-19

### **Sunday 25 February** *Second Sunday of Lent*

**Eucharist**  
Genesis 17.1-7, 15.-16  
Romans 4.13-end  
Mark 8.31-end

**Evening Prayer**  
Genesis 12.1-9  
Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

### **Sunday 3 March** *Third Sunday of Lent*

**Eucharist**  
Exodus 20.1-17  
1 Corinthians 1.18-25  
John 2.13-22

**Evening Prayer**  
Exodus 5.1-6.1  
Philippians 3.4b-14

## Worship & Mission

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### Weekly service schedule

Details of services and music can be viewed on the cathedral website. [Click here to visit.](#)

### Special Services

Fri 8 March 5.30pm

Festal Evensong and procession to the grave of Edward King

Sun 10 March 3.45pm

Installation of the Missioner at Evensong

Tues 19 March 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for Joseph of Nazareth

Sun 24 March, 10.30am

Procession, Reading of the Passion and Sung Eucharist

### After hours: Reflective Worship

6.45pm, once a month on a Sunday

**18 February** - Meditative Eucharist with prayers for healing

**17 March** - Sacred Space, explorations of penitence

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.

### 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. We meet in the Ringers Chapel from 8.45am to 9.15am on the following Mondays:

**4 March**

**8 April**

**6 May**

**3 June**

### Lent Sermon series:

18 February - **Our care for creation: God's creation in all its glory**

25 February - **Our care for each other: human flourishing**

3 March - **Our care for the environment**

10 March - **No sermon (Installation of Missioner)**

17 March - **Our care through understanding: scientific knowledge, creation and Christian revelation**

Please join us as we reflect on our calling to care for creation and each other.

### Time for Study and Reflection during Lent

There will be sessions for study and reflection taking place each Monday 4pm in the Wickham Reading Room. The first session will be on 19 February.

### Stations of the Cross during Lent

Stations of the Cross will take place in the Nave on Wednesdays at 4.30pm starting on 21 February. The further dates are:

**28 February**

**6 March**

**13 March**

**20 March**

**27 March**

The Stations of the Cross are not merely a reminder of the story of Jesus' death. They foster a devotional engagement that helps us to connect our lives, our society, and our world, with Jesus' life and death, recognising his presence in our own and other's suffering.

## Community

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### LCCA Charitable Donations 2024

The LCCA members' financial giving supports both the cathedral and nominated international, national and local charities. This year the nominated charities are Sightsavers International, Safe Families UK, the Lincoln Foodbank (Trussell Trust) and the Nomad Trust which will each receive £2500.

The Nomad Trust also receives all the donations made for the Sunday morning post-Eucharist refreshments which in the last financial year amounted to £1906.

## Events

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### Gaia

5 February - 25 February

Measuring seven metres in diameter, Gaia provides the opportunity to see our planet floating in three dimensions in the vast space of Lincoln Cathedral's Nave. Contemplate the wonder of life on earth and experience the Overview Effect; astronauts report a feeling of awe for the planet, a profound understanding of the interconnection of all life, and a renewed sense of responsibility for the environment.

This event is included in your Cathedral admission. Children aged 16 and under visit for free.

### Recitals under the earth

Tuesday 20 and Thursday 22 February, 1pm-2pm

Friday 23 February, 11.30am - 12noon

Join us for a selection of free recitals under Luke Jerram's installation 'Gaia'.

Experience beautiful music filling the Nave as you watch the Earth gently spinning, creating a perfectly peaceful atmosphere.

These recitals are free with your admission so make sure you arrive early to get a good seat!

### Gaia at night

Thursday 22 February

Accompanied by an exclusive soundtrack, Gaia at night is a special experience. Fully immersive, and different to during the day, it truly is spectacular. The cathedral will open late on Thursdays during the installation between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. Admission by donation

### Science by Luxmuralis

12 March - 16 March

Don't forget, Gaia isn't the only spectacle visiting Lincoln Cathedral this year as Luxmuralis makes a remarkable return from 12 to 16 March!

Let yourself be entranced as you explore the wonders of science and the contributions of science to humanity. Get ready to be dazzled by the brilliant projections and vivid mosaics that will transform the Cathedral's walls.

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of wonder and enchantment at Lincoln Cathedral.

For more details of forthcoming events and to book your tickets, go to our website at [www.lincolncathedral.com/events](http://www.lincolncathedral.com/events)