

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 17 MARCH – SUNDAY 31 MARCH

‘A new stage of our journey’

In a change from the normal spiritual reflection, this Chapter Letter starts with a more institutional focus. This week has seen a small, but fundamental change in the arrangements for the governance and management of the cathedral with the cathedral becoming a registered charity. This is a result of the provisions of the Cathedral Measure 2021 which required every cathedral to revise its Constitution and Statutes and register so that it is dual regulated by both the Church Commissioners (as in the past) and the Charity Commission. From Tuesday 12 March, the cathedral became a registered charity (number 1207411) and information about it can be found on the Charity Commission website. This means that the day-to-day management of the cathedral is the responsibility of the Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Missioner and senior lay managers, who together form the Senior Leadership Team, with the role of the Chapter being more clearly defined as strategic direction and governance. The current members of the Senior Leadership Team are:

Nick Brown, Precentor and Interim Dean
Rowena King, Missioner
Tracy Buckby, Chapter Clerk and Chief Operating Officer
Kim Sills, Chief Finance Officer
Aric Prentice, Director of Music
Sam Mellows, Director of Visitor Experience and Enterprise
Mike Graves, Acting Clerk of Works

Whilst some of this brings with it unfamiliar language (to the cathedral at least!), the fundamental purpose of the cathedral remains unchanged – to be ‘the seat of the Bishop of Lincoln and a centre of worship and mission for the city and for the diocese as its mother church’. The new constitution reminds each of us involved in the life of the cathedral that we are called to support its life of worship and mission. As a place of prayer and worship, the cathedral has a duty to maintain a pattern of daily prayer in which it encourages others to participate. As a place of mission, it is called both to draw in by acts of hospitality and welcome the widest range of people and engage with them so that they might be touched by the presence of God and encouraged to encounter Christian faith.

In order to achieve this, each of us needs to be attentive in nurturing it as a place of hospitable welcome that is maintained to the glory of God – a special, a holy place in our midst.

NICK BROWN, INTERIM DEAN

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 17 March *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Eucharist

Jeremiah 31.31-34
Hebrews 5.5-10
John 12.20-33

Evening Prayer Exodus 7.8-24
Romans 5.12-end

Sunday 24 March

Palm Sunday

Eucharist

Liturgy of the Palms:
Mark 11.1-11

Liturgy of the Passion:
Isaiah 50.4 -9a
Philippians 2.5-11
Mark 15.1-39

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 5.1-7
Mark 12.1-12

Sunday 31 March

Easter Day

Eucharist

Isaiah 25.6-9
Acts 10.34-43
John 20.1-18

Evening Prayer

Ezekiel 37.1-14
Luke 24.13-35

Worship & Mission

Weekly service schedule

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

Special Services

Tues 19 March, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for Joseph of Nazareth

Sun 24 March, 10.30am

Procession, Reading of the Passion and Sung Eucharist

Mon 25 March, 7.30pm

Holy Week evening service: Compline

Tues 26 March

11am - Chrism Eucharist

7.30pm - Holy Week evening service: Compline

Weds 27 March, 7.30pm

Holy Week evening service: Tenebrae

Thurs 28 March, 7.30pm

Sung Eucharist for Maundy Thursday and Stripping of the Altars

Fri 29 March, Good Friday

9.30am - Liturgy for Good Friday

12noon - Three Hours Service

4pm - Passion Play

Sat 30 March, 8pm

Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

Sun 31 March, Easter Day

7.45am - Litany

8am - Holy Communion

10 30am - Sung Eucharist for Easter Day

12 30pm - Eucharist

3 45pm - Festal Evensong for Easter Day

After hours: Reflective Worship

6.45pm, once a month on a Sunday

17 March - Sacred Space, explorations of penitence

21 April - Completing the day: Easter reflections ending with Compline sung by the Cathedral Consort

19 May - Sacred Space

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

8 April

6 May

3 June

Lent Sermon series:

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

Time for Study and Reflection during Lent

There will be sessions for study and reflection taking place each Monday at 4pm in the Wickham Reading Room. The next session will be on 18 March.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Stations of the Cross will take place in the Nave on Wednesdays at 4.30pm. The next service will be on 20 March. The further dates are:
27 March

Community

LCCA Pentecost Sunday Cake in the Cloisters

The Lincoln Cathedral Community Association invites you to celebrate Pentecost Sunday with Cake in the Cloisters after Evensong on Sunday 19 May. Further information and ticket details will be available shortly. You can also email Andrea, LCCA secretary at lcca@lincolncathedral.com.

Events

St John Passion

Saturday 23 March, 7pm



SAT 23 MAR 2024, 7PM
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

BACH ST JOHN PASSION

Featuring the choir of Lincoln Cathedral and Lincolnshire Chamber Orchestra.

JS Bach's most famous piece of sacred music, telling the Biblical story of Jesus' crucifixion.

TICKETS FROM £10
Available from lincolncathedral.com and the Cathedral Shop.

 **Our world: God's creation**

This event is run through the Lincoln Cathedral Learning, Arts, Culture and Events CIO. Registered charity in England and Wales 1175597. Registered Address 4 Priorygate, Lincoln, LN2 1PL. Raising funds for Lincoln Cathedral.

G F Handel's Saul

Saturday 20 April, 7.30pm

Join us as Lincoln Choral Society and Musica Donum Dei perform G F Handel's 'Saul'.

'Saul' is a dramatic retelling of the events in the life of Saul, King of Israel, and David, the man who would succeed him. It's a tale of betrayal, war and violence, pride and envy, discord and harmony, love and hate.

For more details of forthcoming events and to book your tickets, go to our website at www.lincolncathedral.com/events