

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 28 APRIL – SUNDAY 12 MAY

We gathered in the Chapter House on Tuesday as the Bishop of Lincoln announced that The King has approved the nomination of The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones as the next Dean of Lincoln.

The Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, said, “I am delighted that the King has approved Simon’s nomination to be the next Dean of our great Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln. We are looking forward to having him back after having benefited so much from his ministry as Interim Dean last year.

“As a result of Simon’s ministry as Chaplain, Chapel life at Merton is vibrant, generating a variety of vocations and stimulating engagement with faith and worship. Our experience of his pastoral heart fits with the care and wisdom Simon has brought to his key welfare role in college. We look forward to gaining from his pastoral care and passion for the Gospel. He brings a gift for apologetics which every cathedral needs. He also brings to the role his scholarly and practical expertise as a liturgist.

“I look forward to ministering with Simon both at the Cathedral and in his role as the senior priest of the diocese. He has already shown us his deep commitment to the sustainability and growth of the Cathedral’s welcome and outreach. I thank God for this appointment. Simon will be a blessing to us.”

Speaking about his appointment, Simon said he is looking forward to taking up the role, “It’s a very great honour to have been appointed as the next Dean of Lincoln. My experience of serving as Interim Dean for nine months last year was enormously positive. When I arrived last March it was not my intention to apply for the substantive role. A sense of calling to serve this wonderful Cathedral, city, county and diocese grew as the months went by, underpinned by the support and encouragement of many people.

“Leading the Chapel community and welfare team at Merton has been a huge privilege, and it’s going to be hard to leave after more than twenty happy years. I will do so with the hope that all that I have learned from sharing in the leadership of this inspiring place has equipped me to begin this new ministry, and to pursue the many exciting opportunities it offers. I very much look forward to moving to Lincoln later in the year, and to all that lies ahead.”

The Revd Canon Nick Brown, Interim Dean and Precentor of Lincoln, said that he was delighted to be welcoming Simon into his new role as Dean, “Simon’s appointment comes at an exciting time for the Cathedral as it moves forward into a new era following its recent full registration as a charity. The whole cathedral community will benefit from Simon’s expertise, energy and enthusiasm and on behalf of Chapter, staff and volunteers I wish him every success as he leads the Cathedral in its mission and ministry.”

Simon comes to Lincoln from Oxford where he is Chaplain and Fellow of Merton College. He will be moving to Lincoln with his civil partner, Canon Darren McFarland, who is currently Vicar of St Andrew’s, Headington and Assistant Chaplain of Keble College, Oxford.

Simon will be installed at Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday 14 September, 2024. Further details will be announced later in the year.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 28 April
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Eucharist
Acts 8.26-end
I John 4.7-end
John 15.1-8

Evening Prayer
Isaiah 60.1-14
Revelation 3.1-13

Sunday 5 May
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Eucharist
Acts 10.44-end
I John 5.1-6
John 15.9-17

Evening Prayer
Song of Solomon
4.16-5.2; 8.6, 7
Revelation 3.14-end

Sunday 12 May
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Eucharist
Acts 1.15-17.21-end
I John 5.9-13
John 17.6-19

Evening Prayer
Isaiah 61
Luke 4.14-21

Worship & Mission

Weekly service schedule

Details of services and music can be viewed on the Cathedral's website. [Click here for more information](#) or visit: www.lincolncathedral.com/orders-of-service/

Special Services

Tue 30 April, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for Philip and James

Thur 9 May, Ascension Day

7am - Morning Eucharist for Ascension Day, followed by breakfast

5.30pm - Festal Evensong for Ascension Day

7.30pm - Festal Eucharist for Ascension Day

Tue 14 May, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for Matthias the Apostle

Sun 19 May, Pentecost

10.30am - Festal Eucharist for Pentecost (Whitsun)

3.45pm - Festal Evensong for Pentecost (Whitsun) and

LCCA Tea

Choral Mattins during the Summer Term

The first Choral Mattins of this term takes place on Sunday 28 April at 9.30am. The remaining dates for our Choral Mattins services are: **19 May** and **23 June**.

'Tea at 4' Bible study and reflection group

Monday 29 April

The next meeting will take place in the Wickham Reading Room at 4pm when we will finish the group of sessions on the Lord's Prayer that we used during Lent.

After hours: Reflective Worship

6.45pm, once a month on a Sunday

19 May - Sacred Space

16 June - Completing the day: midsummer reflections

These occasions provide a gentle and reflective space with time to wonder, and the chance to experience the unique 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: **6 May**, **3 June**, and **1 July**

Eucharist in thanksgiving for Alec Knight

There will be a Sung Eucharist, at which the Bishop of Lincoln will preside, to give thanks for the life and ministry of the Very Rev'd Alec Knight as Dean of Lincoln at 12.30pm on Monday 17 June. All who knew Alec during his time as dean are invited to join to give thanks for all he gave to the life of the cathedral.

Community

LCCA Pentecost Sunday - Cake in the Cloisters

The Lincoln Cathedral Community Association invites all to celebrate Pentecost Sunday with Cake in the Cloisters after Evensong on Sunday 19 May. You can reserve your place at £5 per head by either adding your name to our guest list during refreshments after the Sunday morning Eucharist or by emailing Andrea, LCCA secretary at lcca@lincolncathedral.com

All proceeds will go to one of our nominated charities. If you would like to donate a cake to maximise proceeds, please talk to one of the committee or email as above.

Peace Doves

The beautiful installation is made up of 12,000 paper doves which will be suspended above the Cathedral's Nave and is accompanied by music composed by David Harper.

The artwork will be on display from 5 September to 14 November 2024. But first, we need your help to write messages of peace, love and hope on the doves.

The doves will be available to make in the Cathedral from Wednesday 1 May and visitors, schools and local community groups are being invited to add messages of peace, hope and love to the paper birds.

Table for the Nation

The Table for the Nation is finally at Lincoln Cathedral!

Created from a section of the nation's most significant tree, a gigantic 5000-year-old Fenland Black Oak, the table is a masterpiece of craftsmanship.

During its stay, we'll have some exciting events hosted at the table, starting with book sales, family crafts, and business sustainability gatherings. We invite you to explore the myriad uses of this space!

[Click here to learn more about the Table for the nation](#) or visit: www.lincolncathedral.com/table/

Events

The Beatles by Candlelight

Friday 3 May, 7.30pm

Featuring a cast of West End Singers and epic live band, 'Come Together' for a 'Magical Mystery Tour', jam packed with over 40 Beatles hits as you have never heard them before!

This incredible show features best loved songs including 'Help!', 'Hey Jude', 'Let it Be', 'All You Need Is Love', 'Yesterday' and many more, performed at the beautiful Lincoln Cathedral by Candlelight.

Elton John by Candlelight

Saturday 4 May, 7.30pm

Featuring a cast of West End singers and epic live band, experience the hits of Rock Legend Elton John as you have never heard them before!

This incredible show features some of the most iconic songs of all time including 'I'm Still Standing', 'Goodbye Yellow Brick Road', 'Candle in the Wind', 'Bennie and the Jets' and many more performed at Lincoln Cathedral by candlelight.

Festival of Music - A concert by the Band of the Royal Air Force College

Saturday 11 May, 7.30pm

Join us for a special concert performed by the band of the Royal Air Force College to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the RAF Music Charitable Trust.

With music from throughout the years including well-known tunes, you're sure to have a night like no other!

For more details of forthcoming events and to book your tickets, go to our website at

www.lincolncathedral.com/events