

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 26 MAY - SUNDAY 9 JUNE

'By Faith, not through the Law'

With the announcement of the dissolution of parliament and the calling of a General Election, to be held on 4 July, one element of uncertainty within society has been removed. However, any time of decision and potential change is a time for uncertainty and particular care by and for those who hold positions of power and responsibility. In the course of any election campaign this duty of care and obligation to responsibility includes those who hold particular offices – whether as elected representatives or as members of the government (or aspire to those offices). However, it is also a time when each of us in a wider society finds that our own responsibilities crystallise – especially if we find ourselves with the privilege and duty of shaping our society as electors.

The responsibility we have as members of society can not easily be set aside during an election in the same way that it can at other times (when we can easily avoid our own responsibilities by blaming those who other elected, or expressing disappointment that those we elected last time have let us down). At this time, we hold that responsibility in our own hands – and need to consider how, as Christians, we can play our part in shaping a society that reflects our own Christian calling to worship God and serve our neighbour in love.

Whilst some see that a particular political party may hold the answer to the question of how to shape society along Christian ideals, I have often noticed that there are sincere and honest Christians in political parties of all complexions. It is all too easy for us to join the tribal politics that are so prevalent in our society (and are even more damagingly present elsewhere in the wider world community). It is all too easy for us to pick a political party that we feel satisfies our idea of how Christian society might be shaped, and then join in the political game of rubbishing other approaches to the same problems. To me, such a way seems fraught with the difficulty of perpetuating division and leads us further from the society we might be called to bring into being.

In contrast, in the teaching of Christ, we often find that it is not the ideology that is important, but the way that we live and the way that we inhabit any ideology so that it reaches beyond itself to reflect the enduring love of God. Thus, we find that the Law (which we might see as a form of ideology) is of little worth unless it informs the way in which our relationships and interactions are shaped by Faith. Translated into our present situation, it is my own feeling that we need to seek signs of Christian living in people of all political complexions – that the Church might be a place where people from different backgrounds can come together in safety to discuss how we might best work together to shape our society in ways that reflect the reality of a God who was made known in our midst through Christ, and who continues to shape us by the work of the Spirit.

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BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 26 May
Trinity Sunday

Eucharist
Isaiah 6.1-8
Romans 8.12-17
John 3.1-17

Evening Prayer
Ezekiel 1.4-10, 22-28a
Revelation 4

Sunday 2 June
First Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist
Deuteronomy 5.1-21
2 Corinthians 4.5-12
Mark 2.23-3.6

Evening Prayer
Jeremiah 5.1-19
Romans 7.7-end

Sunday 9 June
Second Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist
Genesis 3.8-15
2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1
Mark 3.20-end

Evening Prayer
Jeremiah 6.16-21
Romans 9.1-13

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/

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: **3 June, 1 July, and 9 September**

Choral Evensong for the 80th anniversary of D-Day

Thursday 6 June, 5.30pm

This service will include prayers to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day and will be attended by the Lord Lieutenant, prior to the lighting of the beacon the evening at the castle in the evening.

Episcopal Visitation Service

Thursday 13 June, 7.30pm:

The cathedral is hosting this service, at which churchwardens from parishes across the diocese are sworn into office for the coming year.

After hours: Reflective Worship

6.45pm, once a month on a Sunday

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.

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.

Choral Mattins during the Summer Term

The remaining dates for our Choral Mattins services are: 23 June.

Community

Be a chorister for a day!

Do you know a child between the ages of 6-12 who likes to sing and would enjoy a taste of life as a Lincoln Cathedral chorister?

You'll get a free singing lesson with one of the cathedral's specialists, a tour of the Cathedral, afternoon tea and the opportunity to sing with the cathedral choir at the end of the day during Evensong.

This is a FREE event, and you can just turn up on the day, but to help us manage numbers, it would be appreciated if you could register by emailing music@lincolncathedral.com or calling 01522 561649

Lincoln Jazz Festival is on Sale!

Tickets are now on sale for the third Lincoln Jazz Festival weekend taking place in Lincoln Cathedral from Friday 19 to Sunday 21 July. This historic landmark once again plays host to leading national and international jazz musicians, continuing the Cathedral's centuries-old tradition of celebrating live music.

To see the full list of performers and to book your tickets, visit our website - www.lincolncathedral.com/lincoln-jazz-festival/

LCCA Summer Visit to Tattershall

Saturday 13 July

We are looking forward to a day of friendship with you at the Lincoln Cathedral Community Association's Summer Visit which this year will be in Tattershall.

The day will start at Holy Trinity Church café where tea and coffee will be available from 10.30am to 11am followed by a free tour of Tattershall Castle. Then we can enjoy lunch together (either bring your own picnic or use the church café) and finish with a talk by a local guide at 1.30pm at the church (donations welcome).

As our hosts in Tattershall need to know how many guests to expect, please put your name and contact details on our guest list either during refreshments after the Sunday morning Eucharist or by emailing Andrea, LCCA secretary at lcca@lincolncathedral.com

Events

Time Team - The return of a ground-breaking TV legend

Tuesday 28 May, 7pm

Join Carenza Lewis, star of Time Team for 13 years, and now a professor at the University of Lincoln as she revisits some iconic moments.

Yoga on the Dean's Green

Back for the summer, enjoy relaxing yoga in the inspirational setting of the Dean's Green at Lincoln Cathedral every Saturday from 1 June, at 10am.

Book your place via Yoga May on Facebook -

www.facebook.com/yogawithmay

Reviving Women's Voices - Rethinking the Medieval World

Monday 10 June, 7pm

Join Professors Janina Ramirez and Amy Livingstone, and Associate Professor Antonella Liuzzo Scorpo from the University of Lincoln will take you on a journey with the incredible women who shaped the medieval world.

You'll hear the voices of Hildegard of Bingen - the Mystic, Ermengarde - The Countess, and Eleanor of Castile - the Queen, among others.

David Briggs. Masterclass, talk and recital

Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 June

On Tuesday 25 June at 6.30pm David will be hosting a masterclass with six students. The audience will hear each student will play a piece of music and David will give feedback and advice. A wonderful opportunity for organ players and enthusiasts to learn from David's advice.

On Wednesday 26 June at 7pm David Briggs will give an illustrated talk entitled: 'Pierre Cochereau, Titulaire Organist of Notre-Dame de Paris from 1955 until 1984' followed by an organ recital at 7.30pm.

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