

# The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 23 JUNE – SUNDAY 7 JULY

## BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday 23 June**  
*Fourth Sunday After Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Job 38.1-11  
2 Corinthians 6.1-13  
Mark 4.35-end

**Evening Prayer**  
Jeremiah 10.1-16  
Romans 11.25-end

**Sunday 30 June**  
*Fifth Sunday After Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Wisdom 1.13-15;  
2.23-24  
2 Corinthians 8.7-end  
Mark 5.21-end

**Evening Prayer**  
Jeremiah 11.1-14  
Romans 13.1-10

**Sunday 7 July**  
*Sixth Sunday After Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Ezekiel 2.1-5  
2 Corinthians 12.2-10  
Mark 6.1-13

**Evening Prayer**  
Jeremiah 20.1-11a  
Romans 14.1-17

By the time of our next Chapter letter, Britain will have voted and be in the process of discovering the shape of our newly constituted government, so it feels important to take a moment to reflect on the place of faith in politics (or politics in faith), and how we as a Christian community engage in the public life of our society.

“Religion and politics shouldn’t mix” is a familiar trope, and yet when we look to the life of Jesus, we see him consistently standing up to unjust power and speaking out for the poor and dispossessed, so much so that he died a political death.

As Christians, like Jesus, we care about people and their well-being, we care about building flourishing communities, and we care about building a just and equitable society – and these are political acts. Politics, at its heart, is about reshaping our nation towards a sense of the common good: as Christians our sense of the common good is centred in Christ.

Just because faith is necessarily political, it doesn’t mean that faith is party political. There are many ways to build a flourishing society, and there are never black-and-white answers to complex communal and global problems. As Christians therefore, in exercising our democratic responsibilities, we are called into a time of listening and discernment as we seek to respond to our society’s current issues and how we might best move forward to address them. We are not called to all agree on the answers, but we are, I believe, all called to participate and to engage.

There are many ways to listen and to pray through this election season. You may like to attend the hustings the Cathedral will be hosting (see events section), which we hope will be a place for respectful conversation about key issues, or you may like to join in the final two weeks of the Church of England’s [Pray Your Part](#) initiative, which is an invitation from the Bishops of the Church of England to encourage prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities. Each day explores a different theme, with a short Bible reading, reflection and prayer for a different aspect of our common life.

Archbishop Stephen said: “The General Election offers an important opportunity for each of us to play our part in helping shape our nation. To have our say on the issues that matter to us. To speak up about the things that we and our neighbours are facing. Every voice and vote matters in this election”

ROWENA KING, CANON MISSIONER

## Worship & Mission

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### 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/](http://www.lincolncathedral.com/orders-of-service/)

### Special Services

#### Choral Mattins during the Summer Term

On Sunday 23 June we will have the last Choral Mattins service of the summer term but will return for the autumn term on the following dates: 22 September, 13 October, 17 November, and 8 December.

#### Monday 24 June, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for the Birth of John the Baptist

#### Saturday 29 June, 10.30am

Ordination of priests

#### 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for Peter and Paul

#### Sunday 30 June, 10.30am

Ordination of deacons

#### 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: **1 July, 9 September, and 7 October.**

#### Sunday 7 July, 3.45pm

'Reading out' of choristers at Evensong

#### After hours: Reflective Worship

6.45pm, once a month on a Sunday

#### 14 July - Sacred Space

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.

#### Sunday 21 July, 6pm

St Mary Magdalene Parish Patronal Festival

#### Monday 22 July, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for St Mary Magdalene

#### Thursday 25 July, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for St James

## Community

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### 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. We will meet at Holy Trinity Church café where tea and coffee will be available from 10.30-11am followed by a free tour of Tattershall Castle. After lunch together (either bring your own picnic or use the church café), the day will 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](mailto:lcca@lincolncathedral.com)

### Installation of Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones as Dean of Lincoln

All members of the Cathedral community are invited to attend the installation of the Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones as Dean of Lincoln at 3pm on Saturday 14 September 2024. To help with the planning, please register your attendance by clicking the link below:

<https://simonjonesinstallation.eventbrite.co.uk>

If you're not able to book, don't worry: you're still welcome to join us for this significant event in the life of the Cathedral and Diocese.

## Events

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### Lincoln Cathedral Needlework Guild

Tuesday 25 June, 9.30am-3pm

Come along and see the talented volunteers of the Cathedral Needlework Guild at the Table for the Nation as they work on the new chapter cope. They'll be happy to chat about how they create these intricate pieces, and will have a selection of their other work on display.

### 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, each playing a piece of music and getting feedback and advice from David.

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.

### General Election Hustings

Monday 1 July, 7pm

Hear from the Lincoln candidates ahead of the general election.

Join us in the Chapter House at Lincoln Cathedral for a debate on the key issues affecting you ahead of the general election on 4 July. Tickets are free, but space is limited so it is essential to book your ticket in advance.

Constituents are invited to submit questions to the panel in advance by emailing [rowena.king@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:rowena.king@lincolncathedral.com) with a submission deadline of Thursday 27 June.

### Lincoln Jazz Festival

Friday 19 - Sunday 21 July

Tickets are now on sale for the third Lincoln Jazz Festival weekend taking place from Friday 19 to Sunday 21 July! Our historic landmark once again plays host to leading national and international jazz musicians, continuing the Cathedral's centuries-old tradition of celebrating live music. Enjoy a wide range of artists, a jazz carnival parade, and even a delicious festival dinner at the Cathedral Café.

**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)