

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 9 JUNE - SUNDAY 23 JUNE

To lay down one's life for one's friends

This Sunday (9 June) sees the end of Volunteer Week. Volunteering is one aspect of Christian discipleship that enables us to give of ourselves to the benefit of others (and hopefully provides something of value and satisfaction for us as well!). During the past week, I have tried to thank those volunteers who I have seen when I have been out and about in the Cathedral - but am all too aware that I will only have seen a fraction of the number of people who contribute in so many ways to the life and work of the Cathedral. If you volunteer in any way, and I have not bumped into you and had the chance to thank you, please accept my thanks for all that you add to the Cathedral. Taking the quote from John's gospel slightly out of context, in volunteering as we give of ourselves we open ourselves to receiving something of even greater value; I hope that in your volunteering for the Cathedral you not only give something that is of great value, but gain much in return. I know that without the contribution of our volunteers, the life and work of the Cathedral would be greatly impoverished.

Cathedra - the seat of the bishop

The Cathedral has several different personalities, and anyone visiting it or worshipping in it may encounter it in any one of several characters. Over the coming weeks, the Cathedral sees several occasions when its role as the bishop's church comes to the fore - hosting the Bishop's Visitation Service next week and the Ordinations of priests and deacons at the end of the month.

Next week, in hosting the visitation service, the Cathedral will welcome churchwardens from across the diocese as they are given the Bishop's Charge and sworn into office for the coming year. The office of churchwarden is an ancient one of representing the whole parish and maintaining the church and its life on their behalf - working with the parish priest to help the local church thrive and prosper as it witnesses to Christ's presence in the local community. Whilst this may manifest itself in the care of buildings, organising of rotas and any number of meetings, the work of churchwardens is a vital one for the life of the local church. It is therefore a great privilege to be able to offer hospitality to churchwardens at the Cathedral - reflecting the hospitality that they offer to those in their own communities.

Later in the month, the Cathedral hosts the ordinations of priests and deacons - those who will serve the church in particular ministries of service, preaching, pastoral care, prayer and the administration of the sacraments. In partnership with churchwardens and lay ministers, ordained ministers share in the bishop's task of spiritual care for all the people of the parishes they are called to serve in. It is therefore significant that they begin their ministry by being ordained by one of the bishops in the Bishop's Church. As they prepare for ordination, please pray for those to be ordained in the Cathedral this Pentecost:

As priests:
Robert Frew
Richard Knowles
Victoria Lawrence
Kate Mitchell
susanne Rosemeyer
Liz Brown
Sandy Gould
Lynne Smith

As deacons:
Anna Mayo
Angela White

NICK BROWN, INTERIM DEAN

BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday 16 June
Third Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist
Ezekiel 17.22-end
2 Corinthians 5.6-10,
14-17
Mark 4.26-34

Evening Prayer
Jeremiah 7.1-16
Romans 9.14-26

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

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

Tuesday 11 June, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for Barnabas

Thursday 13 June, 7.30pm

Episcopal Visitation Service

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

Monday 17 June, 12.30pm

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. All who knew Alec during are invited to join to give thanks for all he gave to the life of the cathedral.

Choral Mattins during the Summer Term

The final date for our Choral Mattins service is 23 June

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.**

After hours: Reflective Worship

6.45pm, once a month on a Sunday

16 June - Completing the day: midsummer reflections

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.

Community

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

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

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 at 10am.

Book your place via Yoga May on Facebook -

www.facebook.com/yogawithmay

Nature and architecture tour

Saturday 15 June, 1pm

Join Bruce Hargrave for a nature and architecture tour! Bruce will once again be guiding a tour through places in and around the Cathedral where nature meets the man made world.

There will be great opportunities to take some amazing pictures as you explore the central tower and the cloisters, taking in the stunning architecture that surrounds you.

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, including a stock of stoles.

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.

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 y our tickets, go to our website at

www.lincolncathedral.com/events