

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 21 JULY - SUNDAY 4 AUGUST

Glimpses of God's glory

Although it is only a week ago that I seemed to be shivering and dodging from place to place to try and avoid the rain, as I write this, the sun is shining brightly. With the shining sun, the people wandering around the cathedral precincts and leisurely looking at the beauty of the building, families relaxing in the long grasses and wildflowers, there is a sense in which creation shines that little bit more brightly.

It is at times like this that, given a moment to look around, we can most obviously see something of God's glory in the creation that surrounds us. Whilst God is truly beyond our comprehension and outside our experience, there is a long tradition of Christian experience and thought that seeks to understand how, in glimpses of God's glory such as this we can see the echo or the imprint of God the creator in the creation. As this year we consider the ways in which our world is God's creation, it is in an approach such as this that we can see a bridge between the dazzled and blinding glory of God and our own experience of his creation.

We may see this glory in the natural beauty of creation, in the proportions and careful geometry of the Cathedral building or in the contributions of art, word and music that come together in our worship. Reflecting on this way of seeing something of the image of God in everything around us, I would like to share a poem written by the 15th/16th century humanist Thomas More:

Thou art, O God, the life and light
Of all this wondrous world we see;
Its glow by day, its smile by night,
Are but reflections caught from Thee.
Where'er we turn, Thy glories shine,
And all things fair and bright are Thine.

When day, with farewell beam, delays
Among the opening clouds of even,
And we can almost think we gaze
Through opening vistas into heaven,
Those hues that make the sun's decline
So soft, so radiant, Lord, are Thine.

When night, with wings of starry gloom,
O'ershadows all the earth and skies,
Like some dark, beauteous bird, whose plume
Is sparkling with unnumbered eyes,
That sacred gloom, those fires divine,
So grand, so countless, Lord, are Thine.

When youthful Spring around us breathes,
Thy spirit warms her fragrant sigh,
And every flower that Summer wreathes
Is born beneath Thy kindling eye:
Where'er we turn, Thy glories shine,
And all things fair and bright are Thine.

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BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 21 July
Eighth Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist
Jeremiah 23.1-6
Ephesians 2.11-end
Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

Evening Prayer
Job 13.13-14.6
Hebrews 2.5-end

Sunday 28 July
Ninth Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist
2 Kings 4.42-end
Ephesians 3.14-end
John 6.1-21

Evening Prayer
Job 19.1-27a
Hebrews 8

Sunday 4 August
Tenth Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist
Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15
Ephesians 4.1-16
John 6.24-35

Evening Prayer
Job 28
Hebrews 11.17-31

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

Sunday 21 July

10.30am - Jazz Mass

3.45pm - Festal Evensong for St Mary Magdalene

6pm - St Mary Magdalene Parish Patronal Festival

Thursday 25 July

Following the cancellation by the visiting choir who we hoped would lead our services this week, there will not be a service of Festal Evensong on Thursday 25 July to mark the feast of St James. However, we will still mark this day in our regular Morning Prayer, Eucharist and Evening Prayer services.

Tuesday 6 August, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for Transfiguration

Thursday 15 August, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for The Blessed Virgin Mary

After hours: Reflective Worship

6.45pm, once a month on a Sunday

8 September - Sacred Space

Enjoy 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:

9 September, and **7 October**.

Choral Mattins during the Autumn Term

Our Choral Mattins services will return for the autumn term on the following dates: **22 September**, **13 October**, **17 November**, and **8 December**.

Community

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. To help with the planning, please register your attendance by clicking the link below: <https://simonjonesinstallation.eventbrite.co.uk>

Don't worry if you're unable to book: you're still welcome to join us for this significant event in the life of the Cathedral and Diocese.

LCCA supporting The King's Men in Concert

Wednesday 28 August, 7.30pm

Thanks to the LCCA Vice-Chair, Simon Crookall, The King's Men, a close-harmony group formed from the Choral Scholars of the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, is coming to Lincoln Cathedral for a summer concert.

The King's Men will perform in St Hugh's Choir with a programme including a mix of madrigals and close harmony numbers and will be joined by the current King's College, Cambridge organ scholar.

Ticket information can be found by visiting this link:

<https://lincolncathedral.com/events/the-kings-men-at-lincoln/>

Events

Lincoln Jazz Festival

Friday 19 - Sunday 21 July

Tickets are now on sale for the third Lincoln Jazz Festival weekend! 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.

Summer Family Fun

Saturday 20 July, 10am- 3.30pm

We'll have creative crafts, perfect for sparking your little one's imagination. You can help complete our giant collage of 'Your Favourite Stories' including Elmer, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Snail and the Whale and more and create costume dolls and story characters to take away.

You can also join us in the North Transept every Wednesday in August at 11am to enjoy peaceful story time.

All our crafts will be available from Tuesday to Friday each week of August.

Exhibition: Conformity and Creativity

Saturday 20 July - Sunday 1 September

Become immersed in the world of the Hunchback of Notre Dame.

A selection of the stunning costumes created for The Starring Lincoln theatre Company's production of Hunchback of Notre Dame are on display in our Discovery Centre.

Explore this exhibition of intricate and intriguing costumes inspired by Lincoln Cathedral and envisioned by designer Helen Symonds. Entry to the exhibition is included in your Cathedral admission

Summer evening opening, followed by Compline

Friday 2 and Friday 16 August

Lincoln Cathedral will remain open until 8.30pm so you can end your day with a tranquil evening in a stunning space.

Evensong takes place at 5.30pm and all are welcome. During this time, the nave will remain open and following the service the rest of the Cathedral will open again until 8.30pm

The evening will finish with a service of Said Compline at 8.30pm at St Hugh's Shrine. Entry during late night opening is free, with donations welcome.

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

www.lincolncathedral.com/events