

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Over the past months, I have had the privilege of being part of the sessions folding the peace doves for the installation which will start going up in the Cathedral Crossing this week. They have been times of community and conversation with staff, volunteers, folk from local churches, and visitors to the Cathedral.

All of us involved have felt the privilege and awe of holding and folding people's prayers and hopes for peace; particularly so amidst times of national and global unrest. One person's prayer may feel small, but as we took piles of prayers and turned them into sacks full of doves it was hard not to feel the tangible presence of a deep movement towards peace.

Folding doves reminded me that peace isn't something that simply happens when humanity stops fighting or disrupting or arguing. Peace-making is an action, it requires effort, and is something that we build together, for each other.

Like the installation, peace is built when we find ways for everyone's voices to be heard and valued – doves have come from all across Lincolnshire, from community projects, churches, hospital chaplaincies and schools; and also from all across the world, from tourists and pilgrims to our Cathedral.

Like the doves, peace is also built across differences. Much of Jesus' ministry, and the letters of the New Testament are about the challenge and the reward of living in diverse communities; in wrestling to understand experiences very different to our own and being transformed by them. We too are challenged to seek the face of Christ in all those we meet, particularly when we find that uncomfortable. Part of our faith then, is to find ways to move outside our comfort zones and to hear voices and stories from contexts very different to our own.

If you would like to join others for a shared meal under the doves, then do come along to "Love in a broken world", our After Hours service on 15 September at 6.45pm, when we will be holding an Agape (a shared meal with a simple liturgy) around the Table for the Nation and under the Peace Doves installation. As an Agape is not a Eucharist, it is open to people of all faiths and traditions or none. You are invited to bring a small plate of finger food to share.

Whether you join in the Agape, or come to experience the Peace Doves at another time, I hope you are reminded that peace-making isn't something we simply have to do on our own effort. Our gift as Christians is that we are held in the bigger peace of God, that peace which passes all understanding, and which supports and sustains our own journeys towards peace here on Earth.

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BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 1 September
Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist
Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9
James 1.17-end
Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Evening Prayer
Exodus 12.21-27
Matthew 4.23-5.20

Sunday 8 September
Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist
Isaiah 35.4-7a
James 2.1-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 7.24-end

Evening Prayer
Exodus 14.5-end
Matthew 6.1-18

Sunday 15 September
Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist
Isaiah 50.4-9a
James 3.1-12
Mark 8.27-end

Evening Prayer
Exodus 18.13-26
Matthew 7.1-14

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 8 September

10.30am - Festal Eucharist for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3.45pm - Festal Evensong for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 15 September, 3pm

Battle of Britain Memorial Service

After hours: Reflective Worship

6.45pm, once a month on a Sunday

15 September - Join us at After Hours for an Agape (shared meal) at the Table for the Nation under the Peace Doves installation. The evening will begin with a short reflective liturgy, after which we will continue with refreshments and conversation around the table.

Please bring some food to share

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 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Lincoln Cathedral Community Association will take place on Monday 25 November in the Chapter House at 7pm with refreshments available from 6.30pm.

We hope that as many LCCA members as possible will attend to show your support for your cathedral community.

Make your voice heard in the INEQE Independent Safeguarding Audit

INEQE Safeguarding Group has been commissioned to conduct Independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. Lincoln Cathedral and the Diocese of Lincoln are currently taking part in this process.

As part of the audit, INEQE wants to engage with those who visit, attend services or worship at the Cathedral through an online survey, and encourage you to share your views and experiences.

INEQE's audit team receive each anonymous result directly - not by the Church of England or the Cathedral directly. The survey is now live and will close at 11.30 pm on Wednesday 25th September 2024.

To access the survey please scan the QR code below or visit: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/lincoln/>



Tickets for The Snowman

Tickets for this year's special screenings of The Snowman will be going on sale on Monday 2 September. Don't miss out on this festive family favourite surrounded by the beauty of Lincoln Cathedral supported by a live orchestra and Chorister from the Cathedral Choir. As always we'll have a large screen that ensures everyone has a great view.

This year's screenings will take place on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 December with multiple screenings on both days. Make sure you're ready on Monday as tickets sell fast!

Tickets will be available for purchase on our website - <https://lincolncathedral.com/events/the-snowman-with-live-orchestra-2/>

Events

Grand Organ Festival – Peter King

Monday 2 September, 7pm

Join us as we kick off our Grand Organ Festival with the brilliant Peter King! As always, there will be a screen so you can enjoy watching the recitalist in action up in the organ loft and an opportunity to meet the recitalist at

Peace Doves at Lincoln Cathedral

Wednesday 18 September, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Join us in the unique atmosphere of Lincoln Cathedral after hours and experience the stunning Peace Doves sculpture by Peter Walker.

This mass-participation artwork is created from more than 10,00 paper doves, each featuring a message of peace, love and joy. It will be illuminated to add to its inspiring presence and will be accompanied by a specially composed soundtrack. Entry to the late-night opening is by donation.

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