

# The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 4 AUGUST - SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

## A praying community

Each day at Evensong or Evening Prayer we say the words "...and so we pray the prayer laid down by St Hugh for the daily use of the canons of this Cathedral church...". That phrase is a reminder that Lincoln Cathedral has been a place of daily prayer for around 1000 years and that we have been praying his words for over 800. We join in prayer, here in this building, with Christians from centuries past and, I hope, centuries future, creating a rhythm of prayer through each and every day. There is something quite special in being a part of the community which holds and participates in this prayer - a community made up of our congregations and clergy, our volunteers and staff, and our visitors, tourists and pilgrims.

Alongside our set prayers in services, we are also a community that prays for each other, and for those who come to the Cathedral seeking prayer. The prayers written and left on our prayer boards in the Morning Chapel and at the Gilbertine Pots are gathered each week and prayed over by the celebrant each Sunday at our 10:30am service.

Specific Prayer requests are held in different ways. For ongoing prayer and where confidentiality is preferred, the Cathedral's Intercessory prayer group meet weekly to pray together and also pray individually for their list of people throughout the week at home.

Public prayer for others happens in two ways (both of which require the expressed permission of the person being prayed for, particularly as our main service is live-streamed).

Firstly there is a daily list read at each Eucharist. These requests can be for any reason and, moving forward, will be read out for a one-month period before being removed. If you would like continued prayer after that month, all you need to do is to reapproach the clergy, pastoral care team or the vergers to renew your request. This monthly contact gives us a chance to hear how things are for those being prayed for, and to offer any support or pastoral care which might be useful.

A smaller number of these daily names are also read out at the Sunday 10:30am service. Moving forward, this list is for those with strong Cathedral connections and their immediate families, and with whom we are in active pastoral contact. Prayers at this service will usually be for a short to medium term and at particular points of crisis or change (eg a new diagnosis, sudden deterioration of health, surgery, bereavement etc), after which, through conversation with the requestee, they will be moved to the daily list if ongoing and long-term prayer is desired.

These slight changes are being implemented to enable our community to continue praying fully and faithfully in a way that better supports our pastoral care and ensures that we can genuinely support each other in practical ways as well as through our prayers. If you have any questions, please do feel free to chat with either Ann Mazur or myself.

ROWENA KING, CANON MISSIONER

## BIBLE READINGS

**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

**Sunday 11 August**  
*Eleventh Sunday After Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
I Kings 19.4-8  
Ephesians 4.25-5.2  
John 6.35, 41-51

**Evening Prayer**  
Job 39.1-40.4  
Hebrews 12.1-17

**Sunday 18 August**  
*Twelfth Sunday After Trinity*

**Eucharist**  
Proverbs 9.1-6  
Ephesians 5.15-20  
John 6.51-58

**Evening Prayer**  
Exodus 2.23-3.10  
Hebrews 13.1-15

## 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

#### Tuesday 6 August, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for Transfiguration

#### Thursday 15 August, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for The Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Saturday 24 August, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for Bartholomew, Apostle

#### 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

### 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

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### 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/>

To find out more about the King's Men, visit the link below:

[www.kingsmencambridge.co.uk](http://www.kingsmencambridge.co.uk)

### 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 we encourage you to share your views and experiences.

The survey is anonymous and the results are received directly by INEQE's audit team - not by the Church of England or the Cathedral directly. We would therefore ask you to be open and honest with your responses.

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/>



## Events

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### Summer Family Fun

Tuesday 6 to Friday 30 August, 10am-3.30pm

We'll have creative crafts for all to enjoy. You can help complete our giant collage of 'Your Favourite Stories', and create costume dolls and story characters to take away. Join us in the North Transept every Wednesday in August at 11am to enjoy peaceful story time.

### 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.

### Summer evening opening, followed by Compline

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. 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.

### Nature and architecture tour

Saturday 24 August, 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.

**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)**