

YESTERDAY, TODAY & FOREVER

THE INSTALLATION OF  
THE VERY REVEREND DR SIMON JONES  
AS DEAN OF LINCOLN

**SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2024, 3PM**



LINCOLN  
CATHEDRAL



## WELCOME TO LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

We are delighted to welcome you to Lincoln Cathedral for the installation of Simon Jones as the 85<sup>th</sup> Dean of Lincoln. Founded in 1072, this cathedral has always been the seat (*cathedra*) of the Bishop of Lincoln and a centre of worship and mission for the Diocese of Lincoln.

The ministry of the Dean is rooted in the cathedral's primary purpose, which is the daily offering of worship. This afternoon's ceremonies take place around the service of Evening Prayer.

Earlier this afternoon, after Simon as Dean-Designate made the Declaration of Assent and Oaths of Allegiance, the Letters Patent from His Majesty to King were read and the Bishop of Lincoln collated Simon as a canon of the cathedral and instituted him as Dean of Lincoln. By means of this ceremony, the Dean-Designate became Dean of Lincoln and so he takes his place at the end of the Chapter procession this afternoon.

During this service, Simon will be installed as Dean in St Hugh's Choir, inducted into the temporalities of his office by the Subdean, and takes first place and is given a voice in the College of Canons. This completes the ceremonies by which Simon takes up office today.



The appointment by His Majesty The King of Dr Simon Jones as Dean of Lincoln is a most significant and uplifting occasion for us all who look upon Lincoln Cathedral with pride and dignity as our place in the County of Lincolnshire for worship, prayer and sanctuary. As we have already witnessed when Interim Dean, Simon has been "made for the job" with his desire to deliver an energising restart to the needs of the community within and without this building.

Both Simon and Darren, I know will be given genuine and willing support as they commence a new life, in a new place with new challenges. On behalf of the county I wish them well.

Toby E D Dennis  
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire and High Steward of Lincoln Cathedral

## The Very Reverend Dr Simon Jones

Simon was born and educated in St Albans, Hertfordshire, before going to university in Durham, where he read Theology and was organ scholar at the College of St Hild & St Bede. After staying on to read for a Master's degree, Simon spent a year working as a pastoral assistant in a parish in North London and teaching music in a primary school. He then moved to Cambridge where he trained for ordination at Westcott House and, as a member of Selwyn College, completed a doctorate in Syrian baptismal theology.

Simon was ordained deacon in 1999 and priest in 2000, and served his title as curate of Tewkesbury Abbey in the Diocese of Gloucester. In 2002 he became Chaplain and Fellow of Merton College, Oxford. As well as having responsibility for the day-to-day life of the Chapel, Simon was involved in other aspects of the College's life, including establishing and leading its welfare team.

Simon chairs the steering committee of the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation, and is a consultant to the Church of England Liturgical Commission. He has served as a trustee of the charitable company, *Hymns Ancient & Modern Ltd*, and will join its board again as chair in January 2025.

Simon was installed as an Honorary Canon of Christ Church, Oxford in 2015, and as a Wiccamlial Prebendary (Honorary Canon Theologian) of Chichester Cathedral in 2016. He served as Interim Dean of Lincoln from March to December 2023.

Simon has moved to Lincoln with his partner, Canon Darren McFarland, who served as Vicar of St Andrew's, Headington, Oxford, from 2011 until this year, and will become Interim Priest of St Mary and St Nicolas, Spalding on 1 October.

## Today's service

The music at today's service is sung by the Choirs of Lincoln Cathedral and Merton College, Oxford, directed by Aric Prentice and Benjamin Nicholas. The organ is played by Jeffrey Makinson.

This service and the other sung services at the cathedral are available online. We welcome all those both near and far joining our worship as it is live streamed on the cathedral's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

**We kindly request that you do not take photographs or make sound recordings during the service, or during the rehearsals beforehand.**

Any indications for sitting, kneeling or standing are given for guidance. If you need to sit at any point during the service, please feel free to do so.

The cathedral is equipped with a hearing loop. Those who wish to benefit from this will need to change their hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

A collection will be taken to support the life, work and ministry of the cathedral. If you are a taxpayer you can increase your contribution by taking a few moments to complete the Gift Aid envelopes available from the Stewards and sealing your contribution inside.

## Tomorrow's services at the cathedral

*All are welcome to join us at any of the services in the Cathedral tomorrow:*

- 7.45am Litany (Book of Common Prayer)
- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Mattins (BCP)
- 10.30am Sung Eucharist
- 3.00pm Battle of Britain Service:  
Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving



## Processions

*At 2 45pm, the congregation remains seated whilst the following processions make their way into the cathedral:*

*the Merton College Procession; and*

*the procession of visiting clergy and of Readers and clergy of the Diocese of Lincoln.*

*At 2 50pm, the congregation stands as the Chair of the County Council, the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Lincoln and the Civic party, and the High Sheriff of Lincolnshire and His Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant of Lincolnshire are escorted to their places.*

*After the dignitaries have taken their seats all sit.*

*At 3pm, the congregation stands for the Foundation procession, which gathers at the rear of the nave ready for the service to start. Please turn to face the rear of the nave for the first part of the service.*

# The Greeting

*All turn to face west. The Cathedral Choir sings the introit, Sing joyfully unto God by William Byrd (Organist and Master of the Choristers of Lincoln Cathedral, 1563-1572)*

Sing joyfully unto God our strength, sing loud unto the God of Jacob.  
Take the song and bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp and the viol. Blow the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and at our feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob. *Psalm 81*

*The Rev'd Canon Rowena King, Canon in Residence, addresses the congregation.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*        **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

*All*        **and also with you.**

*The organist plays a fanfare as the Dean enters the cathedral preceded by the Verger of Merton College and escorted by the Warden of Merton College, the Bishop of Oxford, and Ruth Brewin, who chaired the appointment panel.*

*Canon in Residence*

Simon, we bid you welcome to this house of prayer

*All*        **In the name of the Lord, we greet you!**

*Canon in Residence*

Simon, as members of the Chapter  
we share with you the responsibility and the privilege  
of the stewardship of this cathedral,  
the offering of its worship  
and the furtherance of its mission.

We pray that our ministry together  
will be a sign of the kingdom of God  
and a witness to the world.

As you enter this place  
we greet you as Dean of Lincoln.

*Chapter*    **In the name of the Lord, we welcome you.**

HYMN

*All sing the following as the procession moves to the front of the Nave.*

**All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tower and temple, fall to dust  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
New-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.**

*Words: J. Neander and R. Bridges*

*Music: Herbert Howells, adapted by Christopher Palmer,  
arranged for brass quintet by Andrew Sena*

*Please sit*



*The Bishop welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.*

My brothers and sisters,  
in the name of Christ, crucified and risen,  
I welcome you to this Cathedral Church.  
We gather here today  
to inaugurate the ministry of Simon Jones,  
the eighty-fifth Dean of Lincoln,  
to witness his installation,  
and to support him with our prayers.

In particular, we welcome Simon's family and friends,  
and those who have come to commend him to us  
from Merton College and the Diocese of Oxford.

*The Warden of Merton College, Oxford and the Bishop of Oxford commend the Dean from his previous ministry.*

*Professor Jennifer Payne, Warden of Merton College, Oxford, says*

Bishop Stephen, on behalf of the whole community of Merton College, I commend Simon to you. His time among us has enriched our common life. May his ministry here bring God's blessing to this place, and to all whom he seeks to serve.

*The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford, says*

Bishop Stephen, I also commend Simon to you. In various ways he has contributed to the life of the Diocese of Oxford. As Dean, may he strengthen the relationship between the Cathedral and the Diocese of Lincoln, and support you in your ministry.

*Ruth Brewin presents the Dean to the Bishop, saying*

Right Reverend Father, we present to you The Very Reverend Dr Simon Jones, appointed by his Majesty the King by Letters Patent to the Deanery of Lincoln. He has taken and subscribed to the oaths and declaration required by law, and you have collated him as Prebendary of South Scarle and instituted him as Dean of Lincoln. We ask you now to welcome him, and to pray for him as he is installed and inducted into the rights and responsibilities of his new office.

*Bishop* I am ready so to do, but first let His Majesty's Letters Patent be read.

*His Majesty's Letters Patent are read by Mrs Henrietta Reeve, Deputy Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, representing the Lord Lieutenant.*

*Bishop* Simon, I greet you in the name of the Lord, and invite you to pray with us as we seek God's blessing upon your new ministry as Dean.

*The Dean kneels to pray silently with the congregation. He then intones the Veni Creator, during which the Bishop anoints him with the Oil of Chrism.*

*All* Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
**and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.**

**Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight:**

**Anoint and cheer our soilèd face  
with the abundance of thy grace:  
keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of Both, to be but One;  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song,**

**Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Words: John Cosin (1594-1672)*

*Tune: Plainsong (Mechlin)*

*Bishop* Simon, may your help come in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

You are now to be placed into your stall and inducted into the rights and responsibilities of your new ministry. Will you undertake this ministry faithfully, putting your trust in Christ alone?

*Dean* **With the help of God, I will.**

*Bishop* Will you work together with the Chapter, Senior Leadership Team of the cathedral and College of Canons to carry forward the mission and ministry of the cathedral, boldly proclaiming the word and works of God?

*Dean* **With the help of God, I will.**

*Bishop* Will you do all in your power to further the work of this cathedral, welcoming all who come to visit, work and worship here?

*Dean* **With the help of God, I will.**

*Bishop* May almighty God,  
who has given you the will to undertake all these things,  
give you also the strength to perform them;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

*All* **Amen.**

*The Bishop says to members of the Cathedral Chapter and Senior Leadership Team*

Members of the Cathedral's Chapter and Senior Leadership Team, you have heard Simon's declaration and promise.

Will you support him in his work as Dean, that together you may build up God's kingdom in this place?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*Subdean* Let us proceed joyfully to install our brother Simon as Prebendary and Dean.

*Please remain seated while the College of Canons and the Bishop process to St Hugh's Choir, during which the choirs sing Let all the world in every corner sing by Ralph Vaughan Williams:*

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

The church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out;  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

*Words: George Herbert, Prebendary of Leighton Ecclesia in this Cathedral*

*At the end of the anthem, the cathedral choir process to their places in St Hugh's Choir.*

# The Installation

*Dean* Mr Subdean and Members of the Chapter, I present these Letters Patent of His Majesty the King and these Letters Mandatory of Stephen our Bishop and ask you to install and induct me into a prebend and into the deanery of this Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln.

*The Rev'd Canon Nick Brown, Precentor and Subdean, passes the Letters to the Chapter Officer who reads the Letters Mandatory to the Chapter, the Letters Patent having been read earlier in the service.*

*The Subdean responds on behalf of Chapter*

We gladly accept these Letters from His Majesty the King and from Stephen our Bishop and receive you, (*here the Subdean takes the Dean by the right hand*) Simon Matthew Jones, as a brother and admit you as a Canon of this church and Prebendary of South Scarle, and do admit and invest you Dean of this Cathedral, together with all the rights, members and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

*He puts the New Testament into the Dean's hands, continuing*

In the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

*The Subdean and other Residentiary Canons conduct the Dean to his prebendal stall of South Scarle, where the Subdean installs him.*

*Subdean* We install you, brother, into the stall assigned to your prebend.

*The Dean stands and turns to look at the back of the stall and the Subdean continues*

Look upon the titles of the psalms, which you are to recite every day, if nothing hinders.

*He then says*

Simon, you have been called to serve God amongst us here, and to lead this Foundation and community. I now invite you to accompany me to the stall assigned to the office and dignity of the Dean of this Cathedral Church.

*The Foundation says with one voice*

**May God give you grace to lead us as Dean!**

*The Dean is vested in his cope by the Rev'd Canon David Dadswell, Residentiary Canon, and moves to the Dean's stall, where the Subdean installs him, seating him in his stall and saying*

We install you, brother, into the stall assigned to the Dean.  
The Lord keep watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth and for evermore.

*All*            **Amen.**

*The Dean kneels and says the Lord's Prayer with the Foundation and the whole congregation. Meanwhile Great Tom is sounded to announce that the Dean of Lincoln has been installed.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
thy kingdom come.  
thy will be done.  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil;  
for thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Precentor*    O Lord, save your servant  
*All*            **who puts his trust in you.**

*Precentor*    Let the enemy gain no advantage over him  
*All*            **nor the wicked approach to hurt him.**

*Precentor*    Be to him, O Lord, a strong tower  
*All*            **from the face of the enemy.**

*Precentor*    O Lord, hear our prayer  
*All*            **and let our cry come to you.**

*Subdean* O God our beginning and our ending,  
we praise you that you give us  
grace and strength to serve you,  
and that you have called your servant Simon  
into the fellowship of this Cathedral Foundation.  
Grant him such love for you and for your people  
that he may take up his cross each day  
and follow in the steps of your Son.  
May he be so encouraged by his fellowship and unity with us  
that he may be a strength to others;  
may his prayers combine with ours  
to come into your presence,  
and may your Holy Spirit lead him day by day  
until he comes to your everlasting kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**



## HYMN

*All sing the hymn as the Foundation and the Bishop return to the Nave.*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be thou my inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Words: Mary Byrne, versified by Eleanor Hull*

*Music: Traditional Irish melody,  
with descant by John Scott*

## The Welcome

*Subdean* I present to you Simon, our Dean,  
now installed in this Cathedral Church,  
and ask you to welcome him  
as a sign of our support  
and a pledge of our prayers  
for the ministry entrusted to him.

*The congregation responds with a round of applause.*

## Evening Prayer

*Evening Prayer begins with the Versicles and Responses sung to the setting written for Merton College by Matthew Martin.*

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us.  
*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.  
*The Lord's Name be praised.*

*Sit*

PSALMODY: Psalm 122

*I was glad when they said unto me:  
We will go into the house of the Lord.*

*Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself.*

*For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord:  
to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the  
Lord.*

*For there is the seat of judgement:  
even the seat of the house of David.*

*O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
they shall prosper that love thee.*

*Peace be within thy walls:  
and plenteousness within thy palaces.*

*For my brethren and companions' sakes:  
I will wish thee prosperity.*

*Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God:  
I will seek to do thee good.*

*Stand*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.*

*Sit*

SCRIPTURE READING

*Exodus 3.1-15*

*read by Dr Alice Brooke, Fellow and Tutor in Spanish, Merton College*

*Stand*

MAGNIFICAT

*The choirs sing the Song of Mary (Luke 1: 46-55) to the setting in the key of D major by Sir George Dyson. During the singing of this canticle, the altar and people are censed.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud  
in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Please sit*

SERMON

The Very Revd Dr Simon Jones, Dean of Lincoln

## ANTHEM

*The choirs sing the anthem, Give unto the Lord by Sir Edward Elgar*

Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty,  
give unto the Lord glory and strength,  
give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name.  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:  
the God of glory thundereth;  
it is the Lord that ruleth the sea.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty;  
the voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars.  
yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.  
yea, the voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire,  
yea, the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness  
and strippeth the forests bare.

In His temple doth every one speak of His glory.  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood;  
and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.  
The Lord shall give strength unto His people;  
the Lord shall give His people the blessing of peace.

*Psalm 29*

## THE PRAYERS

*A Lay Canon says*

We give thanks to God who has brought us to this day,  
and we pray that he will bless the ministry  
of this Cathedral Church:  
that it may be a place where the distressed find consolation,  
seekers are enlightened, and the Lord is worshipped  
in the beauty of holiness.

Lord in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*A member of the Cathedral community says*

We ask God's blessing on Simon our Dean,  
on his partner Darren and on all who will work with him.  
Together, may we grown in the knowledge and love of God  
and joyfully bear witness to the faith  
once delivered to the saints,  
that we may be stirred to new endeavours  
and reach out with boldness to those among whom we live.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*A Royal Air Force officer says*

We pray for Charles our King,  
for the leaders of the nations,  
and for all who work for peace, justice and freedom.  
May they be enabled to bring liberty to the oppressed  
and hope to the despairing.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*A representative of Lincolnshire County Council says*

We pray for the county of Lincolnshire,  
for our communities and for all who hold public office,  
that our common life may be strengthened  
and the needy receive support.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*A representative of Lincoln's student community says*

We pray for all who suffer through sickness or infirmity,  
for the homeless, the unemployed and the hungry,  
and those who are bowed down with grief.  
May they find peace, and friends to support them  
in their hour of need.

*All* Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Canon in Residence concludes the intercessions with the Foundation Prayers,  
after which all join in praying the words of the Grace*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*The Litany of the Saints is sung as the Foundation procession moves to the Chapter House. Please sit after the procession has left the Nave.*

*The proceedings in the Chapter House (page 24) are screened for members of the congregation, during which the Choir of Merton College sings Locus iste by Gabriel Jackson (composed in celebration of Simon's twenty-two years as Chaplain of Merton), and O clap your hands by Orlando Gibbons.*

*Please stand as the Foundation procession returns to the Cathedral Church, the following hymn is sung and a collection is taken:*

**O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou for ever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel thee near me:  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be;  
And Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.**



**O let me see thy footmarks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my Friend.**

*Words: John Bode  
Music: William H. Ferguson,  
descant by Aric Prentice*

## **The Blessing**

*Bishop*      The Lord be with you  
*All*            **and also with you.**

*Bishop*      Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
*All*            **who has made heaven and earth.**

*Bishop*      Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
*All*            **now and for ever. Amen.**

*Bishop*      Almighty God  
                 who for the salvation of the world gives his people  
                 many gifts and ministries for the advancement of his glory,  
                 stir up in each of you the gifts of his grace,  
                 and sustain each one of you in your own ministry;  
                 and the blessing of God almighty,  
                 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
                 be upon you and remain with you always.  
*All*            **Amen.**

*Please remain standing as the processions leave and the organist plays  
Finale from Symphonie no.6, op.42 by C-M Widor (1844-1937).*

*All are welcome to stay for refreshments which will be served in the north transept,  
to the left of the organ. Please make your way there to be served.*

## A Place and Voice in the College of Canons

*In the Chapter House, the new Dean stands before the Subdean.*

*Subdean* God has reconciled us to himself through Christ  
and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Subdean* Let us greet one another joyfully in the name of Christ.

*The Dean receives the hand of the Subdean, the other residentiary canons and of each other canon in turn. Meanwhile the Choir sings Ubi Caritas by Maurice Duruflé*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.

Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is

there. Christ's love has gathered us

into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased

in him. Let us fear, and let us love the

living God. And may we love each

other with a sincere heart. Amen.

*The Subdean seats the Dean in the College, saying*

We receive you, brother,

to first place and a voice in the College of Canons.

*The Subdean kneels before the Dean and, placing his hands between those of the Dean, says with the entire Foundation*

**Simon, I promise obedience to you as Dean.**

*The Subdean returns to his seat and the College remains standing.*

*Dean* Let us pray.

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings

with your most gracious favour,

and further us with your continual help,

that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in you,

we may glorify your holy name,

and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*College* **Amen.**

*Dean* Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Lincoln Cathedral: History & Governance

Lincoln Cathedral has fifty-three canonries. In medieval times each was paid a *prebend*, or salary, consisting usually of the income from a manor or holding of land. Each canon is still known by the name of their prebend, which is written on a tablet above the stall in St Hugh's Choir, together with the Latin title of the psalm which should be recited daily 'if nothing hinders'. This means that between them the entire psalter is recited daily. The Bishop says Psalm 1; the Dean, as Prebend of South Scarle, Psalms 96-99.

The vast medieval Diocese of Lincoln stretched from the Humber to the Thames, including what are now the Dioceses of Leicester, Peterborough, Oxford and St Albans. South Scarle formed part of the Bishop of Lincoln's jurisdiction in Nottinghamshire, centred on his manor and castle at Newark. The church was allocated as the endowment of a prebend in the Cathedral before 1147, when its possessions were confirmed by Bishop Alexander in a remarkable charter witnessed by twenty-seven canons, other ecclesiastics (including Aelred, the future Abbot of Rievaulx, canonised as St Aelred of Hexham) and a group of local people. Those who have held this stall include William de Montfort (Dean of St Paul's 1285-1294) and Edmund Cartwright (d.1823), inventor of the power loom.

Lincoln Cathedral currently has four residentiary canons: the Dean, Precentor, Missioner, and a non-stipendiary canon whose principal ministry is as Diocesan Secretary. As the longest serving of the residentiaries, the Precentor is also the Subdean, and acts in that capacity in today's service. Together with four lay canons and a diocesan priest, they form the Chapter, which is the cathedral's governing body. It is the responsibility of the Dean as chair of the Chapter to govern and direct, on its behalf, the life and work of the cathedral.

The forty-nine non-residentiary canons include the suffragan bishops and archdeacons of the Diocese, clergy and lay people who have been recognised for their service to the Diocese or wider church and society, and ecumenical canons from different denominations.

The College of Canons exists to give counsel to the Bishop and to the Chapter on matters concerning the cathedral as the seat of the Bishop. It receives and considers the annual report and audited accounts of the cathedral and discusses such matters concerning the cathedral as may be raised by its members. In the event of an episcopal vacancy, the College of Canons is responsible for electing the new Bishop of Lincoln.

The cathedral's governing documents are its constitution and statutes. It is regulated by the Church Commissioners and the Charity Commission under the Cathedrals Measure (2021).





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