

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

This coming Sunday is the feast of St Michael & All Angels, or Michaelmas as it's more commonly known. We're used to hearing 'Would you be an angel and . . . ' prefacing a request for a favour, but 'Be an angel' can also be seen as the vocation of cathedrals, particularly when it refers to three of the angels who make appearances in the Bible: Gabriel, Raphael and Michael.

Gabriel is best known from the annunciation scene, telling Mary that the Lord is with her and that she will give birth to God's Son. According to the Cathedral's constitution and statutes, part of its purpose is to be a 'centre of mission'. This can be interpreted in different ways. One of them is that we are called to be a sign of God's presence in the world and, as such, a beacon of hope. Gabriel's greeting to Mary, 'The Lord is with you', is a message of hope that cathedrals are called to articulate and embody, not least in how we welcome people into our building and interact with the community in which we're set.

Raphael is the least-known of the trio. He makes an appearance in the Book of Tobit (in the Apocrypha), where he is an agent of God's healing. Being a centre of mission also requires us to be a centre of healing, a place of reflection, refuge and safety, where prayers can be offered for healing for ourselves and others, and where through staff, volunteers and members of the worshipping community, the needs of visitors are taken seriously and responded to with kindness and compassion.

Michael is the warrior found in the Book of Revelation. The literal meaning of the Hebrew name Michael is 'One who is like God'. The fundamental principle underpinning Christian ethics is that all people are 'like God' or, to use theological language, made in God's image and likeness. That's why for Christians safeguarding is of such fundamental importance (though the church has often failed to live up to this ideal) and why we are called to put Christ's command to love our neighbour into action, not least by treating people equally and with respect.

As we seek together to map a strategy for the cathedral in the next season of its life, one question to ask ourselves is how best we can respond to the vocation to be an angel.

Happy Michaelmas!

SIMON JONES, DEAN OF LINCOLN

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 29 September
Michael and All Angels

Eucharist
Genesis 28.10-17
Revelation 12.7-12
John 1.47-end

Evening Prayer
Daniel 10.4-end
Revelation 5

Sunday 6 October
*Nineteenth Sunday
After Trinity*

Eucharist
Genesis 2.18-24
Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12
Mark 10.2-16

Evening Prayer
Joshua 3.7-end
Matthew 10.1-22

Sunday 13 October
*Twentieth Sunday
After Trinity*

Eucharist
Amos 5.6-7, 10-15
Hebrews 4.12-end
Mark 10.17-31

Evening Prayer
Joshua 5.13-6.20
Matthew 11.20-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

Sunday 29 September, 3.45pm

Festal Evensong for St Michael and All Angels, attended by former students marking the 150th Anniversary of the Bishop's Hostel (Lincoln Theological College)

Sunday 6 October 3.45pm

Choral Evensong attended by Old Choristers

Tuesday 8 October 5.30pm

Choral Evensong with procession to the tomb of Robert Grosseteste

Saturday 12 October 10.30am

Diocesan Lay ministry Service

Friday 18 October 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for St Luke

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: **7 October**

Choral Mattins during the Autumn Term

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

Community

LCCA Harvest Supper

The LCCA invites you to their annual Harvest Supper on Friday 18 October in the Chapter House. We ask that you join us at 6.30pm ready for 7pm when you can enjoy a 2-course meal with entertainment. Tickets are £20 and are available after Sunday morning Eucharist or by emailing lcca@lincolncathedral.com.

Note: Please make sure to inform us if you require a vegetarian/vegan option and if you have any food allergies when you buy your tickets. Please bring your own choice of drinks and donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the local food bank.

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.

Judi Jones' recovery

Judi Jones would like to thank members of the congregation for their support, kind messages and their prayers. She is so thankful that her recent lung surgery has been successful and she is looking forward to returning to the cathedral when she is stronger.

InHouse: Autumn Edition

The Autumn edition of InHouse celebrates the arrival of our new Dean, the Very Reverend Dr Simon Jones, whom the LCCA is thrilled to welcome with his partner, Darren. We wish them a long and happy time with us and we look forward to Simon's vision and guidance for our beloved Cathedral.

We also hear from our new Canon Missioner, the Reverend Rowena King, about her work in building the Cathedral community and also you can read about Safe Families, one of the charities the Lincoln Cathedral Community Association has supported, along with other local, national and international charities, through donations from the congregation.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition, including a generous donation from a member of the congregation which has enabled us to print hard copies. [It's available to download on the Cathedral website by clicking this link.](#)

How well do you know your Cathedral?

This is a fun quiz of 50 questions about the Cathedral - the building, the people, the architecture and the history, all to raise money for the music fund. Copies of the quiz cost £1 each and are available from Carol Hill, Matthew Tarling in the Fundraising Office, or from the Music Department.

There will be a prize for the lucky winner so please do try and support this venture. Copies will be available during coffee after the 10.30am Eucharist on a Sunday morning. Thank you in advance for your support and good luck!

Events

Children's 'Come and Sing'

Saturday 5 October, 11am - 4.30pm

This is an exciting opportunity to join our music team at Lincoln Cathedral as we hold a "Come and Sing for Children". Featuring songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber's and Tim Rice's timeless musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat".

Grand Organ Festival - Organ Extravaganza

Monday 30 September, 7pm

Featuring the Lincoln Cathedral organists and choirs, the Organ Extravaganza is an evening of organ music like no other! Featuring ALL of the Cathedral organs, you can expect well known music, outstanding skill, and not a little bit of silliness and chaos! Once experienced, never forgotten - come and find out for yourself!

The Hallé in Concert

Friday 11 October, 7pm

The Hallé has a reputation for artistic excellence, ranking it amongst the world's top symphonic ensembles. It continues to seek ways to enhance and refresh its performance programmes, with aspirations to provide leadership through performance standards, education, understanding and training.

This year's performance will have a delicious three course pre-concert meal to make the perfect night out. [Click here to view the menu.](#)

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