

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER - SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

I can't count the number of times I've needed to say 'Oops!' during my years at the cathedral. More often than I am happy to admit, on greeting people after a service and having chirruped, 'Are you visiting us today?', the reply comes, 'No, we've been coming regularly for however many months or years'. Oops is the only possible response.

A warm welcome is a key part of the work we do for the Gospel here in the Cathedral. I am constantly astounded by how skillfully and graciously congregation members, volunteer stewards, guides and staff make people feel that they are truly welcome, that this is their Cathedral - even if it is just for that one afternoon on their holiday from some distant land. And, as Mama Cass said, it's getting better, the welcome is getting warmer and more inclusive.

At this time of year when floods of new students arrive in Lincoln, the warmth of our welcome can offer a solid spiritual introduction to a community and a supportive place of prayer for their time in Lincoln. We may have only one opportunity as they're finding their feet in their new home. The quality of our welcome can make a huge difference.

For 20 years I travelled the world as a management consultant, going to church in many different places. In all that time, on my own, thousands of miles away from home, I was welcomed only twice. Sometimes the lack of welcome may have been because people thought it was someone else's job or because they were so keen to catch up with their friends or because they didn't feel brave enough or skilled enough to take the risk of approaching this new person.

It is helpful to remember Teresa of Avila's insight that Christ has no hands, no feet, no eyes on earth but ours. In taking the risk of welcoming, we are Christ to those new people who might be a bit scared or wanting to talk or are in need of prayer. Skilful people we know and we've seen welcoming will always share their tips if we ask. Most people value a welcome and are remarkably forgiving if we get it a bit wrong. Anyway, 'Oops!' is always available.

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BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday 20 October
Twenty-First Sunday
After Trinity

Eucharist
Isaiah 53.4-end
Hebrews 5.1-10
Mark 10.35-45

Evening Prayer
Joshua 14.6-14
Matthew 12.1-21

Sunday 27 October
Twenty-Second
Sunday After Trinity

Eucharist
Jeremiah 31.7-9
Hebrews 7.23-end
Mark 10.46-end

Evening Prayer
Ecclesiastes 11, 12
2 Timothy 2.1-7

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

Friday 18 October, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for St Luke

Sunday 27 October, 3.45pm

Festal Evensong for St Simon and St Jude

Thursday 31 October, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for the Eve of All Saints' Day

Saturday 2 November

All Souls' Day is a time when, having remembered the example of the saints in glory, we pray for those whom we have 'loved, but see no longer'. The day concludes at 5.30pm with a Sung Requiem Eucharist, which this year will include a performance by the Cathedral Consort of Duruflé's Requiem.

Sunday 3 November, 3.45pm

Lincolnshire County Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 10 November

9.15am Sung Eucharist

10.40am Lincolnshire County Service of Remembrance

Monday 18 November – St Hugh's Day

12noon - Sung Eucharist

3.15 - St Hugh's Day lecture

5.30pm Festal Evensong with Installation of Canons

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.**

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: **4 November, 2 December, 6 January**

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

Tea at 4 Discussion and Bible Study Group

The next 'Tea at 4' discussion and bible study group will meet again on Monday 28 October in the Wickham Reading Room. All are welcome!

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.

St Hugh's Day Lecture

Join us in the Chapter House at Lincoln Cathedral on Monday 18 November at 3.15pm when Sir Jonathan Phillips, former Political Director and Permanent Secretary in the Northern Ireland Office, will deliver our annual St Hugh's Day lecture.

The theme for his talk will be: 'What the Good Friday agreement overlooked: the surprising longevity of the Northern Ireland Peace Process'.

The lecture will be followed by tea, all are welcome and there is no booking required.

We will also be celebrating St Hugh's Day with a Sung Eucharist at 12noon, and Festal Evensong with the Installation of Canons at 5.30pm.

Events

Grand Organ Festival 2024 - Jonathan Allsopp

Monday 14 October, 7pm

Next up in our Grand Organ Festival is the incredibly talented Jonathan Allsopp on Monday 14 October.

Jonathan is the Assistant Director of Music at Southwell Minster; in this role, he is the principal accompanist to the Cathedral Choir, playing for all services in the Minster.

Half Term Activities

This October we have plenty of amazing family events taking place. From creative crafts to a Nave full of exciting activities, you're sure to find something for everyone.

Lincs Kids: Big Family Event

Saturday 19 October, 10.30am to 3pm

Don't miss this amazing family day out at Lincoln Cathedral. Around 30 stalls of fun activities for everyone to enjoy.

Wings and flying things

Monday 21 - Friday 25 October, 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm

There's so much to do this October Half-term. Join us at the Table for the Nation for different arts and crafts each day under the theme of 'Wings and Flying Things'. From rainbow window doves to mini broomsticks, there's something for everyone!

Toys and books swap

Friday 25 October, 10am to 3pm

Do you have no longer loved toys or books? Grown out of your favourites? Bring them to the Cathedral Chapter House for our big community swap event. You might find something just perfect.

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

www.lincolncathedral.com/events