

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER - SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Recently I visited Woolsthorpe Manor, Isaac Newton's home. It's a powerful place to visit with wonderful displays about the astonishing discoveries Newton made in the fields of light, optics, motion, cosmology, gravity and so on. It reminded me of the time when, in a letter to fellow scientist Robert Hooke, Newton made his most famous statement: "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants". Although what he conceived was qualitatively and disruptively different, he acknowledged that he was building on so many people's work.

As we move into All Saints season, closely followed by All Souls, we become mightily aware that 'we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses' (Hebrews 12:1). These can be great saints and holy thinkers who have forged heroic pathways of mission or developed the Church's thinking about God in dazzlingly insightful ways. They are also the unknown, quiet heroes who played a key role in our lives at various points along our spiritual journey.

Taking Newton's shoulders of giants concept, and living in Lincolnshire, a land of saints, we can feel constrained to preserve what has been handed on to us. However, what Newton did was to apply his own genius to what he had received and move it on. That was the faithful thing to do. My favourite Lincolnshire saint is Sarah Swift, the Mighty Atom. A nurse, she ended up as Matron in Chief in the First World War, responsible for nursing in 1,786 auxiliary nursing hospitals. A woman of serious faith, she could not, in faith, tolerate the low esteem and poor organisation which surrounded nurses and so founded the Royal College of Nursing to make sure nurses were treated with respect and had a voice.

It's all about taking the tradition and applying it scripturally, with faith, reflecting on our context and applying our brains to work out the Gospel approach to the situations we encounter. There are significant issues we need to reflect on now. Moving into the season of Remembrance, what have we learnt from past wars and sacrifices that informs our approach to the many horrific wars today? How do we weave the faith of the centuries into our advancing scientific and social understanding to build our approaches to assisted dying, equal marriage, or reparations for slavery? The cloud of witnesses is there to support, encourage and hold us to account for the quality of our faithful response.

DAVID DADSWELL, RESIDENTIARY CANON

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 27 October
Last 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

Sunday 3 November
All Saints' Day

Eucharist
Wisdom 3.1-9
Revelation 21.1-6a
John 11.32-44

Evening Prayer Isaiah
65.17-end Hebrews
11.32-12.2

Sunday 10 November
Remembrance Sunday

Eucharist
Jonah 3.1-5, 10
Hebrews 9.24-end
Mark 1.14-20

Evening Prayer Isaiah
10.33-11.9 John 14.1-29

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 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

Saturday 30 November

6pm - Advent Procession

Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 December

4pm each day - Service of Lessons and Carols

Choral Mattins during the Autumn Term

Our Choral Mattins services will return for the autumn term on the following dates: **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

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!

Annual 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.

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.

If you would like to help us by joining the committee, please get in touch with Andrea, LCCA secretary at lcca@lincolncathedral.com for details, or talk to a committee member at coffee after Sunday morning Eucharist. We hope that as many LCCA members as possible will attend to show your support for your cathedral community.

Recruitment of new members of Chapter

We are looking to recruit new non-executive members of Chapter, the cathedral's governing body. There are further details on the Current Vacancies page of the cathedral website. Potential applicants are invited to contact the Dean at simon.jones@lincolncathedral.com for an informal conversation.

Harvest Help Hamper

The annual Harvest Help Hamper for the Lincoln Community Larder can now be found at the West end of the Nave. All gifts of non-perishable foods and toiletries can be donated, anything that you can give is greatly appreciated.

Time by Luxmuralis

After stunning audiences with 'Life' and 'Science', Luxmuralis will return to Lincoln Cathedral in February 2025 with 'Time'!

Audiences will traverse wormholes, venture inside the intricate workings of clocks, and experience a dramatic narrative that spans from the present day back to the very beginning of everything.

Time will be available to experience from Tuesday 11 to Saturday 15 February 2025 with multiple viewings each night. Tickets are available on our website.

Events

Grand Organ Festival - Jeffrey Makinson

Monday 28 October, 7pm

Join us for the second to last recital of our Grand Organ Festival with our very own Jeffrey Makinson!

Jeffrey is our Organist and Assistant Director of Music here at Lincoln Cathedral. He is also an accredited teacher for the Royal College of Organists Academy and Music Director of Beverley Chamber Choir.

As always, there will be a screen so you can enjoy watching the recitalist in action up in the organ loft. There will also be an opportunity to meet the recitalist at the end of the performance.

Illustrated talk - Misericords of England and France

Monday 4 November, 2pm

Having photographed over 2,000 misericords in England and France, Miles Dodd knows plenty about these intricate carvings.

Join Miles as he explains some of the history and iconography of this rather neglected medieval art form as he leads an illustrated talk in the Chapter House.

Recital under Peter Walker's Peace Doves

Friday 8 November, 7pm

We invite all to join us for a unique recital by Phoebe Kirrage and Aric Prentice!

Phoebe Kirrage began her musical education under Aric Prentice as a member of Lincoln Cathedral Choir from 2003-2011, before moving to Wells Cathedral.

Reunited for a one-off performance, Aric and Phoebe will perform under Peter Walker's Peace Doves installation.

Lincoln Cathedral Shop Christmas Extravaganza

Wednesday 20 November, 5pm to 8pm

Enjoy a festive evening at the Cathedral shop to discover a range of unique and unusual gifts. We'll have some of our suppliers attending with free samples of their products - Suppliers attending our Shop Christmas Extravaganza are: Mama Bears Glass Crafts, The Original Cake Company, and Eco Seed Balls.

Tickets are free, and you are welcome to drop in on the evening, but to help us manage refreshments we recommend that you do book a place. There will be a 15% discount on the evening but please note some exclusions will apply.

Handel's Messiah

Saturday 23 November, 7pm

Join us for this year's performance of Messiah as Lincoln Cathedral Choir are joined by Lincoln Choral Society to perform Handel's Messiah, a spectacular piece of music which is to be accompanied by Lincolnshire Chamber Orchestra.

Messiah features one of the most famous pieces of choral music, the Hallelujah Chorus, however this piece has so much more to offer. In most of Handel's oratorios, the choir sing brief choruses but it is the soloists who dominate.

