

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

'Remember, remember'

Writing in the week following Guy Fawkes Night, with Remembrance Sunday on the horizon, remembrance is at the forefront of the minds of many at the moment. Many Christians do their remembering, first and foremost, in the context of the Eucharist. It is at the Eucharist that we take, bless and share bread and wine in remembrance of Christ and, in particular, in memory of his cross and resurrection. In the almost 2,000-year history of the church, the Eucharist has been celebrated in many different contexts and many different ways. The great Anglican liturgist and Benedictine monk, Dom Gregory Dix (1901-52) describes this in a famous passage from his book *The Shape of the Liturgy* (1945):

Was ever a command so obeyed? For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need from infancy and before it to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacle of earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth. People have found no better thing than this to do for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the proclamation of a dogma or a good crop of wheat ... for the famine of whole provinces or the soul of a dead lover; in thankfulness, because my father did not die of pneumonia ... for the repentance of Margaret; for the settlement of a strike; for a son for a barren woman; for Captain so-and-so wounded and prisoner of war ... tremulously, by an old monk on the fiftieth anniversary of his vows, furtively, by an exiled bishop who had hewn timber all day in a prison camp near Murmansk; gorgeously, for the canonization of St Joan of Arc — one could fill many pages with the reasons why people have done this, and not tell a hundredth part of them. And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unflinching, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this to make the plebs sancta Dei — the holy common people of God.

Each of us will have a different experience of celebrating the Eucharist. For me, it's the place where I most profoundly experience the truth that God's desire for me is always greater than my desire for God. However much I hunger to be fed with Christ's body and blood, God's loving desire for me to become more Christlike, more the person he created me to be, is always stronger. It's for that reason that I try to participate in the Eucharist on some weekdays as well as Sundays; not because I want to be more pious or devout, but so that through God's grace I may progress on the journey to become more human.

Here at the Cathedral the Eucharist is celebrated at 12.30pm every day and, from the beginning of December, we will be reintroducing the Eucharist on weekdays (Monday to Friday) at 8.30am after Morning Prayer. Both services will last about 20 minutes. This Advent therefore provides new opportunities for us to celebrate the eucharist together and, in so doing, to discover afresh in this great act of remembrance the transforming grace of Christ offered to all.

SIMON JONES, DEAN OF LINCOLN

BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday 17 November
Second Sunday before Advent

Eucharist
Daniel 12.1-3
Hebrews 10.11-14 19-25
Mark 13.1-8

Evening Prayer
Daniel 3
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Sunday 24 November
Sunday before Advent

Eucharist
Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14
Revelation 1.4b-8
John 18.33-37

Evening Prayer
Daniel 5
John 6.1-15

Worship & Mission

Weekly service schedule

Details of services and music can be viewed on the Cathedral's website. Visit: www.lincolncathedral.com/orders-of-service/

Special Services

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

Sunday 1 December, 3.45pm

Lighting of the Lincoln Peace Light at Evensong

Friday 6 and Saturday 7 December, 5.30pm

Carol service

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: **2 December**, **6 January**

After hours: Reflective Worship

6.45pm, once a month on a Sunday
17 November - Completing the Day
22 December - 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.

Reintroducing the weekday morning Eucharist

From Monday 2 December there will be a Eucharist at 8.30am each weekday, following Morning Prayer. It will last about 20 minutes. The weekly service schedule will indicate where the Eucharist will be celebrated. Do join us!

Community

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 7.00pm 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.

Please note that all completed nomination forms including proposer and seconder details need to be submitted by Monday 18 November.

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.

Events

Grand Organ Festival - Christopher Stokes

Monday 11 November, 7pm

Join us for the last recital of our Grand Organ Festival.

Who better to end our festival than the talented Christopher Stokes, Organist & Master of the Choristers at Manchester Cathedral.

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 like -: 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 numbers we recommend that you do book a place. There will be a 15% discount on the evening but please note some exclusions will apply.

Lunchtime recital – Journey's Beginning, Journey's End

Friday 22 November, 1.10pm

This recital focuses upon the concept of journeys, both literal and metaphysical. We take ourselves on a journey through the works of Vaughan Williams, Roger Quilter, Peter Warlock, Ivor Gurney, Frank Bridge and Benjamin Britten to explore the paths we take from birth to death.

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.

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