

# The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER - SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

To be Christian is to be called into community, a community of people from all walks of life, who also want to walk with God in Christ. Being part of a community both supports and challenges us as we live together in our diversity - we discover more about ourselves, others, God and our world as we learn from each other, and care for each other.

Here at Lincoln, our Cathedral Community is vibrant, diverse and open; connecting to the wisdom of God and the diverse realities of daily life of our City and County; and reflecting the inclusivity, complexity and richness of the life of a cathedral, which welcomes people of all faiths and none to attend and, if they wish, participate in communal worship or to find a space for reflection, meditation or prayer.

Our community comprises worshippers, supporters, choristers and their families, volunteers, staff, local organisations and regular visitors. Each group brings distinct but vital gifts and roles to play. You may find yourself in one or many of these groups which make up our life together.

We are always exploring new ways of recognising and celebrating our community, and one of those is the development of a Cathedral Community Roll. The new Cathedral Measure requires us to keep a roll of those who worship at the Cathedral and invites us to create a list of other members of our Community. We are keen to adopt this more inclusive approach to reflect on the diversity of the membership of the community and, importantly, to help us improve communication with all who want to know what's happening at the Cathedral and be involved in its life.

If you'd like to join one or both of these rolls, please use the QR code below or collect a hard copy from the Cathedral or Chapter Office. Please do speak to one of the clergy or vergers if you need any further assistance.

Belonging to our Community Roll allows the Cathedral to contact you, and for you to opt-in to any of our regular communications. (In addition, you may also wish to join our Worshipper's Roll, which is similar to a Parish Church electoral roll, and allows us to connect as a congregation, and for those eligible to vote in elections for Deanery Synod representatives to do so.)

We hope that these new initiatives will help us to unite and strengthen the Cathedral Community.

With thanks for your contribution to our life together,

ROWENA KING, CANON MISSIONER



## BIBLE READINGS

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**Sunday 8 December**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

**Eucharist**  
Baruch 5  
Philippians 1.3-11  
Luke 3.1-6

**Evening Prayer**  
Isaiah 40.1-11  
Luke 1.1-25

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**Sunday 15 December**  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

**Eucharist**  
Zephaniah 3.14-end  
Philippians 4.4-7  
Luke 3.7-18

**Evening Prayer**  
Isaiah 35  
Luke 1.57-66

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**Sunday 22 December**  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**Eucharist**  
Micah 5.2-5a  
Hebrews 10.5-10  
Luke 1.39-45

**Evening Prayer**  
Isaiah 10.33-11.10  
Matthew 1.18-end

## Worship & Mission

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### Weekly service schedule

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

### Special Services

#### Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 December

4pm each day - Service of Lessons and Carols

#### Tuesday 24 December, 10.30am

Carols for Families

### Choral Mattins during the Autumn Term

Our Choral Mattins services will return for the autumn term on the following dates: **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 Ss Peter and Paul Chapel (Bishop Grosseteste Tomb) from 9am to 9.30am on the following Mondays: **6 January**

### After hours: Reflective Worship

6.45pm, once a month on a Sunday

#### 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.

## Community

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### 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](mailto:simon.jones@lincolncathedral.com) for an informal conversation.

### The Wednesday Intercession Group

Every Wednesday the Prayer Request Cards left in the Morning Chapel or by the Fleming Chantry are read in a short service before being presented as part of the Offertory at the main service on the following Sunday.

This group meets at 2pm every Wednesday in the Longland Chantry off the South Choir Aisle.

Depending on the number of cards the length of the service varies but it is usually around 45 minutes.

The group is an important part of the regular prayer and worship at the cathedral and its influence reaches far beyond the Cathedral Community.

We have recently lost two of our regular members so we want to encourage more people to share this time with us. Even if you can only attend occasionally it would help to maintain this important ministry. We look forward to welcoming you.

### Collection for David Dadswell

David retires from his role as Diocesan Secretary, and alongside this as a residentiary Canon at Christmas. David has provided valuable continuity, appreciated pastoral care and leadership to our monthly evening worship.

If you wish to make a contribution to a leaving collection/gift, please drop this into the Vergers' Vestry.

### LCCA Executive Committee 2024-2025

We are pleased to confirm that at the LCCA Annual General Meeting on Monday 25 November, Simon Crookall was re-elected as Lay Vice-Chair. Three existing committee members were also re-elected for their second term.

Details of the full committee can be found on the LCCA noticeboard in the North Choir transept where other LCCA information is also displayed. Anyone wishing to know more about the LCCA can speak to a committee member or email [lcca@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:lcca@lincolncathedral.com).

We look forward to welcoming you to our 2025 programme of events which will be published after the next committee meeting.

## Events

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### Mindful Mile

Tuesday 10 December, 12.30pm

We invite you to join us for the last Mindful Mile of 2024 as Ben asks the question 'How the land needs man and man needs the land'. Starting at the west front, we'll take a moment out of a busy day to reconnect with the outdoors as we complete three laps of the Cathedral.

### Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 December, 7pm

Join us for two magical evenings of popular carols performed by Lincoln Cathedral Choir in the atmospheric surroundings of the candle-lit nave. The choir will be conducted by the brilliant Aric Prentice with the extremely talented Jeffrey Makinson playing the Cathedral's renowned Father Willis organ.

### Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols

Saturday 21 December

Join us in the Chapter House for our annual performance of this classic, festive favourite, performed by the Lincoln Cathedral voices and harpist Thea Maund. The performance will be conducted by Aric Prentice, Director of Music at Lincoln Cathedral.

Performances will take place at:

2pm - Tickets are £15 for adults and £7.50 for children

7pm - Tickets are £30 and includes wine, canapes and a lantern-light tour of the Cathedral.

For more details of forthcoming events and to book your tickets, go to our website at [www.lincolncathedral.com/events](http://www.lincolncathedral.com/events)