

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY – SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Candlemas, when we remember Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple 40 days after his birth, for Jesus to be presented and for Mary to be ritually purified. In this visit we hear the stories of Simeon and Anna meeting Jesus and seeing God's promise reflected in and through him, small and fragile as he was.

We too are called to look for and remember God's presence in the fragility of our human lives and world. We too are called to name, with gratitude and joy, places and people of hope, faith and peace: to notice light in the darkness, and love in the midst of fear; to notice God's inbreaking and upwelling in the apparently insignificant and ordinary moments of our days.

The seasons of Incarnation (Christmas and Epiphany), which end with Candlemas, remind us that God works in and through the small, the human, the daily, and the imperfect, to bring about his Kingdom and that we, like Simeon and Anna, are called to be witnesses to that presence. We are called, like Simeon, to affirm that we have seen the gift God has given us here and now, and to make his prayer our daily prayer. Here in the Cathedral, we pray this prayer, the Nunc Dimittis, at every Evensong. You may like to read it in Luke 2:29-32 or enjoy the paraphrase by Jim Cotter below:

An unfolding of the Nunc Dimittis
Thanks be to God, I have lived to see this day.
God's promise is fulfilled, and my duty done.
At last you have given me peace,
for I have seen with my own eyes
the revelation you have prepared for all peoples,
a light to the world in its darkness,
the glory of all who serve your love.
(From Day by Day by Jim Cotter)

ROWENA KING, CANON MISSIONER

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 2 February *Candlemas*

Eucharist
Malachi 3.1-5
Hebrews 2.14-end
Luke 2.22-40

Evening Prayer
Haggai 2.1-9
John 2.18-22

Sunday 9 February *Fourth Sunday before Lent*

Eucharist
Isaiah 6.1-8 [9-end]
I Corinthians 15.1-11
Luke 5.1-11

Evening Prayer
Wisdom 6.1-21
Colossians 3.1-22

Sunday 16 February *Third Sunday before Lent*

Eucharist
Jeremiah 17.5-10
I Corinthians 15.12-20
Luke 6.17-26

Evening Prayer
Wisdom 11.21-12.11
Galatians 4.8-20

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 2 February - The Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas)

10.30am - Sung Eucharist

3.45pm - Festal Evensong

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: **3 February, 3 March, 7 April**

Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

Prayer for healing with the laying on of hands and anointing will be offered after Evening Prayer (which begins at 5.30pm) on the first Wednesday of each month: **5 February, 5 March, 2 April**. For further information, speak to Rowena King or Simon Jones.

After Hours

Once a month on a Sunday

16 February 6.45pm - Sacred Space

16 March, 6pm - Completing the Day

27 April, 6pm - 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.

Community

Candlemas Cakes Around The Table for the Nation

Everyone is invited to the Cathedral Community's Cakes around the Table for the Nation after Evensong on Sunday 2 February. So we can plan for catering appropriately, please add your name to the list in the Chapter House after Sunday morning Eucharist or email lcca@lincolncathedral.com. There is no charge but there will be a collection of donations to go to charity. We still need offers of cakes; if you can help please contact us by calling 07970 818152 or emailing theresamoses7@gmail.com

LCCA Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Lincoln Cathedral Community Association will take place on Thursday 6 February at 7pm in the Chapter House, where members can vote to confirm the proposed dissolution of LCCA. Full details can be found on the LCCA notice board opposite the vergers' vestry or are available by emailing lcca@lincolncathedral.com. Please note that questions should be submitted in advance by Sunday 2 February.

Confirmation Classes

Each Easter the Cathedral hosts a service of Baptism and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. If you have wondered about being Confirmed and/or Baptised and would like to explore this further, do speak to Canon Rowena, as both adult and child confirmation classes will begin in the New Year. These classes are also an opportunity to explore the Christian faith even if you do not wish to be Confirmed at the end of the course. Adult conversations will be based on the "Confirmation Book for Adults" by Sharon Swain.

Cathedral Chat

Fancy a coffee and a chat? Bump into friends old and new and join Rowena, our Canon Missioner, in the Cathedral Café every Thursday through January and February from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. There is no need to book, just turn up. These chats will take place from Thursday 30 January.

LCCA - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The LCCA invites you to their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday 4 March in the Chapter House where you can enjoy a 2-course meal with entertainment. Tickets (£20) are available after Sunday morning Eucharist or by emailing lcca@lincolncathedral.com. Please bring your own choice of drinks and donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the local food bank. We recommend you join us from 6.30pm, ready for a 7pm start.

Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements or food allergies when you buy your tickets. We look forward to meeting you for an evening of food, entertainment and fellowship.

Tea @ 4 - Dwelling in the Word

Monday 10 February, 4pm - Wickham Room

Join us for an hour of lectio divina ('sacred reading'), where we meditatively read and reflect together on the Gospel passage for Sunday. There is time for quiet individual reflection and a chance to share with others should you wish to.

Events

Time by Luxmuralis

Tuesday 11 to Saturday 15 February

The dazzling lights and stunning imagery of Luxmuralis will paint the walls of Lincoln Cathedral with their new show titled 'Time'. Take a journey through time, traversing wormholes, venturing inside the intricate workings of clocks, and experiencing a dramatic narrative that spans from the present day to the very beginning of everything.

Make the most of our flash sale taking place from Friday 31 January to Monday 3 February providing a 20% discount on all tickets for Luxmuralis.

The Annual Edward King Lecture

Saturday 8 March, 3pm

We welcome all to join us for our annual Edward King lecture on spirituality. This year's lecture will focus on the subject 'Transformed by Prayer: using Common Worship and Daily Prayer to renew individuals and communities' given by the Very Rev'd Dr Simon Jones, Dean of Lincoln.

The lecture will begin at 3pm in the Chapter House. Admission to this lecture is free but we ask that you book your place to help us plan.

Bach's St John Passion

Saturday 5 April, 7pm

Tickets for Bach's St John Passion on Saturday 5 April are now on sale. Performed in a concert setting by the Lincoln Cathedral Choir and accompanied by Manchester Baroque, this certainly isn't a show you want to miss.

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