

# The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 30 MARCH – SUNDAY 13 APRIL

I'm very grateful to all those who, over the past few weeks, have engaged so positively with the roll-out of the Cathedral's Vision and Strategy 2030: Singing a New Song. This strategy is underpinned by a set of shared values, drawn from the cathedral's 2022 document, Transform and Thrive:

The community of Lincoln Cathedral seeks to be:

- Inclusive – embracing diversity by welcoming all who visit, volunteer or work at the cathedral, regardless of gender, age, race, sexuality, class, disability, culture or belief.
- Trustworthy – acting with honesty, transparency and integrity in all that we do, acknowledging our strengths and weaknesses, and inspiring others to accomplish more through trust and self-belief.
- Kind – being kind to one another, treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves, through patience, understanding and forgiveness.
- Collaborative – working together as a team with loyalty and pride, building trust and partnerships that contribute to the common good.
- Flexible – adapting to change and new ways of working quickly and easily, encouraging feedback and learning from our mistakes and successes.
- Accountable – fostering an environment in which we are empowered to make decisions about our work, whilst taking responsibility for delivering results.
- Pro-Active to Change – embracing change with open hearts and minds, pioneering new ways of working and creating solutions to problems.

These values are not distinctively Christian, but several of them are inspired by, or reflected in, the teachings of Christ. Take, for example, 'treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves', which mirrors the 'Golden Rule', 'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you' (Matthew 7.12). Some of our values are also very close to the fruits of the Spirit, as St Paul describes them in Galatians 5: 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control'.

Self-examination is an important part of our journey through Lent. As we seek to embed our 5-year strategy into every aspect of the Cathedral's life, spending time reflecting on these values and how we embody them may be a helpful exercise. When we identify gaps between what we aspire to and the present reality, which we all will, the response should not be to give up or shrug our shoulders and move on, but to reflect on why that might be the case, and what we can do both individually and collectively to narrow the gap. For Christians, self-examination is the necessary prelude to confession. For all of us, self-examination is an exercise that requires us to be honest with ourselves in order to change patterns of behaviour and be hopeful about the future.

I'm grateful that many of these values are already visible in the life of the Cathedral. As we move forward with hope into this next chapter of the Cathedral's history, please join me in committing to embed them even more deeply, not only because they will help us achieve our strategic aims, but because they will help us become the people and community God calls us to be.

SIMON JONES, DEAN

## BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday 30 March**  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**Eucharist**  
Joshua 5.9-12  
2 Corinthians 5.16-end  
Luke 15.1-3, 11b-end

**Evening Prayer**  
Isaiah 40.27-41.13  
2 Timothy 4.1-18

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**Sunday 6 April**  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**Eucharist**  
Isaiah 43.16-21  
Philippians 3.4b-14  
John 12.1-8

**Evening Prayer**  
2 Chronicles 35.1-6, 10-16  
Luke 22.1-13

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**Sunday 13 April**  
*Palm Sunday*

**Eucharist**  
Liturgy of the Palms:  
Luke 19.28-40

Liturgy of the Passion:  
Isaiah 50.4-9a  
Philippians 2.5-11  
Luke 22.14-end of 23

**Evening Prayer**  
Isaiah 5.1-7  
Luke 20.9-19

## 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

#### 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: **7 April, 12 May, 9 June, 7 July, 8 September**

#### 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 following Wednesdays: **2 April, 7 May**. For further information, speak to Rowena King or Simon Jones.

#### Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 2, 9, 16 April, 4.30pm in the Nave. The Stations of the Cross is a reflective journey to the cross using prayer, scripture, and silence that helps us to connect our lives, our society, and our world, with Jesus's life and death, recognising his presence in our lives at all times. All are welcome to join us throughout Lent.

#### After Hours

Once a month on a Sunday  
**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

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### Funeral of Doreen Boughton

The funeral of Doreen Boughton, who died unexpectedly on 8 March, will be held in the Cathedral at 11am on Friday 11 April, followed by committal at Lincoln Crematorium at 12.30pm. Those attending are welcome to the Chapter House after the service.

Michael thanks all those who have sent cards and/or letters and feels supported by the prayers of so many of you, all of which are greatly appreciated.

### Licensing of Canon Darren McFarland

The Bishop of Lincoln will license Canon Darren McFarland as Succentor at the 8.30am Holy Communion on Tuesday 1 April. All are welcome to attend. There will be an opportunity to welcome Darren to the wider cathedral community at the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 6 April.

### Collection for Jim Newton

Time marches on for everyone, and Jim Newton will be retiring from his role as Canons Verger after Easter. Jim has brought valuable wisdom (and humour) to the role of Canons Verger, as he did to his previous roles in the vergers' team and as a Lay vicar. There will be a public opportunity to thank Jim for his work in the Cathedral after the Sunday Sung Eucharist on 4 May. If you wish to contribute to a leaving collection/gift, please drop this into the Vergers Vestry.

### Volunteer team recruitment event

Thursday 3 and Saturday 12 April  
Join us in the Chapter House from 10am to 12noon for an enjoyable social event where you can meet our team leaders and learn more about being part of our volunteer team as a steward, server, tour guide, events volunteer, or welcomer.

This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with heritage, faith, and community while gaining valuable experience. No prior knowledge is needed—just a friendly attitude and a willingness to lend a hand. Coffee and tea will be provided.

### Lincoln Cathedral Community - Pentecost Cake in the Cloisters

We are pleased to invite you to our annual Pentecost Cakes in the Cloister on Sunday 8 June after Evensong. Tickets are £5 and will be available after Sunday morning Eucharist. If you would like to contribute a cake for this event, please contact Theresa Moses at [theresamoses7@gmail.com](mailto:theresamoses7@gmail.com). We will also be arranging a Summer Visit to a place of local interest, further information will be available soon. If you wish to know more about the Lincoln Cathedral Community and how you can help, please email Andrea at [lccc@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:lccc@lincolncathedral.com).

### InHouse Spring Edition

The exciting Spring edition of InHouse, our Cathedral community magazine can now be read both on the Cathedral website at [www.lincolncathedral.com/latest-news/the-latest-issue-of-in-house-is-now-available-8/](http://www.lincolncathedral.com/latest-news/the-latest-issue-of-in-house-is-now-available-8/) and in print.

This special VE Day 80th anniversary issue is packed with articles, including some reminiscences from members of the Cathedral community, and information about the life and work of the Cathedral and our members. We also pay tribute to two very well-known figures in our community: Jim Newton, who will be retiring from his role as Verger in May, and the Venerable Canon Christopher Laurence, who died recently.

The Cathedral Community, now represented by the Lincoln Cathedral Community Committee (LCCC), continues to celebrate fellowship with regular social events, don't forget to sign up for the new Cathedral Community and Worshipper Rolls at <https://bit.ly/Cathedral-Community> to ensure that you stay in touch with everything that is happening at the Cathedral. We hope you enjoy reading this issue.

### Every Monday & Wednesday: Lent Courses

There will be two Lent courses running from the week commencing Monday 10 March, for 5 weeks:

**Practicing Prayer** – Mondays 4pm-5pm – Wickham Room  
Each week we will look at a different type of prayer and have the opportunity to discuss and reflect on it. Each session can stand alone, so you do not have to be able to attend every session.

**Diocesan Lent course** - Wednesday 7.30pm – off-site  
This group will be using the Diocesan Lent Course materials, also on ways to pray. Please contact John and Jeannette Davies, who host the group, if you would like to attend, or email [rowena.king@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:rowena.king@lincolncathedral.com)

## Events

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### Secrets of Minster Yard and Tower Tours

From Tuesday 1 April our Secret of Minster Yard and Tower Tours will return for the summer.

**Secrets of Minster Yard** - Every Monday at 2pm  
Find out more about the imposing tower which can be seen from over 40 miles away and learn about the elaborate carvings which cover the building.

**Tower Tour** - Every Saturday at 11.15am and 1.15pm  
Climb more than 300 steps to reach the top of the Central Tower of Lincoln Cathedral and take in the fantastic 360-degree views of the city, county and beyond.

### 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 Manchester Baroque and Lincoln Cathedral Choir, this certainly isn't something you'll want to miss.

### Easter Holiday Crafts

Monday 7 April to Friday 11 April, 10am to 3.30pm  
Let your creativity soar this Easter! Visit our Learning Centre to discover a wide range of crafts that will let your creativity soar.

Enjoy creating vibrant Easter wreaths, craft baby animal pom poms, make a prayer egg or cross and help us complete our giant spring collage!

From Monday 7 to Monday 21 April, you can walk our Palm Leaves Trail as you journey through the Cathedral. All our crafts are included in your admission, children 16 years old and under visit free with a paying adult.

### VE80 tea dance and dinner dance

Monday 5 May  
Celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day, with this 1940s-themed tea dance and dinner dance. There'll be music from DJ Dr Swing and the Blighty Belles, a 1940's tribute trio. At 1.30pm we'll have our tea dance which includes sessions to learn the steps, and then time to dance, as well as an afternoon tea. Dressing up in a 1940s style is fully encouraged.

The dinner dance will take place at 7pm and will feature a ration book-inspired menu with a nod towards the cooking styles and food availability of the era. You can purchase tickets for either the dinner and dance or just for the dance itself.



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)

