

WHAT'S ON AT LINCOLN CATHEDRAL MAR—MAY 2025



*Our
music:
God's Song*



**EASTER FAMILY
ACTIVITIES**



**VE80 CONCERT BY THE
BAND OF THE RAF COLLEGE**



**BE A CHORISTER
FOR A DAY**

MON 24 FEB—SUN 9 MAR

TEARS OF GOLD EXHIBITION



Every picture, they say, tells a story. The stories behind the portraits in this exhibition are tales of unimaginable trauma, and unbreakable faith; of heartbreak and hardship, but also of courage and hope. They were painted by some remarkable, courageous women, all of whom survived terrible persecution and abuse. The pictures were produced as a result of trauma care workshops for Nigerian girls and women supported by Open Doors – a charity which supports persecuted Christians throughout the world.



MON 17 FEB—SAT 15 MAR

LILLY AND THE WAVE

Lilly and the Wave is the story of a small drop of water that dreams of becoming a big ocean wave. The story will be voice recorded and mixed with sound and music. During half-term, families helped us to create the Lilly and the wave sculpture, and it will remain on display in the Cathedral until Saturday 15 March.

TUE 4 MAR, 5.30PM

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR SHROVE TUESDAY

Followed at 6.30pm by a Pancake Supper.

Tickets for the two-course supper cost £20 and are available after Sunday morning Eucharist or by emailing lcca@lincolncathedral.com

WED 5 MAR

ASH WEDNESDAY

For full details of Lent, Holy Week and Easter services, please see the centre pages of this booklet.

THU 6 MAR, 5.30PM

SERVICE TO MARK THE LAUNCH OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY

All information is correct at the time of publication, but please be aware that our programme of services and events may be subject to change.

FOR FULL DETAILS AND TO BOOK TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT WWW.LINCOLNCATHEDRAL.COM

FRI 7 MAR, 7PM

YMCA SLEEP EASY

YMCA Lincolnshire will be hosting its annual Sleep Easy event at the Dean's Green of Lincoln Cathedral.

To find out more visit
www.lincsymca.co.uk/sleep-easy

SAT 8 MAR, 1.10PM

LUNCHTIME RECITAL 'IN HER WORDS' - CELEBRATING FEMALE COMPOSERS FROM THE LAST 1000 YEARS

To celebrate International Women's Day, our choral scholars have put together a recital of music composed entirely by female composers, from Hildegard von Bingen and Madalena Casulana to Clara Schumann and Kate Rusby.



SAT 8 MAR, 3PM

THE ANNUAL EDWARD KING LECTURE ON SPIRITUALITY

Transformed by Prayer: using Common Worship: Daily Prayer to renew individuals and communities. Given by the Very Revd Dr Simon Jones, Dean of Lincoln. Admission is free but please help us to manage numbers by booking your ticket on the Cathedral website.

SAT 8 MAR, 5.30PM

FESTAL EVENSONG AND PROCESSION TO THE GRAVE OF EDWARD KING

TUE 11 MAR, 12.30PM

THE MINDFUL MILE

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month as we take a moment out of a busy day to reconnect with the outdoors as we complete three laps of the Cathedral. This month join Rowena, our Canon Missioner to enjoy nature and reflect on the words of some Spring poetry and prose.



SUN 16 MAR, 6PM

AFTER HOURS: COMPLETING THE DAY

As the day draws to a close, 'Completing the day' provides an opportunity to reflect on our Lenten pilgrimage in words and music - ending with the ancient evening service of Compline.

FRI 21—SUN 23 MAR

FESTIVAL OF
Chaplaincy

To celebrate the work and achievements of chaplaincies in Lincolnshire and beyond.

FRI 21 MAR

BLACK TIE FUNDRAISING DINNER

A wonderful evening in a unique setting, enjoy a champagne reception and four-course meal in the Nave of Lincoln Cathedral. John Inverdale is MC for the evening and Sir Jonathan Van-Tam is guest speaker.

Booking is essential, please email info@festivalofchaplaincy.co.uk to book your place.

SAT 22 MAR

FESTIVAL OF CHAPLAINCY OPEN DAY

Come along for a day of activities, information, talks and music showcasing the unique contribution chaplains make, including information on local and national chaplaincies; interactive activities hosted by chaplains and associated community charities such as Lincolnshire Rural Support Network and Lincolnshire Agricultural Society; talks in the South Transept; a musical backdrop provided by local choirs and music groups. Admission to the Cathedral will be free of charge all day.

SUN 23 MAR, 3.45PM

FESTIVAL OF CHAPLAINCY EVENSONG

The service will have a special focus on chaplaincy with guest preacher The Venerable Dr Giles Legood, MBE, KHC, Chaplain in Chief of the RAF Chaplains Branch and Archdeacon for the Royal Air Force. Everyone is welcome.

TUE 25 MAR

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5.30PM Festal Evensong

7.30PM Sung Eucharist

SAT 5 APR, 7PM

BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION

The St John Passion is one of Bach's most well-known pieces of sacred music, telling the compelling story of the crucifixion of Christ. Written for the Good Friday Vespers service of 1724, the hymn-like chorales invite the audience to participate in the worship. Performed in a concert setting by the members of Lincoln Cathedral Choir, accompanied by Manchester Baroque.



TUE 25 MAR–MON 14 APR

COME EAT WITH ME

This exhibition at the Table for the Nation is inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's painting *The Last Supper*. Eighteen artists created 'icon' inspired roundels showing the twelve disciples, and other important characters in the life of Christ, such as John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary.



EXHIBITIONS

While you're visiting Lincoln Cathedral, head to the visitor centre and enjoy the hands-on activities in the Discovery Centre and take a look around our Exhibition Gallery.

During March and April, our temporary exhibition will be 'Women of Lincoln Cathedral', which takes a look at the women, from patrons to pilgrims, who have touched the life of Lincoln Cathedral over the centuries.

From Saturday 3 May to the end of July the exhibition will focus on the 1536 inventory, which lists all the precious items removed from the Cathedral, by Henry VIII's agents. Will the document itself is too fragile to be on display, local artists have been commissioned to create pieces of work inspired by the inventory and the many items which were taken.

SHOP & CAFÉ

OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

The shop is the perfect place if you are looking for a unique gift for friends and family, or a little something to treat yourself! As well as supporting the life and work of the Cathedral itself, you'll also be supporting local producers.

WHY NOT BOOK A WONDERFUL AFTERNOON TEA IN THE CAFÉ?

Includes a selection of classic sandwiches, scones and bite-size cakes. You can even upgrade to a sparkling afternoon tea by adding a glass of prosecco. Email kieran@meadowbrownrestaurants.com to book.

Lent, Holy Week & Easter

WED 5 MAR

ASH WEDNESDAY

5.30PM Solemn Evensong

7.30PM Sung Eucharist with
Imposition of Ashes

SUN 13 APR

PALM SUNDAY

10.30AM Procession, Reading of
the Passion and Sung
Eucharist

WED 12, 19 & 26 MAR, 2, 9 & 16
APR, 4.30PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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 every Wednesday throughout Lent, at 4.30pm.

EASTER OPENING TIMES

On Good Friday Lincoln Cathedral is open for prayer and worship. Visitors can still enjoy the visitor centre, shop and café. On Easter Sunday, admission to the Cathedral is free and all are welcome to join our services.

SHOP AND CAFÉ

Good Friday 10am-4.30pm

Saturday 9am-5pm

Easter Sunday 10am-4pm

Bank Holiday Monday 10am-4.30pm

HOLY WEEK

MON 14 APR

7.30PM Holy Week evening service: Compline

TUE 15 APR

11.00AM Chrism Eucharist
7.30PM Holy Week evening service: Compline

WED 16 APR

7.30PM Holy Week evening service: Tenebrae

THU 17 APR - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30PM Sung Eucharist and Stripping of the Altars

FRI 18 APR - GOOD FRIDAY

9.30AM Liturgy for Good Friday
12.00 NOON Three Hours Service

SAT 19 APR - EASTER EVE

8.00PM Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

SUN 20 APR - EASTER DAY

7.45AM Litany
8.00AM Holy Communion
10.30AM Sung Eucharist with Orchestra
12.30PM Holy Communion
3.45PM Festal Evensong

SUN 9, 16, 23 & 30 MAR,
6 APR, 3.45PM

LENT 2025 SERMON SERIES: 'TEACH US TO PRAY...'

A series of sermons at Evensong on Sundays during Lent, complementing the themes of the diocesan Lent Course.

9 MAR

Please (Petition):
The Rev'd Lynne Smith

16 MAR

Wow (Thanksgiving): The Rev'd Canon Sarah Lawrence

23 MAR

Sorry (Penitence):
Canon Sarah Spencer

30 MAR

Ouch (Lament): The Rev'd Canon Dr Hugh Jones

6 APR

Nothing (Contemplation):
The Rev'd David McCormick

DETAILS OF THE LENT COURSE CAN BE FOUND ON THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE:

www.lincoln.anglican.org/news/lent-course-2025-now-available-on-learn-grow-share



MON 7–FRI 11 APRIL,
10AM–3.30PM

EASTER FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Join us in the Nave for fun family crafts this Easter including creating a baby animals collage and making your own Easter wreaths to take home. Plus, throughout the Easter holidays, you can pick up an Easter story trail to complete.



TUE 24 APR, 1.10PM

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Jen Townsend, flautist, accompanied by Joanna Garcia on the piano. The programme for this recital includes: Air Valaques by Franz Doppler; G Minor Sonata by JS Bach; Morceau de Concours by Gabriel Fauré; Sonatine by Henri Dutilleux; and Flute Concerto 3rd Movement by Aram Khachaturian.

TUE 8 APR, 12.30PM

THE MINDFUL MILE

Atma Kaur returns to the Mindful Mile to talk about Ecotherapy: Healing with Nature in Mind. Meet at the West Front of the Cathedral, and after the walk you are welcome to join us for a hot drink.

SUN 27 APR, 2PM

ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

SUN 27 APR, 6PM

AFTER HOURS: SACRED SPACE

An opportunity for reflective worship in the unique and serene atmosphere of the Cathedral as the day draws to a close.



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Children can visit Lincoln Cathedral for FREE with a paying adult.

And if you gift aid your admission you can receive an annual pass and visit for free for the next 12 months.

SAT 3—MON 5 MAY

LINCOLN FESTIVAL OF HISTORY

SAT 3 MAY, 10AM—4PM

THE TUDORS ARE BACK IN TOWN!

Join us in the Nave for a day of family fun! Travel back in time to 1541 when Henry VIII and Katherine Howard visited Lincoln. There'll be talks from 'Henry VIII', costumes to see and dress-up in, you can decorate banquet biscuits and make hats and crowns. Music by 'de Mowbray Musicke' will create a Tudor atmosphere and we can't wait to welcome you!

MON 5 MAY, 1.30PM

VE80 TEA DANCE

Celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day with this 1940s-themed tea dance. There'll be music from DJ Dr Swing and the Blighty Belles, a 1940's tribute trio. The afternoon will include 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.

MON 5 MAY, 7PM

VE80 DINNER DANCE

DJ Dr Swing, a specialised 1940s vinyl DJ, and Blighty Belles, return in the evening for a dinner dance. The dinner will feature a ration book inspired menu with a nod towards the cooking styles and food availability of the era, and will be followed by an upbeat set from the Blighty Belles for all to enjoy. You can purchase tickets for either the dinner and dance, or just for the dance itself.

MON 5—SAT 17 MAY

ART ON THE MAP EXHIBITION

Professional artists and craft workers from across Lincolnshire will be displaying their work in the Chapter House for their annual exhibition with Art on the Map. This group of artists exhibit together twice a year and many members open their studio to the public by appointment. Entry to the exhibition is free with your Cathedral admission.

THU 8 MAY

VE DAY

- 5.30PM** Choral Evensong for VE80. Lincoln Cathedral will remain open until 8.30pm for prayer and candle-lighting.
- 6.30PM** The Cathedral bells will ring out across the city to commemorate VE80.
- 9.30PM** Beacon-lighting at Lincoln Castle.



SAT 10 MAY, 1PM

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

This fun event gives young singers a taste of what it is like to be a chorister at Lincoln Cathedral. It is aimed at children of 6 to 12 years old. During the afternoon you'll get a free singing lesson with one of the Cathedral's specialists, a tour of the Cathedral, afternoon tea and the opportunity to sing with the Cathedral Choir at the end of the day during Evensong.

SAT 10 MAY, 7.30PM

LINCOLN CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

Lincoln Choral Society, Youth Choir and Jazz ensemble, conducted by Mark Wilde, will be performing: Mass in Blue by Will Todd, Five Days that Changed the World by Bob Chilcott, Everyday Wonders: The Girl from Aleppo by Cecilia McDowall.

SUN 11 MAY, 3.45PM

VE DAY COUNTY SERVICE

TUE 13 MAY, 12.30PM

THE MINDFUL MILE

Join master's students Grace and Michael, from the University of Lincoln, for three laps of the Cathedral to learn about how engaging in nature benefits wellbeing and mental health.



SAT 17 MAY, 7:30PM

VE80 CONCERT BY THE BAND OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE

A special concert performed by the band of the Royal Air Force College and Lincoln Cathedral Choir to mark the 80th anniversary of VE day. Join the band and choir as they perform a programme to pay tribute to the service and sacrifice made by all who served in and were affected by the Second World War.

SUN 18 MAY, 3.45PM

CHRISTIAN AID 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENSONG



FRI 23 MAY, 7:30PM

LONDON CONCERTANTE: A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

London Concertante presents a sensational evening at the opera. Enjoy some of the best from Madame Butterfly, Turandot, Tosca, The Barber of Seville, Carmen, Così fan tutte and so much more.

TUE 27–FRI 30 MAY, 10.30AM–3.30PM

NATURE FAMILY FUN

This half-term, join us in the Learning Centre to take part in lots of environment themed activities including meadow seed bombing, creating a giant nature collage, and making your own bird collage to take home. You can also take home seeds to plant and watch grow.

THU 29 MAY

ASCENSION DAY

7AM Morning Eucharist,
followed by breakfast

5.30PM Festal Evensong

7PM Liturgy of Ascension
Day at St Paul-in-
the-Bail

THU 29 MAY, 1.10PM

LUNCHTIME RECITAL BY STELLARIUM

The US-based eight-voice group Stellarium presents “Above All Earthly Thought”, with music contemplating the sweep of the Christian narrative from the birth, to the crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ. With works by Allegri, Bairstow, Britten, MacMillan, Parker, Stanford, Stopford, and others.

FRI 30 MAY, 7.30PM

U2 BY CANDLELIGHT

The Music of U2 By Candlelight is finally here and it's guaranteed to be an Unforgettable Fire! Featuring a spectacular cast of world-class vocalists and epic live band, this concert might be Even Better Than The Real Thing!

SAT 31 MAY, 7.30PM

FLEETWOOD MAC BY CANDLELIGHT

Featuring a cast of West End Singers and a live band, join us for a 'landslide' concert, jam packed with Fleetwood Mac hits as you have never heard them before! This incredible show will feature best loved songs including 'Little Lies', 'The Chain', 'Rhiannon', 'Don't Stop' and many more, performed at venues across the UK and Ireland by Candlelight.

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