

# The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 13 APRIL – SUNDAY 27 APRIL

This last week, the focus of our Lenten journey has turned toward the Cross, and the coming commemoration of Christ's passion – which, of course, leads to the glorious event of Easter Day. At the heart of the Christian story is the humbling of Christ – taking on the sins of the world in order to transform the world. It is only through the pain and distress of the absence of love that takes Christ to the death of the Cross that we find revealed the indescribable joy that comes with the life of the Resurrection that follows.

In the coming days we have the opportunity to join in that journey – to walk those steps with Christ, and to travel through pain and sorrow to joy and rejoicing. We can recall the triumphant entry into Jerusalem – the story of earthly disappointment and failure that follows. We can share the poignancy of the last supper – the acts of service, the giving of new meaning to sharing bread and wine. We can remember our own failures to follow Christ attentively as we keep watch with Christ. We recall his trial, his pain and his suffering. And we can enter into the desolation of his death and burial. For it is only by experiencing the absence of love, and remembering the all too obvious signs of human hate, that we can recognise the true love of God – as the boundary between heaven and earth is torn away and we see the true nature of a Divine love that gives of itself for the joy and salvation of others.

In his death and resurrection Jesus reveals to us a love that is beyond anything we can imagine; a love that transforms our understanding of our world; a love that by which heaven touches earth. It is this love that we are invited to encounter, and it is this love that we can let shape our lives. But to encounter this eternal love, we must first of all enter into the suffering by which it can truly be known. Let us walk the way of the Cross, that we may encounter the deepest, transforming love of the Empty Tomb.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NICK BROWN PRECENTOR

## BIBLE READINGS

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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

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**Sunday 20 April**  
*Easter Sunday*

### **Eucharist**

Acts 10.34-43  
1 Corinthians 15. 19-26

### **Evening Prayer**

Isaiah 43.1-21  
1 Corinthians 15.1-11

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**Sunday 27 April**  
*Palm Sunday*

### **Eucharist**

Acts 5.27-32  
Revelation 1.4-8  
John 20.19-end

### **Evening Prayer**

Isaiah 53.1-6, 9-12  
Luke 24.13-35

## Worship and 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/)

### Stillpoint

This is a time of guided silent prayer to be still and aware of the presence of God. We meet in the Longland Chantry from 9.15am to 9.45am on the following Mondays: **12 May, 9 June, 7 July, 8 September**

### Lent, Holy Week and Easter

You can find out full schedule of services for Holy week and Easter at - [www.lincolncathedral.com/lent-holy-week-and-easter/](http://www.lincolncathedral.com/lent-holy-week-and-easter/)

### 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 Wednesday 7 May. For further information, speak to Rowena King or Simon Jones.

### Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 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. A

### After Hours

#### Sunday 13 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.

### Ecumenical Procession in Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Bishop of Lincoln and the RC Bishop of Nottingham will lead a procession from Our Lady of Lincoln Church, Cabourne Avenue (LN2 2HE) to the Cathedral on Saturday 24 May. The procession will begin at 2pm. All welcome. Clergy and servers are invited to robe. Contact the Dean for further details.

## Community

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### 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 cost £5 and are available after Sunday morning Eucharist from a committee member or by emailing as below.

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 and 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 [cccc@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:cccc@lincolncathedral.com).

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### Funeral of David Pallister

Monday 14 April, 2pm. St Hugh's Choir

### Jim Newton's Retirement Celebration

There will be a public opportunity to thank Jim for his work in the cathedral after the Sung Eucharist on 4 May 2025.

### Thank you from Tamsyn Taylor

Our Choir matron would like to thank all those members of our community who have donated biscuits to the choristers. They have been gratefully received!

## Events

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### Lunchtime Recital – Jen Townsend and Joanna Garcia

Thursday 24 April, 1.10pm

Jen Townsend presents a programme of beautiful music for the flute accompanied by Joanna Garcia at the piano.

### Lincoln Festival of History

Saturday 3 - Monday 5 May

The city will come alive with a huge range of history-themed events. Activities at the Cathedral will include 'The Tudors are Coming' A family fun day with Henry VIII, masonry demonstrations on the parvis, themed Evensong, and much more besides!

### Be a Chorister for a Day

Saturday 10 May, 1pm

Do you know a child who loves to sing? Join us at Lincoln Cathedral on May 10th at 1pm to '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.

### Lincoln Choral Society – Mass in Blue

Saturday 10 May, 7.30pm

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.

### 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)