

# The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 27 APRIL – SUNDAY 11 MAY

It is a privilege at this time of the year to see our resident Lincoln Cathedral peregrine chicks hatching and to spend time watching the increased activity of the adult birds around the tower as they look after their newly hatched babies. As I do, I am reminded of how God, in the Old Testament, is likened to a bird of prey looking after its young.

Psalm 91:4

“He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings, you will find refuge”

Deuteronomy 32:11

“As an eagle stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young; as it spreads its wings, takes them up, and bears them aloft on its pinions, the Lord alone guided him”

I like these images as they remind me that there is a wildness to God that we often want to tame. Birds of prey are not cosy. Life is raw and real up on the tower edge. Yes, there is protection and care by the adult birds, but no guaranteed safety for the young – there are risks and challenges in the process of growing and fledging.

As Christians, we do not find ourselves protected from suffering by our faith – we still have to face the inevitable challenges of life. But we are promised that God is present, hovering protectively, providing a place of refuge, so that we can also claim the promise of Isaiah 40:31, that “those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

ROWENA KING, CANON MISSIONER

## BIBLE READINGS

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### **Sunday 27 April**

*Second Sunday of Easter*

#### **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

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### **Sunday 4 May**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

#### **Eucharist**

Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]

Revelation 5.11-end

John 21.1-19

#### **Evening Prayer**

Isaiah 38.9-20

John 11. [17-26] 27-44

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### **Sunday 11 May**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

#### **Eucharist**

Acts 9.36-end

Revelation 7.9-end

John 10.22-30

#### **Evening Prayer**

Isaiah 63.7-14

Luke 24.36-49

## 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**

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

### After Hours

**Sunday 18 May, 6pm** – Taizé Service

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 [lccc@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:lccc@lincolncathedral.com).

### 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.

### Cathedral Chat

Thursdays, 3.30 – 4.30pm - Cathedral Café  
Fancy a coffee and a chat? Bump into friends old and new and join Rowena, our Canon Missioner, at our welcoming table at the Cathedral Café every Thursday as we try out a community meeting place. No need to book, just turn up.

## Community

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### Peregrine chicks

Our resident peregrine falcons are proud parents as their eggs started to hatch on Monday afternoon! Although they'll be mostly obscured by their parents, if you keep an eye out on our peregrine live stream you may catch a glimpse of the new residents to our tower - <https://www.youtube.com/@LincolnPeregrines/live>

## Events

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### 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!

### Exhibition – A Right Royal Heist

Saturday 3 May to the end of July

Discover an exhibition of new art exploring the 'lost' treasures of Lincoln Cathedral.

Inspired by objects stolen during Henry VIII's Dissolution of the Monasteries, local artists are creating unique pieces which express various aspects of the items themselves, the motivation of the donor and the context of the time.

Artists Mel Langton, Fiona Hodges, Lisa Tank and Hannah Cawthorne from Indigo Crow Gallery, and costume designer Helen Symonds, have created artworks including digital illustration, ceramics, painting and textiles.

### 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.

### 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.

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)