

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 25 MAY – SUNDAY 8 JUNE

This week on Thursday, the Church celebrates Ascension Day, the day on which we remember the Risen Christ returning to the Father. This day traditionally begins a novena (nine-day period) of prayer in which Christians pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit, anticipating the festival of Pentecost, but also praying for the life of the Spirit in our lives and world today.

Across the days between Ascension Day and Pentecost, we are invited to join together across the world in prayer and reflection using the resources of Thy Kingdom Come. These can either be downloaded from their website: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0>, or hard copies are available to pick up from the tables on either side of St Hugh's Choir.

The theme for the reflections this year is 'The Lord's Prayer: 10 lessons and one great hope' and in it Archbishop Stephen Cottrell invites us to reflect on prayer as something which, rather than being designed to change God's mind about something, is instead a practice which transforms us, so that by this transformation God's Kingdom might come more fully alive in our lives and our world.

Our world feels like it needs this hope more than ever, and as Christians, we are reminded that God invites us to join in the risky, challenging and yet ultimately fulfilling work of being bearers of that hope and of God's love to the world around us.

And so, let us join together in prayer and in action, as we pray "Your Kingdom Come".

ROWENA KING, CANON MISSIONER

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 25 May
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Eucharist
Acts 16.9-15
Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5
John 14.23-29

Evening Prayer
Zephaniah 3.14-end
Matthew 28.1-10, 16-end

Sunday 1 June
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Eucharist
Acts 16.16-34
Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-end
John 17.20-end

Evening Prayer
Isaiah 44.1-8
Ephesians 4.7-16

Sunday 8 June
Pentecost

Eucharist
Acts 2.1-21
Romans 8.14-17
John 14.8-17 [25-27]

Evening Prayer
Exodus 33.7-20
2 Corinthians 3.4-end

Worship and Mission

Weekly service schedule

Details of services and music can be viewed on the Cathedral's website. Visit: <https://lincolncathedral.com/worship-music/services-list/>

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: **9 June, 7 July, 8 September**

After Hours

Sunday 15 June, 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.

Ascension Day Eucharist & Breakfast

The 7am Eucharist on Ascension Day, Thursday 29 May will be followed by breakfast in the Cathedral Café. There is no need to book and all are welcome to join.

Community

The Revd Canon Dr Nick Brown

It has been announced that Nick Brown has been appointed a Residentiary Canon of St George's Chapel, Windsor. We offer Nick our warmest congratulations on this appointment. Nick's last Sunday at the Cathedral will be Sunday 1 June. After the 10.30am Sung Eucharist that day, there will be an opportunity to thank Nick for all that he has contributed to the life of the Cathedral over the past five years, and wish him and the family well for the future. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Nick, you can do this via the Vergers' Vestry.

Sponsor Micky's Race for Life

On July 19 at 11am, Micky Philp will be taking part in a race for life in honour of her daughter who has recently been cured of a cancer, her beloved sister in law who died suddenly of a difficult cancer and her much loved son in law who is at present fighting cancer.

You can sponsor Micky by donating to Cancer Research UK at <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/michaelas-race-for-life-9166>

If you're unable to donate online, Micky has a form which you can fill out for cash donations.

Dean's Silver Jubilee of Ordination

Tuesday 1 July, 5.30pm

Simon is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We invite you to join us in this celebration at Sung Eucharist with The Very Revd Michael Tavinor, Dean Emeritus of Hereford, as the preacher. Michael was Simon's training incumbent when he was a curate in Tewkesbury. The service will be followed by drinks at the Deanery. All welcome!

Community

Thank you from Jim Newton

'A week into my retirement and still the cards keep coming in. I am humbled by the messages in same, the very kind presents I have received and the address by the Precentor on the Sunday morning. Thank you to you all. That seems so very little of an acknowledgment on my part, but it is heartfelt. That's what I wanted to say on that Sunday morning, but the emotion of the day was all too much. I will miss you all horribly. Till we meet again. Jim'

Lincoln Cathedral Community – Pentecost Tea and Cake Sunday 8 June, After Evensong

We are pleased to invite you to our annual Pentecost Tea and Cake, which will now be held in the Transept due to ongoing maintenance work.

Tickets are £5 and 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.

If you wish to know more about the Lincoln Cathedral Community and how you can help, please email Andrea at lccc@lincolncathedral.com.

Stow Minster Ecumenical Quiet Day

Saturday 12 July from 10am to 3.30pm

You're invited to join Canon Dr Ian Stockton and Fr Alex Adkins at Stow Minster for their Ecumenical Quiet Day on the theme of Holy Place.

Hot drinks will be provided but a packed lunch is recommended. A donation of £10 to support the fabric of this beautiful church is suggested. Places are limited so to book, please contact David Justham on 01427 788725 or email david.justham@talk21.com

1700th Anniversary of the Orthodox Church

An open invitation from Fr. Philip and the parish of All Saints of Lincolnshire to join them on Saturday 31 May, to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Orthodox Church. There will be Great Vespers at 4pm, followed by afternoon tea. All are welcome to join at St. Matthias Church Centre, Burton Road, Lincoln. LN1 3TX

Thy Kingdom Come app returns

The one app for all things Thy Kingdom Come is now ready to download. This app is packed with everything you need to journey through the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come - including daily films, reflections, Bible verses, songs and space to 'pray for five.' Each day's content will be made available at midnight on that day for you to access. Download on Google Play and the App store.

Fundraising weekend for St Mary's Church

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 June, 11am to 3.30pm

Have you visited St Mary's Riseholme? The church is rarely open except for two services a month but for two days in June, you can explore the grounds where Bishop Kaye, who built the church, and Bishop Christopher Wordsworth are buried. Refreshments and various stalls will be available, including craft items, books and plants. There will be a talk about the history of the church at 1.30pm on Saturday. We do hope you will be able to support this fundraising effort as you enjoy a visit to this lovely church.

Events

Lunchtime Recital – William Jewell College

Wednesday 28 May, 1.10pm

Join us for a recital from the William Jewell College Concert Choir in the Chapter House.

The William Jewell College Concert Choir based in Liberty, Missouri, USA and conducted by Anthony J. Maglione is an auditioned, highly-selective ensemble composed of the College's very best undergraduate choral singers.

This performance is part of their 40th Anniversary England/Scotland Tour as the ensemble has toured triennially to the UK since 1985.

Lunchtime Recital – STELLARUM

Thursday 29 May, 1.10pm

As part of their U.K. tour and residency at the cathedral, the U.S.-based eight-voice group STELLARUM present "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.

This recital will take place in the Nave and is free to attend with your cathedral admission.

Late night opening

Friday 13 June, 7.30pm to 9pm

Make the most of your Friday with our late-night opening!

Experience the unique atmosphere of the Cathedral in the evening. Why not discover more about our history during your late night visit by joining our free guided floor tour at 7.30pm or book onto our special late night roof tour at 7.45pm - <https://lincolncathedral.com/events/late-night-opening/>

Entry during late-night opening is at the regular admission price. Last admission will be at 8.30pm.

Nature and architecture tour

Saturday 14 June, 12.45pm

Talented photographer Bruce Hargrave will once again be guiding a tour through places in and around the Cathedral where nature meets the constructed world! Enjoy some great photography opportunities as you take in the stunning architecture that surrounds you.

Lunchtime Recital – Lincs Effect

Thursday 19 June, 1.10pm

Join us for a sea shanty themed recital by our very own Lincs Effect. Our choral scholars share some of the highlights from their recent tour to Cornwall in a sea themed recital. With bawdy shanties, lively folk tunes and haunting ballads, they bring the spirit of the sea to life in a performance brimming with energy, humour and heart.

Midsummer Prom

Saturday 21 June, 7pm

Join us on the summer solstice at Lincoln Cathedral for an evening of marvellous music! Enjoy specially chosen works that include familiar classics and a spirited finale to bring the longest day of the year to a spectacular close.

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

