

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 22 JUNE - SUNDAY 6 JULY

'Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.' Psalm 98. v4

'Cathedral music is a jewel to treasure. It is widely appreciated for its ability to stir a range of aspects of our humanity – emotional, sensual, spiritual, aural and visual. Musicians engage with the challenge of performing it, whilst listeners and worshippers are moved by its beauty and often by its setting.' Cathedral Music Trust 2022

Lincoln Cathedral's theme for 2025 is 'Our Music: God's Song'. The year is a celebration of music in all its forms and the peace, joy and inspiration it brings to our lives. This weekend we are hosting the Lincoln Cathedral Choir Festival where we'll be joined by the choirs from Peterborough Cathedral, Grimsby Minster, Hull Minster, and Robinson College, Cambridge who will be performing an exceptional choral repertoire across services and recitals. It will indeed be a musical weekend to remember.

The people of God sing. The role of music in worship is biblical, the children of Israel sang a song to the Lord when they were escaping from the Egyptians and crossing the Red Sea. Singing was part of Israel's formal worship in both Tabernacle and temple where the Psalms bear rich testimony to that in joy and sorrow, in praise and lament, the faithful raise their voices in song to God. At Evensong every day the choir sing the Magnificat, one of the oldest Christian hymns, which is a prayer of thanksgiving and praise, expressing Mary's joy and her recognition of God's greatness and mercy. And today music continues to play a vital part in our daily worship at the Cathedral and we are privileged to have the talents of our choirs, organists and clergy who plan and assist in our worship day by day and week by week.

Music enables and enhances our worship, when we sing together it unites all of us as a community, as part of the body of Christ and opens our hearts, connecting us to each other and God in the deepest part of who we are.

During July and August, when our choir is on a well-deserved break, we are fortunate to host several visiting choirs from America, Utrecht and the United Kingdom to lead our worship. This is a chance to extend our musical welcome so please do come along and worship with us and support them.

I leave you with the words of Psalm 150 which the choir sing as they process out after the Sunday morning Eucharist.

Psalm 150

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the blast of the trumpet; praise him upon the harp and lyre.
Praise him with timbrel and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him with ringing cymbals; praise him upon the clashing cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

ANN MAZUR, CO-ORDINATOR DUTY CHAPLAINS

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 22 June
First Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist
Isaiah 65.1-9
Galatians 3.23-end Luke 8.26-39

Evening Prayer
Genesis 24.1-27
Mark 5.21-end

Sunday 29 June
Peter and Paul, Apostles

Eucharist
Zechariah 4.1-6a, 10b-end
Acts 12.1-11
Matthew 16.13-19

Evening Prayer
Ezekiel 34.11-16
John 21.15-22

Sunday 6 July
Third Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist
Isaiah 66.10-14
Galatians 6.[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

Evening Prayer
Genesis 29.1-20
Mark 6.7-29

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: **7 July, 8 September, 6 October, 3 November, 1 December**

After Hours

Sunday 13 July, 6pm

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.

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

2 July and Wednesday Thursday 7 August, after Evening Prayer at St Hugh's Shrine
Prayer for healing with the laying on of hands and anointing will be offered after Evening Prayer (which begins at 5.30pm) on the first Wednesday of each month. In August, it will be held on the first Thursday of the month. For further information, speak to Rowena or Simon.

Community

Thank you from Nick Brown

I would just like to thank everyone for the generosity and kindness that was shown to me as I approached the end of my public ministry as Precentor of Lincoln. The last few years have been ones that have enriched me, and during which I have learnt much. Beginning with my responsibility for safeguarding and then becoming a residentiary canon during a period of some challenge and change, all I can hope is that I have been able to repay even a portion of the kindness that I have been shown to those among whom I have worked and ministered over these first 5 or so years. I am now enjoying the delights of some refreshment and renewal as I begin a period of Study Leave - though I know that the delights of moving house will soon loom on the horizon. As a family we will be moving to Windsor over the summer, before I begin my role there publicly at the beginning of October. Dominic Parczuk's painting of St Hugh's Choir will be an enduring and fitting reminder of my time in Lincoln - and should look very well in our new Dining Room.



Community

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 normally only open for two services a month, but for two days in June, you can explore the grounds where Bishop Kaye and Bishop Christopher Wordsworth are buried. Refreshments and various stalls will be available. Enjoy a talk about the history of the church at 1.30pm on Saturday. We do hope you can support this fundraising effort as you enjoy a visit to this lovely church. Postcode for navigation LN2 2LF. There is plenty of parking.

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!

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

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.

Summer Visit

Saturday 26 July

This year the destination for the LCC summer visit is Southwell where there will be a tour of the Minster and a walk around the town with the opportunity to stay for evensong with the choir of St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Glasgow featuring the LCC Committee Chair, Simon Crookall. Further details will be available shortly.

LCC supporting The King's Men in Concert

Friday 29 August. 7.30pm

The King's Men are returning to Lincoln Cathedral for a summer concert when they will perform a combination of traditional church music and lighter close harmony arrangements. Tickets are £10 and are available on the Cathedral's website. The King's Men are a close-harmony group formed from the Choral Scholars and Lay Clerks of the Choir of King's College, Cambridge. If you wish to know more about the Lincoln Cathedral Community and how you can help, please email Andrea at lccc@lincolncathedral.com.

Events

Lincoln Cathedral Choir Festival

Thursday 19 June to Sunday 22 June

Join us in Lincoln Cathedral for a celebration of choral music. Lincoln Cathedral Choir, Lincoln Cathedral Consort and Lincoln Cathedral Youth Choir are delighted to be joined by the choirs of Grimsby Minster, Hull Minster and Robinson College, Cambridge, who will be performing an exceptional choral repertoire across services and recitals.

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.

Jazz Festival

Friday 4 to Sunday 6 July

Get ready for a weekend of astonishing musical talent with the Lincoln Jazz Festival where we'll welcome eighty superb jazz musicians, many just beginning their musical journeys!

Experience an exciting range of jazz styles and personalities with a variety of ticketed and free-to-enter events. Some of the exciting performances include a New Orleans-style jazz supper, with pianist-vocalist Dom Pipkin kicking up a storm, and an emotional homecoming finale for The Dave O'Higgins Biggish Band.

Yolanda's Band Jam

Saturday 5 July, 10.30am

Come join the jam! Saxophonist Yolanda Brown OBE and her 'Band Jaminals' will inspire younger children to discover the joys of, knowledge and understanding of music-making, rhythm and instruments through dancing, singing and playing!

Mindful Mile

Tuesday 8 July, 12.30pm

Join us for July's Mindful Mile with Vic from Green Synergy, a zen meditation and mindfulness teacher, to explore how nature can reconnect us to a greater sense of ease and aliveness.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Thursday 17 to Wednesday 23 July 2025, 1.30pm and 7.30pm
DTC Productions Ltd and Lincoln Academy of Theatre Arts are excited to invite you to their 20th anniversary production.

The production will be set against the dramatically beautiful backdrop of Lincoln Cathedral's Nave, the perfect setting for such a special show! A show packed full of everyone's favourites such as "Close Every Door," "Go, Go, Go Joseph!" and the iconic "Any Dream Will Do." This is sure to be a not-to-be-missed spectacular!

Wallace & Gromit; The Wrong Trousers in Concert!

Saturday 16 August

You'll be treated to a showing of the film on a big screen in the Nave of the Cathedral, and the 30-piece chamber orchestra will bring the soundtrack to life in spectacular fashion. See Wallace and Gromit's escapades against the cunning Feathers McGraw and his villainous plan to steal a diamond from the city museum using Wallace's latest invention, a pair of robotic trousers. There will be five performances at 11am, 1.30pm, 3pm, 7pm, and 8.30pm.

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

