

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 8 JUNE – SUNDAY 22 JUNE

As well as being the feast of Pentecost, Sunday 8 June is the final day of this year's Volunteers' Week. Last Monday a large group of volunteers and staff gathered in the Chapter House to celebrate the significant contribution that volunteers make to the life of the Cathedral. From those who greet visitors to those who ring the bells, guide tours, sit on committees, or offer prayerful support behind the scenes, our volunteers are a key part of the Cathedral community and vital to our mission. From a Christian perspective, much more than being helping hands, they are a living expression of the Spirit of God at work among us.

At Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of that Spirit who gives birth to the church. St Paul, in his Letter to the Galatians, describes the fruit of the Spirit as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5.22-23). As individuals and communities, it's often easier to point to where we fail to display these fruits than it is to identify where they are evident. Of course, we sometimes fail, however hard we try. And yet the Spirit's fruits are evident, not least in the communities of volunteers, staff and worshippers at the Cathedral.

For those who give freely of their time and talents, volunteering is more than service, it is a valuable ministry. For the Christian, volunteering is animated by the sacrificial love of Christ, to which we are called, and is a powerful witness to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in human lives. In a world so often marked by self-interest, volunteering can remind us what it means to live by the Spirit in the service of others.

As we celebrate the gift of the Spirit at the end of Volunteers' Week, I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to all those who volunteer at the Cathedral in many different ways. Your contribution to our common life reminds us of our calling to be a Spirit-filled community that, following Christ's example, is focused on the service of others. If you're interested in joining any of our teams of volunteers, you can find details on the Volunteer page of the Cathedral website - <https://lincolncathedral.com/volunteer/>

SIMON JONES, DEAN

BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday 15 June *Trinity Sunday*

Eucharist
Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31
Romans 5.1-5
John 16.12-15

Evening Prayer
Exodus 3.1-15
John 3.1-17

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

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**

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.

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

Interim arrangements until the installation of a new Residentiary Canon

Following Nick Brown's final Sunday and until the installation of a Residentiary Canon to replace him, the Precentor's liturgical duties will be carried out by the Succentor, Darren McFarland, whose role will move to full-time during this interim period (from 1 July 2025).

In relation to safeguarding, Neil Rhodes, a Non-Executive member of Chapter, is now the Cathedral's governance safeguarding lead. Rowena King will be responsible for operational coordination between the Cathedral Safeguarding Officer (who should be appointed soon) and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

The Bishop appoints Residentiary Canons with the approval of the Dean. To help the Senior Leadership Team and Chapter consider how the role description of Nick's successor should be configured, we are going to seek external advice on the relationship between the current responsibilities of the Dean and Residentiary Canons alongside the Cathedral's strategic objectives, particularly about worship and the lay and ordained staff who have responsibility for services.

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.

Community

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.

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

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. Postcode for navigation LN2 2LF. There is plenty of parking.

Events

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.

Sing it Loud

Saturday 14 June, 7.30pm

Join the massed choirs of Sing it Loud Lincs for an evening of acapella singing, beautiful harmonies, and community celebration.

Sing it Louds Lincs is a group of five community choirs from across Lincolnshire who are coming together to form a super choir with over 250 singers to celebrate the joy of singing acapella songs together. The evening will showcase a variety of our favourite unaccompanied songs from the last 10 years and celebrate the joy of singing together and creating beautiful harmonies.

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.

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.

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

