

The Chapter Letter



SUNDAY 20 JULY - SUNDAY 3 AUGUST

One of the greatest joys of being full-time at the Cathedral is the daily round of services. Joyful in the regularity and the variety. The routine brings a wonderful rhythm to my working day as well as a rewarding discipline to my Christian life.

From earliest times, Christians have gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of all creation and with intercession for the world. And not only Christians, for within Judaism and Islam, we know well that each day is punctuated with prayer. It is of course easier for religious communities to live this pattern as the day in convents and monasteries is organised around the times of prayer. While cathedrals have the staff and the congregations to support many services, parishes across the country will offer prayer once or twice a day, fitting in with our more secular daily existence.

This is by no means a new practice, for by the fourth century, if not earlier, morning and evening had emerged as the pre-eminent hours for the offering of praise and prayer. Although they have remained so ever since, in the course of time two major changes affected the form of prayer offered. First, regular daily prayer became more the practice of the clergy and members of religious orders, with the rest of the people of God participating chiefly on Sundays and festivals. Second, because of this, the forms of prayer came to be thought of more as set words to be said or sung at set times rather than as a liturgy to be celebrated by the whole community.

The Cathedral's daily offering of prayer allows us to participate in different ways. Even in choir holidays we have the gift of visiting choirs to maintain the unsurpassed tradition of Choral Evensong with which worshippers engage with on a variety of levels.

Morning Prayer (and Evening Prayer when there is no choir) is a very different experience. Daily Prayer, the book which we use from the Common Worship series, is twenty years old this year. It is designed to help Christians of our own day take their part in this privilege and duty which belongs to all God's people, not just the clergy.

The history of Christian worship is the story of how Christians at different times and in different places have shaped their worship, but the fullest story also tells how individual Christians and their communities have themselves been shaped by the liturgy, as their stories find meaning in the story of God.

I want to encourage you to widen your engagement with the Cathedral's daily round of worship. Try something you haven't been to before if you can. You might discover a new channel for God's love to touch your life or a new way to respond to God's love.

"Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it! How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." - Genesis 28.16-17

DARREN MCFARLAND, SUCCENTOR

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday 20 July
Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist
Genesis 18.1-10a
Colossians 1.15-28
Luke 10.38-end

Evening Prayer
Genesis 41.1-16, 25-37
I Corinthians 4.8-13

Sunday 27 July
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist
Genesis 18.20-32
Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11.1-13

Evening Prayer
Genesis 42.1-25
I Corinthians 10.1-24

Sunday 3 August
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist
Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23
Colossians 3.1-11
Luke 12.13-21

Evening Prayer
Genesis 50.4-end
I Corinthians 14.1-19

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

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

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 Simon Jones

I was very touched by the number of people from the cathedral community who helped me celebrate my silver jubilee of ordination to the priesthood last week. Thank you for your cards, gifts and good wishes.

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 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 our destination is Southwell, where you are invited to bring a picnic for lunch at 12.30pm followed by a tour of the Minster with the option to stay for Evensong at 5.30pm. This is a free event, but to help us plan, please register your interest by emailing lccc@lincolncathedral.com or speaking to a member of the LCC committee.

The King's Men in Concert

Friday 29 August, 7.30pm
We hope you will be able to join us at this special concert by The King's Men, the close-harmony group formed from the Choral Scholars and Lay Clerks of the Choir of King's College, Cambridge. They'll perform a combination of traditional church music and lighter close-harmony arrangements. Tickets are £10 and are available through the cathedral's website at <https://lincolncathedral.com/events/the-kings-men-at-lincoln-2/>

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 City FC Heritage Exhibition

Monday 28 July to Sunday 24 August
This summer come and explore the history and heritage of Lincoln City in this exhibition in the Chapter House.

Curated by the Red Imps Community Trust with the support of Lincoln City Football Club, the exhibition tells the stories of the people that make the club what it is today - from iconic managers and players, to the fans who support the team every game of the season.

This exhibition is included with your Cathedral admission. Lincoln City Football Club season ticket holders will receive 10% off Cathedral admission.

Vespers: A Concert of Forgotten Music

Saturday 2 August, 7.30pm
Come join us at Lincoln Cathedral for a magical evening of music by composers who have been overlooked by history.

This in-person event will transport you through time as you listen to beautiful melodies that have been waiting to be rediscovered. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the echoes of the past in a breathtaking setting. Book your tickets now and be part of a musical journey like no other!

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. See Wallace and Gromit's escapades against the cunning Feathers McGraw and his villainous plan to steal a diamond using Wallace's latest invention, a pair of robotic trousers. There will be five performances at 11am, 1.30pm, 3pm, 7pm, and 8.30pm.

Late night opening

Thursday 21 August, 7pm
What better way to start your Lincoln Steampunk weekend than with an evening enjoying the gothic architecture and atmospheric surroundings of Lincoln Cathedral on a late summer evening. If you would like to find out more about the building, join the floor tour taking place at 7.30pm.

Lunchtime recital: Dodecantus

Thursday 28 August, 1.10pm
From Palestrina to Jazz - 500 years of church choral music, join us in the Nave for a lunchtime recital performed by Dodecantus as they perform Bob Chilcott's Nidaros Jazz Mass as well as works by Palestrina, Parry and Arvo Part.

This recital is included with your Cathedral admission.

The Hallé

Friday 19 September, 7.30pm
Join us for an extraordinary evening of music with the world-famous Hallé orchestra.

The performance takes place in the atmospheric setting of our Nave, and will be conducted by Karen Ní Bhroin and will feature Jess Gillam, the celebrated saxophonist and presenter of BBC Radio 3's This Classical Life.

For the ultimate experience, the premium ticket for this performance includes a reception with drinks and canapés at the historic White Hart Hotel, next to the Cathedral - the perfect way to start your evening.

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