

Latest News –4th September 2021



Watch the service – Taking a radical new perspective on the world



A Service of the Word for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

"We, who are poor in Spirit, have been given the riches of God's grace."

This Sunday, our national online service will be lead by Rev Tiffer Robinson, exploring how we can take a radical new perspective on the world. The service is broadcast on the [Church of England's website](#), [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#). The service remains available to view afterwards.

All of the video content is manually subtitled. To turn these on, go to the bottom left of the video and click the filled-in box with two broken lines inside. The service is BSL-interpreted throughout.

Local Services

Sunday 5th September service will take place at 10.30am Sibsey for Holy Communion, 10.45am at Kirton Holme for Holy Communion and 2.00pm at Holland Fen for Baptism.



We are looking for the new Bishop of Lincoln

Your opinion matters.

We want to know what matters to you and your local area as this will help us identify the qualities needed in the next Bishop.

Please help us

Below is a link to a short survey.

[Short Survey](#)

Diocesan Prayer for Discernment

A prayer for the Diocese

Almighty God,

who is known to us in mighty acts of love and peace

at this time let us seek your will as we strive to discern your will;

be with those who have the responsibility of leading the diocese during a time of change

be with those who have the responsibility of seeking a shepherd for this, your flock, and

be with those who remain faithful in worship,

strive to be confident in their discipleship, and

who seek to be joyful in the service

of the one God known to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Book Launch. Bishop Edward King: Teacher Pastor Bishop Saint

INVITATION

The Bishop of Lincoln,

The Rt Rev'd Christopher Lowson and The Dean, The Very Rev'd Christine Wilson have graciously agreed to host a reception to launch this biography

You are cordially invited on

Friday 24th September 2021 at 6.00 to 7.30 pm

To The Cathedral, Minster Yard, Lincoln LN2 1PX

The launch will be preceded by Choral Evensong and followed by Compline in the Choir

RSVP by 11th September 2021

email: theresa.moses@lincoln.anglican.org

Your dream wedding

As COVID restrictions are lifted, many couples will be thinking about their dream wedding and 'setting the date'.

Estimates of the average cost of a wedding today range between £16,000 and £30,000, depending on what you include. This is beyond the budget of many people. But you could get married in church for less than £1,000 including music and bells in a ceremony that is personal and meaningful.

Wherever you have the celebration afterwards you could hold the ceremony itself in a beautiful church in the parish where you live, in a church to which you have a family connection or you can make your own by attending that church's usual services for six months. Many people think they're not allowed to be married in church, but you don't have to have attended church regularly for years and you don't have to be 'religious'. However, it is a religious ceremony in that you will take your vows in the name of God. To many people, the spiritual element is very powerful.

Revd Andrew Roberts, Diocesan lead for promoting weddings said: "I love doing weddings and a church wedding is very special. It's wonderful for families to come together to celebrate, but the really meaningful part of the day is that the two people have come together and made promises to each other to last their lifetime. You can do this very simply and still have a beautiful day. I have many weddings booked for this year and 2022 and I hope as restrictions are lifted that I welcome more couples into the church as they take this next step on their journey together."

To see what a Church wedding can offer go to <https://www.yourchurchwedding.org/> And to find the contact details why not wander down to your local church and look at the Notice Board, or simply go to <https://www.achurchnearyou.com> and search for where you live or the church where your family are.

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A statement from National Safeguarding Team.

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, IICSA has published its report on its Child Protection in Religious Organisations and Settings investigation.

The Child Protection in Religious Organisations and Settings investigation examined child protection policies and safeguarding cultures in religious organisations in England and Wales. These included Jehovah's Witnesses, Baptists, Methodists, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, Hinduism, Buddhism and non-conformist Christian denominations. This thematic report is based on 16 days of public hearings held during March, May and August last year.

The Anglican Church in England and Wales was the subject of its own IICSA investigation strand with three separate hearings in 2018/19 and a full report in October 2020.

Of the two recommendations in today's report, the one directed at religious institutions is being addressed by our current work in safeguarding regarding the requirement to have in place appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures and the Church of England has already published detailed responses to the Inquiry's recommendations in its own investigation strand.

We also note the Inquiry will return to a number of issues in its final report including regulation of the voluntary sector in respect of religious organisations and we await further detail on this.

If you or anyone you are in contact with is affected by abuse within the Church of England and want to talk to someone independently please call the Safe Spaces helpline on **0300 303 1056** or email safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk. There are also other support services available.

Alternatively, you may contact the diocesan safeguarding team in your area. Visit this page www.lincoln.anglican.org/Pages/Category/safeguarding



New Agricultural Chaplains on the BBC

Great listening to the Reverends Alan Robson, Lee Gabel and Al Jenkins, some of our county's Agricultural Chaplains chatting on [County Lincs](#), (15th August) with Sean Dunderdale on BBC Radio Lincolnshire. Alan is the long-standing full-time Chaplain for the agricultural community and Lee and Al have recently joined the team part-time alongside their parish roles.

You can listen here on [BBC Sounds](#).

Alan talks about significant issues facing the farming sector such as climate change and changes to subsidies, (7min 45 sec) and Al and Lee (51 min 20 sec) are introduced as part of an enhanced rural chaplaincy team to support the county in making sense of the challenges it faces, working alongside [Lincoln Rural Support Network](#), and deepening an understanding of God in the wider landscape.

Our prayers are with them and for all who are busy harvesting at this time.

God our Father,

You never cease the work you have begun

And prosper with your blessing all human labour:

Make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts

That we may serve the common good,

Maintain the fabric of the world

And seek that justice where all may share the good things you pour upon us;

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

(from the Collect for Lammas)

Welcoming refugees – a toolkit for parishes

The Church of England has launched a toolkit (<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/community-action/toolkit-supporting-afghan-refugees>) to support churches in responding well to the situation in Afghanistan and those who are seeking refuge. There are already many people of good will across the diocese who are engaged with welcoming people who are making Greater Lincolnshire their new home. The recent events in Afghanistan have highlighted what was already a serious issue. How well can we welcome those who served our services, diplomats, businesses and charities working in Afghanistan over the past 20 years who no longer feel safe or welcome in their home country?

Rt Revd Paul Butler, Lead Bishop for Refugees and Asylum, writes 'Nationally, the ARAP (Afghanistan Relocations and Assistance Policy) launched on April 1st 2021 has now had added to it the Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme. Huge numbers have been brought out of Afghanistan in a very short space of time. Over the coming months, it is anticipated many more will arrive through other routes. The challenge for the whole country is to welcome these families and help them build new lives here in the United Kingdom.

Alongside this is the reality that for the past few years Afghan citizens have been travelling here seeking asylum. There are thousands already stuck in the asylum system awaiting a response to their claim. How might their claims now be processed more rapidly?

God's call on God's people has always been to welcome the stranger and help provide for them, (Leviticus 19:34, Hebrews 13.2). So here is a fresh opportunity to live out this calling. It has to be very practical; hence this toolkit. It is not a quick short-term response that is most needed but a willingness to befriend families and support them for the long haul. It is also a call to stand up for justice and advocate for the most vulnerable.

This pack helps guides us through how we can do this well. Let us pray for God's wisdom, and the compassion of Jesus to fill us. Then in the power of the Holy Spirit let us pray and act.

The toolkit includes an overview to the current context, ideas of how to responds in practice both in the short and longer term, along with prayer and theological resources. (<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/community-action/toolkit-supporting-afghan-refugees>)

Prayer

Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee and had no
place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today are
fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.
Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our
hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards
that day when all will rejoice in your
Kingdom of justice and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



Lincoln Cathedral Chapter Letter – 22nd August 2021

Over the past couple of years the weather in Lincolnshire has been weird. You can only feel sorry for farmers and others whose livelihood depends on relatively reliable patterns of weather for planting, growth, harvest and soil recuperation. This summer blazing heatwaves have been followed by drizzly, grey chill which has not been over-welcoming to those staycationing in the caravan parks of Skegness or wedding couples hoping to enjoy the relaxation of the pandemic rules. However, the peculiarity of our recent weather pales by comparison with some of the repeated extremes and new records – searing temperatures in British Columbia, unprecedented floods in Belgium and Germany, terrifying hurricanes in Louisiana, a decade of drought in Chile.

At this time of year in the churches we embark on a month-long Season of Creation. September 1st was proclaimed as a day of prayer for creation for the eastern Orthodox Church by ecumenic patriarch Demetrius I in 1989. It was embraced by other major Christian European churches in 2001 and by Pope Francis for the Roman Catholic Church in 2015. In recent years, many Christian churches have begun celebrating the season of creation between September 1st and October 4th, the feast of Saint Francis, the patron saint of ecology. Not just because of the increasingly alarming meteorological phenomena we are seeing around us, but also because of the climate crisis conference coming up in this country in November, COP26, it seems a good and indeed an urgent call on our prayer, study and commitment to focus attention on what we are doing to God's marvellous creation. There is plenty of good material to support our prayers, thoughts and conversations on the Season of Creation website (seasonofcreation.org) or www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/season-creation).

Many of us will remember the Sunday morning eucharist in the Cathedral exactly two years ago when, as part of the Moana conference run by the diocese and the two Lincoln universities, we were joined by delegates from Polynesia. Archbishop Fereimi, who sadly has just died, preached powerfully about the threat to their islands and our Christian response. And it may be, like me that the most powerful memory of that day, was the sound of the Lord's prayer ringing through the Cathedral arches, as our friends from Fiji and Samoa danced and sang their indigenous version with such grace, beauty and faith in the central aisle of the choir. The repeated conclusion of the science at that conference was that we are not at the stage of being able to mitigate the climate disaster and global warming. It's too late for that. It's happening and what we seriously need to do is to adapt to the new reality – and do all we can not to make it worse.

Sacred Space on 19th September will be an opportunity to reflect on the theme Create a new heaven and a new earth. As Christians we have huge amounts to contribute to working out the 'new normal' after the pandemic and how we can live respectfully with God's precious creation for the sake of our children and their children and to God's glory.

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To reflect God's glory in creation.

(a benediction from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland's Eco-Congregation Programme)

DAVID DADSWELL, RESIDENTIARY CANON

Lincoln Cathedral's new café and shop open to the public

Set in the historic Old Deanery, and overlooking the newly landscaped Dean's Green, Lincoln Cathedral Café has delicious food and drinks, bright modern interiors and a wonderfully welcoming atmosphere.

The menu features a range of tempting items from light lunches to indulgent cream teas (which are sure to become a firm favourite.) The focus on local, nourishing and high-quality ingredients, delivered by a dedicated, skilled and friendly team creates the perfect setting to enjoy a relaxing dining experience.

Lincoln Cathedral shop has long been popular with visitors, but now with a contemporary new space in the visitor centre, a stunning boutique look and entrance direct from the Dean's Green, it is hoped that more people than ever will be able to discover the array of unusual and appealing gifts within.

Several new product lines will be unveiled on launch day including unique Lincoln Cathedral branded beers from the local Ferry Ales Brewery and a stunning bespoke range of Sophie Allport items created exclusively for the Cathedral.

Will Harrison, Chapter Clerk at Lincoln Cathedral, said that the opening of the shop and café was the culmination of many years' work and a cause for much needed celebration after a turbulent 18 months.

The pattern of prayer and worship in the cathedral

Sunday

7.45am – Litany (BCP), St Hugh's Shrine
8am – Holy Communion (BCP), St Hugh's Shrine
10am – SUNG EUCHARIST (Choristers & Lay Vicars), Nave
12.30pm – Holy Communion (BCP), St Hugh's Shrine
3.45pm – CHORAL EVENSONG (Lay Vicars), St Hugh's Choir

Monday

8am – Morning Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine
12.30pm – Eucharist, St Hugh's Shrine
5.30pm – Evening Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine

Tuesday

8am – Morning Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine
8.30am – Holy Communion, St Hugh's Shrine
12.30pm – Eucharist, St Hugh's Shrine
5.30pm – CHORAL EVENSONG (Choristers & Lay Vicars), Nave

Wednesday

8am – Morning Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine
12.30pm – Eucharist (BCP), St Hugh's Shrine
5.30pm – Evening Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine

Thursday

8am – Morning Prayer at St Hugh's Shrine
8.30am – Holy Communion, St Hugh's Shrine
12.30pm – Eucharist, St Hugh's Shrine
5.30pm – CHORAL EVENSONG (Lay Vicars), St Hugh's Choir

Friday

8am – Morning Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine
9am – 'Stillpoint', Ringer's Chapel (Third Friday of the month only)
12.30pm – Eucharist, St Hugh's Shrine
5.30pm – CHORAL EVENSONG (Choristers & Lay Vicars), Nave

Saturday

9am – Morning Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine

12.30pm – Eucharist, St Hugh's Shrine

4.30pm – Evening Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine

Evensong 25 June

Join us as we say thank you to our friends and colleagues who have left the Cathedral during the pandemic. We will be making a presentation to John Campbell our former Dean's Verger as we have been unable to do this sooner due to the pandemic. Anyone wishing to contribute to the collection for John should pass their contributions to the Vergers Vestry.

Online Prayer Wall

Lincoln Cathedral offers an online prayer wall where prayers can be left from the comfort and safety of your home and a virtual candle lit. Visit <https://lincolncathedral.com/prayers/>

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LRSN is a volunteer-led organisation that provides pastoral and practical support to farming and rural people during periods of anxiety, stress and problems relating to their families and businesses.

LRSN is open for business and ready, willing and able to help you, whatever your problem, wherever you are in Lincolnshire. If you or someone you know needs to talk through an issue, please contact us using our helpline number, 0800 138 1710. Visit www.lrsn.co.uk

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Take 1 minute a day to report your health daily on the COVID-19 Symptom Study app even if you are well. Help science beat the virus.

Find out more at <https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

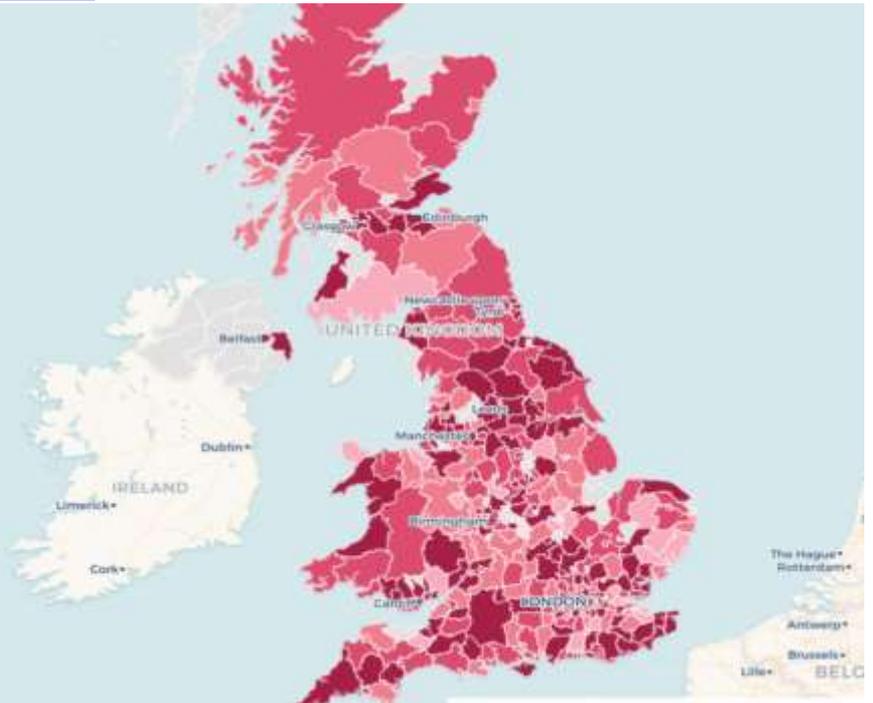
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people are currently predicted to have symptomatic COVID in the UK

Estimated cases per million

- Not enough data
- 0 - 2,500 cases pm
- 2,500 - 5,000 cases pm
- 5,000 - 7,500 cases pm
- 7,500 - 10,000 cases pm
- 10,000 + cases pm

Updated 4 September, 5:00am

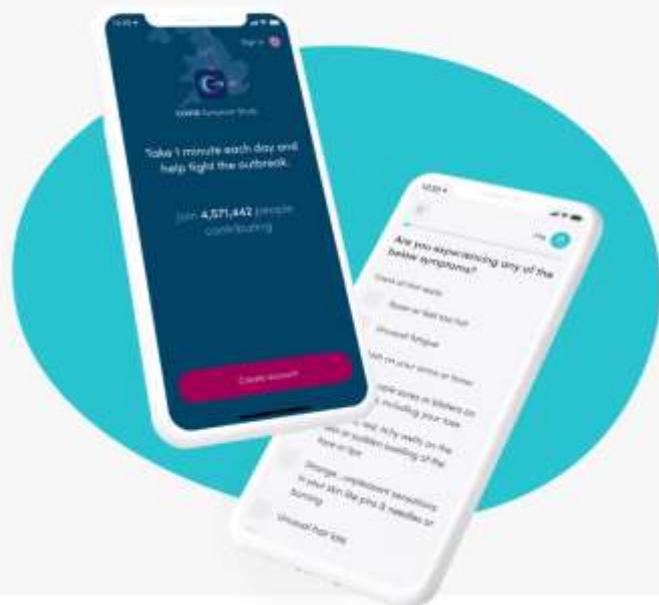
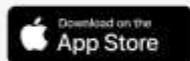


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CONTRIBUTORS

People of all ages and backgrounds are joining together to fight COVID. Support the NHS, help scientific research and help get us out of lockdown safely.

Take 1-min to report your health daily, even if you are well.



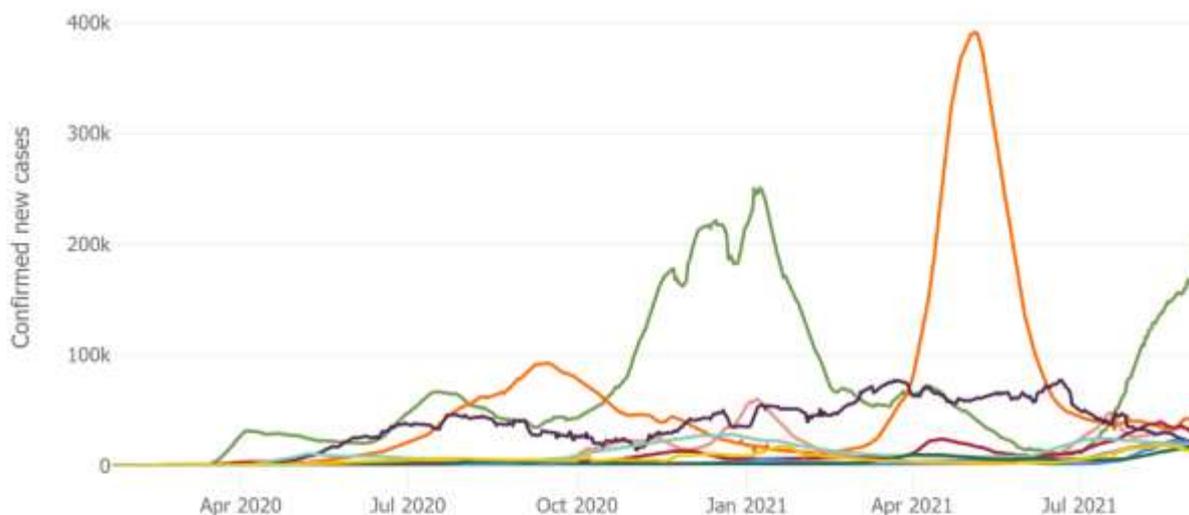
Latest figures

The Johns Hopkins [Covid-19 Dashboard](#) appears to be one of the best source for statistics on the spread of the virus. It is possible to see statistics and graphs for 191 countries with the latest known information.



DAILY CONFIRMED NEW CASES (7-DAY MOVING AVERAGE)

Outbreak evolution for the current most affected countries



Click any country below to hide/show from the graph:

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| United States | India | United Kingdom | Iran |
| Brazil | Malaysia | Japan | Russia |
| Philippines | Mexico | | |

Mental health

- The Church of England has produced some mental health reflections to help you in this time of uncertainty. You can access them at: cofe.io/MentalHealth.
- The Mental Health Foundation has also produced some useful resources, which can be found at: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>
- You can find a host of other [mental health resources](#) from a variety of different organisations and charities. <https://www.mentalhealthatwork.org.uk/toolkit/coronavirus-and-isolation-supporting-yourself-and-your-colleagues/>
<https://www.mind.org.uk>
- Some helpful books and resources are also available from [Sacristy Press](#) at <https://www.sacristy.co.uk/books/coronavirus-church-resources#>

Further links to mental health charities can be found on the NHS webpages at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/>

Topical Prayers

The Church of England website offers words you can use in your prayers for all kinds of situations ranging from the everyday to personal situations, family events and prayers for others. If you need some help finding the right words, please go to the Church of England website here

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/topical-prayers>

Daily Hope

Daily Hope is a free phone number (0800 804 8044) offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. This will enable as many people as possible to access the content we are developing.

St Botolph's Church – Boston Stump



Service Times

Services are available in-person and some are available online, via Zoom. To obtain the login details for our online service, please email admin@parishofboston.co.uk or call (01205) 310929. You are most welcome to join us. Please note that COVID-19 safety measures are in operation.

Sunday services

First Sunday of the Month

8am – Said BCP Eucharist

11am – Sung Eucharist (also available online)

5pm – Choral Evensong (also available online)

All other Sunday's in the month

11.00am – Sung Eucharist (also available online)

Wednesday mid-week service

10.30am – Said Eucharist (also available online)

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Do you need some help while self-isolating?

If you need a hand with collecting shopping or prescriptions, or just want someone to talk to, our NHS Volunteer Responders are here to help.

Call **0808 196 3646** or visit nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk