

**Latest News – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

## **Watch the service – A Service for Trinity Sunday**



Rev Tiffer Robinson, leads a service of the word for Trinity Sunday from [St Mary's Church](#) in Bury St Edmunds.

Join our online community from 9am on Sunday. This service has subtitles and BSL interpretation.

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 & Events**

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

10.30am – Sibsey – Morning Worship

10.45am - Wildmore – Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Local Summer events listed at the end of this News Update.**

## **The Diocese of Lincoln is pleased to confirm that 10 Downing Street has named The Rt Revd Stephen Conway as the next Bishop of Lincoln.**



Bishop Stephen is already a well-known face in parishes across the Diocese of Lincoln, having been appointed Acting Bishop of Lincoln in November 2021, alongside his current role as Bishop of Ely. He remained as Acting Bishop until Easter this year.

On Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 May, Bishop Stephen was touring parts of the diocese, visiting parishes, schools, businesses and churches throughout Greater Lincolnshire to explore the opportunities and understand the issues being faced by the diverse communities across the county.

Bishop Stephen said that he is very much looking forward to the opportunity to continue his ministry in Lincolnshire. “It is a great pleasure and a privilege to be able to support and serve the people of Lincolnshire. This vast county known for its wide skies and fertile fields is home to a rich and diverse population. I am excited to listen and learn alongside you as I seek to build upon the friendships and partnerships that I have begun to build across the diocese.

“There are many opportunities ahead of us all and I look forward to working and praying with you as we come together and build strong, resilient faithful communities which flourish in the love of Christ Jesus.”

The Rt Revd Dr David Court, Bishop of Grimsby and The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain, Bishop of Grantham said, “The fourteen months that we have already worked with Bishop Stephen are a wonderful platform on which to build when he comes to join the diocese as the seventy-third Bishop of Lincoln. We have deeply valued his experience, companionship and warm faith and very much look forward to serving God’s people alongside him.

“All at the Diocese of Lincoln offer our prayers to Ely as they begin their search for a new Bishop.”

Stephen Conway grew up in London, before moving to Oxford to study modern history at Keble College. Following this he completed a PGCE becoming a teacher at Glenalmond College in Perth, Scotland. In 1983, Stephen began training for ministry at Westcott House, Cambridge and was ordained as a priest at Durham Cathedral in 1987. Following time as a priest at churches in the Diocese of Durham, in 2006 Stephen was announced as Bishop of

Ramsbury, a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Salisbury, and in 2010 he became Bishop of Ely – the post he has held for the 13 years since. Bishop Stephen became one of the Lords Spiritual of the House of Lords in 2014.

Following a wide-ranging consultation across the Diocese of Lincoln and beyond, Stephen accepted the invitation from the King to become Bishop of Lincoln, after interviews by the Crown Nominations Committee. Following the announcement, a series of formal proceedings will now commence. The College of Canons in Lincoln will proceed to elect Bishop Stephen and that election will be confirmed at a ceremony in London presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Following this Bishop Stephen will pay homage to King Charles III and he will then be installed in a service at Lincoln Cathedral in the autumn when he will begin his ministry with us; the date, time and full details of the service will be announced in the coming months.

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At its most recent meeting (30<sup>th</sup> March 2023), the Bishop's Council of Diocesan Trustees (BCDT) approved the formation of 21 Local Mission Partnerships (LMPs).

Following the decision, churches, worshippers and ministers can begin the exciting next stage of growing together in their LMPs and working in partnership to serve their local areas in creative new ways.

Approval of these LMPs is a significant and exciting achievement, as we move towards a new way of being church together - where we belong through our baptism to the Body of Christ; through our parish system to our local church; and through A Time to Change Together to thriving families of churches in our Local Mission Partnerships.

The proposals for the LMPs have been developed by Deanery Partnership Steering Groups over the last year in consultation with Partnership Deans and Lay Co-Leads, following their appointment in June 2022.

The suggested LMPs and their constituent benefices were then used to calculate the affordable number of stipendiary ministers based on existing pledges and Lowest Income Communities (LiNC) funding.

The approval of the LMPs by the bishops marks the final stage in their development. Over the summer archdeacons will now begin the process of swearing in churchwardens at services in each of the new LMPs. As well as the formal licensing, these services will be an opportunity to celebrate the formation of the LMPs and come together in these partnerships.

Three LMPs have not yet been approved: Grantham and Beltisloe, which have yet to be formally ratified, and the Society parishes, the status of which is currently under discussion with the Bishop of Richborough. All three will go before the BCDT at a later date.

# Chapter Letter – 28.05.23

## **The gift of the Spirit**

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost – remembering the gift of the Holy Spirit that is given to each of us. This gift is freely given by God, and touches us with the very presence of God in our hearts and lives. If in God the Father we seek the immeasurable depths of the One who brings creation into being through love, and in God the Son we find love written in the truly human life of one like us, then in God the Spirit we are touched by that love in our very selves. In this way the love, beauty and trust that sustain creation are known to us in the mystery of creation, in the life of Christ and in the fabric of our lives.

But with this gift comes a challenge – the gift is given, but is it received? As with a birthday or other special occasion, we can open the gift – but does it change who we are? Sometimes, a gift may become a valuable part of our lives – perhaps something that makes our lives easier (a current example for me might be a mower to keep the grass in check!), or it might be something that brings long-lasting delight (such as a picture or book, that repays us many times). However, a gift can also be unwrapped and put in the drawer – to be seen only rarely, or perhaps not at all.

The gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives – given to us through grace at our Baptism, nurtured in reading of Scripture, claimed as our own in Confirmation and the sustained in the sharing of the Eucharist – is one that can change who we are. Through the Spirit we can become a part of God's work in the fulfilment of creation, and a means of God's love becoming known more fully in our world. But for this to happen we have to not only receive the gift but be open to the cost of letting it shape our lives. Often, this will bring great joy – but equally, it is not always without its cost.

As we celebrate the gift of the Spirit let us be open to how it might shape our lives and our community. Let us ask how we can respond to the beauty, wonder and love of the God who we meet as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

NICK BROWN, PRECENTOR

## **Take a Pilgrimage to the Cathedral**

The foundation of the cathedral's daily life is praying for and offering worship on behalf of the diocese, its bishop and parishes. We hold the communities of the diocese in our daily prayers, but it is a special joy to welcome individuals or groups to the cathedral – then those we pray for become not only names, but people!

Of course, everyone is welcome to attend any service at the cathedral at any time, and there are also the 'big' diocesan occasions like the Chrism Eucharist, Ordinations and Annual Lay Ministry Service. However, we would also like to encourage groups from the diocese to consider coming on pilgrimage to the cathedral. We have already welcomed several parishes from the diocese and beyond to the cathedral on pilgrimage – and each pilgrimage has been different. We suggest that a pilgrimage to the cathedral is centred around attending either the lunchtime eucharist or evensong as a group, and various visits have also included the following activities:

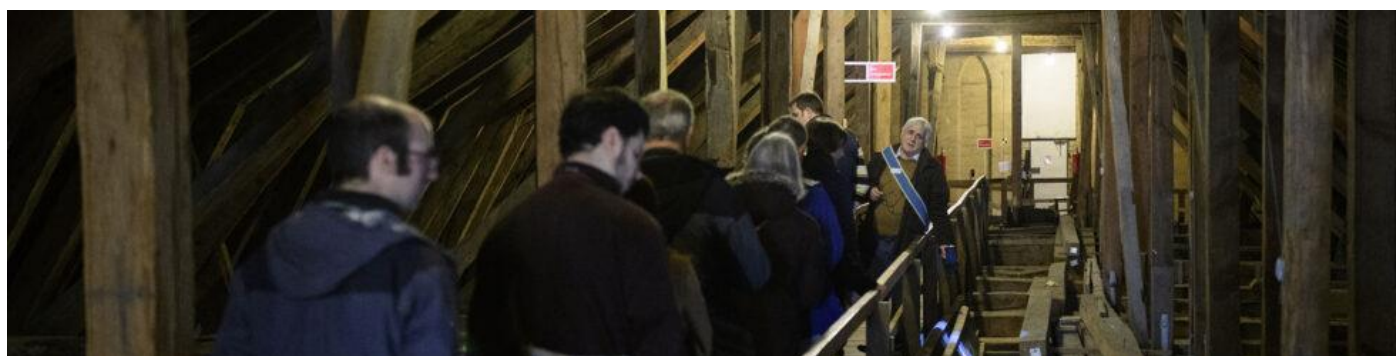
- A walking pilgrimage to the cathedral (there are several well-researched books available from the Cathedral Shop)
- A guided tour of the building (or specialist tour, such as a roof or tower tour)
- Spending time in the Visitor Centre, including visiting the learning and exhibitions spaces



- Refreshing the body as well as the soul in the Cathedral Café, or having a picnic on Dean's Green
- Using various areas of the cathedral as foci for reflection (e.g. Stations of the Cross in the Nave, or small group meditation/study in one of the side chapels)

If you are interested in a parish pilgrimage to the cathedral, please contact the Visitor Experience Manager, Ruth Creasey by emailing [visitors@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:visitors@lincolncathedral.com) or the Precentor, Nick Brown at [precentor@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:precentor@lincolncathedral.com).

We look forward to welcoming you!



### **Explore the roof space of Lincoln Cathedral with views across the City.**

Our friendly guides will show you the fascinating structures that hold up the roof of the Cathedral. We'll give you an insight into the workmanship required to build and maintain this stunning building.

You'll also get up close to our stained glass windows, visit one of our bell chambers and for those who are not afraid of heights, there is an opportunity to enjoy views down the full length of the Nave and across the City from the Cathedral's West Front.

If you love architecture, this tour is for you.

#### **How long will the tour last?**

Each tour will last approximately 90 minutes.

#### **How much does it cost?**

Tours cost £7.50 per person **in addition to the general admission fee.**

#### **What else do I need to know?**

Please note: A general level of fitness is required to climb the steep staircases.

#### **Dates available and how to book?**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-roof-tour-of-lincoln-cathedral-tickets-154101502743>

**ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,**  
**SIBSEY**

**SUMMER CONCERT**



**THE BANOVALLUM SINGERS**

**on**

**FRIDAY, 16th JUNE, 2023**

**at 7.30 pm**

**TICKET £7.00**

**incl. light refreshment**

**Raffle £1 per strip**

**PLEASE RING 750067**  
**FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

**(Proceeds to St. Margaret's Church)**



# Strawberry Tea at Langrick



2 Jul 2023, 2 p.m. for 1 hour, 30 mins



St Margaret of Scotland Church, Langrick

St Margaret's Church, Langrick Ferry Road Langrick Boston PE20 7AN,  
PE20 7AN, GB



We gather to worship God, pray for our world and  
hear from God's word and...

Enjoy strawberry tea!

All are welcome especially hungry kids (when are  
they not)!



REFRESHMENTS

FAMILY FRIENDLY

SINGING

MUSIC



**Great Hale Church**  
**Sunday 25th June 3pm**



# **Cream Tea**

**with Open Mic**

☆ *Poetry Recital* ☆

**Poetry on the theme of WATER**

**Enjoy a cream tea, share your favourite poem  
or have a go at writing your own to recite  
during the Open Mic session or just enjoy  
listening to the poetry that is shared**

**£7.00 per person; children free  
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