

# Cathedral in Touch

*A Newsletter for our Community*

16 June 2024 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity



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## Pray Your Part

I have just returned from a lovely week in Berlin where we enjoyed cycling around the city which, among other things, was preparing to host the European Football Championship. We watched as the giant goal between the Reichstag and Brandenburg Gate was erected. I was fascinated to discover that the wall that divided the city between 1961 and 1989 also ran so close to these two iconic locations.

Even more prominent in street decoration were the posters and talkboards for myriad candidates in the European Elections. In fact, we were stopped in the street early on Saturday morning by people with home-made Pro-Democracy banners who urged us to use our vote. They were very concerned about the rise of the far right in their 21st century Germany. We had to repeatedly explain that we were British and couldn't vote in the European elections because we were no longer part of the EU. Still, they implored us to vote for democracy.

May I too, encourage you to exercise that democratic power that you have, to have your say? If you are unsure if you are eligible or registered to vote you can find all the information you need on this [government website](#). The deadline to register to vote is next Tuesday at 11.59pm. What is different for us since May 2023 is the need to take photo ID with us when we vote, so don't forget!

There are plenty of sound bites, public debates, phone ins, social media posts and even manifestos to read as we think through the issues that matter most to us as we vote in this year's election. Jude Taylor, our Discipleship Officer, is planning on offering an informal conversation about the Church's resources and the role that politics plays in our discipleship. Watch this space!

There is also an invitation from the bishops of the Church of England to encourage prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities, both as voters and as citizens. **Pray Your Part** is a 21-day journey of prayer and reflection (from Friday 14 June until Election Day on 4 July) designed for use in the run-up to the UK General Election. Each day explores a different theme, with a short Bible reading, reflection, and prayer for a different aspect of our common life.

These daily election reflections are available for your inbox by signing up through this [link](#). You can also buy the prayer booklet from [Church House Publishing](#).

*'First of all then I urge that... prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life in all dignity.'*

1 Timothy 2.1-4

The bidding prayer for Day One is 'Your Kingdom Come'. The Archbishops write

*'As followers of Jesus, we should always be guided by what we see and understand to be God's purposes for the world. Whatever party we support, our vote is an expression of this. Across the political spectrum, we*

*believe that those who offer themselves for public office need and deserve our support and our prayer. In fact, the Bible urges us to pray for those who make difficult decisions on our behalf; who shoulder great burdens; who, we pray, will carry out their duty with integrity and compassion. So let us vote, and let us pray for all those who are standing for election and for the future of our country'.*

Guide the leaders of the nations that they may work for the common good, and strengthen our hearts with a vision of your kingdom. *Here us, good Lord.*

**Karen Rooms** Dean of Leicester

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## CANON-IN-RESIDENCE

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# News & Updates

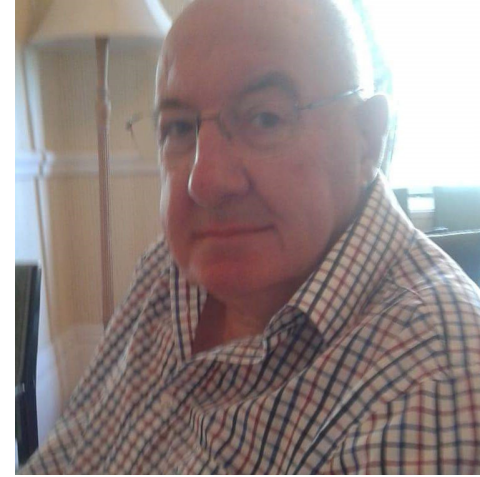
## Funeral Service for Graham Wright

The Funeral Service for Graham Wright will be held on Friday 12 July at 10.00am. All are welcome.

Graham, a faithful member of our Cathedral community for decades,

held different roles over the years, serving as a Songman, Warden, Guide, and more latterly as a volunteer Welcomer.

We shall miss Graham.  
May he rest in peace.



## Cathedral wins Visitor Experience award

The 14 winners of the [Your Leicester](#) Awards have been announced, with Leicester Cathedral winning Best Visitor Attraction!

The winners were chosen and voted for by the people of Leicester, with other categories including Best Restaurant; Bar; Independent Retailer; Kids

Activity; Coffee Shop; Green Space, and more. Thank you to all who voted for us, and congratulations to all the winners.

## Visit to Scarborough

For those of you who are going to Scarborough, for sea, sand, socialising (definitely) and sun (possibly), on Saturday June 2024, please be at the Cathedral for **7.00am**, (no later than 7.15am) as the bus will leave promptly at 7.30am.

If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Morley.



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# Services this week

## SUNDAY 16 JUNE

TRINITY 3

- 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist
- 12.30pm Final Service of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment
- 3.30pm Choral Evensong
- 6.30pm Eucharist at St Nicholas Church

## MONDAY 17 JUNE

- 8.30am Morning Eucharist
- 5.30pm Choral Evensong

## TUESDAY 18 JUNE

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
- 5.30pm Choral Evensong

## WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer
- 7.00pm Music Foundation Showcase

## THURSDAY 20 JUNE

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
- 5.30pm Choral Evensong

## FRIDAY 21 JUNE

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

## SATURDAY 22 JUNE

- 9.30am Morning Prayer
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

## SUNDAY 23 JUNE

TRINITY 4

- 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist
- 3.30pm Choral Evensong
- 6.30pm Eucharist at St Nicholas Church



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# Farewell to Manuela

It was announced last Sunday that The Revd Manuela Schmucki, who has been curate with us at Leicester Cathedral and St Nicholas Church since July 2021, has been appointed as the new Rector of St Margaret's, Lee, in the Diocese of Southwark.

The Very Revd Karen Rooms, Dean of Leicester has said:

*"Manuela has been a deeply appreciated colleague in the Cathedral team and we will miss her. For the last three years she has been a significant pastoral and encouraging presence for many people in the congregation and has contributed significantly to racial equity work here and in the wider Diocese.*

*We are delighted she has been called to a parish where she can offer her passion and gifts."*

A statement from the PCC of St Nicholas Church:

*"We have been blessed by Manuela's enthusiasm and her hard work. She has been a real support for many of our St Nick's family. We thank Manuela and the Cathedral for their continued care for St Nick's and hold Manuela in our prayers as she prepares to move on."*



Reflecting on her time in Leicester, Manuela says

*"The people of the Leicester Cathedral and St Nicholas communities have again and again inspired me, taught me and supported me in various ways. My time with you all will continue to impact and shape me in my future life in ministry and I will always remain deeply grateful for all the many ways St Nicholas and Leicester Cathedral have blessed me."*

Manuela's final services in Leicester will be on Sunday 28 July 2024, with the Cathedral Eucharist at 10.30am and the St Nicholas' Eucharist at 6.30pm.

She will be licensed in the Diocese of Southwark on Sunday 15 September 2024 at 6.00pm at St Margaret's Church. Manuela would love to welcome anyone who wishes to support her on that day – invitations will be sent with more details to be announced closer to the time.

We will be sad to see Manuela go, but are hugely happy for her and wish her well for this next step of her journey! Please keep her in your prayers.

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## LCR Update

# Progress on Building Works

Recent progress on the Heritage & Learning Centre (HLC) extension includes completing the carpentry and boarding out of the main roof areas in preparation for lead work that will commence shortly to provide full protection and weather proofing.

Work continues installing the external stonework to face the reinforced concrete frame, using a durable light Northumberland Buff sandstone.

The steel uprights visible in the photograph will support the 'veil' of moulded glazed terracotta fins.

A breakthrough from the Cathedral into the HLC at the east end of the Great South Aisle was created some time back and work has now started to form a proper opening that will be completed with large oak doors.

Internal partitioning is continuing along with mechanical and electrical work.

**Simon Bentley**  
Project Director  
[simon.bentley@leicestercofe.org](mailto:simon.bentley@leicestercofe.org)





# Support Music at Leicester Cathedral



## **Music is at the heart of Christian worship.**

It shapes our cathedral life and plays an important part in creating a welcoming environment, ensuring our visitors feel at home in services, concerts, and other events.

With your support, we can extend singing lessons to all our young singers, offer more choral scholarships, and ensure quality of life for our music department.

## **Cathedral Music Showcase | Wed 19 June**

Join us at 7.00pm for a celebration of cathedral music, featuring members of the Choir past and present.

**If you enjoy music at the Cathedral,  
please consider supporting  
[Leicester Cathedral Music  
Foundation.](#)**



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# Election of a member of Chapter

As part of implementing a revised Constitution and Statutes for the Cathedral, the membership of Chapter is changing. One space is to be filled by election and nominations are now invited.

Nominations may be made by persons who are included on the electoral roll of the Parish and/or the community roll of the Cathedral. If you are in any doubt as to whether you are on one of these rolls, please contact [Adaeze.Weller@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Adaeze.Weller@LeicesterCofE.org).

The following information can be found [on our website](#):

1. Chapter member role description
2. Chapter Terms of Reference
3. Details of who is eligible to be elected
4. Nomination Form

Completed nomination forms should be sent to:

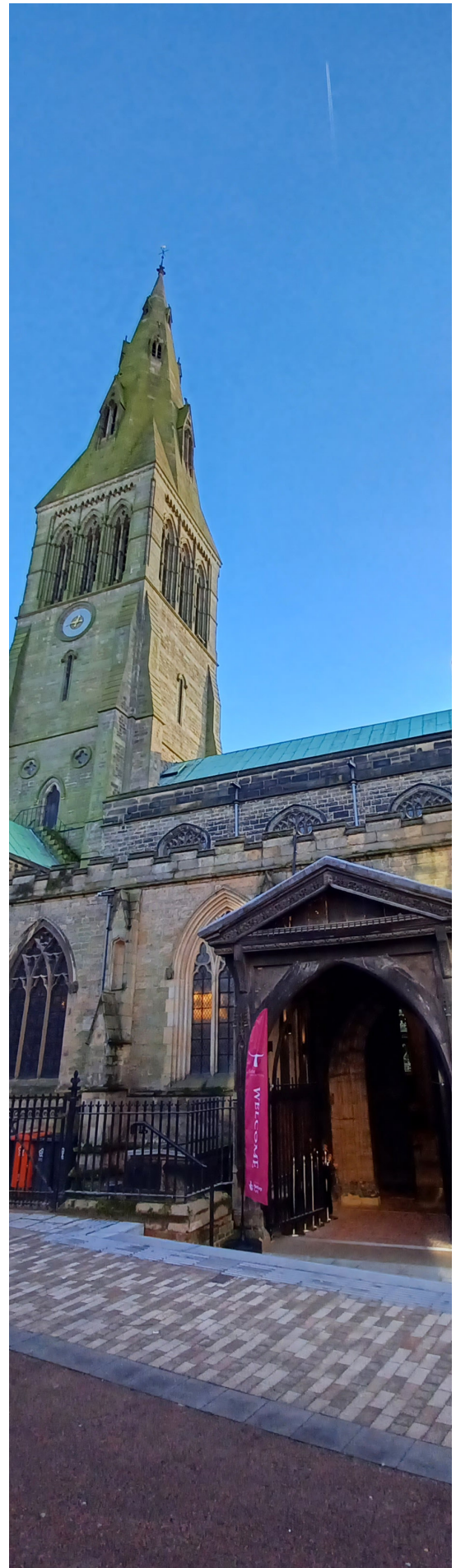
By email:

[Adaeze.Weller@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Adaeze.Weller@LeicesterCofE.org)

By post

Adaeze Weller, Leicester Cathedral,  
St Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane,  
Leicester, LE1 5PZ

Nominations will be open from Friday 21 May 2024 and must be received by 12 noon on Friday 21 June 2023. If a ballot is required, voting will open on Monday 24 June 2024 and close at 12 noon on Monday 8 July 2024.





# Summer at Leicester Cathedral

This summer we will have exciting opportunities to explore and enjoy stories of Leicester, of faith, and of culture, as we celebrate the new life our cathedral building is bringing.

Treat yourself to the beauty of Choral Evensong and recitals by talented young musicians. Laugh at local Paul Gosling's *Dr Watson* comedy show. Explore the city's lost medieval churches with world-renowned archaeologist [Mathew Morris](#). Learn about the community [food-growing and environmental project](#) in the heart of Leicester.

**It will be great to see you!**

**See all events and services on our [website](#)**

**Pick  
up a  
booklet!**



## Summer Holiday Craft at the Cathedral

Come and join us for FREE family craft activities every Tuesday (1.30–3.30pm) and Thursday (10.00am–12.00pm) throughout the summer holidays. Suitable for children aged 4+. From 16 July to 22 August.

## Family Archaeology Days

**Wednesdays 17 and 24 July  
10.00am – 4.00pm**

Calling all budding archaeologists (or those that just love digging and making things)!

Join us for this special drop-in event, to make a mosaic, excavate a dig box, design your own Roman altar, and more!

In partnership with University of Leicester Archaeological Services.

## Following Christ: 'aCross Culture'

**Saturday 13 July**

What is intercultural discipleship, and what does it mean to disciple people across different cultures?

Join us for workshops, guest speakers, reflection, networking and worship as we practically explore how we can more inclusively journey in faith together.

Register on [Eventbrite](#).





# Lunchtime Recitals

## Summer Season 2024



**12.30pm | Free admission,  
donations encouraged**

Monday 13 May  
**Ellis Thomas Piano\***

Monday 27 May  
**Philip Millward Organ**

Monday 10 June  
**Anna Crawford Cello (+ Duet partner)\***

Monday 24 June  
**Osnabruck Youth Choir**

Monday 8 July  
**Leicestershire Music Strings Ensemble**

Students aged 13–18, the LMSE performs a varied programme of summer chamber music including well-known quartets and octets. Directed by Phil Houghton.

**Philharmonia**

\* with the **Philharmonia Fellowship Scheme**

The Philharmonia is a world-class symphony orchestra – based in London at Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall, resident in cities and at festivals across England, and streaming online, the Philharmonia creates thrilling performances for a global audience.

Here at Leicester Cathedral, we're thrilled to welcome Philharmonia Orchestra Instrumental Fellows for a series of recitals in a new partnership with this acclaimed orchestra.



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# Pilgrimage Walk

**Saturday 15 June**

**Starting from 9.30am outside St Martins House**

Join us on a prayerful walk through the city and its surroundings. Over the course of 2.5–3 hours, we will journey together, guided through a series of reflections and prayers as we seek out the divine and sacred in the streets, shops, and waterways around us.

Like last year, Jonathan Kerry will lead us, and along our route we will pause at various locations to pray and reflect together. There will be breaks along the way, and plenty of opportunity for conversation with others as we walk together, too!

All are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please visit our [Eventbrite](#) page to book – or speak to Jude ([jude.taylor@leicestercofe.org](mailto:jude.taylor@leicestercofe.org)) if you prefer.

Tickets are free, but donations will be very gratefully received.



Leicester Cathedral presents



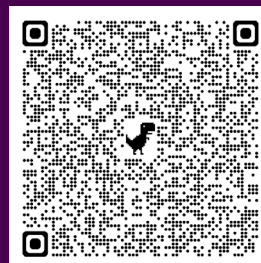
# A Talk on **Saffron Acres**

the community food growing  
and environmental project

**Join us for a talk about the  
award-winning project in the  
centre of Leicester's Saffron  
Lane estate**

Saffron Acres is an award-winning open space in the centre of the Saffron Lane estate, managed by Saffron Lane Neighbourhood Council for the benefit of local people.

Disused land was taken over in 2006 and quickly revitalised to provide funded work placements and volunteering opportunities, enabling local people to learn how to live more sustainably; grow their own produce, generate green energy, and live healthier lifestyles.



**Thursday 27 June 2024**  
**6.30pm**

**Tickets**  
£3.50–5.50 available  
from **Eventbrite**





Chiamaka Okafor

# Prayer Thoughts



I recently attended a Christian session about sustaining the spiritual atmosphere in the family. The talk aimed to understand the essence of spirituality in a godly home and to unravel God's will for the family as the smallest unit of the Church.

In the talk, some scriptures were discussed, Zachariah 7.12 said that the Lord had scattered the Jewish ancestors to Babylon because of their spiritual sclerosis, hardening of their spiritual hearts, and that the disease may be hereditary. But God who examines the hearts said in Hos. 6.6, "*I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice and in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings*".

In the Christian circle, it is a popular saying that "*the spiritual controls the physical*" — anything that has to do with man starts in the spiritual realm before manifesting physically. It is, therefore, very important to keep the family altar alive to sustain the spiritual atmosphere in the family (2 Tim 1.5). Zechariah said to check our

spiritual health to make sure that we don't drift from "*inward reality to outward religion*."

Sustaining a spiritual atmosphere in the family in today's world, where so many activities occupy our time, can be challenging, and it will be interesting to know how Christian families achieve this. In my family, we endeavour to close the day with a night prayer together as much as possible. This has led to small talks about the day's challenges, learnings, and joys. Some suggestions that were highlighted during the talk are:

- Praying together as a family
- Reading and discussing the scripture together.
- The discussion leads to Godly counselling for each other.
- Reflecting on our lifestyle as parents and what it says about us to our children.
- Creating a Godly atmosphere by respecting each other, listening to Godly music, etc.



I think that it's important to surround ourselves with people stronger in faith than us. Nobody can pour from an empty cup. If you don't have a way to fill your cup continuously, you will soon run dry and into problems.

Part of how I do this is by joining a 6.00am Bible Study Zoom Call. The call is attended by priests and church leaders; therefore, there's a lot of goodness, and when I'm facing a challenge either at work or at home, by the time I listen to the teachings of the Bible, it puts things into perspective. The word of God is powerful, and no other words could ever offer the spiritual sustenance that it offers.

It's important to normalise by practising Christian practices in the home frequently. Creating and sustaining a spiritual atmosphere in our homes increases our ability to handle any challenges we may encounter. It helps us recover from hurt and daily bruises that we encounter in life.

A sustained spiritual atmosphere in the family promotes greater peace and calmness, more fulfilling lives and better family relationships to the glory of God.

Amen.



## PRAYER POINTERS

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**THIS WEEK**, from the Diocesan Prayer Diary, we pray for

### **Sunday 16 June**

Learning Disability Week

### **Monday 17 June**

Diocese of Wyoming (partner diocese)

### **Tuesday 18 June**

Oadby & Great Glen Team Ministry

### **Wednesday 19 June**

St Peter's, Oadby

### **Thursday 20 June**

St Paul's, Oadby

### **Friday 21 June**

Glen Magna cum Stretton Magna,  
Carton Curlieu & Burton Overy

### **Saturday 22 June**

Refugee Week (17–23 June)

For the Prayer Diary, see their [website](#).

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP LEICESTER CATHEDRAL

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### ONLINE GIVING

**Donate online [here](#).**

#### By TEXT

To donate £5, text PLATE to 70970

To donate £10, text PLATE to 70191

### INTO OUR BANK ACCOUNT

Account Name: Leicester Cathedral Chapter

Account Number: 03807282 | Sort Code: 20-49-11

### BY CHEQUE

Payable to: Leicester Cathedral Chapter

Address: St Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane,  
Leicester, LE1 5PZ



## SAFEGUARDING

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**THE DEAN** and Chapter of the Cathedral are wholly committed to the safety, well-being and protection of everyone having contact with our community.

If you have concerns about the welfare or behaviour of an adult, young person or child, please speak to one of the **Residentiary Canons** or to Linda Green or Amanda Fitchcett, our **Safeguarding Co-ordinators**.

The Residentiary Canons can be approached in person or contacted on **07399 523 330**.

If you would prefer to talk to one of the Safeguarding Co-ordinators please either write to them at the Cathedral office, or give the office your details and one of the Co-ordinators will contact you. You do not need to explain the reason for your request.

All concerns will be responded to proportionately and with discretion.

