

# THE CHAPTER LETTER



9 October to 22 October 2011

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One of the matters I have tried to achieve through Chapter Letters has been to keep you up to date with the Fabric concerns of the Cathedral. Patently the big fabric issue is the repair and restoration of the South and North Turrets at either end of the West Front. The scaffolding on the South Turret is very obvious. However, it is not irksome because of the way our Fundraising team, headed up by Sally Crawford and supported by Ruddocks, have transformed the hoarding into an opportunity to promote the challenge facing the Cathedral. Seeing some of those closely involved in the Turret project and reading their comments, demonstrates the personal involvement that those who work on the Cathedral have with this magnificent building.

What has perhaps attracted most attention has been the magnificent panorama of the City seen from the perspective of St Hugh at the top of the South West Turret. Which raises the situation of St Hugh himself.

A statue of St Hugh has stood on top of the South West Turret for a very long time. Assumptions were made that the statue would have to be replaced. Already consideration was being given as to where such a large piece of stone could be purchased and how long delivery would take. We were also considering where the statue would be carved. Under consideration was the possibility of the final, finer carving taking place at the west end of the South Choir aisle. This would have proved a big attraction to visitors.

There were, of course, potential drawbacks to a new statue. A large crane would have been needed for the removal of the existing statue and the fixing of the new one. At least the upper four feet of the pinnacle would have had to be replaced.

However, when the statue was examined at close quarters the bulk of it was found to be in good condition. National conservation bodies were delighted to see not only that the statue was in good shape but also that it could be dated to the mediaeval period. Clearly St Hugh's head had been replaced in the Victorian period but this procedure had been skillfully managed and so no remedial action was called for. It was decided not to replace Hugh's hand of blessing or his Crozier as these would rapidly be subject to weathering and thus pose a threat to people below.

After minor tidying up of some of the effects of weathering over the centuries and six coats of limewash the statue of St Hugh has been left as it is.

Alan Nugent, Subdean

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**The Fund Development Manager writes:** Do you like working in a busy, friendly environment where every day is different? Then come and join our small, dynamic Fund Development Team. We are currently looking for a Fund Development Assistant, to support the planning and development of a range of fundraising projects. Working with a diverse range of supporters and volunteers, the successful applicant will be a self motivated and experienced fundraiser with an emphasis on donor care and sound knowledge of fundraising databases. For a job description and application form please email [fundraising@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:fundraising@lincolncathedral.com) or telephone 01522 561614. The closing date for applications is Friday 21st October 2011.

**Micky Philp writes:** All Souls will be celebrated on 6 November and any donations for chrysanthemums will be gratefully received. Please give to Micky Philp, or one of the Vergers.

**Royal Maundy talk and demonstration:** Tickets for this event are now available. Please see Carol Hill during coffee after the 9.30 Sunday service, or phone her on 723967.

**On Sunday 9 October, *Ready Steady Choir!*** will be taking part in the Lincolnshire Mystery Plays Gala night at the Theatre Royal, to celebrate Lincolnshire's Medieval Performance Tradition. Mystery Plays have been performed in Lincoln since the fifteenth century. Tickets start at £14.00 and are available on line at [www.lincolntheatreroyal](http://www.lincolntheatreroyal) or from the Box Office on 01522 519999.

**Lincoln Theological Society** final meeting of 2011 entitled "The Historical Jesus" will be given on Wednesday **19 October** 7.00 for 7.30 in the Robert Hardy Lecture theatre of Bishop Grosseteste University College, Newport, Lincoln by the Rev. Joseph O'Hanlon. Tickets £5.00 from the Cathedral shop or in the Chapter House after the 9.30 Sunday service.

**Dean's Verger writes:**

- **Farewell to Roy.** At the end of September we bade farewell to Roy Kitchen from the Reception Desk. Roy had been with us since 2003 and his work has been much appreciated not least over the past months as he acted as Team Leader. We wish Roy well as he enters 'full retirement'!
- **Harvest Gifts** The Harvest Hamper will be at the West End of the Cathedral from Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October Gifts of non-perishable food stuffs may be left for distribution between NOMAD Trust and the Community Larder.
- **Welcome Team** Thank you to those who have signed up for the new Welcome Team, we hope to trial the project during half term – any others interested would be welcome.
- **Accommodation Request.** The Vesturer of Canterbury Cathedral [Head Verger to you and me] will be present at the enthronement of the Bishop 12<sup>th</sup> November – could anyone offer a night's accommodation B&B Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November? Offers please to: [dv@lincolncathedral.com](mailto:dv@lincolncathedral.com) 01522 561638

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There will be a Legal Service at 11.15 on 16 October. There will be no coffee after the 9.30 Sung Eucharist.

There will be a County Harvest Festival Service at 3 pm on 23 October – this replaces Evensong.

The Subdean's Farewell Service will be held on 30 October at 10.30 and will replace the normal Sung Eucharist and Mattins services.

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The Precentor preaches at St Michael's, Louth at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

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## **Bible Readings**

### Sunday 9 October

Sung Eucharist  
Mattins  
Evensong

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 25.1–9; Philippians 4.1–9; Matthew 22.1-14  
Isaiah 50.4-10; Luke 13.22-30  
Proverbs 3.1–18; 1 John 3.1–15

### Sunday 16 October

Sung Eucharist  
Mattins  
Evensong

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 45.1–7; 1 Thessalonians 1.1–10; Matthew 22.15-22  
Isaiah 54.1–14; Luke 13.31 - end  
Proverbs 4.1–18; 1 John 3.16–4.6

### Sunday 23 October

Sung Eucharist  
Mattins  
Harvest Festival Service

### Last Sunday after Trinity

Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-end  
Isaiah 59.9-20; Luke 14.1-14  
To be confirmed

