



From the Acting Dean

Historians will forever place the 9th August 2007 as the day the global financial crisis began. That was the day that BNP, the French investment bank, issued a press statement indicating that it could no longer pay out from certain funds. The world woke up to the fact that there was not enough real money in the system. Central banks poured billions of pounds into banks, and interest rates were cut, as the world grappled with the consequent crisis that threatened the world wide economy. History will also show that the causes of the crisis were many and complex. A key component was the fact that banks lost sight of the risks inherent in their

investment portfolios. Regulators and governments also lacked decisive insight into the complexity and the radical uncertainty of the financial system. The consequences of the crisis for individuals and communities around the globe are still being felt.

The modern capitalist economy is a very long way from the world of the Bible. In the Old Testament, Jews are prohibited from charging interest when lending money to fellow Jews. The same principle applies in the Muslim faith. Yet for the world economy, making money out of lending money is a fundamental part of modern life. So how do we respond and live out our faith in a world and an economy far removed from biblical times?

Money is a fundamental requirement of modern life. A principle that we might draw from our faith is that money is not an end in itself. Making money is a legitimate and necessary part of life because of what money makes possible. There is then a moral responsibility that goes with how we use money and other forms of wealth. Is it for our personal gain or for the common good of society? The Acts of the Apostles tells us of the time when all personal

possessions where put into a common purse. Yet that is not a model that survived very long except in religious communities.

Our liberal political system grapples with the tension between the rights, preferences and wealth of individuals and the needs of society. We pay taxes to provide public services and help those in need. The state and charities have largely taken on the role of the Church in providing for the poor and sick. Yet the church retains a vital role in our society. We seek to serve the people of God in this place through our worship, prayer and wider ministry in the city and county. Part of our challenge is to be able to reflect God's love, hope and compassion in a world where money has become for many an end in itself. Ten years on from the financial crisis may we be reminded of the higher demands that God places on us.

Revd Canon Dr Mike D Williams

Fellowship Outing to Powderham Castle – Thursday, 12th October

An outing to Powderham Castle at Kenton has been arranged for Thursday, 12th October, which will include a private guided tour of the Castle at 11.30 am. If they are available, it is hoped that either the Earl of Devon or the Countess will come and meet us. The tour of the Castle has been booked for 11.30, and lasts about an hour. A morning visit has been booked so those who wish to will be able to join the Deer Park safari at 1.45pm. This trip lasts about 45 minutes, and is drawn by a tractor. As our visit to Ugbrooke last year was so successful, we are planning this on similar lines, so people are free to enjoy the day as they wish. We will travel by car, and hopefully arrange a lift for anyone without transport. There are extensive grounds at Powderham, and picnic tables if you do not wish to use the café at the Castle, where they serve an extensive menu to suit all appetites. You will be free to plan your own arrangements, but coming together as a group for our guided tour of the Castle at 11.30am, and again at 1.45 pm for those joining the Safari trip.

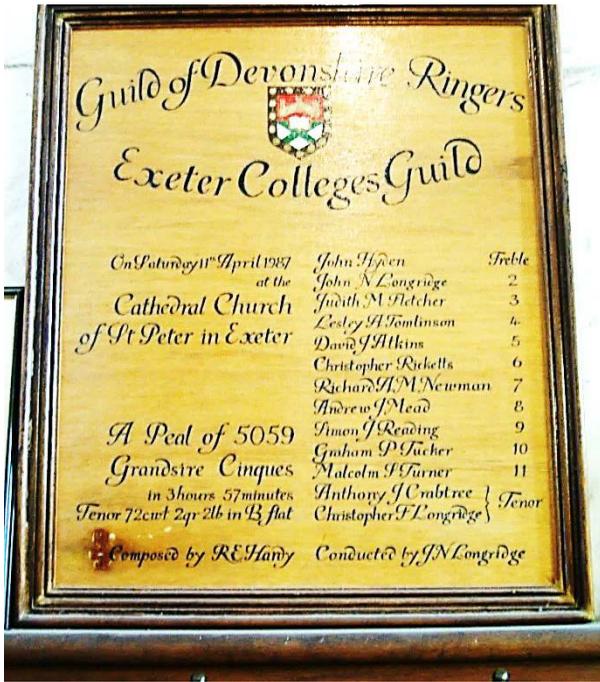
If we can arrange a party of 15 or more, the entrance cost and the tour of the Castle is £10, £9 for senior citizens, and an extra £2.50 each for the Safari. Payment will be required in advance to gain the benefit of a group booking.

Lists for signing will be available from August. It is very much hoped you will wish to join this outing – Powderham is set in beautiful surroundings and there is much to enjoy. As a Cathedral, we do of course have many links with the family, so there are many reasons to visit!

Margaret Williams and Diane Coombes

From the Cathedral Bellers

This month you will hear a special peal rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the Exeter Colleges Guild. The Cathedral's twelve bells will ring out to the sound of Stedman Cinques on Saturday 9th September. You can recognise Cinques as the heaviest bell, the tenor, will sound out at the end of each sequence of bells, and with the tenor remaining fixed, the peal will take a mere four hours to accomplish!



The Exeter Colleges Guild now numbers over 250 members - all bellringers who have studied in the Exeter area. It was formed in 1967 by John Longridge, who was a student here; he later went on to become a ringer at the Cathedral during the 1970's and 1980's.

A peal was rung here ten years ago to mark the 40th anniversary of the ECG, and also in 1987 for the 20th anniversary; remarkably, eight of the band ringing this year rang ten years ago, and five of those also rang in 1987. The Peal Board that commemorates the 1987 peal is shown above.

During 2017, celebrations have included a 50th anniversary dinner, when over one hundred people dined at the Rougemont Hotel, and in October members past and present will venture over to Lundy Island for a week of ringing, walking and socialising.

Our own Cathedral ringing master, Matt Hilling, is secretary for the ECG, and we wish them all the best for a successful anniversary peal.

Clare Griffiths, Cathedral Bellers Secretary

Heritage Open Days

The Cathedral is once again pleased to be involved with Heritage Open Days (7th-10th September) and we will be offering a number of specialist tours across the weekend. All of the tours will be free to attend. More information, including how to book, is on the Cathedral website.

Chris Bodkin, Visitor Services Administrator

Cathedral Community Committee (CCC) 13th July 2017

The next meeting of the Cathedral Community Committee will be on 13th September. Please send any matters for the agenda to Heather Morgan on hmm53@tiscali.co.uk

One of the principal items for discussion will be taking forward the *Time to Reflect: Love, Hope, Compassion* programme, which is likely to include some lay-led book groups.

Heather Morgan, Chairman CCC

Wednesday Homeless Cafe

We serve hot food to between 50-60 homeless and vulnerably housed individuals each Wednesday from the Chapter House. Whilst we have the food covered by long-standing donations, we are in need of the following items and would appreciate your generous support:

Clothing - predominantly male, but we also have some young women. Sweatshirts, jumpers, trousers, sweatpants, t-shirts. Sturdy boots and shoes.

Underclothes: pants and socks (better to have the latter in natural fibres for foot health purposes)

Toiletries: Towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste (always worth asking your dental practice for their samples), shampoo, soap, shower gel - please save any complimentary toiletries from hotels you may visit over the holidays, or any others that you are not able to use. We also like to keep a supply of ladies sanitary ware. The young women would also appreciate any make-up samples you may have spare.

Winter: We would appreciate any warm overcoats, waterproofs, thermals, scarves, gloves, hats and wellington boots.

Other: Small tents, rucksacks, sleeping bags, groundsheets and blankets are also very welcome.

Contact: Penny Harris (penny@harris58.com 01392 437873) or Helen & Rob Taverner (tavernersfarm@hotmail.co.uk)

Cathedral Administrator

Congratulations and very best wishes to Catherine Escott, who was appointed by Chapter to be the Cathedral Administrator with effect from the 1st August. The Acting Dean, the Revd Canon Dr Mike Williams said *“Catherine is now in a position to offer continuity of leadership for staff through the next phase of change for the Cathedral.”*

From Clare Bryden

Since the beginning of July, I have been spending time in silent prayer in St Gabriel's chapel before the 10am Eucharist, holding the Cathedral and its people in God's presence. I hear others come and go as well during that time. I aim to be there most weeks from about 9.30am to 9.50am. If you are leading intercessions, reading, Eucharistic minister, or participating in the service in the congregation, it would be lovely if you could be there too. St Gabriel's is at the east end of the Cathedral on the right (south) of the Lady Chapel. If you can't make it in body at that time, please do join us in spirit.

Reception Office Move

The Visitors' Office reception and main Cathedral Office reception are now combined on the ground floor of No 1 The Cloisters (although the individual contact telephone numbers are currently the same).

The Works and Estates Office has moved into the old Visitors' Office in 1A The Cloisters.

Quiet Day at Sheldon

Martyn Goss will be leading a Quiet Day at Sheldon on Tuesday 10th October. Martyn is Director of Church and Society, and Environment Officer for the Diocese of Exeter. The day will be held in silence and will include 4 addresses. Participants will also be able to benefit from the Sheldon grounds, chapels, library and art room during the day.

£20 includes all the above plus lunch and refreshments.

Sheldon, Sheldon Lane, Doddiscombsleigh, Exeter EX6 7YT

For details ring 01647-252752 or see www.sheldon.uk.com

Town Hall Meeting

The next Town Hall meeting for staff and volunteers will be at 12 noon on 28th September. Invitations will be sent out very soon. Booking is essential, so if you would like to attend, please be sure to reply promptly.

Devon Historic Churches Trust Ride/Stride & Deanery Prayer Walk Saturday, 9th September

Since at least 1998, the Cathedral has taken an active part in raising funds for the Devon Historic Churches Trust. Hopefully this will continue in 2017! The 9th September is the date this year for the Trust's annual fund raising event, which, as always, will also be the date for our Deanery Prayer Walk. On this day, the Chairman of our Deanery Synod, together with as many others as possible, will be leading a pilgrimage, which aims to visit, and pray in, as many churches in Christianity Deanery as is possible. This walk will start at 7.50 am at St Michael's, Mount Dinham, and end at 5.30 pm at St James.

Not many of us are likely to achieve the whole day, but a good starting point will be the Chapter House of the Cathedral at 10.00am, where hot and cold refreshments will be available, and Bishop Martin, who has a particular interest in pilgrimages, will lead the prayers. The walk will then visit the city centre churches, including the Orthodox Church, before moving on to St Matthew's, St Leonard's, along the river to St Luke's Countess Wear, back to the Hospice and Hospital, up to Beacon Heath, and finally to St James at 5.30 pm. A copy of the full timetable is available on our Cathedral Community Noticeboard.

In past years, the Cathedral community has sponsored this event very generously, and once again we hope for the same support please! The sponsorship money raised is divided, with half going to the Devon Historic Churches Trust, and the other half to the church chosen by the walker, which, for us, has usually been one of the Cathedral building funds. Perhaps this year we could allocate it to the stonemasons, for their work on the new pinnacle, which is displayed in the south quire aisle? Last year, we raised the magnificent sum of £531, of which the Cathedral received half.

Sponsorship forms are now available, and we will be looking for support during coffee time after the 10am Eucharist on a Sunday, and at other times. If this idea does not appeal to you, you may like to have your own idea of a ride or stride, or follow the example of others who in the past have used a bus pass to visit as many churches as possible. I will have a supply of sponsorship forms. If you do not feel able to take an active part, please sponsor those of us on the walk. Most of all, please make it a fun day, and thank you all very much for your generosity.

Diane Coombes

Foodbank

The next Foodbank Collection will be on the THIRD Sunday – **17th September**.



Focus:

**Laurence
Blyth**

**Marketing
Manager &
Choral
Conductor**

'Marketing is the management process for identifying, anticipating and satisfying customers' requirements profitably.'

The Chartered Institute of Marketing

It is said, that to get the best out of life you need contrasts. In Laurence's case, here in Devon, it is the promotion of and marketing of the Cathedral; the business side, which is fundamental to our being able to carry out our stated mission objectives. Whether we like that or not, we do need money, and a lot of it! Contrasting with the aforesaid, he is deeply engaged with the provision and production of quality choral music.

Life began in 1984, when he was born in Aylsham, Norfolk. He has an older brother and sister.

'They were much older than me, and looked after me! We were a musical family, with the piano being played or someone singing somewhere in the house or elsewhere most of the time.'

He was a busy child, aged about seven years, he began learning to play the piano, and later on singing with his school's choral society and chamber choir; this all alongside the usual curriculum. He did start taking violin lessons, but they did not last long! But, when he got to fifteen, he began taking organ lessons from Kenneth Ryder, who was at St. Peter Mancroft in Norwich. In 2003, Laurence moved to Cornwall, when he became a choral scholar at Truro Cathedral.

'Everything changed! Robert Sharpe, who now is at York Minster, was a very inspirational director of music. I'd never experienced that kind of music before! Here I made life-long friendships with other choral scholars.'

Another change came in 2004, when he commenced his music studies at the University of Exeter, and became, also, a choral scholar here at the Cathedral, under the direction of Andrew Millington.

'I loved it! Life seemed to revolve around the Cathedral. In my 2nd year, I, also, became the conductor to the University Singers..... I've always done a lot of stuff! We were the last cohort of music students at Exeter, and Paul Morgan was my tutor in keyboard and counterpoint skills.

It was during this time that I met Gracie, who was, also, studying music.'

Upon graduation, Laurence did some part-time work alongside his appointment as Lay Vicar, singing counter tenor in the Cathedral Choir; a position he held until 2012. But, between 2009 and 2011, he combined these Cathedral responsibilities with studying for a MA in choral conducting at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Here he studied with some very distinguished teachers.

'This was the next light-bulb moment! Being able to spend time in a musical environment here, and, in Wales I was spending time working with small groups, getting podium-time with singers, developing techniques and programming skills.

At that time, courses in choral conducting were relatively rare compared with those for orchestral conducting. It was recognised that there was a need to tailor courses to develop the skills necessary when working with choirs and/or soloists, which/who are usually accompanied by an orchestra, piano or organ. I learned differing conducting techniques and attended repertoire master classes.

Wales was a fabulous place to be. It was a fun-time, with lots of part-time work, singing, academic work and, of course, lots and lots of dialogue or discussions! It was very challenging and stimulating.'

The hard work paid-off! Laurence received his MA in Choral Conducting hood to attach to his gown. Now it was decision time. Throughout these years, Laurence had continued with his responsibility as the conductor of the Exeter Choral Society, and he wondered if he should seek pastures new. The answer was no, because Gracie was by now engaged with her own academic studies at the University of Plymouth. In 2012, Laurence was appointed the Events Co-ordinator at the Cathedral, as there had been a significant development in that aspect to the Cathedral's daily life.

'We had the first Christmas Market and were involved in the Olympic Torch Relay.'

The event side of the Cathedral's life developed considerably, and so in 2014, Laurence became the Cathedral's Marketing Manager.

'It is challenging, with a wide remit! We try to use differing tools and tactics to help tell our story. There's a strong emphasis upon the commercial aspect, as well as the worshipping side of the Cathedral's life. Using our website and other publicity tools like Twitter and Facebook is vital. We have to make certain that we are providing the right thing to the right people! (See the quotation in the title of this article).

It's a huge challenge, but there's a lot of enjoyment, too. It's a very busy world out there! We have to try to think of new ways for getting our message across. Technology is so very, very important here. We reach tens of thousands of people each week via our website. We tell the Cathedral's story; about its history, the building, the daily worship as well as about coming events. It's a very exciting profession to be in!

In 2015, Gracie and Laurence were married in the Cathedral.' *It was an epic musical affair!* They live in a beautiful part of mid-Devon.

Laurence is now the Musical Director of Exmouth, Wellington and Exeter Choral Societies. The three choirs are combining to perform the Sea Symphony on the 25th November in the Cathedral.

In 2018, Wellington are performing Handel's Messiah (May), and Exmouth Haydn's Creation (Feb) and Rossini's The Petite Messe Solennelle (May). He's a very busy man as you can see! He just loves choral music.

'I'd never listened to the whole of Bach's St. Matthew's Passion in one sitting, until I was conducting it in one go at the performance! It was in celebration of Exmouth Choral Society's 150th anniversary. Before that occasion, I/we were practising it in bits and pieces!

Life still goes on beyond the confines of the Cathedral and conducting choirs. He likes to play the piano, hanging-out at home, being with friends, cooking a bit of everything (at the moment it's Italian!), going for walks, having a meal or a drink at their local pub.

'We try to have a city-break or two, visit and catch-up with the family and friends around the UK. I sing counter-tenor with the choir at Buckfast Abbey. It's interesting to sing with others. It's a completely separate life and refills my tank!

My luxury items are definitely the Spotify app on my phone, and a good pair of headphones. I couldn't do without music.

I'm really lucky to work here with wonderful people But, it can be, and at times, definitely is, frustrating trying to balance our need to innovate and earn our

keep, whilst ensuring that we maintain the traditions of the Cathedral built up over the centuries.'

When I asked Laurence if he had a favourite piece of music, or what would be his last meal before being castaway on a desert island, he replied:-

'I like all genres of music, if it's good! And, it would be eating barbequed steak with Gracie and friends on Budleigh Salterton beach!'

Amen, to that! Let us all try to assist him in his responsibility here.

Thank you, Laurence.

Rosemary Bethell

The Spirituality of Jane Austen: Paula Hollingsworth Friday 20th October 2017: Mint Methodist Church, Exeter

Come and meet Paula Hollingsworth, and hear about her interest in Jane Austen, and her research for writing this book. Paula is vicar of Westbury-sub-Mendip with Easton and Priddy, dean of Women's Ministry in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, and sub-dean of Wells Cathedral. She explores Jane Austen's understated but strong faith, and the effect it had both on her life and her writing.

Copies available to buy at £10.

Refreshments from 6.30pm. Talk and discussion 7-8.30pm.

Donations to cover costs.

Any profit will be divided between St Petrock's Day Centre and St Petrock's Church.

Sheila Swarbrick from the Parish of Central Exeter will lead the evening.

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to new members of the Cathedral Choir who join us this term:

Choral Scholars

Mima Chesterfield (alto), Jamie Farrow (tenor) and Andrew Culver (bass).

Choristers

Girls: Elly-May Ball, Josie Church, Genevra Dobson, Poppy McCullum, Maria Njoya

Boys: Daniel Devenish, Johnny Griggs, James Mason, Dominic Mirfin, Josh Taylor, Archie Tripp, Theo Whiter

Being and Becoming

I was overjoyed when I was told recently, that I had been recommended for training as a deacon. There are, currently, only between 100-150 distinctive (lifelong) deacons nationally. So, naturally enough, my vocational journey has led to a number of interesting conversations about the place of deacons in the Church of England today.

Deacons are ordained ministers; heralds of God's kingdom. They are often described as carrying out a form of 'bridge ministry'; inhabiting a space on the threshold of the church and the wider world. But as there are so few lifelong deacons, it may sometimes be difficult to see the distinctive nature of their ministry. In church, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, assist at the Eucharist, and 'send out' the congregation as the final act of collective worship (usually with the words 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord').

Outside the church building, in addition to proclaiming the Good News among those with whom they live and work, deacons are called to acts of service. It's therefore usually the case, that deacons will be in paid employment; often, though not exclusively, in caring or other 'people-related' occupations.

It's sometimes said that the role of the deacon is limited, because it does not encompass sacramental ministry. Yet as we read in Acts 6, deacons are called not to offer a partial ministry, but one which is fully centred on God's word and acts of service. As part of my preparation for my recent Bishops Advisory Panel (BAP), I read a wonderfully informative history of the diaconate in the Church of England. The book, *Inferior Office?* contains many fascinating insights but before I even turned the first page it was the author's thoughtful use of the question mark in the title which held my attention. That question mark invites us to re-examine our preconceptions. It helps us strip away some of our assumptions and, possibly, misunderstandings, and so to see things afresh. The diaconate is an ancient order in Christ's church in its own right, distinctive from, and yet complementary to, the other orders of priest and bishop.

I start 2 years of part-time training with the South West Ministry Training Course in early September. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, advice and questions during recent months. I have been deeply touched by all the support and affection I have received.

Phil Wales

Phil is a regular member of the Cathedral's weekday congregation, and attends many Cathedral courses and events, in addition to worshipping at St Margaret's Topsham on Sundays.



Introducing:

**Stephen
Carruthers**

**Catering
Manager**

We recently welcomed Stephen Carruthers, who has joined the staff team as Catering Manager. A trained chef, he has already hit the ground running in the Cathedral Café, with a new menu launched at the end of August. Do pop in and say hello to Stephen next time you visit the Café, currently open 9.30pm – 4pm, Monday to Saturday.

News from CTaX (Christians Together Across Exeter)

Tony Wragg invites you to **Café Church** at Wonford Methodist **Sunday September 10th at 6.30pm** to hear Anne and John Nicholson talk about their time in Kenya.

From Simon Taylor: On **5 October at 6:30pm, Celtic Connexion** at South St Baptist Church is hosting the annual Devon Churches Green Action Service in which we give thanks for God's earth and commit ourselves to care for it. We're doing this on behalf of the city centre churches. All are welcome to come along.

Ed Pawson (HMD coordinator on behalf of Exeter City Council, Devon County Council and Devon SACRE) writes:

*We are seeking funding support for a unique event to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day 2018 in Exeter, to take place in Exeter Cathedral on 1st February 2018, entitled **Inherit the Truth**. This will feature a performance from world renowned cellist Raphael Wallfisch and a talk from his mother and holocaust survivor, 92 year-old Anita Laker-Wallfisch. It promises to be a very significant*

occasion, but we need to raise £7,000 to put it on. This will allow us to offer the event free, with a significant number of priority places being offered to secondary school students and people from minority faith, belief and other vulnerable communities. We have approached a large number of trusts and businesses and written a number of detailed application bids for funding and we have been successful in securing some funding so far. We have started a crowdfunding site to seek more financial support. If possible, could you publicise this page and also consider offering a modest donation?
<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/holocaust-memorial-day-2018-inherit-the-truth-raphael-wallfisch>

Progressive Christianity Network

On Sunday 15th October from 2.30pm-4.30pm in Southernhay URC Hall, the Revd Professor Adrian Thatcher, Honorary Professor in the Department of Theology & Religion in the University of Exeter, will speak about his latest book, *Redeeming Gender* (OUP). This event is organised by the Progressive Christianity Network. All are welcome. There is a charge of £2.50 to cover costs.

YMCA Exeter

YMCA Exeter are looking for a Support Worker (fixed term contract) in their Housing Team. The job pack and full details are on their website
<https://www.ymcaexeter.org.uk/work-with-us/>

Cranbrook Day of Prayer Saturday 21st October 11am-3pm at St Martin's School

Cornerstone is a church without a church building in Cranbrook. On 21st October from 11am-3pm at St Martin's School, there will be a day of prayer which will involve telling stories about Cranbrook and its development, tours around the area, lunch and times of prayer. This is a time of change for the ministry team there, and they firmly believe that they need more prayer, and Lythan Nevard, the minister, writes

We need more prayer. More directed prayer. And so we are asking if you would be willing to come and hear the stories of Cranbrook, hear about the possibilities and frustrations and therefore be able to pray in specific ways with us and for us in the future?

Lythan invites people to save this date, and if you are interested to let her know at ministercranbrook@gmail.com

What's On in September

This month kicks off with the last *Discover the Exeter Book* sessions in the Library and Archive (**Wednesday 6th**). We're then into the annual series of events for Heritage Open Days which this year include a series of specialist tours (**8th-10th**), and an exhibition in the Library and Archive, telling the story of how, in 1917, the Bishop's Palace was offered for use as a hospital for sick and wounded soldiers (**7th-9th**). All events are free, but booking for the tours is essential – please telephone Chris Bodkin 01392 285983.

We're lucky to host concerts by some of the world's leading classical musicians; the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra makes its first journey to the South West for a Cathedral performance on **16th October**. Next on the programme is a concert by choral ensemble, Tenebrae (**Friday 15th September**). They are joined by Antiphon (directed by Cathedral Lay Vicar Matt Cann), for a mixed programme of choral music, including Joby Talbot's *Path of Miracles*.

Full details of events including booking information is available from www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/events and from the printed *What's On* guide, available inside the Cathedral.

Christmas Concerts and Handel's Messiah

This December, the Cathedral Choir will be performing three special concerts. *Christmas with the Cathedral Choir* is the popular celebration of carols for choir, audience and organ, and takes place on **Saturday 9th and Thursday 14th December 2017 at 19.00**.

New for this year, is a performance of Handel's ever-popular oratorio *Messiah* to support the Exeter Cathedral Music Foundation Trust. Timothy Noon will direct the Cathedral Choir, along with early music specialist orchestra Devon Baroque and a stellar quartet of soloists. The performance will be on **Sunday 10th December 2017 at 2.30pm**, and is generously supported by Anne Foreman in memory of her late husband Peter.

Tickets for both concerts are on general release from Tuesday 12th December, and will be available from the Cathedral Office (01392 285983, Monday to Friday) and www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/boxoffice

Save the Date: The Great Big Cathedral Quiz is back!

We're delighted to announce that the Great Big Cathedral Quiz will return this year on **Thursday 12th October**. Comedian and BBC Radio 4 favourite Tony Hawks will, once again, be our celebrity quizmaster. Tickets are £10 to include a delicious hog roast. The proceeds will support the Cathedral so please come

and take part. We're delighted that *The Oddfellows* will provide a cash bar to help keep your quiz-brains stimulated. Gather up a table of friends (6-8 per table) and start brushing up on your general knowledge. Booking is now open at www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/boxoffice or email cressida.peers@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Laurence Blyth, Marketing Manager

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

The Cathedral will mark the 500th anniversary of the starting point of the Reformation with a number of events:

There will be a **special course of sermons** at regular services during October.

There will be a full programme of events on **31st October**:

At **1.15pm**, Diane Walker will give an illustrated talk on *The English Reformation in Exeter*, and at **3pm**, there will be a guided tour exploring the impact of the English Reformation at the Cathedral. Please see the Cathedral website for details of bookings for these two events.

At **5.30pm**, there will be a special Evensong led by the Cathedral Choir to mark the anniversary. All welcome.

At **7.30pm**, in the Chapter House, there will be a lecture: *Why should we remember the Reformation?* Professor James Clark (Professor of History, University of Exeter) will tackle the theme from a historical perspective. The Revd Professor Morwenna Ludlow (Head of Theology & Religion, University of Exeter) will explore the Reformation as a process in the life of the Church. Please see the Cathedral website for booking details.

Week of Guided Prayer: 12th to 18th November 2017

Eight Prayer Guides will be with us at the Cathedral from 12th to 18th November, to be alongside those who desire to deepen their prayer lives without leaving home, or disrupting daily tasks and responsibilities. Each participant commits him or herself to half an hour's prayer each day. The Guides will be available every day, giving each individual participant attention and guidance. There are few places left on the 'Week'.

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Bishop Martin on 07801 549615 or amartinshaw@gmail.com

The Diary in September

This is just a selection of the many events in the Cathedral in September. For full details, please look at the Cathedral website and the “What’s On July/September” leaflet.

- 6th Cathedral Marketing Network Conference
- 7th Fabric Advisory Committee
Launch of VISTA AR
- 9th Devon Historic Churches Trust Bike and Stride Day
Full Peal of Bells
- 10th 10am Ordination of Deacons
7pm Holy Ground
- 11th 2.30pm Julian Prayer Group in St John the Baptist Chapel
- 12th Library & Archive meeting; Health and Safety meeting
- 13th 7pm Cathedral Community Committee meeting
- 14th *Holy Cross Day*
5.30pm Solemn Eucharist
7pm Fellowship Committee meeting
- 15th 7.30pm Concert by Tenebrae and Antiphon
- 18th Cathedral Finance Committee
- 19th Flower Arrangers’ Meeting
- 21st *Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*
5.30pm Solemn Eucharist
- 23rd 10am Liturgical Movement Workshop
11am Service for Devon & Dorset Regimental Association
- 25th 7pm Meeting of the Pastoral Care Team
- 28th 9am Chapter Meeting
10am Stewards & Guides Meeting
12 noon Town Hall Meeting for Staff and Volunteers
- 29th *Michael & All Angels*
5.30pm Solemn Eucharist
12noon Mothers’ Union Prayers in the Lady Chapel

Next Month: Please send material for the October edition by **Monday 25th September** to Heather Morgan (01392 877623, hmm53@tiscali.co.uk and Sheila Atkinson sm.a@blueyonder.co.uk. The other members of the editorial team are Rosemary Bethell and Laurence Blyth.