



From the Dean



For the past week, we've had the pleasure of hosting Fr George and Sr Elizabeth Jane at the Deanery. Pamela's been hoping that by rubbing shoulders with a monk and a nun, something of their holiness will rub off on me. Sadly the reality is that we shall all have to work a bit harder if we want to shine with the love of God.

I put it like that because I remember, years ago when I was living in Cornwall, two Buddhist nuns appeared at the door, asking to leave their luggage with me while they crossed the Fal Estuary on the King Harry Ferry. There was some convoluted story about what work they could and couldn't do and how carrying luggage on the ferry wasn't permitted for some reason, though I forget the exact details. What I do remember very clearly is that their faces were radiant, transmitting something of the glory of God. It was a glory born of years of meditation, and although their understanding of God and mine would be very different, it was a glory that was inviting, infectious, and beautiful to behold.

I am writing this half way through our week of prayer, which has been offering us some pointers towards cultivating our inner life - or awakening our heart, as Sr Elizabeth Jane put it. She then led us in an exercise of stillness and centring, quoting the 13th century German theologian, Meister Eckhart, who tells us: "God is always in us. God is at home. It is we who have gone out for a walk." Prayer is about discovering ourselves as well as discovering God. Fr George has tried to debunk some misunderstandings of prayer - not least that we expect to get something out of it, some immediate sense of fulfilment. Rather, it's a job of work to be done, joining in with the Church at prayer, and although we're not conscious of it at the time, this lays deep foundations in our lives which transform us over time. The starting point for all our prayer is the daily prayer of the church, morning and evening, and the Eucharist, and out of this flows the desire and need for personal

prayer. Unsurprisingly, his talk provoked some lively conversation about the Church, and how the institution has so many negative connotations for people outside our doors. We do our best each day to be welcoming, inclusive, generous and joyful here at the Cathedral, but there are plenty of preconceptions and emotional barriers to overcome. I hope that the week of prayer will leave a rich and deep legacy for us all: and to help that happen, let me commend to you Fr George's book "Everyday God", available from the Cathedral Bookshop. It is undoubtedly one of the most accessible and helpful books on prayer I've ever read.

To reward us for all our hard work during this week of prayer, and to help rebuild the Cathedral Community after 18 months of dispersion, please don't forget our Community Party after the Eucharist on 10th October. We'd love to see you there, whether you're a regular at the Cathedral, or just an occasional visitor: a great chance to catch up with our friends and meet some new people too. And we are providing a hot lunch, as well as some musical entertainment. And all free - though as ever we would welcome a donation to help cover our costs. To ensure there's enough food to go round, please book a place online <https://tinyurl.com/hkhjnt3a>

You may remember that we have now re-started coffee every Sunday morning, and that we're on the lookout for new volunteers to help make and pour this. We're really grateful to those who have come forward, but we'd be grateful to hear from a few more, so if you are able to help out, even occasionally, please email julie.taylor@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Back to the Deanery. Pamela's really enjoyed hosting our guests this week, so I thought I'd better check: "Are you feeling a vocation to become a nun?" The answer was unequivocal: "No, I'm not," she replied, as she headed off for the piano. "I'm not suited to Quiet Days. I like noisy days!" **Jonathan Greener**



London Marathon

Once again Liz Searle, (at the tender age of 78!) is running the London Marathon for Hospiscare on Sunday October 3rd, her 10th consecutive annual Hospiscare marathon. If you could support her (as many of you have done in previous years) she would be very grateful. You may do so on line if you prefer at

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Elizabeth-Searle4

From The Company of Tapisers

It has been a delight to see and hear the familiar chatter and laughter of many Tapisers who are, once more, attending our weekly meetings. It has been a long Covid-enforced lay-off and we are now ready to do what we love: to stitch for the Cathedral!

The Textile group has already recommenced work on the Millennium Cope; the Canvas group is preparing to restore the Chapter House cushions; and the Whitework section is doing some essential mending of altar linen pieces.

Our meetings are, of course, different from pre-Covid days:

We all take a weekly lateral flow test before attending any meetings; we wear face-masks – except when drinking coffee; and the much-loved chocolate biscuits at coffee time are individually wrapped.

So, we are meeting and stitching again as responsibly as we can – and are ready to welcome any new members who wish to join us. (Contact the office, if you want a taster session!)

Diana Symes, Chairman of the Company of Tapisers

The November edition of *Cathedral News*

We hope to publish the next edition of the News on Sunday 3^{1st} October 2021. The deadline for material is **Monday 25th October 2021**. Please send any contributions to hmm53@tiscali.co.uk or to any member of the editorial team; Heather Morgan, Rosemary Bethell, Jenny Ellis and Sheila Atkinson.

Year of Invitation and Welcome Groups

As part of the *Year of Invitation and Welcome*, we've set up seven small working groups to undertake aspects of the work. Look out for these during the coming year:

- Training for welcomers
- Drinks parties for newcomers
- Promoting Justice, Peace, and Care for Creation
- 'Second-tier' welcome (what happens *after* you've got in?)
- Profiling different groups in our community
- *Everybody Welcome* course
- Events for invited guests

For more information, do be in touch with Canon Chris Palmer – chris.palmer@exeter-cathedral.org.uk / 07906 249132

Canon Chris Palmer



Christian discipleship in older age

A longstanding friend and retired bishop wrote to me as he entered his ninth decade, 'I am learning to live with the challenges and opportunities of Christian discipleship which come with older age.' In a few months time I shall join him and I have been thinking about what he was saying. As Phil Wales asked us in a sermon recently, 'What is the shape of our ongoing discipleship?'

A generation ago the transition from being older to older age occurred much earlier than it does now. Then recently retired people really did seem old. But now coming up to our 80s seems to be the time when significant changes begin to take place. Life expectancy has increased over the last 50 years and in our 70s 'retirement' often means being active in all sorts of ways. But around 80 things begin to change. Loss becomes an increasing part of life. We tend to have less energy. Health problems become more common as illness hits us suddenly, or creeps up on us and stays with us. We become forgetful, less agile physically and mentally. Friends die and we attend more funerals.

Furthermore it can become difficult to keep pace with the modern world, notably with information technology and communication. I find myself asking, "Does nobody write letters these days? Why can't I speak to a human being? Are cheques still OK? Why do things keep changing on my smart phone? Do I have to have Netflix and iPlayer?"

Culture, codes of behaviour and values have all changed and I cannot always get my head round it. And anyway is anybody interested in what I think? I am not sure. Even church is not quite like it used to be.

All this can make us feel isolated, anxious, depressed, dissatisfied and grumpy. But there is another way of approaching our later years. We can embrace them, and see them as an ongoing vocation which God has entrusted to us. The Psalmist recognised this; 'The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap.' Psalm 92: 12 & 13.

There are four amazing possibilities here as we get older. We may 'flourish.' The verb here means 'to sprout' Fresh spiritual understanding and growth can be a wonderful part of our experience. The Psalmist likens this growth to the palm

tree and the cedar tree. These are pictures of inner strength and beauty. Yes we may be wrinkly and stooped but 'the Lord looks on the heart'.

Being 'green and full of sap' speaks of life which in the New Testament becomes the life of Christ within us. All this means that 'in old age we still produce fruit'. As our years advance it will be less and less about being busy, and more and more about growing the fruit of the Spirit.

Our advancing years can be difficult and wearying. So how is this spiritual growth and fruitfulness sustained? It is by being 'planted in the house of the Lord'. In other words worship is as essential for our wellbeing in older age as it is throughout our lives where we are nurtured by prayer, the Scriptures, sacrament and fellowship, whether corporately, with a few others, or in the quietness of our own hearts.

John Searle, Canon Emeritus

From the Heritage and Education Team



October Half Term

Grab your *Brass Rubbing Kit* from the Welcome Desk during half term week 25th – 30th Oct and have a go at the Cathedral's super collection of brass plates. Instructions and rubbing resources are in the bag to make up 3 rubbings **£2.50** Purchase from the Welcome Desk.

Take a little bit of history home with you - great for all ages!

Lisa Gordon, Education Officer





Focus: The Reverend Cate Edmonds, Canon Steward, Non-Resident Residentiary Canon of Exeter Cathedral

'The one real objective of education is to leave a man in the condition of continually asking questions.' Bishop Mandell Creighton 1843-1901

Bishop Creighton was a tutor at Merton College in Oxford, and the first occupant of the Dixie Chair of Ecclesiastical History at Cambridge. His wife, Louise, was a friend of Beatrice Webb, and a supporter of the Women's Suffrage Movement. In 1903, his book entitled *Thoughts on Education* was in print. I am fairly confident that Cate, the subject of this Focus, would agree with him, that everyone, including women and girls have the right to an education.

Now back to Cate! She was born in Plymouth, where both of her parents were Civil Servants, her father at the Naval Base. She has an older brother, with whom she had a good relationship.

'We got on well together, but in my teens there was a bit of a role-reversal! My first school was Montpellier School, and after that it was on to Devonport High School for Girls. I loved it both academically and socially. I wasn't exactly an angel! Not really bad, but a chatterbox! It was at a Church Youth Club that I first met Paul; I was sixteen. Our mothers had worked together during WW2. We might have even met when we were in our prams!'

On leaving school, Cate went to a Teacher Training College, where she specialised in the teaching of Biology and Chemistry at Secondary Level; leaving with her certificate, she was appointed in 1973 to a school in Stratford-on-Avon. Here was the 'birth place' of the idea to proceed with further training in the education of children/pupils who had some form of learning difficulty.

'I abandoned the Sciences and became the Head of the Remedial Education, having become an Associate of the College of Preceptors. Five years later, I moved to the Mid-Warwickshire College of Further Education as a Course Tutor for the Extended Vocational Education Course. I'd discovered that I had some ability in this particular field, and found it very rewarding.

This course specialised in providing an environment within which students, who had been excluded from school could learn. This was achieved through supplementary teaching, the development of the curriculum, a greater amount of liaison work between our staff and parents, carers, other service providers; we became a more integrated system within which students could learn.

It was very satisfying work.'

In 1988, Cate felt the need to widen her experience, so she applied for and was appointed as Head of the Learning Support Service at Queen Mary's College in Basingstoke. This meant that she was responsible for the management of all members of staff, parents, service providers and voluntary organisations, as well as the fundamental one of enabling the young people to maximise their own potentials. She remained there until 1998 having, simultaneously, worked for and gained the Diploma in Special Educational Needs and Specific Learning Difficulties.

I wondered when she had first felt a call to the priesthood?

'I can't really remember which year, but somewhere between 1985-86. My father had died very suddenly, I was very angry with God. I shut myself off from God. Somehow, a while later, the family having moved to North Hampshire, I woke up on Remembrance Sunday in either 1985 or 1986 and started to attend our local parish church. Eventually I joined the Choir, and our two children joined the Junior Choir. I became Choir Mother and ran the Pastoral Team.

I had conversations with the then elderly vicar." I want to do more!" I was fobbed off but the dripping- tap wouldn't go away! We then got a new vicar, and everything changed. I mentioned it to him one Sunday morning, and his reply was that he'd been waiting for me to tell him! I started the process, and was interviewed by the Selection Conference, with our former Dean, the late Richard Eyre in the chair. Archbishop Sentanu's wife was the Secretary.'

In 1992, Cate was accepted, and thus began a distance learning experience linked in with Sarum College, Salisbury and the University of Southampton from

whom she received her Ministerial Certificate, Diploma in Theology and Christian Studies. She became a Deacon in 1995, an Assistant Priest a year later, to a lovely wise priest near Basingstoke.

Another move came in 1994; this time to Somerset, where she became the Senior Assistant Priest at Holy Trinity, Barwick, near to Yeovil, combining this role with being The Chaplain at Yeovil College.

'Chaplains have their own sets of fun and fears, satisfactions and responsibilities!' Then in 2001 it was a journey westwards when she was appointed Chaplain to Plymouth Marjon University.

'I was not a stay-at-home mum, but Paul and I were definite about raising our children so that they would have good memories. I just loved teaching, and did so when the children could go to a Nursery School.'

The years rolled by; then in 2006, Cate was appointed the Diocesan Chaplaincy in Education Advisor, as well as being licensed as an Assistant Priest to the Otter Vale Mission Community. She was responsible for the parishes of Escot, Feniton and Payhembury, and it was here that she began to develop her interest in the Melanesian Mission UK (MMUK). Bishop John Coleridge Patteson lived in Feniton as a boy, and returned as a curate at the church in Alington, Ottery St. Mary. From there he was called to be a missionary in the South Pacific. Cate, through her links has travelled to the Solomons and Vanuatu on three occasions on various projects. She is an Associate of the Sisters of Melanesia and a Companion of the Brothers.

'This link is very important to me, and we have much to learn from our brothers and sisters in Melanesia about faith. They are wonderful, welcoming and spiritual people.'

In 2016 she was made a Prebendary, and retired from stipendiary ministry in 2017. She has been a self-supporting licensed minister to the Axe Valley Mission Community and Rural Dean for the Honiton Deanery. Cate felt deeply honoured when asked by Bishop Robert and Dean Jonathan if she would consider taking on a Residentiary Canon appointment at the Cathedral.

So it was in October 2019, that she was installed as a Non-Resident Residentiary Canon of Exeter Cathedral with the title of Canon Steward.

'My role is to support The Dean and other Members of Chapter, and to aim at furthering the development/enhancement of the relationships that link the Cathedral with the churches within the Diocese. I am responsible for Patronage, that's clergy appointments to parishes for which the Cathedral is responsible, and have oversight of the Department of Archives, Education and Library. Being part of the ministry team is so very important.'

It seems as if all my previous paths have led me to being here. I hope that my previous experiences particularly in Education can contribute to the life of the Cathedral.'

How does she refill her energy supply, and bring a real calmness into her mind? She loves cooking..... trying out new recipes, especially spicy ones, and recently has taken up baking. She and Paul regularly walk their two Collies. She's a fan of cricket, following especially the English Cricket Team particularly when they travel abroad to places such as Sri Lanka and Australia. Originally it was her husband's hobby, but *'I've adopted it!*

They enjoy going to the theatre, especially to Stratford-on-Avon to see performances of plays by William Shakespeare, and, also, to the little theatre in Lyme Regis, their home town. Cate enjoys a good thriller to watch on TV or to read, and has a soft spot for the Antiques Road Show.

I'm not certain if I've asked this question before but this time I did! Cate's two favourite hymns are *To God be the Glory* and *Great is thy faithfulness*. When responding to my final two questions concerning the best and worst aspects to the Cathedral, she replied:-

'Life is always full of contrasts, and I am not an exception. For me, the best part of the Cathedral's building is the Nave with its beauty and stunning vaulting. The other is the communities within it. They are of the very best.

In contrast, I am uncomfortable about the charges for entry. However, I completely understand the workings of the Cathedral, and the balance that has to be made between worship and commerce.'

Thank you, Cate

Rosemary Bethell

Exeter Foodbank - Cathedral Collection

I began collecting for the Foodbank in 2014 because I wanted good, kind folk to know how much it was needed and to seek their response. With the pandemic and so much hardship, the Foodbank, by playing a vital part in helping people struggling to make ends meet, has become well-known. We hope Covid 19 will subside but the need will still be there.

Imagine a family with both parents working, stretched in order to cope with mortgage or rent, and a child falls ill. Mother may have to stay at home, or she may have to stop work because her husband is ill, a double blow. People mostly sympathise with such a situation. But sometimes people ask me if "they" deserve it and then I count to 10 and take a deep breath. What if some have made a mess of things? Heaven knows, I have. Jesus helped people; he didn't ask if they deserved it. That's what the Pharisees did, looking down their noses.

We Christians are required to be Christ in the community and I know so many who work tirelessly to help others in His name. I'm grateful for the support I have had and for all those who give when they go to the supermarket. You now can give online when you shop. Please, not too much spaghetti or baked beans! We will try to publish the items for which there is greatest need before the collection day in future, and on the Cathedral Community Noticeboard.

The next collection will be at the 10 am Eucharist on Sunday 24th October which will be our Harvest Festival. Please give generously; your offerings will be taken up to the altar and blessed. Many, many thanks.

Felicity Cawthra



Holy Ground

Modern slavery – a litmus test for the credibility of the gospel today.

Sunday 14 November 2021 at 1800

with Bishop Alastair Redfern

Modern slavery is growing – in villages and towns, as well as cities. We will explore what is happening, why, and how Christians have a particular and precious contribution to make in combating this brutal exploitation of so many of our sisters and brothers.

Alastair Redfern is chair of the Clewer Initiative – the Church of England's response to modern slavery, a co-founder of the Global Sustainability Network - and a trustee of the Amar Foundation, working with refugees in the Middle

East and elsewhere. Until 2018 he was the Bishop of Derby.

Holy Ground is an exciting opportunity to explore, question and express Christian spirituality and values in a beautiful and ancient setting. All are welcome at Holy Ground, where we enjoy combining creative approaches to spirituality with stimulating and open-minded discussions about Christianity and its contexts, as well as creating spaces for quiet reflection upon God, ourselves and the world.



The Eucharist to celebrate Bishop John Coleridge Patteson on Saturday 18th September was a significant occasion for the Cathedral Servers. It was first time they had been on duty in large numbers for 18 months. It was great to see them back in force!

Cathedral Community Lunch Sunday 10th October 2021

You're invited to a party! And it's free! We're having a Cathedral Community Lunch on Sunday 10th October. Wine and soft drinks will be served from 11.45am in the Chapter House and garden, with a hot lunch at approximately 12.20pm in the Cathedral.

It's a long time since we could be together at a party and we look forward to seeing many members of the Cathedral Community-congregations, staff and volunteers, those who are new to the Cathedral, and those who've been here for ever!

There is no charge, but if you can let us know in advance that you are coming it would help us to plan. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/hkhjnt3a>. But we'll be turning no one away on the day!



Welcome Julie!

A very warm welcome to Julie Taylor, the new Cathedral Visitors and Volunteers Coordinator. We asked her to introduce herself...

I grew up in Hampshire and graduated from university with a degree and a masters in Archaeology and History. Heritage is my first love and, as a result, I have been lucky enough to

work within some prestigious organisations, such as Historic Royal Palaces and the Royal Collection Trust, where I was a tour guide in Buckingham Palace. Having grown tired of the London commute, I started working closer to home and when Covid struck, I realised I was ready for my next adventure. My partner and I chose Exeter as our new home and we look forward to exploring the delights of Devon!

When I'm not working, I'm out and about taking photographs and painting, as well as indulging in a love of foreign food and cinema, which is a result of a year spent teaching in China. Anyone who wants to spend long hours talking about food or history, is welcome to knock on my door at any time! I look forward to getting to know everyone at Exeter Cathedral.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Canon Dr John Searle, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Michaelmas Day, 29th September. John was ordained priest by Bishop Richard Hawkins in St Leonard's Church, Exeter.

Among others ordained that day was the Reverend Rachel Barrett, formerly chaplain of St Margaret's School. It was lovely to welcome Rachel and her husband, the Revd Paul Barrett (who served in the parishes of St Thomas and Whipton) to the 10am Choral Eucharist on 26th September. All good wishes to them.



St Boniface Way

wander and wonder

**Launch of St Boniface Way
Saturday 23rd October**

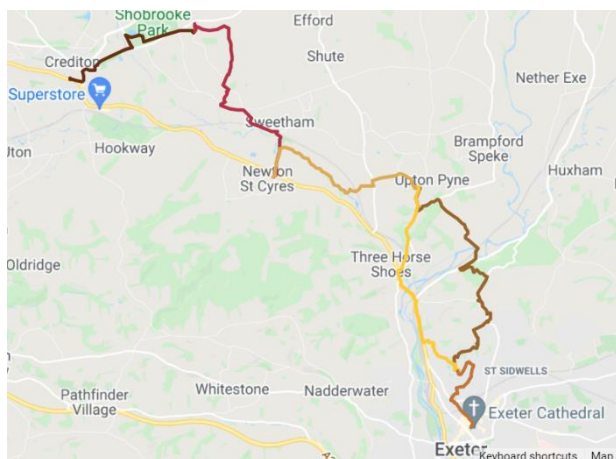
We invite you to join some or all of a pilgrim day to launch this new pilgrimage route from CREDITON to Exeter. A day to wander and wonder – with events and activities to bring the route to life.

About St Boniface Way

(taken from *Devon Pilgrim* website)

St Boniface Way begins at the birthplace of its namesake in CREDITON. From CREDITON, your pilgrimage will take you across fields, along river banks and through farmland. You will visit chocolate-box villages and countryside that inspired Jane Austen, before leaving behind the rural, and entering Exeter, via the University. However, even in the city, St Boniface Way will provide green spaces and places of reflection. At the end of the journey lies Exeter Cathedral and the invitation to join a service of Evensong.

Throughout the pilgrimage route flow the interconnected themes of prayer, work and study. St Boniface would have been familiar with these as they formed the rhythms of his life as a Benedictine monk. Prayer is reflected in the churches visited en route, and also by the inclination of the pilgrim as they undertake the pilgrimage. Along the route, the pilgrim will reflect on work especially as they journey past working farmland. Study is represented by the University Chapel, and in the heart of the pilgrim as they grow in their understanding of God.



As you visit each of the churches along St Boniface Way, you will find welcome and a space to pray, to reflect and to encounter God.

For more information, including downloadable route guides, see <https://www.devonpilgrim.org.uk/route/st-boniface/>

Timetable for the day

10.00 am A service at Holy Cross, Crediton. The service will include a blessing of the pilgrims who will be walking part of the route on the day.

After which pilgrims walk the way to Shobrooke

11.30 am Dressing of the Holy Well at Shobrooke and a blessing

After which pilgrims eat together – bring-your-own packed lunch – in Shobrooke churchyard. Toilets are available here. During the lunch break there will also be an opportunity to hear more about the wider work of Devon Pilgrim and/or participate in a guided meditation.

Walkers will then leave in time to arrive at the next event at Newton St Cyres.

3.00 pm Family Activity at Newton St Cyres to include a treasure hunt and games. We also welcome and celebrate as the walkers arrive and hold the formal dedication of the pilgrimage route.

Pilgrim walkers finish at Newton St Cyres and people will make their own way to the Cathedral. Buses leave Newton St Cyres heading for Exeter at 4.23 pm and 4.46 pm and the journey takes around 20 minutes.

5.30 pm Choral Compline at Exeter Cathedral

6.00 pm Drinks Reception and Short Talk on Pilgrimage to Exeter, Past and Present
by the Dean of Exeter, the Very Revd Jonathan Greener,
in the Chapter House at Exeter Cathedral.

Please come along at any stage, to events, to walk, to celebrate. Join in as little or much as you are able.

A Service of Welcome and Reflection for the University Community

Students and graduates of Classes 2020 and 2021 along with anyone else who wishes to come, are invited to **Exeter Cathedral** for a chance to reflect on the losses of the last year and pray for the University community in the academic year ahead. The service will begin at **7pm on Wednesday 6 October**.



Embrace the new season with Exeter Cathedral Autumn Fair!

On Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th October there will be a festival of local food, crafts and gifts – all inside the stunning Exeter Cathedral.

Exeter Cathedral's nave will be filled with over 50 stalls from local traders offering an array of artisan foods, crafts and gift ideas, including very special collections from the Cathedral's own Shop and Flower Arrangers.

Visitors to the Exeter Cathedral Autumn Fair can ease into the new season with free entry to the Cathedral, a free glass of mulled wine and enjoy refreshments from Ten Fifty – our new low-carbon café. There'll also be music, awe-inspiring demonstrations from our stonemasons and much more!

Open times:

Monday 4 October: 6:30pm-9pm

Tuesday 5 October: 10am-3pm

Book your free place now at bit.ly/AutumnFairTickets

Sunday Morning Coffee Rota: Can you help please?

We need more people to help with serving coffee after the 10am Choral Eucharist on Sundays. This is an important part of the Cathedral's ministry of hospitality. If you are able to help or would like to know more about the role, please contact Julie Taylor, Visitors and Volunteers Coordinator julie.taylor@exeter-cathedral.org.uk



Welcome Laurence!

It was in the autumn of 2019 that I came to Exeter for my organ scholarship audition and interviews—I was set to arrive this time last year, but of course the pandemic put a stop to that. So I am very excited finally to be here! Everyone I have met so far has been incredibly kind and friendly, and this is a Cathedral Community of which I am very much looking forward to being a part of.

My first experience of cathedral life was during my gap year, which I spent as organ scholar of Hereford Cathedral (I am from South Herefordshire). I wonder whether my appointment here at Exeter is in order to keep up some sort of Hereford “quota”, as

Timothy Noon was a chorister there, and the previous Assistant Director of Music Tim Parsons was one of my predecessors as organ scholar.

I moved on from Hereford to undergraduate studies and an organ scholarship at The Queen’s College, Oxford, where I worked with a mixed adult choir and enjoyed accompanying numerous services, tours, concerts, broadcasts, and recordings. It perhaps goes without saying that working with adults is very different to working with choristers; however, I wouldn’t say I prefer one group to the other. Although it is certainly refreshing to see children so lively at 8 o’clock in the morning!

Lots of happy memories of childhood holidays spent in Devon are already being brought back to me, and I can’t wait to go on some nice long walks—do let me know if you have any suggestions!

From Gordon Pike

I would like to thank the Cathedral Community for the wonderful gift to mark my farewell from the Cathedral Choir. Penny and I also thank you for the lovely arrangement of flowers which have lasted a long time. I was amazed how many people attended Evensong to mark this special occasion. It was lovely to catch up with so many colleagues from the past. It made me realise I had been connected to the Cathedral for a very long time.

Best wishes
Gordon Pike

Mary Wolfe and Judy Best RIP

The Cathedral has sustained a great loss in the death of Mary Wolffe and Judy Best. They both made an immense contribution to the life of the Cathedral, to which we shall pay tribute in next month's *Cathedral News*. For now, we remember them in our prayers, and send our love and sympathy to their families and to their many colleagues and friends within and outside the Cathedral Community.

4 Week Creation Care Course

This 4-week Creation Care Course is a collaboration between The Diocese of Chester, HeartEdge, Melanesian Mission UK and Southampton University. The course will provide you with vital information about climate change, its impacts on people and reflect on our role as Christians in taking practical climate action. Please register separately for each week here:

Week 1: **Caring for Creation:** 7 October, 7.30-9pm. [Register here.](#)

Week 2: **Understanding Climate Change:** 14 October, 7.30-9pm. [Register here.](#)

Week 3: **Living Climate Change** – Stories from Melanesia: 21 October, 7.30-9pm. [Register here.](#)

Week 4: **Taking Action** – Caring for the Environment, Caring for People: 18 November, 7.30-9pm. [Register here.](#)

The Reverend Margaret Cameron

We were very sorry to hear of the death of the Reverend Margaret Cameron on 30th August. Before she was ordained, Margaret was one of the Cathedral Archivists. Her curacies were at St Peter's Budleigh Salterton and Wipton, and she then served as Rector of Culm Davey, Clayhidon and Culmstock (1997-2003), and as Vicar of Plympton St Mary (2003-2013). In 2005, she was appointed as a Prebendary of the Cathedral.

As one of the first cohorts of women priests, it wasn't all plain sailing at first, but it was hard to see any objections to the ordination of women surviving even a brief encounter with her ministry. Margaret was a much-loved parish priest; friendly, kind, hard-working, and devoted to the local communities in which she served. She also exuded common sense and true Anglican reason and moderation, qualities we need in abundance today.

After she retired in 2013, Margaret and Hamilton lived in Exmouth, but they kept in touch with life at the Cathedral and worshipped here from time to time; it was always a joy to see them. We send our prayers and sympathy to him and to their family and friends.

Heather Morgan

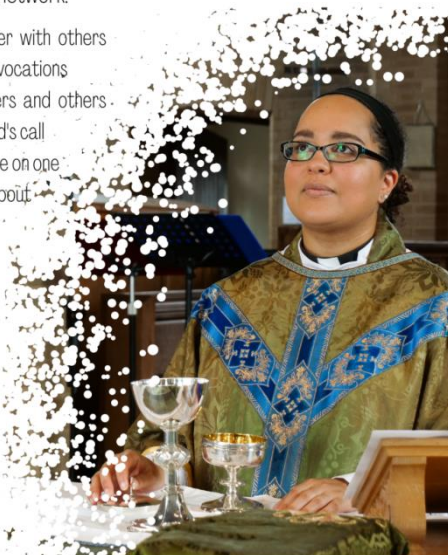
Come & See UKME in the South West

Discover ministerial vocations

Friday 29th October 7.30pm-9pm and
Saturday 30th October 9.30am-1pm

If you're considering ministry and you're from a Minority Ethnic background, Come & See promises to be a hugely encouraging and exciting event to explore, reflect, ask questions and network.

- Enjoy fellowship and prayer with others exploring lay and ordained vocations
- Hear from trainee ministers and others who have responded to God's call
- Discuss hopes and fears one on one
- Learn what studying is all about



Details and booking via: comeandsee2021southwest.eventbrite.co.uk

Planned Giving Group

If you would like to contribute to the work of the newly-formed Planned Giving Group, please contact the Revd Phil Wales, Cathedral Curate at phil.wales@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

This group is looking at ways to develop, promote and improve planned giving in the Cathedral Community. This is very important work, and something in which lay members of the regular congregations have a particular interest and responsibility. We need your help!

Phil Wales, Cathedral Curate



When the Archbishop of Canterbury came to the celebration for Bishop Coleridge Patteson, he brought a gift from Lambeth—a letter in Patteson’s own hand. This was a lovely surprise, and here we see the Archbishop, the Dean and other members of the Cathedral clergy team with the framed letter.

Cathedral Community Committee (CCC) 14th September

The main items of business at the meeting of the CCC on 14th September were

- Encouraging people back to church and resuming participation in Cathedral activities
- Gathering a team to welcome people to the weekday and evening sessions of the week of prayer
- The arrangements for the Cathedral Community Party on 10th October
- The revision of the CCC Constitution, of which members had received a first draft
- The CCC elections which will be launched at the Cathedral Community Party and conducted in October/November

Before we started the agenda, we put on record our deep gratitude and best wishes to Clare Griffiths, who has resigned as secretary because she and her family are leaving Exeter and moving to South Devon. Clare will be hugely missed because of her presence and her great efficiency; we are very sorry to lose her.

The next meeting of the CCC will be on Monday 11th October when we hope to meet in person for the first time for 18 months. Please send any suggestions for the agenda to me at hmm53@tiscali.co.uk

Heather Morgan, Chair CCC



Sunday 19th September: A Memorable Day

Evensong on 19th September was particularly memorable for the Cathedral's musicians.

During Evensong, James Alexander-Besant and Laurence John were installed as Assistant Director of Music and Organ Scholar respectively.....

.....closely followed by the investiture of the senior girl choristers, who celebrated after the service!



After the service, the congregation of almost 400 people said farewell to Gordon Pike. The piano which Gordon helped raise the money to buy was blessed by the Dean. Tributes to Gordon were paid by the Dean, Timothy Noon, Canon James Mustard and Heather Morgan. The Dean unveiled the model of Gordon's head made by the Cathedral stonemasons, that will be carved in the Cathedral, probably on a pinnacle in the South Quire Aisle, and Gordon and Penny were presented with gifts from the Cathedral Community.

Many former members of the Cathedral Choir, Old Choristers, chorister parents and former organists and Directors of Music were present. It was a great occasion, as was fitting for someone who has made such a long and distinguished contribution to the Cathedral.



It was also a great pleasure to welcome members of the Exeter Cathedral Music Preservation Trust and to say thank you to Juliet Dymoke-Marr, who was retiring after being Secretary to the Trust since its inception in 1987.



Gordon with members of his family



Above: Gordon with the carved model

Below: a historic photograph of four past and present Punctators of the Cathedral Choir-Julian Sutton, Gordon Pike, Brian Hann and Matthew Cann



Elections to the Cathedral Community Committee (CCC)

The postponed elections to the Cathedral Community Committee will be launched at the Cathedral Community Party on 10th October.

There are 8 vacancies for people elected by and from the Cathedral Community Roll.

Notice of the election and nomination forms will be sent out during the week 18th-22nd October. The deadline for nominations will be **8th November**, with voting papers going out by 12th November, to be returned by **29th November**.

The CCC works with Chapter to build up the Cathedral Community, to welcome newcomers, to assist in the implementation of the Chapter's Vision Statement and Annual Plan, and to be a channel of communication between Chapter and the wider Cathedral Community, and between the various parts of the Cathedral Community. It may

- give advice and make recommendations to Chapter on any matter concerning the life of the Cathedral and its community;
- propose to Chapter projects and initiatives for the development of the life of the Cathedral Community
- request information relating to the affairs of the Cathedral

The CCC has its own action plan and we hope that in the new Committee each area of work will have a member as its champion. We do need people from many areas of Cathedral life-different congregations and volunteer groups, and as the Dean has observed, we need "doers"!

At present, the CCC meets for an hour every month, currently the 2nd Tuesday after Evensong, but this is open to review depending on what suits the new Committee.

Please think if you are called to this role within the Cathedral, or of other people you might wish to propose. And please do make sure that you are on the Cathedral Community Roll so that you can take part in the election as either candidate or voter-forms online or from the Cathedral Office.

Postscript: An unusual request

The Dean has had a somewhat unusual request for help from Charlie Murray Brown, a student at Exeter University who is, for various reasons, very keen to find somewhere to park his car during term time. There is no parking space at his accommodation this year. Charlie will be living in the Prince of Wales Road area, so if anyone has a space or a driveway they can offer him, he would be delighted to hear from you. Charlie's email is charliermb@gmail.com. He was advised to contact the Cathedral by his grandfather, who is a former Archdeacon of Wells.

