



From the Acting Dean

The battle of Monte Cassino in Italy, during the Second World War, was a long drawn out fight. The mountains around the valley made an ideal defensive line for the Germans. The Allies sent in wave after wave of attacks over four months. The Commonwealth War Graves in the valley, and the Polish Cemetery, behind the famous Benedictine Abbey on the mountain, are testament to the numbers killed.

I led a Royal British Legion Pilgrimage to Italy a few years ago for veterans, and families of those who fought or died in that campaign. We held a service of remembrance at the Commonwealth War

Cemetery; it was forty-nine years to the day that one of the veterans had been shot and badly injured in that battle. He collapsed in tears as he remembered not just his own experience, but the fact that his best friend had died at his side. Another party joined us in our service – younger veterans from recent conflicts; many going through similar traumas of loss and bewilderment.

The Polish nation fought bravely on many fronts. Their fighter squadrons flew in defence of our nation, and the City of Exeter. After Evensong on the 15th November, we will be unveiling a plaque in memory of the sacrifices that the Polish airmen made on our behalf – a permanent memorial and reminder of the bravery of the few in the defence of the many. It also reminds us of the indiscriminate nature of war - where death can be delivered on a civilian population by bombers thousands of feet above a city.

History teaches us valuable lessons, if we are willing to reflect. Our collective time of Remembrance services this month provides the opportunity to look back, in order to move forward in peace.

Revd Canon Dr Mike D Williams

Chapter Bulletin – October 2017

Installation of the new Dean – The Very Rev Jonathan Greener

Invitations have been sent out for the Installation of the new Dean on Sunday 26th November at 2.30pm.

Bishop's Charge

Progress continues to be made on implementing the 'directions' included in the Charge. Two main items have been postponed until the new Dean and stipendiary Canons are in place; these are the Worship Audit and Self Evaluation exercise. Geoff Bush, Chair of the Cathedral Council, will send his second report to the Bishop on the progress made, at the end of October. A more detailed update will be provided in the new year.

Cathedral Council

Geoff Bush was thanked for his contribution as Chair of the Council for nine years at a special Evensong on the 15th October. He has faced challenges over and above what anyone might have expected – we are very grateful to him for holding the many different views and emotions that have arisen during his time in office. Barnabas Hurst-Bannister is the new Chair and we look forward to his first meeting.

Financial Position and the Consequences

Our financial position this year remains in a deficit position. However, it is greatly improved from last year although we have had to reduce staff numbers to achieve that. There have been significant consequences for both individuals and our overall capacity to meet the demands placed on us. Part of our challenge is to reset the level of expectation. We cannot currently afford the number of staff that we might like to have. In the short-term, we cannot provide the level of service that some might like us to. We are working hard with Catherine Escott, as the substantive Cathedral Administrator, to reorganise and make our systems and processes more effective and efficient. Please bear with us during this period of change.

Safeguarding

The Ven Dr Trevor Jones, Chapter Canon, is now the Chapter's lead Canon for safeguarding, as an interim arrangement, until a new stipendiary Canon is recruited with that responsibility. Our expert advice is now provided by the Diocesan safeguarding team. We are currently checking the training records of volunteers to ensure that they have completed the basic safeguarding training which is done online. It is mandatory that those serving as volunteers complete

that training. If you are a volunteer and have not done safeguarding training please contact Reception to make suitable arrangements.

The Lego Project

The performance of the Lego Project has been well below our hopes. It is reliant on volunteers. The appeal in the Cathedral News for new volunteers has had a nil return so far. The new Dean is keen on the project and would welcome a renewed enthusiasm for making this a success.

Anne Dunlop and David Gunn- Johnson

Anne Dunlop is currently unwell and not able to work as Cathedral Chaplain. The Ven David Gunn-Johnson has kindly agreed to work with us and take a lead on the Occasional Offices, pastoral care and assisting in the liturgical life of the Cathedral. We are very grateful to him.

Looking forward

No one could have anticipated the amount of change that has occurred in the last twelve months. Not since the thirteenth century have all the stipendiary clergy left at one time. We have relied exclusively on unpaid clergy during this period – not everything has been perfect or to the level that people might expect. Criticism is to be expected in such circumstances, but please bear in mind the situation and be willing to make constructive suggestions and contributions. The new Dean cannot work miracles overnight, nor should he be expected to. The leadership of the Cathedral is the collaborative undertaking of Chapter. Please be patient and supportive as we move forward into the New Year.

Thanks

I would like to thank all those who have supported me personally and the work of Chapter in the unexpected period of change that we have been through. Bishop Martin Shaw has been a real rock without whom much of the day to day services and much else would have suffered. I have sought to emphasise the need for God's love, hope and compassion to be at the centre of whom and what we are as a Cathedral community as we seek to serve the people in Devon with joy. May God's compassion and love for others be our guide as we move forward in hope.

Rev Canon Dr Mike D Williams
Acting Dean

Outing to Powderham Castle : 12th October



Photo: John Colmer

Some 20 members of the Cathedral community gathered in the Courtyard at Powderham Castle, shepherded by Diane Coombes and Margaret Williams in the autumn sunshine.

We had hoped to be met by the Earl of Devon or the Countess, but unfortunately each was otherwise engaged. However, we were met by an excellent guide, Andy, who gave us a good welcome. He set about showing us around the Castle with its many rooms, and explained the family history, partly through the pictures in each room and the building's furniture. The guide gave us a unique personal tour of the home of the family. We had our surprises of hidden doors between some of the rooms.

We learnt that the building had been built over many years, and altered either to suit the family, or through enemy action. The guide took us through each floor, including the kitchen area, which is now used for educating children, and supported by the National Lottery. During the tour, there were many references to the Cathedral and family connections with it. Our excellent tour finished before lunch, enabling us to enjoy refreshments from the restaurant in

the courtyard, where some took advantage of the warm sunshine and ate outside.

After the break, with the sun still shining, we all joined the Deer Park Safari! We were taken around the grounds amongst the deer, with beautiful views of the trees and the River Exe. Some of our party felt that this was the highlight of the outing. Our thanks must go to Margaret and Diane for organising the outing.

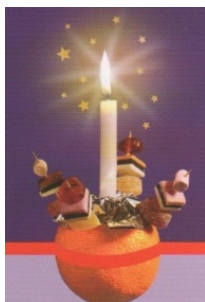
David & Valerie Norris

Events at Sheldon.

1st -3rd December - Advent Weekend Volunteer Workparty: Join the Sheldon team for a mix of practical work, daily prayers and liturgy for Advent Sunday, plus good food at regular intervals. £12/night.

Monday 4th December - Quiet Day: Led by the Revd Canon Dr John Searle. The day is held in silence and will contain 4 short addresses, with plenty of space between to reflect, walk, read and pray, with chapels, grounds, library and labyrinth to enjoy. Refreshments and lunch included. 10:30am – 4pm. £20.

For more details ring the Sheldon Community on 01647-252752 or check out the “visit” section at www.sheldon.uk.com



The Christingle Service at Exeter Cathedral will be taking place on Saturday 2nd December 2017 at 4.00 pm following

‘Be a Chorister for a Day’

(All the children who attend that event will be taking part in the Service.)

Everyone welcome.

Take home your own Christingle.

Preparing for Christmas starts here.

All the proceeds from the Service go to the Children’s Society

Tales from the Foodbank No. 27: Universal Credit

"I lost my job in October and have been relying on money from friends and family to survive, but that is no longer possible. I haven't eaten for 5 days and will not get benefits (Universal Credit) for 6 weeks, so went to the council in desperation - they gave me a foodbank voucher. Thank you to Exeter Foodbank." EFB Client

*The Cathedral's next collection for the Exeter Foodbank is on **Sunday 26th November. This is the last collection before Christmas.** Please bring contributions to the 10 am Choral Eucharist, and place them in the boxes at the West End of the Cathedral. Thank you.*

Felicity Cawthra

From the Cathedral Bellringers

To many ringers and listeners alike, half-muffled ringing is felt to be the most beautiful sound, as the bell strikes, followed by a mournful echo. We achieve this by literally muffling one side of the bell's clapper. In November, you will once again be able to hear this most moving sound as we mark Remembrance Sunday, by ringing a special half-muffled quarter peal following the Remembrance service.

Later in the month, the Cathedral bells will ring out joyously to mark the Queen and Prince Philip's 70th wedding anniversary, when the Cathedral Society ringers attempt a full peal on Monday 20th November. They will be the first British Royal couple to reach their Platinum wedding anniversary, and there could be no more fitting milestone for our bells to celebrate.

The following day, there will be a quarter peal to mark the Feast of Dedication. And finally, on Sunday 26th November, a most important and memorable day in our Cathedral life, we will be ringing a specially arranged quarter peal to welcome the Very Reverend Jonathan Greener, and to celebrate his installation as the 71st Dean of Exeter Cathedral.

We hope you enjoy your glorious bells throughout the month ahead.

Clare Griffiths, Cathedral Bellringers Secretary

Devon Historic Churches Ride and Stride Day

The Cathedral team of walkers raised £560. Half this amount has gone to the Trust. The other half has been allocated to the Cathedral and in particular to the stonemasons for their work on view in the South Quire Aisle. Many congratulations to those who took part in the walk, and thanks to those who sponsored them so generously.

Founder and Benefactors Choral Evensong

I was surprised when, out of the blue, Canon Mike asked Sylvia and me, several weeks before this service, if we were free on 15 October.

In the event, the occasion was close to overwhelming, both for the glorious music made by two choirs and an orchestra and, very personally, Mike's words marking the end of my time as Chair of the Cathedral Council. I am hugely grateful to everyone who played a part in organising the afternoon.

With so very many others (clergy, staff and fellow volunteers), it has been a privilege to play a part, over the last nine years, in helping to make and keep our Cathedral Church as wonderful as it is for worshippers and visitors alike. Just to sit and look around; to listen to the wonderful music; to absorb the core and the best of the liturgy; and to appreciate the friendships that Sylvia and I have made and so value, is to know you are in a special place.

So special, that it has long since become, and will remain, our church. Sylvia continues as chair of the Flower Arrangers for a year or two more, and I stay involved, though in a much lower key, as a member of the College of Canons.

All organisations have their challenging times and we have recently had ours. But now is the time, as never before, to focus on what is ahead, and not what is behind. Everything is then possible.

Geoff Bush

Prospective Exeter City Centre Chaplains – Taster Evenings

Exeter City Centre Chaplaincy is looking for others to join its 15 trained and commissioned Volunteer Chaplains. Between them, the Chaplains (lay and ordained) visit over 200 retail premises, holding 700 staff greetings or conversations a month. A Chaplain usually gives a morning per fortnight to visits. Exeter retail Chaplains do not openly promote their Christian faith, but they are trained to relate their faith to important issues and personal problems when asked.

If you have a pastoral heart, a listening ear, and are interested in joining the team, do consider coming to **one** of the introductory evenings **EITHER Thursday 9th November OR Monday 20th November both at 7:30 pm. Venue: Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street, Exeter, EX4 3AT.** [For more details or to make contact get in touch with Prebendary Norman Wallwork 01392 851966 n.wallwork@btinternet.com or Revd Paul Collings 01392 206229 paul.collings@methodist.org.uk]



Diocese of Exeter Chapter of the Company of Servers

30 Companions of the Exeter Chapter of the Company of Servers met at the Cathedral on Saturday 30th September at 1.30pm. We divided into two groups. Barbara Spencer, one of our Cathedral Guides, led a conducted tour to around the Cathedral while Alan Drew, head server, showed the other group the Song School, the beautiful vestments and copes in the Sacristy, and the plate in the vault. The two groups swapped over later, before we all met up in the Lady Chapel to robe and process for Choral Evensong sung by the Cathedral boy choristers.

During the service, six new members were presented by the chair Wilfred Reynolds, to the Chaplain, Revd Prebendary Alan White SCP. Bishop Robert admitted and blessed them, and presented each with a medal to be worn around their necks when serving. The six new members are all Serving Clerks of the Cathedral. Four others from across the Diocese were due to be admitted but for various reasons were unable to attend at that time. From left to right in the photograph are Dom Bowles, Louise Spencer, Wilfred Reynolds (chair) Felix Bennett, Emma White (secretary) Morgan Philpott, Caroline Prince and Rachel Bennett.

Bishop Robert also admitted and blessed our very good friend Canon Ian Morter as a life member of the Company of Servers, and presented him with an inscribed medal. Ian, along with the late Robert Knowling, was inspirational in the inauguration of the Exeter Chapter in May 2010 when he was Team Rector at Holy Trinity Exmouth. Following the service, we all met with Bishop Robert

for tea and cake in the Chapter House served by Peter and Mary Moore and Judith Reynolds. A splendid day was had by all.

The Company of Servers was formed in the spring of 2009 for all who are servers in the Anglican Communion.

Membership is open to all ages, from the youngest, newest server, to those who have dedicated many years' service. Members are known as Companions and become part of a national and international community of friendship, teaching, learning and support.

Further information can be found at www.companyofservers.org

"Those who serve at the altar share in what is offered at the altar" 1 Cor.9.13

Wilfrid Reynolds

News from Christians Together Across Exeter (CTaX)

Early Intervention Forum: Weds 22nd November 10am-12noon plus lunch: Children/families struggling thro' school

TLG (Transforming Lives for God) at Headway Devon. X Centre, Commercial Road, Exeter EX2 4AD

St. Michael's Lectures: 7.30 pm Weds 22nd November

The inaugural John Hughes Memorial Lecture: Dr Edward Skidelsky from the Department of Sociology and Philosophy at the University of Exeter, will speak on the concept of meaningful charity. All proceeds will go towards a memorial for John, who served his curacy in the Parish of St David with St Michael and All Angels. The Lecture will be held at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Dinham Road, Mount Dinham, Exeter, EX4 4EB

St.Thomas's Baptist Church on Saturday, 18th November at 5.30pm

Mark Troughton, the son of Patrick Troughton, who played the part of the second Dr Who (1966-1969) will be talking about his work as pastor at an Evangelical Church in York, as well as being Dr Who's son! There will be some Dr Who trivia, a quiz and refreshments. To help with planning, contact admin@stbc.org.uk if you are attending.

Exeter Cathedral Music Foundation Trust

The Music Foundation Trust celebrates its 30th Anniversary at Evensong on 21st November, the Feast of Dedication. The Trust has been a significant source of support and encouragement to the musical life of the Cathedral, and continues to be so. Thank you to all the Trustees, donors, and to those who have run the Trust with such efficiency for so many years.

Christmas Shoeboxes

As last year, the Mothers' Union will be heading up this year's collection of Christmas shoeboxes for needy children and elderly folk in Eastern Europe. We hope that members of the congregation will again join in and fill boxes for **pensioners**. The charity we use - International Aid Trust - sends boxes for 4 different age groups of children 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 and 15+, as well as for pensioners. They all go to really needy people.

Those for pensioners go to people who are lonely and forgotten, and are often the only gifts that these people receive. The charity welcomes boxes for all the age-groups specified, but is always particularly short of boxes for pensioners. If you would be able to make up a box, please see the suggested list of items provided by the charity, which is shown below.

You do not have to put every item into your box, but a mixture of types of items (e.g. something(s) from each of the different categories listed below) always makes for a lovely box. If at all possible, please make sure your box is lovely and full.

You are also asked to wrap both the box and the lid in Christmassy paper, but to wrap them **separately** - the boxes have to be opened and the items checked by the charity. For this reason also, please do not wrap the individual items inside the box. When completed, please bring your box(es) into the Cathedral and give them to Chryssa Turner, or leave them in Cloister Club on a Sunday morning. A voluntary donation of £1 per box, towards the cost of transporting the boxes to their destination, would also be appreciated by the Charity. We hope that, as previously, all the filled boxes will be blessed in the Cathedral and then go off on their journey at the beginning of Advent.

Over the years we have sent several hundred boxes from the Cathedral Community, which has been a fantastic effort.

For **pensioner shoeboxes** please choose a mixed selection from the following:

Stationery: Notepad, pencils, pens, rubber, ruler, scissors, sellotape, pencil sharpener, playing cards, greeting card, photo of donor

Foods/Sweets: chocolate, packets/tubes of sweets, biscuits, dried food, pasta/rice

Toiletries: Aerosol deodorant, comb, hairbrush, mirror, shampoo, soap, sponge/flannel, talc, toothbrush/paste, wash bag, tissues, nail clippers/nail file.

New Clothes/misc: baseball cap, warm hat/gloves, body warmer, T shirt, shorts, socks/tights/underwear, headscarf, sewing kit (including needle/thread).

If you wish for further details of the scheme, please contact Chryssa Turner:

crst0915@yahoo.co.uk or on 01392 202330.

Shoebboxes will need to be ready by **Sunday 19th November**. Thank you in advance for your support of this venture, which we consider to be an important part of our Christian work.

Chryssa Turner

Christianity Deanery Synod 17th October

Deanery Synod met at St Leonard's Church. The main focus of the evening was *Christian Discipleship*, a discussion led by the Revd Simon Austen, the Rector of St Leonard's.

In a report on the recent meeting of Diocesan Synod, the Area Dean, Prebendary Robin Eastoe, encouraged everyone to read the Bishop of Exeter's Presidential Address, which is available on the diocesan website <http://exeter.anglican.org/news>

He also informed us that the agreed increase in the Common Fund payments to be made by parishes and mission communities next year will be 3.5%.

A number of new appointments have been made in the Deanery including Prebendary Mike Partridge to Alphington, Ide and Shillingford; Prebendary Nigel Guthrie to St David's & St Michael, Mount Dinham; and the Revd Tanya Hockley-Still to be priest in charge of St Mark, St Matthew & St Sidwell. Adverts for the vacancies at St Thomas, and at St Paul's, Burnthouse Lane are imminent.

Thanks and congratulations were expressed to the Lay Chair, David Smith, for organising and completing the Deanery Prayer Walk in September, a round trip of some 15 miles.

A report from Anne Foreman on the July General Synod had been circulated.

The next meeting of the Synod will be on 6th February 2018 at the Cathedral, and we look forward to welcoming everyone.

Synod Reps: Nick Horton, Sue Matthews, Heather Morgan, Yve Taylor

WINTER PIMMS PARTY

1st December at 7pm in the Chapter House

Hot Supper, Winter Pimms, & Magical Wonders!

Tickets £10 from Cathedral Shop and after Sunday Services

All welcome.



Congratulations!

On Friday 13th October, the Exeter Cathedral Ringers rang a quarter peal to celebrate the feast of Edward the Confessor – who founded Exeter Cathedral in 1050. However, whilst the ringing was taking place at the Cathedral, Ringing Master (Matthew Hilling) had been invited to a very different venue, that also celebrates its association with Edward the Confessor for its foundation - Westminster Abbey!

Matthew and his father, David, pictured here at the Abbey, both rang their 1000th Peal (being over 3 hours continuous ringing) at Westminster Abbey that day, and are believed to be the first father and son to do so in the same Peal.

Of course, at such a prestigious venue, reports are that the ringing was immaculate throughout. We send our congratulations to Matthew and David.

Paul Pascoe

Guide Training Course

If you have an interest in history and think you would enjoy communicating the story of Exeter Cathedral to our visitors by leading guided tours of the building, we would like to hear from you. We are starting to plan the next Cathedral Guide training course and are looking for enthusiastic recruits to join our team of volunteer guides in 2018. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming a Cathedral Guide, please e-mail Chris Bodkin at groupbookings@exeter-cathedral.org.uk or phone 01392 285983 as soon as possible to discuss what is involved in becoming part of our team.

Requiem for All Souls' Day: 2nd November at 5.30pm

There will be a Solemn Requiem Eucharist on All Souls' Day sung by Antiphon, to the setting by Fauré. The list for names of the departed to be remembered is on the Stewards' Desk in the South Transept.



Focus:

**Barnabas
Hurst-
Bannister**

**Chairman
Designate
of the
Cathedral
Council**

*'In thy house, great God we offer of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer all unworthily
Hearts and minds, and hands and voices in our choicest psalmody.'*
Francis Pott (1832-1909)

On 1st November, Barnabas Hurst-Bannister will be taking over the chairmanship of the Cathedral's Council from Geoffrey Bush, who, during his term of office, has carried out the role with intelligence, integrity and great personal dignity. Geoff is a very big man, both metaphorically and physically, and his shoes are big ones to fill. But fear not! I am going to introduce you to Barnabas.

Barnabas has had a close relationship with the Church of England since his birth in Shepton Mallet, Somerset. His father, at the time, was the vicar at Pilton. Soon after, they moved to Bemerton, near Salisbury, into a very grand old rectory built for George Herbert. (Barnabas's father later became closely involved with the provision of chaplaincy services for the theatre and with a ballet company.)

'It was a huge house, with views over to the Cathedral! It was freezing! I recall, during the hard and long winter of 1963, seeing dead birds lying around on the ground.'

Initially, he attended Bemerton Primary School, but moved on to Salisbury Cathedral School, eventually becoming a member of the Non-chorister School Choir.

'Once a year, we went to sing at Devizes. In winter we had to play rugby every afternoon. I didn't really enjoy that; because I couldn't understand why you'd want to have your head kicked in! (Better not tell Geoff that!) I loved watching cricket (Heather will be pleased!) I'm not exactly co-ordinated enough for sports!'

Aged thirteen he left Salisbury for Lancing College.

'Had a fantastic time! Loved it! My father had been a pupil there, but he hated it! Particularly the cold! It was still cold whilst I was there! I didn't get home much during term-time, as it was a bit difficult to get to then. I had a great group of friends, and teachers; one of whom greatly influenced me when he was my history tutor. He was newly down from Cambridge, and I loved history!'

Barnabas passed the majority of his O Levels, having failed in Religious Education. This amused his father! He went on to study English, French, and History at A Level, going-up in 1970 to Corpus Christi College, Oxford to read Modern History. Graduating in 1973, and after a stint in the Conservative Central Office, Barnabas spent nine months as the Personal Assistant to Peter Walker, previously Secretary of State for the Environment. It was a period of time that began between elections in 1974.

'It was the strange world of Westminster.....a kind of make-believe world! All very self-indulgent, rubbing shoulders with the grandees! It was a good exercise in time and motion study; being sometimes a chauffeur, a nanny/ baby-sitter, and/or opener of champagne! Peter Walker taught me how to do that!

It was an extraordinary time, and I had no real idea about my future! Peter Walker had done quite well in the insurance world, so I thought I'd try it.

I started at a firm of insurance brokers, but I was not a salesman, so after five years I went to Lloyd's as an underwriter. I liked it!

But, during the eighties and nineties, matters became very difficult indeed. There were, understandably, massive levels of distress and anger caused by the huge financial losses and many livelihoods were destroyed. I remember a very rough week talking to members of Lloyd's in Australia.

I ceased underwriting on a daily basis, and switched to the management of the underwriters and became involved in London Insurance Market matters. I became the chair of a couple of committees, alongside being a Member of Lloyd's Council, and President of the Insurance Institute of London.'

Retiring in 2011 from executive roles, he is now involved in a non-executive capacity for five companies, which involves spending three days each week in London.

Barnabas lives in mid Devon with his wife Campie (abbreviated from Campion the flower). She was the girl next door, and a nurse at Westminster Hospital, when he first lived in London. Campie loves gardening, so after marriage, they moved to Hampshire, where their three daughters were born in Winchester Hospital. Henrietta (god-daughter of our former dean, Jonathan Meyrick) and her husband were married in the Cathedral, and now have four sons. Laura, with her husband and two sons, lives at Silverton. Jemima, recently married, lives in Oxfordshire.

'We love being grandparents! We would like to have more time to potter around the UK looking at castles etc. I enjoy being Vice Chairman of Blundell's Governing Body, and Campie is a Trustee for the Two Moors Festival. We like walking with our dogs, and I read an eclectic selection of fiction- from thrillers, novels by Evelyn Waugh and P.G. Wodehouse to Trollope, or/and historical biographies. We like opera and theatre, and go to concerts as frequently as possible.'

Now, he is to become closely acquainted with the Cathedral here in Exeter; how did this come about, I wondered?

'It is pretty Trollopian! I fear that I simply knew too many people to whom the future of the Cathedral means so much. I'd better not mention any names.....to protect the guilty!'

You cannot be in this man's presence for nearly two hours without appreciating that here is a man of substance and approachability, underpinned by integrity.

How did he see the path ahead, for him in particular, here at Exeter?

'There is an inherent challenge here at the Cathedral because its primary function is to be a place of worship, and all that that entails. However, it is also, partly, a business. Both of these involve the management of people. It is a fascinating challenge.'

I hope, and pray, that I can assist the Cathedral to promote itself in many differing ways; thus enabling it to carry out its mission statement. Taking the long view, and at a distance. It is very exciting.

And, I'm available.'

Thank you, and welcome, Barnabas.

Rosemary Bethell

What do Love, Hope and Compassion mean to you?



During the day of prayer for the life and mission of the Cathedral on 13th October, in St Gabriel's Chapel there were opportunities for varied forms of prayer. On the left of this photograph is a Tree of Life, to which people attached their reply to the question *What do Love, Hope and Compassion mean to you?*

These are some of the responses.

- Grace, joy, Friends
- Learning and Understanding and Appreciation
- Rules for conversation
- Hope for nature
- Everything
- It means acceptance for the life I live
- Comfort
- Familia
- Happy life 😊
- Mummy (with a drawing)
- ANOTHER CHANCE

Cathedral Community Committee (CCC) 23rd October

At the meeting on 23rd October, the CCC agreed that a small working group would assist with the purchase and layout of a new notice-board, now approved by Chapter, which will include photographs of clergy and lay officeholders, as well as news and information. The small notice-board, currently in the south transept, will be used by the Cloister Club to display the work of our children and young people.

We considered a report on the day of prayer on 13th October and agreed that in future, a clearer picture would be given of what will happen during the day, in the hope that this will encourage more people to attend.

Members were asked to impress on those in the volunteer groups to which they belong, that it is mandatory to complete Safeguarding training as soon as possible. Further opportunities for this will be offered in the near future.

Canon Mike Williams spoke to the Chapter Bulletin (see page 2 of this *News*), and emphasised the need for support for clergy and lay staff, and for lay people to take responsibility for areas of work where possible. It was agreed that the Pastoral Support Team will be lay-led pending future clergy appointments.

We agreed to look for someone with a special interest in our link Dioceses of Cyprus & the Gulf and Thika, to keep the Cathedral Community better informed about that work.

The Committee will explore ways in which we can affirm, encourage, and show appreciation of the clergy and staff in this time of transition. The secretary was asked to write to Cressida Peers to thank her for the very considerable work that has gone into developing the Christmas Market.

It is hoped that, as is customary, there will be a reception to welcome the new Dean and his wife after Choral Eucharist on Advent Sunday, 3rd December, the first Sunday after his installation.

Cathedral Community Committee

December Concerts

A performance of Handel's *Messiah* (sponsored by Anne Foreman in memory of her late husband, Peter) takes place on the afternoon of **Sunday 10th December**, and two performances of *Christmas with the Cathedral Choir* take place on **Saturday 9th and Thursday 14th December**. Please telephone 01392 285983 or visit www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/boxoffice for more information.

Laurence Blyth, Marketing Manager

From the Clerk of Works

Over the last few months, we have been continuously busy, carrying many and various works that have been funded by the WW1 centenary fund grants. Under this, we have now installed piezometers at 4 points across the North Green and one point inside the Cathedral. This meant drilling 5 metres down into the ground, and inserting sleeves that allow us then to measure the water table levels in the ground and inside the Cathedral. This is essential data to understand the potential causes of decay, associated with moisture and dissolved salts being drawn up and into the walls on the north side of the Cathedral. These are now providing very useful data.

We have also excavated and filled the void which was found under the West Front apron. This ran in line with an old culvert drain, which had been lined with a new and fully functional modern drain, but the culvert had obviously collapsed; the net result being that the material above it has, over time, fallen and settled into the resulting void, leaving a gap at the surface. This had caused some concern, especially with the fire brigade, who were concerned about the surface to have the strength to support a large implied load from their high level appliance. This was obviously a matter of high urgency to resolve and is now complete.

We have also undertaken a survey of all the remaining drainage elements on the south side of the Cathedral, and rectified all the problems found there. We now know that there are even more problems in the drainage system on the south! It is essential for any building to be able to dispose quickly of any water from its roofs etc. so that it is not sitting in a boggy puddle. We have now started to undertake a large programme of work to rectify these matters, which will last into the new year. This will mean that every inch of our drains has been examined and all are now fit for purpose for a lengthy lifespan.

Another large step forward for us is the current large-scale asbestos clearance works we are doing from the quire aisles and north porch roof spaces. It is essential we work towards complete asbestos eradication (where we can) to enable us to enter spaces more easily for inspection and maintenance. This is due for completion by November.

Those who are regularly in the Cathedral will have seen the new pinnacle, slowly growing opposite the shop entrance. This is the work of our own highly skilled masons, and has consumed a lot of our time since the beginning of the year. All of this is worked by hand, and some of the stones are taking about 5 weeks to work. This pinnacle will complete the work to the East Gable project.

When the old one is dismantled and the new one built, then the scaffolding will be ready to come down in early 2018. At the same time, we are also continuing to work on the South Quire clerestory windows project.

Two of our masons need special mention for their achievements. Owen Whitfield has recently completed the CWF Foundation degree (Arts) in Applied Conservation and Repair of Historic Buildings (Fd ACRHB), run by the Cathedrals' Workshop Fellowship of which Exeter is a member. This is made up of nine cathedrals who employ their own works staff. Owen has a graduation ceremony on 9th November at Gloucester Cathedral.

We must also congratulate Matt Hoskins, on being awarded special commendation in the Duke of Gloucester Award. This is a national and industry - wide award open to any individual in the stone industry. Matt is also now starting the CWF Foundation degree (Arts) in Applied Conservation and Repair of Historic Buildings (Fd ACRHB).

Matt and Owen's achievements are a fantastic marker of how far our relatively newly created team is progressing, and becoming highly regarded and respected, by their peers and counterparts in the world of Cathedral stonework repair; something for all of us at the Cathedral to be proud of, as we continue to develop their ability and knowledge, to provide us with the team required for the long-term work programmes ahead.

Chris Sampson, Clerk of Works

Christmas Wreath Workshop: Wednesday 14th December in the Chapter House.

Do come and join the Flower Arrangers from 11am - 3pm and make your own Christmas wreath or table decoration.

There will be a break for lunch. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be provided along with all materials, including candles.

If you have scissors and/or secateurs, please bring them.

There is a charge of £30 to cover costs and payment is asked for at the time of booking.

Please send your cheque made out to 'ECFA' to the Visitors' Office, Exeter Cathedral.

The day is most enjoyable, and you will be made very welcome.

Sylvia Bush, Chairman of the Flower Arrangers

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

This edition of the News will be published on Sunday 29th October, so here is another reminder of the events planned for **Tuesday 31st October**.

From **10am-4pm**, there will be special exhibition in the Cathedral prepared by the Cathedral Library & Archive

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 by Renate Helmsley exploring the impact of the English Reformation at the Cathedral.

At **5.30pm**, there will be a special Evening Service led by the University of Exeter Chapel Choir to mark the anniversary. The guest preacher will be Pastor Arno Bessel, of St Peter's Lutheran Church, Plymouth. 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.

Tickets for the talk, tour and lecture are now available from 01392 285983, or online www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/boxoffice

Autumn Book Groups

It isn't too late to join a Book Group! Please contact any of the group leaders.

Anne Foreman (anne@anneforeman.co.uk) will lead a group that meets after the 10am Eucharist on Sundays 12th, 19th, 26th November and 10th December considering *Essential History of Christianity* by Miranda Threlfall-Holmes;

Chris Brathwaite (chrisbrathwaite@icloud.com) is leading a group meeting on weekday afternoons on *Being Disciples* by Rowan Williams;

Heather Morgan (hmm53@tiscali.co.uk) will lead a group on Monday evenings starting on 6th November on *Reconciliation: The Journey of a Lifetime* by Brian Castle.

We hope to run more such book groups in 2018.

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to the Revd Hilary Dawson (Rector of the Holyford Mission Community (Branscombe, Colyton with Colyford, Musbury & Southleigh), and to the Revd Will Hazlewood (priest in charge of the parish of Dartmouth), who will be installed as members of the College of Canons at Evensong on 14th November.

Christmas Exhibition:

A Celebration of Exeter Cathedral and its Choristers at Christmas

From Tuesday 21st November to Friday 15th December, the Cathedral will host original art inspired by the Cathedral's architecture, community, worshipping life and, of course, its Choristers.

The exhibition brings together work by around 40 artists with connections to the Westcountry, all part of a project to support the work of the Cathedral Choir.

Last year's exhibition was held on Advent Sunday, rescuing a larger project that has been planned for the Castle Fine Art Gallery in Cathedral Yard. (Just over a year on from the fire that gutted that building, and the Royal Clarence Hotel, memories from October last year still feel very vivid). The artists involved pulled together, and between them managed to organise and mount an exhibition in the shortest possible window, displaying a wide range of excellent work in the Chapter House for some 48 hours.

This year's exhibition seeks to honour that planned for 2016, and to showcase some excellent work. It will run for three weeks, and give visitors and worshippers an opportunity to encounter the connection forged between this great place and those blessed with the talents and gifts to paint, draw and create this work. There will be a chance to buy some of the work on display as well as Christmas cards inspired by the collection.

The project is in support of Exeter Cathedral and its Choristers, and we are grateful to the sponsors, supporters, and organisers who have done so much to bring it to fruition.

The Winter Fair

At the beginning of November we will throw open our doors to the people of Exeter, and visitors to our city, for the Winter Fair. Now in its second year, the Fair brings together some of the best craft, jewellery and gift traders into the Cathedral in order to help raise funds, whilst offering a shopping experience like no other.

Behind the commerce and festive cheer there is the underlying (and important) purpose of the event. We are opening ourselves up to local people and those from outside Exeter, and offering them a glimpse of what happens behind the doors of their Cathedral, as we "serve them with joy".

The Winter Fair takes place on Tuesday 7th (6.30pm-9pm) and Wednesday 8th (10am-4pm) November 2017 in the Nave. Admission is free, but visitors are encouraged to book online in advance (and receive a free glass of wine or hot drink). Please telephone 01392 285983 or visit www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/events for more information.

Thank you from the Cathedral Community

At the meeting of the Cathedral Community Committee (CCC) on 23rd October, I was asked to put on record in this month's *News*, the thanks and appreciation of us all, to the clergy and staff team who have led the Cathedral through the last few months.

From the start, Canon Mike Williams has tackled the roles of Chair of Chapter, and latterly Acting Dean, with immense wisdom, good humour, generosity and patience. This has been a challenging time, without precedent in the Cathedral in living memory, but he has ensured that it has also been a period of opportunity and growth, with a firm focus on the threefold theme of Love, Hope and Compassion. The Cathedral and its community will for ever be indebted to him for his leadership. As he comes to the end of his time as Acting Dean, it is very important that both Mike and Gilly are aware of the admiration, regard and affection in which they are both held, and of our huge thanks to both of them for all that they have done.

In all this, Mike has of course been one half of a remarkable partnership with Bishop Martin Shaw, who has thrown himself into the role of Acting Precentor with such relish and enthusiasm. The complementary gifts of Mike and Martin have been a magnificent combination, and together they have picked us up, taken the Cathedral forward, and ensured that the worshipping life of the Cathedral has not only been maintained, but developed and enriched.

Canon Becky Totterdell has quickly become an invaluable member of the team, bringing her many gifts and insights to us all, while working as hard as ever as the Diocesan Director of Ordinands. The last few months have provided an opportunity for the Cathedral Community to benefit more fully from the ministry and expertise of the Revd Professor Morwenna Ludlow. In particular, Morwenna led the theological exploration of our experience of Love, Hope and Compassion during the summer and she has taken clergy responsibility for the Cloister Club. We have also been blessed to have among us, the Venerable David Gunn-Johnson, Canon John Searle, the Revd Eliza Getman, the Venerable Howard Leigh (who came from New Zealand to assist), and (all too briefly) the Revd Anne Dunlop.

The very presence of clergy with gifts of such breadth and depth has enriched the life of the Cathedral, but the Cathedral Community has also had the benefit of their preaching, leading of worship and pastoral gifts. We are very fortunate.

And not one of this remarkable clergy team is paid for the work they have done, and continue to do, for the Cathedral!

The CCC also want to thank Catherine Escott and the much-reduced paid staff, for all their hard work in keeping the administrative, financial and business life

of the Cathedral going, while finding the time and energy to develop exciting new initiatives such as the Christmas Market and the new Cathedral website.

There have of course been difficulties along the way. It simply isn't possible for fewer clergy and fewer staff to do all that has been customary. This won't change overnight, as Mike points out in the Chapter Bulletin. As he also points out, grumbling and unhelpful criticism is not helpful. It is the very strong view of the lay members of the CCC that now is the time for all of us to support, to lighten the load rather than adding to it, and to be constructive.

On 19th November, the Cathedral Community will draw a line under this period of transition, a milestone that will be reflected in the liturgy. The following week, we will celebrate the installation of Jonathan Greener as Dean, and we look forward to welcoming him, and to the future with all its exciting possibilities. That we will do so in such good heart is something for which we are all grateful.

So to all the clergy and staff of the Cathedral, from all the Cathedral Community, comes a heartfelt and sincere thank you.

Heather Morgan, Chairman CCC

Exeter Cathedral Christmas Market: 16th November -17th December

Cathedral Green will transform into a winter wonderland, organised for the first time by the Cathedral. There will be an exciting mix of local and continental traders showcasing the best of festive food, crafts and gifts. A bandstand, new for 2017, will be at the centre of the market, giving local performers, groups and schools the opportunity to entertain visitors to the market – all with the stunning backdrop of the west front.

This year's offering includes returning traders such as the German Bratwurst and Dutch Flowers, but there are lots of new additions for 2017 including local Christmas puddings, Winter Stews provided by the Cathedral Café and a 100% local Gluwein. The bar will be run by local company Oddfellows, who will be operating from an old English style pub from Glastonbury Festival 'The Cathedral Tavern'. There will be lots to explore from the best of local and continental including a BID village – made up of local businesses showcasing their seasonal products every week.

Exeter Cathedral Christmas Market grand opening is from 6pm on Thursday 16th November with the Cathedral Choristers (who are also performing at the Princesshay Christmas Light Switch on at 4pm) and local artist Clara Bond. The opening hours are:

Monday – Wednesday:	10am-7pm (Bars until 7.15pm)
Thursday – Saturday:	10am-9pm (Bars until 9.15pm)
Sunday:	11am-5pm

The Diary in November

This is just a selection of the many events in the Cathedral in November. For full details, please look at the Cathedral website and the "What's On" leaflet for October/November.

- 1st **All Saints' Day** 5.30pm Solemn Eucharist
- 2nd *Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)*
5.30pm Solemn Requiem Eucharist – Fauré's *Requiem*
- 3rd 7.30pm Exeter Music Group Symphony Orchestra Concert
- 4th 7.30pm Concert - Show of Hands
- 7th&8th Winter Fair
- 10th 7.30pm Concert – English Touring Opera
- 11th 10.15am Dedication of the Field of Remembrance & Commemoration of Armistice Day
4pm RSCM Festival Service
- 12th *Remembrance Sunday*
9.30am Choral Eucharist; 10.55 Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial
11.30am Service of Remembrance
7pm Holy Ground
7.30pm Beginning of the Week of Guided Prayer
- 14th 5.30pm Evensong & Installation of Prebendaries
- 16th 9am Chapter Meeting
Opening of the Christmas Market
- 18th 7.30pm Concert – Exeter Festival Chorus
- 20th 11am Full peal of bells for the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh's 70th Wedding Anniversary
- 21st *Feast of Dedication & Meeting of the College of Canons*
12 noon Solemn Eucharist followed by Quarter Peal of Bells
5.30pm Evensong - 30th Anniversary of the Music Foundation Trust
- 25th 7.30pm Concert - Vaughan Williams *Sea Symphony*
- 26th 2.30pm Installation of Jonathan Greener as Dean of Exeter
- 30th *St Andrew* 5.30pm Solemn Eucharist

Next Month:

Next month's edition will be a combined December/January edition, so please think ahead if you wish to publicise events in January.

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