



From the Dean :

I first went to Romania for Easter while I was a theological student. We were staying in Sibiu, in Transylvania – Dracula country. At about half past two on Easter morning, we were woken in our dormitory by the crowds in the street below. At four in the morning, when the Liturgy started, there were seven or eight or nine thousand people in or around the Cathedral, all holding lighted candles, and singing with great enthusiasm *Hristos a Inviat* - or, in English:

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death.
And bestowing life on those who are in the grave.*

The words of the song look to the future, but the fervent worship is certainly about here and now. I've spent several Easters in Romania since, and every time it's the same.

But it's not just the worship. Easter in Romania marks a real turning point in daily life. For the next 50 days, until Pentecost, you no longer greet people with 'Good Morning', but with 'Christ is risen'. And the answer, 'He is risen indeed.' We may say, here in England, that we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song. But in Romania they live as an Easter people: it affects what they say, how they dress, what they eat. Easter is lived out every day. Resurrection becomes a part of the here and now.

As I've worked on my Holy Week addresses on the Holocaust, I've spent quite a lot of time wondering whether I believe in resurrection. And what I've discovered is that I have no problems with the resurrection of Christ. What turned round those frightened, dejected disciples, and equipped them to build

the Church that we continue to proclaim in our day, was undoubtedly a momentous, life-giving encounter with the risen Christ. While that's plain, what is more difficult is the lack of resurrection we experience within the Church, or within our own lives. That's when I start to question the reality of resurrection.

We're all quite good at observing the 40 days of Lent, and taking them seriously. But how can we now take the new life which is God's Easter gift to the world, and make it part of our life for the next 50 days?

With best wishes for a very happy Easter Day and Eastertide.

Jonathan Greener

Appointment of Canon Chancellor



The Dean and Chapter is delighted to announce the appointment, subject to the completion of due legalities, of the Revd Chris Palmer from Merton Priory Parish in South Wimbledon.

Chris will have responsibility for overseeing the pastoral care of the congregation and for reaching out, particularly to the Diocese.

Chris was educated in Oxford, where he read theology and completed a doctorate on St Paul's understanding of Church Unity. During his time in Oxford, he spent three years as a church organist. He trained for ordination at St Stephen's House, and served a curacy in Warwick. He has worked in Southwark Diocese for 16 years – for the last eight years as Team Rector of a diverse team ministry in Merton Borough. During his time in London, he has also served as Area Dean of Richmond and Barnes, a Vocations Adviser, and the Bishop of Southwark's Adviser for Spiritual Formation. He

has been a training incumbent to three curates. He enjoys cycling, walking, playing the piano, and reading. He looks forward to moving to Exeter with his family, and getting to know people in the Cathedral, Diocese, and community.

Chris' installation will take place on Sunday 5th August at 3pm.

From the Dean: Chapter Bulletin

Welcome to our bulletin, following the March meeting of Chapter. Below is a summary of the key decisions and issues discussed at this month's meeting:

Governance

Chapter confirmed the appointment of four new governors to the Cathedral School. The new governors are: the Dean, the Precentor Canon James Mustard, Chapter Canon Jenny Ellis and Professor Mike Totterdell. The appointment will mean the Cathedral has now filled in full its complement of five governors on the School's governing body, as Canon Ann Barwood is already serving as a governor.

The School plays a very important part in the life of the Cathedral, over and above its Choristers, and we are all committed to ensuring it continues to flourish. Taking up roles on the governing body is just one way we demonstrate this commitment.

Mission and Ministry

I am delighted to announce that the Revd Chris Palmer has been offered the role of Canon Chancellor, subject to all the necessary checks. Chris is currently Rector of Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon. He will be installed on 5 August.

Canon Ian Morter and Rev David Gunn Johnson are both to be appointed as Priest Vicars. We are delighted in this way to secure their services for the longer term, recognising what an enormous amount they contribute to the life of the Cathedral.

In April, we say goodbye and very grateful thanks on Easter Day to Bishop Martin Shaw, who has been our Acting Precentor. We have all been blessed by Martin's presence among us. There is still time to contribute to his leaving gift. If you'd like to contribute, please send any donations to the Finance Department.

Safeguarding

Chapter noted that all volunteers must undergo the C0 level of safeguarding training, which can be administered online. Many of our volunteers have not yet had this training and they are urged to contact Andre (andre.demendonca@exeter-cathedral.org.uk) as soon as possible so he can help to arrange it. Grateful thanks to those who have already undertaken it!

Finance

Chapter noted the January accounts continued to show a small improvement

on the previous year, though we need to exercise continued caution in our spending.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Tighter GDPR regulations come into force in May 2018. A new group has been established to oversee the Cathedral's compliance, and Kate Burhouse is the point of contact for any enquiries. She went up to receive further training on the changes at Lambeth Palace last week. Steve King is reviewing our current data security and we are also working with the school and the Diocese to ensure we have a joined-up approach.

Fabric and Conservation

Chapter received a report on the poor condition of some of the misericords in the quire, which are of international importance. Chapter agreed to develop a plan for their conservation, but in the meantime will have to put a temporary cover over some of these seats to prevent further damage.

Staffing update

Chapter noted last month, that staffing levels had been cut back sharply, and there was a need to rebuild in places to safeguard the Cathedral and its operations. Consequently, it has agreed four new posts, some of which will be part time.

Lisa Gordon, who returned last year as our Acting Education Officer, will be employed for 12 months as our Education Officer. Three other posts are to be created in Events, Marketing and Visitors.

A thank you

Special 'thank yous' to everyone who struggled in through the snow to ensure the Cathedral could open up and function as normal. Let's hope the forecasts for snow over the Easter weekend are wrong!

With best wishes

Jonathan Greener

Date for your Diary: Tuesday 24th April-Welcome to Canon Mustard

The Fellowship Committee are organising a party to welcome our new Canon Precentor, on the evening of **Tuesday 24th April**. Wine and cheese will be served. There will be an opportunity to speak to, and to hear from, James.

Tickets price £5 will be available from the Cathedral Shop from Tuesday 3rd April, and after the 10am Choral Eucharist from Sunday 8th April.

All are welcome.

A Celebration of Exon Domesday: 17th April 2018

Exeter Cathedral possesses one of the most historically important manuscripts from medieval England. Indeed, Exon Domesday, as this manuscript has come to be known, almost certainly passed through the hands of William the Conqueror, presented to him at a meeting of his barons at Old Sarum on 1 August 1086. By any estimation, it is an extraordinary survival. It contains the earliest version of Domesday Book, together with otherwise unknown tax records, and information about land registration, which together constitute unexploited evidence for the sophistication of the early English state. More than all of this, the surviving booklets were written at speed by two dozen scribes, whose crossings out and marginal additions provide a mass of information about the process of making Domesday.

Since 2014, a team of researchers from King's College London and the University of Oxford have been engaged in intensive study of the manuscript, using a combination of state-of-the-art digital technology and traditional scholarly methods. Their aims have been to understand how the manuscript was made, what it contains, and to present both to a wider public.

The Cathedral will be hosting a celebration of Exon Domesday on **17th April 2018**. Members of the public can sign up for free drop-in sessions with experts involved in the project, with a chance to find out more about the manuscript, and how to read the Domesday entries and geld accounts.

An evening lecture will be given by Professor Stephen Baxter (University of Oxford). Admission is free, but booking is essential. For more information please visit www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/events or telephone 01392 285983.

Congratulations to the Bellringers!

Our ringers are once again through to the finals of the National 12 Bell Striking Competition, to be held in Cambridge in June. In the eliminator at Ossett on 24th March, our Exeter team came second - only just behind the Ancient Society of College Youths, and comfortably ahead of Leeds. Well done, and good luck for the finals!

Foodbank

The next Cathedral collection for the Exeter Foodbank will be on **Sunday 22nd April**. A list of priorities will be on the noticeboard. Thank you.

Felicity Cawthra

Liz Searle is running the London Marathon – Again!

For the last 6 years I have run marathons for Hospiscare, and once again this year I have a 'good for age' place (75 years!) in the London Marathon. The total for my six marathons is £43,367. This year it would be great to reach £50,000. If you are able to help I would be so grateful.

I will be running with our sons Tim and Mark who are running for other charities. They will be much faster than me!

You can donate on line to Hospiscare at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Liz-Searle2018. If you would rather give by cash or a cheque, please ask me or John for a sponsorship form. Thank you so much.

Liz Searle

Mothering Sunday Flowers

I am sure you all enjoyed your flowers on Mothering Sunday, and I hope you will join with me in thanking the team that produced them. We gathered at 9.30am the day before in the Cloister Garth room, armed with secateurs and scissors, around a box of Cornish daffodils and a small heap of greenery. This increased somewhat after Pamela Greener trundled over a further wheelbarrow full from the Deanery, and Emma Kivuva carried in a bag from her garden. Kate De Brett and I had raided the Old Deanery Garden on Friday morning, but the gardener appeared to have beaten us to it, so our contribution was a little smaller than in previous years.

Sheila Atkinson and Samuel Kivuva kept us supplied with foil squares. Chrissa Turner, Vivien Luxton, Mary Moore and Jo Le Roux are old hands at producing beautiful posies, but Jilly Williams, Emma and Esther Kivuva were soon up to scratch, and Katherine and James La France came along to help when we were beginning to flag. Kate De Brett provided some lovely biscuits which, with a cup of coffee, helped keep the workers happy. Esther and Samuel Kivuva carried the baskets into the Holy Spirit Chapel with Mary, so they were ready for Sunday morning. All in all a very worthwhile and happy mornings work.

Thank you to everyone who helped.

Christine Lethbridge for the Cathedral Mothers' Union group

Ed. Yes Chris, the flowers were certainly enjoyed by us all. Thank you to the Mothers' Union, and to all who helped to prepare them.



Some of the younger helpers with the Mothering Sunday flowers at the Nave Altar

Fellowship lunch for the Sunday 8 o'clock congregation

After a very successful gathering last summer, James Hayward generously hosted another lunch at his home in Ide on Saturday 10th March. The aim was to welcome Jonathan and Pamela Greener and to thank Martin Shaw and David Gunn-Johnson for looking after us so well in recent months. 29 of us gathered to enjoy good food, good company and to get to know one another better.

It was very much a team effort, with lots of people supplying puddings, cheese and accompaniments. We had some excellent volunteer sommeliers, furniture movers, waiters and waitresses and as for the scullery maids, well, what can I say? They made short work of the endless stream of washing up!

We had asked for donation, and were overwhelmed by people's generosity, including from people who weren't able to attend the lunch. We are delighted to be able to give £180 to Cathedral Funds. We thank the Lord for his blessings on us.

Nicola Cowling

From the Cathedral Bellringers

Easter Day is the most gloriously special day in the church calendar, heralded by the bells as they ring out once again over the city. This year though, the Festival Eucharist will also be our chance to thank Bishop Martin, at this, his last service as Acting Precentor. For the Bellringers, the Canon Precentor is our link to the Cathedral, and we work closely together to enrich its liturgical and musical life. Bishop Martin's time with us has been a gift, and I would like to thank him personally for his kindness and joyful warmth.

We also look forwards - to welcoming and working with our new Canon Precentor, the Revd James Mustard, ensuring that the bells, and the ringers, continue to make their unique contribution to Cathedral life.

We contribute in other ways too, and life as secretary to the Cathedral ringers brings me a full diary in the month ahead - I have a site meeting with a marquee company as we plan Exeter's exciting role hosting the finals of the National 12 Bell Striking Competition next year; we come together for a monthly Health & Safety meeting; and lastly there is a safeguarding training session on "Safe Recruiting" to attend.

Finally, during April, we have two special quarter peals arranged; one on Saturday 21 April to mark the Queen's birthday, and another following swiftly, on Monday 23 April, to celebrate St George's Day. We hope you enjoy the sound of the bells on these days which lie at the heart of our spirit as a nation.

Clare Griffiths, Secretary, Cathedral Bellringers

Farewell to Bishop Sarah: Sunday 21st April at 4pm

Bishop Sarah's farewell service, postponed in March because of the snow, will take place at Evensong in the Cathedral on **Saturday 21st April** at 4pm. All are welcome.

Help, please

The garden at Halscombe Farm, Ide EX2 9TQ is opening 16th and 17th June under NGS with half the profits going to the Friends Exeter Cathedral. Please note this in your diary. If anyone is able to help for a couple of hours with serving teas or selling tickets please contact jgshayward@tiscali.co.uk or 07708087168



REASONS FOR HOPE

A free event to resource and encourage
you in growing your church

SATURDAY APRIL 28th

AT ST. ANDREWS CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE CULLOMPTON
(Pye Corner, Cullompton EX15 1JX 5 mins from J28 M5)

We are delighted to send you the latest information about the next Mission Shed Central event at St Andrews Church Centre, Cullompton, on Saturday 28th April, 10-3pm.

Last year we had a fantastic day together, celebrating and encouraging home grown mission in communities across Devon. We hope you can join us at this year's event. Do come along if you can. It will be a day of inspiration and encouragement.

Registration for this free event can be made EITHER through Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mission-shed-central-tickets-43196484849> OR through our online booking form which is now available on the Exeter Diocese website. Please follow this link: <http://exeter.anglican.org/resources/mission/serving-growing/>

Once you are registered, we will send out further details nearer the time.

Report from General Synod

General Synod met in London from 8th – 10th February 2018 with the usual mix of Presentations, Debates, Questions, Legislative Business, Diocesan Synod Motions, Fringe Meetings and a Presidential address from Archbishop Justin.

It proved to be a Synod of “firsts”; first to meet on a Saturday, first to receive a Presentation on Digital Evangelism, and first to welcome as guests three Archbishops from the Anglican Communion. When they addressed the Synod, it was salutary to hear from those experiencing the effects of climate change in a real and vivid way, with the rising of the seas around their communities.

What remains a constant feature of Synod is the continuous praying presence of the Chemin Neuf Community of young people based at Lambeth Palace, together with the underpinning of General Synod by worship.

Exeter Diocese has two new clergy representatives following the resignations of Andrew Godsall and Anna Norman-Walker. So the Revd Prebendary Cate Edmonds and the Revd Prebendary Karl Freeman were welcomed, along with the guests.

Among key issues were Prof. O’Donovan’s Report of the Theological Review of the Crown Nominations Commission; a member of the Review Group was our own Revd Prof. Dr Morwenna Ludlow. Prof. O’Donovan assured the Synod that the eight theologians who formed the group spoke with a single mind – perhaps that counts as another first?!

The Archbishop of Canterbury gave an address, reminding us of the need for change without throwing the baby out with the bath water. We need, he said, “traditional innovation”, which is improvisation faithful to the story of scripture. Quoting Yaroslav Pelikan ... “tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living...”

Other debates centred on the companion links between English Dioceses and the Anglican Communion, the joint Methodist/Anglican Report “Mission and Ministry in Covenant”, where the President and Secretary of the Methodist Conference urged Synod to take the next steps towards unity. Controversial this, and Synod supported a slightly amended version of the proposed process. A peaceful vigil for the victims of abuse took place on the steps of Church House, and preceded a presentation on Safeguarding. Bishop Sarah attended

this part of Synod, met with victims of abuse and sat with them in the public gallery.

All the Synod Papers and reports of the business done each day can be downloaded from the Church of England General Synod website. There is a vacancy for a lay representative following the untimely death of our colleague Dr Sam Robinson. Could you serve the church in this way? Information about the by-election will be coming your way soon. Do think about it.

Anne Foreman

Cathedral Community Away-day: Saturday 14 April: 10am - 4pm

There have been many requests for a Cathedral away-day, and we are delighted to have fixed on Saturday 14 April as the day, hosted by the Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon. There is a warm invitation to everyone involved in the life of the Cathedral to come along. It will be a chance for us to enjoy some relaxed time together, some worship and thought-provoking input, and to enjoy the stunning scenery and generous hospitality of Sheldon. Andrew Maries, Diocesan Consultant for Liturgy and Music, and a key player in our Holy Ground service, will be helping to lead our worship.

Our guest speaker is Revd David Rowe, former Warden of Lee Abbey and now Vicar of Christ Church, Winchester. As we move further into a new era as a cathedral, David will help us to think about our mission and welcome, and give us some pointers to understanding and communicating with our culture. In 2014, David was an inspirational speaker for the ordinands on their ordination retreat, and he also preached at the Cathedral for the ordination service.

Having said all that, nothing is compulsory about the day! If you would like to come just to enjoy Sheldon and its hospitality in the company of good friends, that is absolutely fine.

The Society of Mary and Martha is a retreat centre situated near Dunsford in the Teign Valley. It is about a 20-30 minute drive from central Exeter out towards Moretonhampstead. (Directions are enclosed with the info leaflet available in the Cathedral.)

Spaces are limited to 35, so please contact Becky as soon as you can to book your place (01392-477702, ddo@exeter.anglican.org). The cost will be £20 per person including lunch and morning /afternoon refreshments.

Canon Becky Totterdell

Palm Sunday Morning



The Gospel is read before the Palm Sunday procession (above), and Isaac the donkey leads the procession into the Cathedral.

Palm Sunday Afternoon



The Revd Canon James Mustard (above with the Dean), and the Revd Canon Mike Williams seen here with his family, were installed as Canon Precentor and Canon Treasurer respectively at Evensong on Palm Sunday. Our prayers and warmest wishes to both of them in their new ministry.

Congratulations.....and Welcome to the Old Choristers



Warmest congratulations to Frazer MacDiarmid, who was a choral scholar in 2012-2013 while working as a gap year student at the Cathedral School. Frazer graduated in Theology from Oxford University in the summer of 2017. He was awarded the Gibbs Prize, and also won both the Ertegun Scholarship and the Clarendon Scholarship for his postgraduate studies.

We look forward to seeing him on Easter Monday, when we welcome the Old Choristers and former Choral Scholars to their annual reunion. The Solemn Eucharist and Choral Evensong on Easter Monday are both a feast of joyful music, don't miss it!

Thank you, Bishop Martin

It is just over a year since Bishop Martin stepped into the breach as Acting Precentor of the Cathedral.

From the beginning of the first Evensong of his tenure - "O Lord open thou our lips", sung, as beautifully as ever, from the stall he first occupied 30 years ago as Succentor, Martin lifted the hearts and spirit of everyone, at a time when this was much needed. His very presence conveyed the assurance that, in the words of Mother Julian of Norwich, "all shall be well". As a member of the Cathedral community observed, "the right man, in the right place, at the right time".

Martin's warmth, openness and humour have brought a sparkle to the life of the Cathedral, and his example, preaching and teaching have enriched our individual and corporate life of prayer. Those who knew Martin of old had no doubt that while he was around, life would never be dull-and this rapidly became apparent more widely, as his originality of thought and expression, challenged people, and opened our minds to new possibilities and new ways of thinking.

The work of Precentor, with its oversight of music and liturgy, is demanding, and requires considerable expertise. We have been richly blessed to have the benefit of Martin's experience and knowledge, and also of his time and energy—all given with huge love, generosity and enthusiasm.

Martin formed a formidable partnership with Canon Mike Williams, and with all colleagues in what the Dean has aptly named "the carry on team". Thanks to their leadership, the life of the Cathedral has not just been maintained during the last year, but rather developed and grown.

All this has been costly, not only for Martin, but also for Elspeth, his wife, and for all his family, especially his two granddaughters, all of whom might reasonably have expected to see rather more of him in his supposed retirement.

Everyone at the Cathedral is immensely grateful to Bishop Martin and, as one, we say to him, and to his family, a heartfelt "Thank you".

A Joint Pastoral Letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

23rd March 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"so, Jesus got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him..." (John ch. 13 v. 4)

We are writing to you to ask for your prayers as Holy Week begins and as the Independent Inquiry on Child Sexual Abuse has finished its hearing into matters in the Diocese of Chichester. Please will you pray this Holy Week especially for all those involved, and for all affected by safeguarding issues.

We want to emphasise the crucial importance for the Church of England to be a safe place for all who join in the worship of the living God, in God's mission, and in ministry. Clearly, we need to hear what the Inquiry will say when they issue their report, but, we are convinced that there is much we are doing and much we can do better about safeguarding. Thank you for all that you do. As the Archbishop of Canterbury said last week at the hearing, the vast majority of our parishes are safe places and many thousands of people, mainly volunteers, are working hard to ensure church is safe and understand the need for training, good record keeping and are committed to having policies and practices in place and kept under review.

The heart of the Church is in the parishes and other local congregations and we are very grateful to all of you who are working so diligently, right across the Church of England. The work of clergy is very demanding. We give thanks and pray for all of you and for all you do, as we move through this week called Holy. At this season we will welcome many new people and occasional visitors. May we ask you all to consider how we ensure a safe and joyful welcome to all who enter our doors, in particular on Easter Day?

We take very seriously all that has been heard by the Inquiry. Archbishop Justin said when he gave evidence last week that he had learned again through listening and reading the evidence given to the Inquiry, that we must not simply say sorry, but that we must also take action that demonstrates clearly that we have learnt the lessons. It is a fact that Bishops and Archbishops are now rightly required to listen, learn and act in accordance with safeguarding legislation and good practice. We are thankful to our episcopal colleagues for all that they are doing in this area and we are grateful to Bishop Martin Warner (Bishop of Chichester) and all his team in Chichester for the particular work they have done and are doing.

There is, of course, absolutely no room for complacency. We need to learn the lessons from what has gone wrong and from the shocking abuse. There are more hearings to come which will focus on the Church of England as part of the IICSA process. So, we do need to continue to listen carefully to all that IICSA has to say and, above all, to listen to the voices of the survivors.

Holy Week is about listening to God, the priority for all Christians. Judas betrayed Jesus, Peter denied him, and the rest deserted him. The crowds turned on him. As we go through these days together again let us affirm our commitment to listen to God and to build up the relationships between us as those who are disciples of Jesus Christ. The various signs and powerful actions of this week; the Renewal of Ordination vows and the Blessing of the Oils on Maundy Thursday; the foot washing and stripping of the altars on Maundy Thursday evening; the starkness of the bare church on Good Friday; the waiting and dead silence of Holy Saturday; and the sheer unalloyed joy on Easter Day; all of these give us the opportunity to renew our trust, ensure we are open and honest one with another and commit ourselves with renewed energy to respond to the good news.

Christ is alive and so we proclaim the gospel afresh and confidently in this generation. It is indeed the wisdom of God, the power of God for salvation.

Yours in Christ,

**The Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby,
Archbishop of Canterbury**

**The Most Revd & Rt Hon Dr John
Sentamu, Archbishop of York**

Prayers for Healing

When Canon Tom Honey was Canon Pastor at the Cathedral (2007-2010), there was a desire to spend time in prayer for those in need of healing, mainly in terms of illness, but also including other aspects of life that can bring pain - such as uncertainty, unemployment, relationships or lack of peace. It led to discussions about starting a regular service of Prayers for Healing. This began in 2009, and is still going today. We meet every week on a Monday at 1pm, whether there are 12 of us present, or 2.

We use the cards of all who have left messages on the prayer boards during the week. In the busier summer months, the list of those who have asked for prayer can have over 100 names, and we read them all. Sometimes this can take until 1.45pm. We add the names of those on the Cathedral intercession lists for the departed and for those in need, in addition to prayers for the work of the Cathedral and for the wider community.

This is done within a short service, which includes readings from Scripture, and ends with the Grace. It usually takes about 30 minutes, longer if there are many requests for prayer. It is great that on occasions, people are present who have requested prayer, or left requests on behalf of others. In most cases we will never know how God has answered our prayers, but it is our task to bring the prayers to God and leave them in his care.

We are called as Christians to be a people of prayer, and it is a real gift to be able to pray together in this way. Some of us find prayer easier than others, but together we encourage regular prayer time, and the weekly Prayers for Healing is one of those times. This service is of course open to all, so if you are able to come, please do join us at 1pm on any Monday.

We have refreshments afterwards in the Cloister Garth, and that enables us to make new and deeper friendships. This is a quiet, ongoing ministry and we rejoice to be involved in this way in the Cathedral's life of prayer.

Elsie Howell, Co-ordinator, Prayers for Healing

Next Month: Please send material for the **May** edition by **Wednesday 18th April** 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

Exeter Brass Rubbing Trail: Saturday 31st March 2018 - Sunday 8th April 2018

Take the Easter Brass Rubbing Trail during this Easter holiday, from Saturday 31st March to Sunday 8th April 2018.

Grab your question and rubbing sheet from the welcome desk for £2.50 and you will get a special wax stick to make your rubbings.

Follow the trail and seek out our hidden brass plates around the Cathedral. Take your finished work to the Cathedral Shop, where you can swap your wax stick for a special prize.

Look out too, for hidden Easter Egg symbols – count them on your travels and give your answer in at the shop to enter our Easter Prize Draw. Good luck!

Spotlight on Seals: Saturday 21st April 2018 at 10am

The Cathedral Archives houses hundreds of medieval sealed documents, but what do we really know about them? Why and how were the documents sealed? What do we know about the people behind the documents?

“Imprint” is a collaborative project which brings new forensic technologies to old documents. Using equipment more often found in crime scenes than archives, the project team have investigated the finger and hand prints embedded into sealing wax by medieval people.

Members of the “Imprint” project team will be on hand 10am-11.30am and 12.30pm-2.00pm. Normal admission charges apply. The event ends at 3.30pm.

Spotlight on Shakespeare: Monday 23rd April 2018 at 10am

The Cathedral’s copy of the ‘Second Folio Edition’ of Shakespeare’s works will be on display.

Members of the Library and Archives team will be on hand between 1.30pm-3.30pm, and there will be an opportunity for you to have a go at reciting your favourite parts of Shakespeare’s plays. Normal admission charges apply.

Cathedral Community Committee: 10th April

The next meeting of the Cathedral Community Committee will be on 10th April. Please send any suggestions for the agenda to the Secretary, Yve Taylor.

yvonneclaire52@gmail.com

Easter

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or, since all musick is but three parts vied
And multiplied,
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

George Herbert, Priest and Poet (1593-1633)