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From: The Dean



Safeguarding is much talked about in the Church of England, and in the nation more generally, but what does it mean in practice for us here at Exeter Cathedral? It is easy to focus on the preventative: on putting policies and processes in place to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect. And that is very important, not least because of our Church's woeful record, alongside many other institutions, over the past fifty years and more. Children and adults have every right to expect to be kept safe from harm when they come to the Cathedral: we speak of God as a loving Father, and all his children can surely expect us at the cathedral to embody and model his love and his protection when they visit us.

But safeguarding also requires a proactive approach - to enable people to fulfil their potential and to flourish; or as Jesus puts it: "I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly." Abundant life is the Good News we proclaim and pursue for everyone at the Cathedral: visitors, congregations, volunteers, staff and clergy alike.

We have come a long way over the past 25 years, when the whole idea of safeguarding, or child protection as it was then called, was first introduced to the Church. But exactly how far, we shall know better in February, since the Cathedral is to receive a safeguarding audit from the Social Care Institute for Excellence. This body has worked its way through the dioceses of the Church of England, and is now turning its attention to cathedrals. And our Chapter has asked for an early audit, since we believe this is an important opportunity for us: to assess how robust our procedures are, and to learn where further improvements can be made.



We shall therefore be encouraging the whole Cathedral Community to pay attention to safeguarding over the coming months: how can each one of us play our part, not just in keeping others safe, but in ensuring they have the opportunity to blossom as individuals and fulfil their vocation as children of God?

Jonathan Greener

Cloister Club Update

The Cloister Club is the volunteer-led section of Exeter Cathedral which offers a crèche and Sunday School during the 10.00am Choral Eucharist for babies, children and young people. It is led by parents and enthusiasts from a wide range of personal and professional backgrounds, and offers a wonderful opportunity for children and parents alike to enjoy Sunday morning worship at our Cathedral.

Historically, Cloister Club has catered for a broad age range of children. More recently, it has catered predominantly for infants, pre-schoolers and the early primary years. However, we are launching an exciting and ambitious expansion programme to enable us to run three separate age groups for Cloister Club simultaneously in the near future, and two new classes in the New Year.

We hope to share our progress with you all more frequently; through demonstrating the children's work efforts, contributing further to readings and prayers and providing a Cloister Club presence at Cathedral events. With two of our clergy, Revd Professor Morwenna Ludlow and Canon Chris Palmer, we are developing a strategic plan and curriculum using some exciting new resources.

To make this vision happen, we are opening up recruitment to the Cathedral-wide family to encourage new volunteers to join our friendly group of teachers and helpers. We would welcome people who are interested in all areas, including helping with the babies, right through to teaching the older children in a more structured fashion. To find out more about the volunteering process please contact Eva Wooding (evawooding@gmail.com), who can provide further information about volunteering, and all other aspects relating to Cloister Club.

Last, but most important, if you know a child or young person who would like to attend Cloister Club, or see a new visiting child in the Cathedral, please do send them along! We welcome all children; from regular attendees to occasional visitors, visiting relatives and their friends. Parents or carers are most welcome to stay if they wish, or they can leave settled children to enjoy the beautiful services at our Cathedral.

Eva Wooding and Siân Ludlow

From the Dean: October Chapter Bulletin

Welcome to the October bulletin following the latest meeting of the Dean and Chapter. With a large number of volunteers and staff located in different offices, we recognise it can be hard to keep up with what might be happening in other departments – we hope this regular newsletter, and our Town Hall meetings, help you to feel better informed.

Floor Review

The Floor review is still underway and a report is expected to go to Chapter for discussion and amendment in November. It is hoped that in January we will be able to share the findings and conclusions of the Review with staff and volunteers at the Town Hall meeting.

The Dean and Chapter want to thank everyone who has contributed and given up their time to share their thoughts with the Review team.

Safeguarding

The independent safeguarding audits of Cathedrals are about to start, following the audits of all dioceses. Our audit, carried out by SCIE, will take place over three days in February. At the January Town Hall meeting we will dedicate time to talking about plans and expectations for the audit, so that everyone is aware of what will happen over those few days.

We are fortunate to be able to learn from the experience of the diocese. The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Charlie Pitman, is experienced with the demands of SCIE and has been helping us to ensure that we are ready for the audit. He will also come to the January Town Hall to answer any questions you may have.

Chapter spent time considering what more could be done to embed a culture of safeguarding in the Cathedral, as part of our commitment to ensure that everyone is safe and feels welcome to worship here. The Dean and Chapter are committed to ensuring this cultural change continues so that everyone who works and worships here is aware that safeguarding forms a central part of our mission and values.

Liturgy and Worship

Given several ‘false alarm’ call outs by the Fire Brigade in response to smoke alarms going off, the Liturgy and Music department are trialling using Eastern Orthodox incense, which is less smoky.

Plans for a Cathedral choir tour to the US are underway and we are exploring setting up a US charitable foundation to benefit further from support in the United States for music in Exeter Cathedral. Former precentor Carl Turner, now Rector of St Thomas Fifth Avenue, New York, is helping us with this.

Finances

Chapter looked at the Management Accounts to the end of August and continues to keep a close eye on all our costs to ensure we finish in line with our budget.

Major projects

Chapter discussed future major projects and the current discussions with Heritage Lottery Fund about possible funding for displaying the Exeter Book alongside a digital copy, and using these to increase visitor numbers to the Cathedral.

Fabric

The statue of St Vladimir, which was damaged by vandals in July, has been put back by the stonemasons team following its extensive repairs. In removing the statue, traces of medieval paint were found and we are now waiting for a report into this before we can go ahead with cleaning the North Porch in 2019. Storm Callum exposed again (as if we didn't know!) significant issues with the roof of Church House, as water poured in in places. Some remedial repair work has been done to try and achieve a temporary fix, but we know that considerable work needs doing in the not too distant future.

Visitor Experience

Laurence Blyth updated Chapter on the exciting progress of our joint VISTA-AR project, which will see virtual reality devices trialled in part of the Cathedral early next year, to improve the opportunities and experiences of our visitors. It was agreed by Chapter that a small visitor experience group will be set up to look in detail at how we make our visitors feel more welcome and part of the day to day life of the Cathedral.

Thank you

An especial thank you this month to Judith Kauntze and the very many volunteers from the Cathedral and all over the county who worked so hard to ensure the Grand Nave Dinner was such a resounding success.

Jonathan Greener, Dean

Christmas Shoeboxes

As in previous years, 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 - the pensioner ones 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 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 on a Sunday morning, and give them to Chryssa Turner, or leave them with the Floor Managers during the week. 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. Our 'record' send is 104 boxes at any one time - maybe we could match or even break this record, this year?

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

Stationery:

notepad, pencils, pens, rubber, ruler, scissors, sellotape, pencil sharpener, greeting card, photo of donor.

Foods/Sweets:

chocolate, packet/tubes of sweets, biscuits, dried fruit, pasta/rice, instant soup, sachets of hot drinks (e.g. Horlicks).

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 and thread).

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

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

Shoeboxes will need to be ready by **Sunday 11th 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

Exeter Cathedral hosts new Exeter Literary Festival - Friday 16th November

ExeLitFest, the city's brand new literary festival (www.exelitfest.com), is holding two sessions in the Chapter House on Friday 16th November.

Starting at 10.30 am Exeter historian Todd Gary will be introducing "Great Exeter Books" with a range of local people choosing their favourite books about the city. The afternoon session, starting at 2.30 pm, will bring together Canon Librarian Ann Barwood and a panel of speakers talking on "Decoding the Exeter Riddles" (from the Cathedral's Exeter Book of Anglo-Saxon poetry). Proceeds from both sessions are being given to the Friends of Exeter Cathedral. At 4.30 pm that same afternoon the day's ExeLitFest programme will be rounded off by a traditional, scone-free(!) Devon Cream Tea Party in the Cathedral Café.

Booking details for these three events can be found on the Cathedral website at:

<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/news-events/what-is-on/category/exeter-literary-festival/>.

Tales from the Foodbank: Food Vouchers

If a person or family is in need of help from the Foodbank, they can obtain vouchers from several sources. Citizens Advice, Exeter City Council Benefits Support Team, St. Petrock's give out the most. A voucher entitles the recipient to food for three days.

The next Foodbank collection, the last before Christmas, will take place on **Sunday 25th November** at the 10 o'clock Eucharist. Thanks to everyone.

Felicity Cawthra

News from the Bellringers

Sgt Albert P Wakley was a bellringer from Burton on Trent; whilst serving in the trenches during the Great War, he composed a quarter peal in the ringing method Grandsire Triples. He was also one of the estimated 1,400 church bellringers who lost their lives during the 1914-1918 war.

We can only imagine his thoughts, the very evocation of church bells to a man far from home, facing a carnage never seen before on European battlefields. To him, the sound of church bells was a call from home, as poignant and uplifting as the lilting skylark, or the whisper of wind in the trees.

When the Armistice was announced on 11th November 1918, church bells rang out across our country; they heralded the news to people in remote towns and villages, and they rang out in the hope and expectation of a legacy of peace. Sadly, this was not to be so.

Many church bells fell silent though, as the men never returned home; those same bells still hang in our churches and cathedrals today, telling the tale of Armistice Day, still remembering the touch of those lost ringers, and still calling them home.

Our Cathedral bells will be marking one hundred years since the Armistice by ringing a half-muffled full peal of Stedman Cinques on Saturday 10th November. When the bells are half-muffled, you hear the bell strike, then a muffled echo, a haunting lament of lost voices and the most moving tribute to the fallen.

On Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, we will once again ring half-muffled, before, and a quarter peal after, the Service of Remembrance.

This year though, to mark one hundred years since the Armistice, we are joining a series of additional national commemorations. At the Cathedral, as dawn breaks, a lone piper will play "Battle's O'er"; this lament will be echoed in churches and cathedrals across the land. Then as darkness falls, a bugler will play the Last Post, and a Beacon of Light will be lit, marking our emergence from the darkness of war into the light of peace in 1918.

And for the last time that day, the Cathedral bells will ring out over the darkened city. They will echo the story of one hundred years ago, of war's end and of the hope for peace; when they called home all those men whose souls could never return, in the hope that they too could fly free once again and rise up to the heavens with the sound of church bells. A sound that remains constant, one hundred years later, to mark their sacrifice.

Clare Griffiths, Exeter Cathedral Bellringers Secretary

Cathedral Fellowship Outing to Buckfastleigh



October 10th – a glorious and sunny day, but one of the hottest in October for some years, saw twenty of us gathered at Buckfastleigh for a Cathedral Fellowship outing.

We began by visiting the butterfly farm, the big conservatory kept in tropical conditions, where we saw a beautiful array of colourful butterflies flitting about in the shrubs and trees, and feeding on the rotting fruit put out for them. The water course running through the area was home to a large number of rescued terrapins, swimming about with the fish, or basking on the edges of the water. We learnt that, regrettably, they cannot be released into the wild, as they are an alien species which would do harm to the environment.

Just as we had got used to the temperature, we were led back into the open in time to visit the otters at feeding time. Both the smaller Asian and larger British otters were represented. Any otters brought in rescued are put back into the wild as soon as possible. The long stayers are used for breeding purposes, and any young are released as soon as they can fend for themselves.

At lunch time, we visited Buckfast Abbey for lunch and a wander round in its tranquil setting. A chance meeting by Canon Chris with Philip the organist gave us a fascinating quarter hour demonstration of the new – and very expensive – organ made in Padua. It was a lovely and interesting addition to our programme for the day, as we not only heard a sample of the range and beauty of its sound, but also were shown its remarkable technological attributes.

The afternoon saw us boarding the steam train at Buckfastleigh bound for Totnes, and run largely by volunteers. We were hauled by a gleaming and beautifully maintained visiting steam engine from the Mid Hants Railway made in 1952. Trundling along the line close to the River Dart, we were enchanted by the lovely Devon countryside in the autumn sunshine. Refreshments on the train enhanced the enjoyment. At Totnes, the engine backed up to the other end of the train, and returned us to our starting point. It was an excellent day; good company, perfect weather and a very interesting programme. Thank you Diane and Margaret.

Howard and Fiona Moffat

Outward Giving Committee: 12th November 2018

The Outward Giving Committee will meet on 12th November to consider which external charities will receive grants from the 10% of Planned Giving for 2017 that we reserve for outward giving. If you would like to suggest any local, diocesan or national charities, activities or good causes (preferably Christian in character) to be one of the beneficiaries, please contact a member of the committee.

Julie Glover (julie@blue-wave.co.uk), Marian Gilpin, Terry Pyle, Canon Mike Williams

Welcome Party for Canon Chris Palmer

The party to welcome Canon Chris Palmer will be on Thursday 15th November in the Chapter House at 6.30pm for 7pm. Tickets (£5) are available following the Sunday 10.00 Choral Eucharist, and from the Cathedral Shop.

Installation of Canons Theologian: 28th November at 5.30pm

During Choral Evensong on 28th November, the Revd Professor Morwenna Ludlow and the Revd Professor Sue Gillingham will be installed as Canons Theologian of the Cathedral. All are welcome. Please come to support them on this special occasion.

Feast of Dedication: 21st November

Come to celebrate the anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral at special services on 21st November. There will be a **Solemn Eucharist at 12.00**, and **Choral Evensong at 17.30**. Everyone is welcome. These services will be attended by members of the College of Canons.

Dates for the Diary in early December

1st Dec at 16.00 - Christingle Service; **2nd Dec at 18.00** - The Advent Procession



**SACRED SPACE:
COMMON GROUND**
National Cathedrals Conference 2018

National Cathedrals Conference - *Sacred Space: Common Ground*

Six of us from the cathedral went to this conference, the first of its type, in September. It was a chance to meet many others involved in the work of cathedrals across England, to learn together, and explore the potential for cathedrals to be beacons of excellence in worship and mission.

The conference was an action packed four days, with seminars, worship, keynote addresses, and shared meals. Manchester Cathedral did a marvellous job of hosting us, and demonstrated the potential of cathedrals to be venues for major national conferences, well run and warmly inviting.

Of the things I attended, the highlights for me included the Bishop of Chelmsford, Stephen Cottrell, entertainingly challenging us about what visitors to our cathedrals discover about the Christian faith in our buildings; he described how Peterborough Cathedral, where he worked, gave visitors more information about Catherine of Aragon than about Jesus! I was also inspired by Anthony O'Connor of Manchester Cathedral describing a Cathedral-inspired project to help the long-term unemployed into employment; I wondered what a similar venture to help the many people in our city who are homeless might look like at Exeter Cathedral.

At the end of the conference, our six delegates met to consider what objectives the conference might inspire us to pursue. This is a short version of our ideas:

- How should we offer a welcome to those attending outside events in our Cathedral?
- What interpretation does our building need?
- What information is there about Christian faith in the building?
- How can we develop the Wednesday Café to change people's lives?
- Develop a pilgrimage programme and resources in conjunction with the diocese?
- Welcome groups who come to Evensong
- Develop our social media (especially aware of the opportunity of Instagram for the young)
- Develop a programme of Christian nurture for adults
- Foster a non-blame culture

Chris Palmer

Education Visits Manchester Cathedral

It was an interesting few days at the Manchester conference. There were plenty of chances to hear various speakers, and enjoy the services in the Cathedral, and at other churches around the city. It was also a chance to chat with a couple of key colleagues, without the rush and tear we have amidst the daily constraints of our work life at the Cathedral.

Understandably, the religious content of the Conference was very heavy, but I was left wanting. I had hoped for more inspirational, practical content relevant to the running of Exeter Cathedral Education Department.

A couple of highlights included a very interesting and light hearted talk from Bernard Donaghue – the Mayor of London’s Culture Ambassador, and CEO of Alva, who talked about getting noticed and putting Cathedrals on the map. He mentioned Exeter twice when talking about successfully grabbing the public’s attention by doing things out of the ordinary, for example - when the events department hosted a partnership with Ikea, showing movies in the nave, amongst other things. Then there was an informative talk from one of the Education Officers at the Houses of Parliament. The amount of students that visit each year is vast, and they cover a wide variety of subjects. Who knew?

More memorable for me on this visit, was seeing what the city of Manchester has to offer visitors. Learning about the *worker bee* as one of the best-known symbols of Manchester, then spotting them scattered across the city. The Cat Café was a surprise. Pull off your shoes and sip your cuppa whilst watching the antics of furry friends play, chase, or sit on your lap. Who knew? I did not venture in though. Let’s see if Exeter follows suit.

If you ever find yourself in Manchester a must visit is the John Rylands Library - a Harry Potter come Cathedral type adventure, with amazing architecture and atmosphere. Lovely!

Lisa Gordon, Cathedral Education Manager

Next Month: The next edition of the *News* will be a combined December/January edition, so please send news of events and points of interest for both months, and even for the early days of February. Please send material for the **December/January** edition by **Thursday 22nd November** 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, Jenny Ellis and Laurence Blyth.

Remembrance

(Please see the Cathedral website for full details)

Remembrance Lectures on Sundays in November at 17.00 after Choral Evensong

4th Nov Bishop Brian Castle – “*At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them*” - *Remembering through the lens of Reconciliation*

11th Nov The Revd Canon Dr Mike Williams - *Believing in a Just Cause-Being a Christian Soldier*

18th Nov Prof Esther Reed – *The Use of Drones for targeted Killing: Ethical questions of modern warfare*

25th Nov Canon Dr Georgina Byrne – *Names Carved into Stone: Remembering the Dead of the First World War*

Special Tour: Commemorating World War One: 5th November 2018 at 11.30

Military historian, Jonathan Walker, and Diane Walker will explore the variety of memorials erected in the Cathedral after the First World War.

Devon Remembers: A Heritage Project : 8th November at 19.00

Creative interpretations of the Home Front experience in Devon during the First World War.

Journey Through Conflict-From Then until Now : 9th November at 19.30

Major General Andy Salmon charts the experiences of servicemen and women in the conflicts of the last century, and of this.

The Sleeping Soldier: 10th-11th November

The Sleeping Soldier is a piece of public visual art animated by Leo Jamelli to create awareness of the sacrifices made by the armed forces during WW1.

Dedication of the Field of Remembrance: 10th November at 10.40

Remembrance Sunday: 11th November

9.30 Choral Eucharist

10.55 Service of Wreath Laying at the County War Memorial

11.45 Remembrance Sunday Service

What's On in November

A few highlights from the Cathedral Diary in November; more on the website.

6th & 7th Cathedral Winter Fair

15th 09.00 Chapter Meeting; Evening - Opening of the Christmas Market

18th 10.00 Choral Eucharist & Confirmation

19.00 Holy Ground – Professor Esther Reed

30th 17.30 Solemn Eucharist for St Andrew's Day