

# **Cathedral News**

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### From: The Dean



Like many people, my favourite Gospel story is that of the Prodigal Son. Of course it takes courage for the boy to come home, having squandered half the family fortune. But the Father is longing for his return, and runs out to meet him when he is still far off. A marvellous picture of new beginnings: what has happened has certainly happened, but it's not going to be the defining factor for the rest of his life.

Fresh starts are an essential part of Christian living, and of Christian worship. It's not just that we get a second or third chance: every single time we celebrate the Eucharist, we call to mind our sins, and receive God's forgiveness anew. St Peter, our patron

here at the Cathedral, is a great example of a Christian hero who got it wrong time and again. But Jesus didn't write him off: rather he was established as the rock on which the Church is founded.

Having preached on this theme on one occasion, a beautifully written wooden sign was left on my vicarage doorstep: TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. It has hung in my study ever since, and guides my thinking and, I hope, my living as well.

Of course, the New Year marks a very clear fresh start. So even if the Church celebrated its New Year a month ago, at the beginning of Advent, why not make the most of this further opportunity to begin afresh, and to seek God's forgiveness for ourselves and others? In fact, that wouldn't be a bad resolution: to start each day of 2019 conscious of God's forgiveness, and to embrace the opportunities it brings as a God-given opportunity for love and faith and hope.

I pray that 2019 will be full of joy and peace for us all.

Jonathan Greener



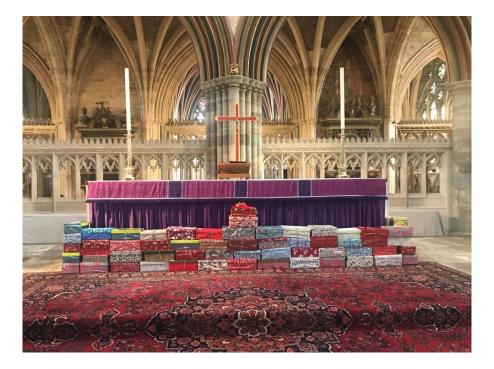
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# Informal Lunch for "Sunday 8 o'clockers"

Following two previous very enjoyable lunches, this is advance notice of the next 8 o'clock congregation lunch to be held on Saturday 16th February. There will be a main course, dessert, and cheese and biscuits, with wine and soft drinks at a cost of £5. Any surplus money will be donated to Cathedral funds. All regular and occasional worshippers at the 8am Sunday Book of Common Prayer service are warmly welcomed to join us. Invitations will be available from the beginning of January, but for more information contact James jgshayward@tiscali.co.uk Tel 01392 811126, or Nicola nicola.cowling@btinternet.com Tel: 01392 460324

### Thank you!

Thank you very much to all who contributed a shoebox to this magnificent collection. The boxes were blessed at the Choral Eucharist on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December, and soon after were on their way to Eastern Europe.



# News from The Company of Tapisers

I'd like to share with you some of the work which has occupied the Tapisers recently:

In December, the Canvas Group celebrated the completion of their project to make seven cushions for the Lady Chapel – the Sedilia and the opposite ledge. The predominantly blue and grey geometric designs are an extension of those on the altar rail cushions, and were adapted by Jo Pett (former group leader).

Last September the Textile Group was commissioned to make a rose-pink High Mass Set (vestments to be worn at the Eucharist) – and this is almost competed. The stunning design by Sally Hulin (group leader) features snowdrops and a Christmas rose: a reflection that these vestments will be worn on Mothering Sunday and the Third Sunday in Advent. The finished Set will be dedicated to those who died in World War One.

Celia Perry, our chief Whiteworker, has worked diligently embroidering crosses on corporals (the square white linen cloths on which the chalice and paten stand on the altar) and altar cloths – maintaining and adding to the large amount of altar linen used in the Cathedral each week.

As 2019 begins, we look forward to a creative and purposeful year ahead.

The Tapisers wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

### Diana Symes, Chairman of the Company of Tapisers

### Prayer and Spirituality Day: 'Come and See' Saturday 2 February 10.00 – 16.00

Join others for a prayerful and engaging day to explore different spiritual practices and ways to pray, including

Pilgrim Paths - Labyrinth Silence – contemplative prayer Find his face in paint Knowing God in each hour The Jesus Prayer – prayer of the heart Meditate with Taize Review your day with God Slow Bible Reading And more... All in the context of accessible worship, with space to pray alone, and a light lunch provided. Cost: £12 (please enquire of Canon Chris Palmer about a reduction if this is too much for you) Bookings by 25th Jan via the Cathedral Website: https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/news-events/whats-on/praverspirituality-day-come-and-see-20190202-100000/

# **Exeter Cathedral Flower Arrangers**

We thought that the members of the Cathedral congregation might like to know what the Cathedral Flower Arrangers had been up to in the past extremely busy year!

On a regular basis we arrange fortnightly, and our volunteers, who number about 45, can ask to arrange anything from twice a year to whenever needed. We arrange 4 pillars, the High Altar, the Lady Chapel and the Flower Box, (opposite the shop) in the South Quire Aisle. There are also flowers in the Military chapel as you come in at the West End of the Cathedral for which there is a rota of Military ladies, who are supplemented, on occasions, by the main group. Fresh flowers are in St Gabriel's Chapel, where the Host is kept, all year round.

We started the year with a meeting to talk about Advent! Sounds a bit back to front, but as we were going to prepare a "still life", we knew that it would take months of work and meetings and workshops; so the sooner we started on that the better! You will have seen the results during the month before Christmas, with our interpretation of the altar frontal of St Michael and All Angels.

We were also working on the Grand Nave Dinner held in October, and produced a mock-up of the table setting with fairy lights for the meeting in February, which was given a "yes". We then had to research the purchase of fresh and silk flowers in the quantities we would need – hundreds of the same blooms in some cases. It all had to be designed, costed, sources researched and ordered. Problems with obtaining 250 table candles were outweighed by 220 short stemmed calla lilies and 110 long stemmed both in silk, garnered from a number of branches of an English supplier chain and the Far East. This was because fresh would have cost about 4 times as much, and would allow us to re-use some of them at a later date in the Cathedral.

Our small, very poky storeroom struggled to hold all the goodies as they arrived. Whilst coping with this, a call from a generous family in Longdown, gave us boxes of beautiful Christmas garlands that had been used for a wedding. During this year, we have earned money ourselves to pay for new storage boxes for the silk flowers we hold, and that has proved useful – particularly in the hot weather, and when arrangements are asked for at the last moment. We can mix silks with fresh foliage, and many would not know the difference, we hope!

Over the year, we had several weddings – some for families who worship at the Cathedral. These are additional to regular arranging, and we rely on our ladies to come in and provide pairs of hands. We try to accommodate a bride's wishes, and that can mean decorating pew ends, additional pedestals in

various positions around the Quire aisle, and often garlands along the Choir Stalls. These can be challenging! One wedding this summer was held in the Nave and we needed to arrange 18 pew ends, the pulpit, and two large pedestals, in addition to the pillars in the Nave!

We had the mixed pleasure, and privilege, of making coffin flowers for three friends from the congregation, and flowers for several very large memorial services, attended by people from around the world. We, of course, were anxious to do our very best, as some of those attending would be seeing our beautiful cathedral for the first, and maybe only, time.

We had other occasions to arrange for, such as the Easter services and the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday, which was different this year, and was a challenge from which we learned much. It was much admired, and that is always a good thing! Friends Day – St Peter's Day - is important to us, because The Friends generously give us funds every year. Christingle is another occasion where we try to help create the atmosphere for the children who attend. This year, the Nativity is moving to the West End of the Cathedral, and you will have seen it by the time you read this. It will be a challenge, as it will be new to us, as well as to the congregation.

We also arrange the Advent, Christmas and Paschal candles. This can only be done by taller flower arrangers-another challenge, especially when they are moved around the Cathedral!

We are extremely grateful to all the Floor Managers and the Works staff. They could not be more helpful or obliging when it comes to moving, carrying, parking, going up ladders, squeezing oasis and clearing the mountain of foliage and floral waste that needs moving as soon as it is created! Particular thanks to Malcolm, who does a grand job for us!

You will have seen money mentioned earlier. Just to make it clear - the Dean & Chapter are not able to fund the flowers. There are more serious things like roofs, drains and windows to look after. The Friends of Exeter Cathedral give us a grant, and the Devon & Dorset Regiment are very generous as well. We work hard over the year to add to our "pot" with workshops, the Winter Fair, any profits from events and memorial flowers, and small profits from weddings. This makes us very grateful to our band of arrangers, who charge nothing for their time and bags of foliage on a regular basis, and are happy with the joy and pleasure we know the congregation and our many visitors get from our endeavours. Please stop and talk to us while we are arranging – we are often a source of enquiries from visitors - and although busy, we will try to inform when we can. We appreciate comments too – good or bad!

#### Flick Evans, Exeter Cathedral Flower Arrangers



Our recent Newsletter mailing should have reached all members by now, and our events for the first part of next year are heavily subscribed. But, at the time of writing, some places are still available for the talk by Dr Peter Marsden on 28<sup>th</sup> January entitled 1545 - Who Sank the Mary Rose?, and also the presentations by John Allan, Camilla Finlay and Conrad Donaldson on Fabric and Repairs for the Cathedral on 26 February. Anyone considering attending either, or both, of these events is encouraged to contact our office without delay to ensure their places are secured. Both of these events are open to non-members. More details from our office on 01392 423931.

### Pete Privett, Friends' Office Manager

### From the Head of Education

### Godly Play sessions for under 5's

#### Wednesday 16th January Chapter House 10 – 11.30am £5 per child

Come and join us for a morning outing with your child.

Little Spirits can hear a story based on 'Godly Play', and then there will be activities for them to join in with, whilst you have a cuppa and a chance to chat with friends.

Tea, coffee, biscuits and juice included. Next one on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

#### Something to Talk About...2019 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January Chapter House 12.30 -1.30pm Admission £5

Look out for our new list of talks which kicks off with: Exeter High Street Advertising, a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Snapshot! by Richard Holladay

### And a Request.....

In the Cathedral Education Department, we are seeking some extra resources for planned sessions this year with under 5's. If you are having a toy throw out after Christmas, please send some our way. Please drop off any toys, construction kits, model castles/ houses, jigsaws, cars, dolls, games etc. that are still in good condition, to the man Reception marked *Education*. Your contribution will be much appreciated!

#### Lisa Gordon, Head of Education

### From The Venerable Trevor Jones, Chapter Canon: Safeguarding – our Safeguarding Representatives



As a Chapter Canon of Exeter Cathedral, I was asked, in the summer of 2018, to assume the responsibility of 'lead Canon for Safeguarding'. It is an honour to do so, but it also carries with it a significant responsibility.

I am very clear about my responsibilities, which are to ensure that Chapter fulfils its safeguarding duty in relation to policy, legislation and good practice; the provision of appropriate training at all levels, and responding to issues requiring attention. I chair the Cathedral Safeguarding Panel (CSMP), which meets quarterly to advise Chapter on policy and training, to

ensure good communications, and to engender a culture of safeguarding in the Cathedral as a *collective* responsibility laid on us all. I also represent the Cathedral on the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel (DSAP), thus providing an essential link between the Cathedral and the Diocese.

(Trevor is pictured above. He can be contacted on 01395 268715.)



Last month our Cathedral, Safeguarding Adviser (CSA) Charlie Pitman, (who is also the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) introduced himself to us in *Cathedral News*. Having Charlie as our CSA is a very sensible arrangement; we can draw on an experienced professional in the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. By this arrangement, we are linked closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and can draw on their resources and expertise. Their offices are located

next to the Cathedral, which is a further advantage.

Charlie and I meet with *your* Safeguarding Representatives. Their role is to be available for members of the Cathedral congregations, staff, volunteers and visitors to receive *any* concerns over safeguarding which, in the first instance, they will pass on to the CSA. Please look them out, and feel free to introduce yourself to them. We are, of course, indebted to them for taking on this role.

#### The Venerable Dr Trevor Jones, Chapter Canon - Lead Canon for Safeguarding

# The Cathedral Safeguarding Representatives are:



### Chris Bodkin 01392 285983 ext. 3908

Chris works in the Visitors' Office and is well known to the Cathedral staff. He functions mainly as the safeguarding representative for those who work at the Cathedral.

#### Ann Rogers 07989 582341



### John Lacey 07850 758945



### Sheila Green 07702 267396



# Exeter City Centre Chaplaincy



ECCC began in the autumn of 2013 when the first group of *Volunteer Chaplains* was trained, with financial support from some city centre churches and the Methodist Circuit.

The team currently has 12 chaplains with two or more being commissioned each year. Two or three of those who have been with us from the start are soon to retire. Our 200 shop visits each fortnight to the large and small stores across the city centre are deeply valued. Chaplains engage in faith sharing as they are asked, are the recipients of personal news and frequently receive stories about the stress that many are living with due to all the changes within the retail sector.

We want to develop the ECCC by broadening support within those Anglican, Reformed, Salvationist, Methodist and Independent Fellowship traditions already involved and beyond. To encourage more churches and fellowships to be part of this ministry there are 3 ways that you can help.

**PRAYER** Hold before God the Centre Centre Chaplaincy's ministry and the businesses and shops of our city.

**PEOPLE** Our recruitment process totally depends on the leaders and members of our churches being on the look-out for pastorally minded members of their worship community who could be prompted or encouraged to offer for this ministry. Chaplains generally give two to three hours each week to visiting. Full training and support is given. The chaplains meet weekly for prayer, fellowship and mutual support. We expect to run another training course in the spring.

**POUNDS** We depend entirely on church or individual donations. We are hoping that the city centre churches and fellowships that originally agreed to fund us for 5 years will continue. Though our expenditure is modest, covering chaplains' expenses, administration, training and insurance, we need steady financial support. A donation or regular promise would be received with appreciation and thankfulness. Please contact the treasurer Sean Swarbrick on sjswarb@phonecoop.coop for details.

If you would like to know more about the ministry of ECCC, or if you are interested in the training course, please contact one of our lead chaplains Norman Wallwork <u>n.wallwork@btinternet.com</u> or Paul Collings, paul.collings@methodist.org.uk

Sheila Swarbrick, Team Rector, Parish of Central Exeter Chair of the Exeter City Centre Chaplaincy

# **Tales from the Foodbank: Priority Labels**

In both Sainsbury's and Waitrose, you will find items with the label Foodbank Priority under them to help you select something, either to put in the box in the Store, or bring to the Cathedral on the **4th Sunday** each month. The number of contributions has increased as a result, and receiving items that are urgently required helps the storage situation.

The next Cathedral Foodbank Collection will take place one **Sunday 27th** January.

Many thanks to all.

### **Felicity Cawthra**

### News from the Bellringers

The closing of the year can be a time of mixed emotions for many, perhaps reflecting on loved ones lost, or times of trouble and illness. There can be no more truthful expression of the year's passing to be found than within church bells, as they ring out the old year half-muffled, capturing the sadness and loss, before ringing in the new year 'open' in hope and truth; and here at Exeter Cathedral, the bells will ring in the new year with a quarter peal on New Year's Day morning.

For the Cathedral ringers, January is the month of our Annual General Meeting, meaning all the officers are occupied with writing reports, and making plans for the year ahead.

2019 will be one of the busiest for us yet, as Exeter Cathedral will be hosting the final of the National 12-Bell Striking Competition. On Saturday 22 June, ten of the best teams (including our own!) from around the country will gather for ringing and socialising; Bishop Robert has most generously granted us permission to host the hospitality marquee in the Palace Gardens, and we are expecting upwards of five hundred people to attend. More updates will follow from me each month, but do please put the date in your diaries, as the day is very much something in which we want the Cathedral Community to participate and enjoy.

All that remains is for us to wish you all a very happy New Year; the Cathedral bells will be ringing throughout, marking the passing of the church year as the voice of the Cathedral across the city. We hope they speak to you too, as they accompany you on your journey through the year ahead.

### Clare Griffiths, Exeter Cathedral Bellringers Secretary

# **Hidden Groups**

The cathedral is full of little-known treasures – and this isn't just on the walls and in the archive. It also includes *groups* of people meeting to support each other and grow in faith. Here are three 'hidden groups' I was delighted to discover!

**Prayers for Healing.** This group meets each Monday at 1.00pm in Gabriel Chapel. Those who come use the prayer requests left on the intercessions board over the last week and pray through these. They pray through the list of those who are sick – at greater length than is possible on Sundays, and they invite members to bring their own prayers. The group seeks God's wholeness for people in the widest sense, and would be delighted to grow as more people choose to join in. After about 30 minutes of prayer, they adjourn to the Cloister Garth room for coffee.

**Julian Prayer Group.** This group gathers people who are looking for a space for contemplative prayer in a group setting. In fact there are two groups. One meets in the Cathedral (St John the Evangelist Chapel) on the second Monday of the month at 2.30pm. Please contact Christine Rapsey for more details on 01363 774068 or by email christine.rapsey@icloud.com

The evening group also meets usually on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in a home. They would love to hear from people who might be interested in joining them. For more information about the evening group, please contact Nicola Cowling; 01392 460324 or nicola.cowling@btinternet.com

**Greek Group.** For those who've got some command of biblical Greek, come along on a Friday afternoon at 4.30pm, usually in the reading room of the library (ground floor of the West Wing), and study the coming Sunday's Gospel and Epistle in Greek. Bring along a Greek Testament or find it online. For further details contact Stuart McWilliam; email macwlliam70@gmail.com

Is there another group we should have featured? Let us know and we can include it next time.

### Chris Palmer, Canon Chancellor

# Christingle 2018

On behalf of the Children's Society, I would like to thank all those who helped, supported, and attended the Christingle Service at the Cathedral on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The net amount raised for the Society was £438.49, and there were still a few Christingles left for the Services the next day.

Thank you all very much for your hard work and dedication.

**Christine Lethbridge** 

### News from the Wednesday Kitchen.....

...Now sporting our new title, which is intended to prevent confusion with the Cathedral Cafe!

We would like to begin the year with a 'thank you" to all contributors to our mission for the homeless and vulnerably housed community of Exeter; a mystery donor left bags of new socks, which were wrapped and given as gifts at our Christmas party; members of the congregation also donated gifts; the German sausage company donated hundreds of frankfurters that I was able to share with St. Petrock's, Gabriel House, The Foyer, YMCA, Bread of Life and the night shelter; to Andrew and Liz of Kenniford Farm for the hog roast; to Richard's Greengrocer in Topsham for weekly donations of vegetables and fruit; to Sheila, Heather and other cake-makers for their weekly contributions; and to the entire volunteer team.

We also require funds to buy essentials for our weekly kitchen. May I remind you that the dear, late, Geoff Thompson, each year, asked all of those who received a winter fuel allowance but felt that they did not need it for heating payments, to donate the funds to the Wednesday Kitchen. This is done by sending a cheque payable to Exeter Cathedral, in an envelope marked "Wednesday Kitchen Fund", for the attention of Canon Mike. If a tax-payer, please always ask for donations to be gift-aided.

We have been privileged to share in celebrating some wonderful successes this past year; seeing a long-standing client permanently housed, and another client in full-time work, and others working their way towards recovery from substance misuse. It is always so rewarding to see the difference that a smile, warm words and gentle encouragement can bring.

The night-shelter has also proved a great success, keeping a further 25 vulnerable people off the pavement during the night, and it will remain open until the end of March. The Wednesday Kitchen has been providing hot food for the shelter each week. From April to September, the shelter will convert to a day centre for meaningful occupation and education.

Finally, we all like to have clean underwear and socks each day, and our clients are no different. I have been wondering whether we could gather enough donations/funds to provide a pack containing underwear, socks, a small pack of wet-wipes and a chocolate bar, that we can hand out each week. Thank you for all that you have done, and all that you may continue to do, for the Wednesday Kitchen outreach.

> Penny Harris penny@harris58.com

# **Devon Historic Churches Trust and Deanery Prayer Walk**

**Diane Coombes writes** a huge thank you to all who played any part in this event. As a result of these efforts, the magnificent sum of £500 was raised. At the end of October Canon Mike Williams received a cheque for £250 being half of the money designated for the Cathedral. In particular we had asked that this be put towards the work of the stonemasons. Canon Mike Williams thought that the work they had undertaken on the north porch would be the most appropriate and Chris Sampson, Clerk of Works, thought this an excellent idea.

**Chris writes** as follows of the work undertaken by the stonemasons on this project.



You may all have been saddened to hear that back in the summer, maybe as a result of the heat, or high spirits from the football World Cup, we suffered more than one act of vandalism to our buildings, the most significant being the dislodging of the statue of St Vladimir from the North porch. He is the third figure along, going from left to right in the lower order of figures. Although this was very disappointing, luckily the

damage was not so severe that the figure was beyond repair. He suffered damage to his plinth and feet, and lost his head (*as seen in the photograph above*) and the halo, which were shattered into tiny fragments.



Our team of highly skilled masons, despite being diverted away from the ongoing project work at the south clerestory windows, were able painstakingly to piece all the bits together, to repair the plinth and feet, carve a new halo, and attach it to the head, before reuniting the head to the body, and securing the statue back in the niche, so that it physically can't be dislodged again. (St Vladimir restored is pictured left.)

Although unfortunately in the modern age £250 does not go very far in covering the costs of something like this, it is all very much greatly appreciated and makes a difference. So we are very grateful for the kind gift in supporting the work. We are now working up a scheme for securing all the other figures on the North porch, and a long overdue clean of the stonework in the area as a whole. in the New Year. Interestingly, we have during our investigations into this work discovered lots of medieval paint remnants in the architecture of the porch, indicating that the area originally was decorated possibly in a similar way to the West Front Image Screen. St Vladimir is now safely back where he belongs, in part thanks to you and your support. Thank you!

#### Chris Sampson, Clerk of Works

## Holy Ground 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 19.00

### Talk Canon Mike D Williams: Immigration – the myths, realities and trade-offs

This talk will explore the political, economic and ethical issues that are at the heart of the debate about our identity, culture and idea of being a nation state that is about to leave the European Union.

With more than 230 million people on the move worldwide, migrant-receiving societies such as the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States confront many similar immigration challenges — but they also experience the benefits that migrants can bring. European and U.S. policymaker's alike need to determine admittance criteria for legal immigrants, decide between temporary and permanent labour migration programs, find solutions to reduce illegal immigration, and address the issue of integration. At the same time, policymakers must recognize that migration has important implications for domestic policy concerns, such as national security, economics, identity politics, and social cohesion. Migration is a global reality with theological implications. Are we all created equal by God? Do we all have the same human rights regardless of where we are born? These and other questions will be explored at Holy Ground in the context of worship.

### Worship

For the worship at this Holy Ground in January, we invite you on a journey from font to (high) altar. In this 'Eucharist on the move' we get in touch with the experience of migrants who are on the move in our world. We will remember that we pass through the waters of baptism, and journey in the desert, to find a welcome at the banquet of God's kingdom. Join us as we travel together!

(As regular readers will know, the Revd Canon Dr Mike D Williams is the Canon Treasurer at Exeter Cathedral. He has been an officer in the Royal Marines, a CEO in the NHS and academic at Exeter University. He studied immigration recently through a University of Oxford course and is keen to explore the issues in the context of a Christian Cathedral community.)

# La Nativité du Seigneur – Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

The liturgical season of Christmas is celebrated each year until Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. For those who wish to explore the Christmas story once more before we move back into Ordinary Time, Timothy Parsons will perform Olivier Messiaen's 1935 cycle dedicated to the Nativity of Christ on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January. This is one of the greatest works in the organ's repertoire, and it consists of nine meditations, ranging from depictions of the Shepherds, Angels and Magi to more abstract reflections on the mysteries of the Incarnation, culminating with the exhilarating toccata 'Dieu parmi nous' ('God among us'). You will hear the magnificent Cathedral organ put through its paces with a whole palette of vivid tonal colours. The performance will take place in the Quire at 7pm on 26<sup>th</sup> January and is free of charge.

### Foundations in Christian Ministry course 2019-20

Applications for the Foundations in Christian Ministry course starting in September 2019 are now open.

The 2018-19 course was over-subscribed, and the capacity is expanding from 30 to 50. The deadline for applications is 1st April. Informal interviews will then be held.

The FiCM is a learning community, where students can deepen their Christian discipleship, explore their gifts for ministry, discern God's call for their next steps in ministry, and lay foundations for further lay training.

The core of the course is seven Saturday study days between September and June, consisting of inspirational and high quality teaching on the Bible, Theology, spirituality and pastoral care.

### For further details,

see https://exeter.anglican.org/ministry/vocations/foundations-christianministry/

Rev David Carrington, Director of Lay Training, SWMTC SWMTC - Adventurous Faith | Missional Hope | Grounded Love

**Next Month:** Please send material for the **February** edition by **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** to Heather Morgan (01392 877623, <u>hmm53@tiscali.co.uk</u> and Sheila Atkinson <u>sm.a@blueyonder.co.uk</u>. The other members of the editorial team are Rosemary Bethell, and Jenny Ellis.

# What's On in January

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

1<sup>st</sup> The Naming & Circumcision of Christ: New Year's Day 11am Solemn Eucharist 3<sup>rd</sup> 11.00 Brass Rubbing for families - drop in 6<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany Exeter Cathedral School Epiphany Service 8<sup>th</sup> 10.15 Medieval Evening Tour (repeated on 12<sup>th</sup> January) 11th 18.30 13<sup>th</sup> **Evensong & Installation of Choristers** 16.00 Holy Ground - Canon Mike D Williams 19.00 14<sup>th</sup> Julian Prayer Group in St John the Baptist Chapel 14.30 15<sup>th</sup> Let's talk about Iconography-The Dean (£20-Booking essential) 18.30 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Little Spirits Play Session **Chapter Meeting** 17<sup>th</sup> 09.00 Lunchtime Talk – Exeter High Street Advertising, a 19<sup>th</sup> Century 12.30 snapshot **Ringing Chamber Roof Tour** 20<sup>th</sup> 13.00 **Bellringers AGM** 19.00 22<sup>nd</sup> Eucharist for the Society of Catholic Priests (followed by lunch) 11.30 **Cathedral Fellowship Committee Meeting** 19.00 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Hall Meeting for staff and volunteers 11.30 25<sup>th</sup> The Conversion of St Paul Mothers' Union Prayers in the Lady Chapel 12.00 17.30 Solemn Eucharist La Nativité du Seigneur – Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992) 26<sup>th</sup> 19.00 Holocaust Memorial Day Opening Ceremony 28<sup>th</sup> 09.30 **Chorister Voice Trials** 29<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime Talk - Christina of Markyate, hear her story 31<sup>st</sup> 12.30

and life at St Albans

# And finally...seen in the Cathedral Car Park during Advent

