



From the Dean

Well, it looks very probable that unless something dramatic happens (and plenty dramatic has happened this year!), the Cathedral will be open for Christmas. Praise God! And for most of Advent as well. Though finding ourselves in Tier 2 means that we have to be careful to avoid any social interaction either inside the Cathedral or at the Cathedral door. And maintaining 2 metres between chairs or groups of chairs does limit numbers dramatically. So please forgive any apparent standoffishness - and remember that even

from behind a face covering, a smile is a great way to communicate.

We've included in this edition of Cathedral News a list of all the services in December, so you know just what's happening in the Cathedral and on line. Tickets for Cathedral Christmas Services will be on offer from 10am on 17 December. When booking, please reserve no more than one carol service, and one Christmas Eucharist per person, to allow us to welcome as many people as possible. Last year, in December, over 15,000 people worshipped at Exeter Cathedral. This year, it will be only a tiny fraction of that number, but we are seeking to stretch our doors as generously as we can.

As I was starting to reflect on the many challenges we all face this Christmas, what struck me also was how unusual the first Christmas was. Maternity wards, we realise, were not yet part of the Bethlehem scene, but Mary and Joseph missed out even on the relative comfort of a home birth, and had instead to make the most of a borrowed stable. Yet that did nothing to stop the joyful singing of the angels: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. I hope those are words in which we shall all be able to find some comfort and hope for Christmas 2020.

Without the usual socialising, or the frantic days leading up to our 'normal' Christmas, without the noise and jollity of our Christmas Market, perhaps this year, exceptionally, the four weeks of Advent can resume their role as a period

of reflection and preparation as we get ready once again to welcome the Christ child, the Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, God with us.

So this year I am pleased to wish you all a joyful and peaceful Advent, in the genuine hope that this may actually turn out to be a reality for many.

Jonathan Greener

News from the Company of Tapisers

2020 has been a difficult year for us all, including the Tapisers. The last time we were able to meet as a group was the 12th March – which is a long time ago now! However, during the intervening weeks our Tapisers have not been idle – and I would like to pay tribute to their resilience, devotion and skills.

Together, this year, for the Cathedral we have produced a new book cushion for the Dean's Quire stall (not yet in place), and another book cushion for the Precentor is almost finished, 4 new Quire cushions have been completed, a set of cravats for the choristers, as well as numerous items for us to sell in the Shop ... from face masks, jewellery bags, gift bags, spectacle cases, cushions and Christmas decorations. We have also knitted 127 'Angels of Hope' for the special display on the Cathedral's Christmas Tree in December.

This is an incredibly impressive output for a group who have not been able to see each other for eight months, so I would like to thank all our members for their steadfast commitment, good humour and willingness to go that extra mile. A heartfelt thank you to you all.

Christmas is not going to be a 'normal' one this year, but The Company of Tapisers would like to wish you all a happy Christmas season with the hope that 2021 will be a year of hope and brighter skies.

Diana Symes, Chairman of The Company of Tapisers

Exeter Foodbank

The giving for Harvest was wonderful and I'm sure you won't forget the Foodbank this month. Sometimes people gave me money which I then passed on to the Foodbank. If you would like to give money direct, please go to www.exeter.foodbank.org.uk for the information. Thank you.

Felicity Cawthra

A "Sanctuary" of Servers

Last month, we asked for a collective noun to accompany our team photograph of the Servers. Many thanks to Wilfred Reynolds, for his excellent suggestion of a "sanctuary of servers".

Ellacombe Chimes

The Ellacombe Chime cupboard in the Ringing Chamber at Exeter Cathedral was always a place of mystery for me, and a source of anxiety when letting in visiting bands, as I was faced with hooking and unhooking a complex system of taut wires and clips. Downstairs in the South Transept at the Cathedral it was yet a further cupboard where the Virgers would manually pull the chimes before Choral Evensong – entertaining in itself to watch as they would begin with stately order before descending into frenetic desperation as the service drew closer. To my knowledge though, we have never ‘played’ Happy Birthday on our chimes as Jon Bint at Chagford would do on any ringer’s birthday!

However, this all changed when the cupboard in the South Transept was found to be obscuring an important tomb, and, with funding available to reveal and restore the tomb, replacing the Ellacombe Chimes suddenly featured on the budget of our Clerk of Works at the Cathedral. It was an exciting opportunity for the Cathedral to commission the electrification of the Ellacombe Chimes, and with Andrew Nicholson the chosen contractor, work was due to begin earlier this year.

Eight months later and the new chimes were finally signed off just as the second lockdown began on Thursday 5th November. All 14 bells and the Peter Bell have electromagnetic hammers which are now wired down through the old Ellacombe case in the ringing room (where there are two isolation switches for when we want to ring) to a small computer on the ground floor of the North Tower, with the unit itself operated from a portable handset. The old Ellacombe hammers, operating wires and the old chime box downstairs have been removed, but the old hammers have been kept on the bell chamber floor and could be reinstalled at any time in the future.

Programmes are built into the system, and under normal times when we are ringing regularly, only the middle six will be set up to chime prior to Choral Evensong. However, at present, the most advanced programme of 8 minutes of Stedman Cinques, followed by 5 minutes tolling of a calling bell, is being used before the two principal Sunday services. In addition, the Peter Bell is being tolled every evening at 6pm throughout lockdown; this is part of the ‘Prayer for the Nation’ where churches and cathedrals are ringing a bell as the Archbishops of Canterbury and York encourage daily prayer in lockdown.

It seems strangely ironic that as towers are empty across Devon, at Exeter Cathedral the bells are now ringing more than they ever would. However, the joy which this new sound of the bells has brought to many and the continuity of the call to prayer, gives us all hope for the meaning and value of church bellringing to our communities.

Clare Griffiths

Will it ever be the same?

“Will life ever be the same?” is the question I keep hearing. To be honest, every day is different in our evolving world, and the world I have enjoyed will not be the same for my grandchildren. At the risk of sounding like an old sage, this is what our God-given life is about.

At the end of the First World War, we emerged as a very different world, as indeed was the case with the Second World War. The changes in technology have been phenomenal in the last 30 years. I can only wonder at what the future holds. In the more immediate future, it looks like our scientists have found a vaccine to combat the virus of the pandemic, and optimistically on the news we are told this horror will be behind us by Easter next year.

God willing this will be the case, but it won't mean an instant reversal to how things were at the beginning of this year. At the beginning of the year I had never heard of Zoom, but now everyone knows about it and already I am regularly chatting with friends in Spain, whom I missed dreadfully when they moved away, but now at least I can see them and chat. People's patterns of work will also change. Many office workers will continue to work in part from home, perhaps going to the office once a week; face to face contact is important, even from a social point of view. Will we use air travel quite so much for business? Who knows? - And the list could, and does, go on.

From the places of worship perspective, the Church has managed to reach all manner of people who might only have had occasional visits. For example, Morning and Evening Prayer by Zoom at the Cathedral have become very popular. Formerly it was only the clergy and perhaps one or two others attending, but now all manner of people join in. True, Zoom won't replace the joy of Evensong, or live services with music, and I cannot wait to be able to sing hymns again, but outreach has been considerable with the use of technology, and I don't think this will go away, rather it will become part of our church life.

One thing I am fearful about is music and entertainment. I have been hugely impressed by the way organisations like the BBC have managed to salvage something of the Proms this year, but many musicians are seriously struggling and as for theatre and concert halls, their future is very much in the balance and will surely need Government funding to get back on their feet. I do hope so!

And then of course there is our economy. Government has the largest debt it has ever had keeping us afloat. The Global economy will recover and is already doing so with the news of vaccines, but many small businesses will disappear, and already unemployment has rocketed. New businesses will come, and I believe, new opportunities. Some of the businesses that have gone were

already struggling, and perhaps this was the only way forward. A changing world with sad losses, but always new things to look forward to. What the effects of on-line shopping will be I have no idea, but I do fear we are becoming a world of staring eyes; staring at a screen that engages us with the world. I would hate to lose our shops; I like to look at things and yes touch, or even try on.

So, life won't be the same, but then it never is and thank God for this. A world without change would be to stagnate. The older I get and the more I discover, the more I realise I don't know. In saying this I am acknowledging that we have still only scratched the surface of discoveries about the wonder of life, or world and creation. I suppose there is the danger of knowing too much for our own good, but then this depends on what we do with the things we discover, and maybe the voice of the Church will be able to guide some of this.

Personally, I found the first lockdown more bearable than the second. Perhaps this was because of disappointment and wondering how long this would continue; I am not sure. I suppose in many respects I should be counting my blessings in that I have remained safe and well and so far, all my family are the same, but I think we have to be honest about how we feel and at times I have struggled and felt very low. For those who have had the virus, or those who have lost loved ones, this has been a traumatic and desperate year with much sorrow and for the world over this has been an awful time.

On the positive side, I have been greatly heartened by the way people have in the main responded and indeed taken note of others. I am aware of people phoning friends, just to make sure all is well. Of families making much more frequent contact, again to share stories and hopefully know all is well. This is good and if we come out of this pandemic a more caring world then this would be something to rejoice about. A small straw I admit for those who have suffered themselves or suffered loss, but then I would hope there are those who would care for them.

Will life ever be the same again? No of course it won't. Since my retirement I have been busy writing what I can only describe as a journal of my life. My daughters asked me to do it, in that they wanted to know what life was like as I grew up. I've called it: 'What was it like?' This sobering exercise has made me realise just how much things have changed. We will come through the pandemic and just as people rebuilt lives after the Spanish Flu epidemic, also known as the 1918 flu pandemic, which affected 500 million people globally and killed 50,000,000, so we will rebuild our lives. Things will be different and why shouldn't they be. So, let us be optimistic and look to the future with excitement and as an adventure. Who knows what is around the corner!

Julian Ould, Priest Vicar

Faith and Government Policy

The Government has appointed a Faith Engagement Adviser, Colin Bloom, at the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to lead a review of how the Government interacts with faith groups, including the Church of England, during the Covid-19 recovery phase and beyond.

Mr Bloom will make recommendations to the Communities Secretary as part of his review. He is particularly interested in hearing from the following groups of people.

- Members of the public who identify as having a religion, or people who have a faith.
- Faith and Religious leaders (voluntary or professional) in places of worship or faith-based organisations and charities.
- Public servants such as civil servants, teachers, the police and healthcare workers.
- Anyone who is or has been engaged with the British Military in any capacity.
- Anyone who is or has been engaged in the Criminal Justice System in any capacity.

He has issued a 'Call for Evidence' in the form of an online survey, which is open until **11th December**. It takes about 15 minutes to complete and this can be done confidentially. It is an opportunity for us to demonstrate how faith enriches and empowers our lives and relationships. Please share this link with others so that there is the widest possible participation from local churches. Both Bishop Robert and the Dean have encouraged us all to take part in the survey.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/news-and-statements/governmentcalls-individuals-respond-faith-engagement-review>

The January edition of *Cathedral News*

We hope to publish the next edition of the News on Sunday 10th January 2021. The deadline for material is **Monday 4th January 2021**. Please send any contributions to hmm53@tiscali.co.uk or to any member of the editorial team; Heather Morgan, Rosemary Bethell, Jenny Ellis and Sheila Atkinson.



OUR SECOND CATHEDRAL QUIZ EVENING **Saturday 12th December 7.15 for 7.30pm on ZOOM**

As we enter into the second wave of Covid19, we thought that as a pre-Christmas event we would raise our spirits and have our second Cathedral Quiz Evening. Following our fun-filled St Peter's-tide quiz, we will once again gather together on the now ubiquitous ZOOM MEETINGS.

So we invite any members of the Cathedral Community, near or far, to join us for an exciting evening. You can gather a team of four who work together (you do this on Zoom without having to be physically in the same place). If you are on your own, but want us to create a team for you, we can arrange that too!

The now experienced Quiz personnel, Chris, Louise and Caroline, will help me to organise our Advent & Christmas Quiz Evening.

What do you need?

- A computer or tablet (iPad or similar)
- Pencil and paper
- Boundless knowledge! (seriously, it's going to be fun not Mastermind!)
- A supply of a beverage of choice – soft drinks are permitted.

How do I take part?

- Please register your interest with me as soon as possible on ian.morter@exeter-cathedral.org.uk giving me your email address.
- Tell me the members of your team and please give me their email addresses, or let me know if you want us to create a team for you.
- Nearer the evening I will send you the details of how to log into the ZOOM Quiz and we need to be gathering 15 minutes before the 7.30pm start so we can get the teams in their private 'break-out rooms' so they can confer.

Sadly, no prizes can be awarded because of Covid Security, but you will be heralded as the top three teams! You will see and hear your friends from the Cathedral Community, and you never know you may meet some new faces.

Ian Morter – Priest Vicar



Wednesday Kitchen

Food distribution from the cattle-trailer continues and as the temperature drops, we have added hot drinks to our service. Numbers remain steady at around the 50 mark and our guests are always so grateful to receive a home-cooked hot meal and home-baked cakes - I cannot emphasise just how much this type of care means to them. I am enormously grateful to the Taverners, Rob and Helen, for the loan of their trailer and we are now on the look-out for a proper kitchen trailer which would make the whole enterprise much more fitting- anyone with connections, please get in touch.

Whilst group celebrations are prohibited, we are hoping to be able to offer a scaled-down version of our hog-roast this year. Liz and Andrew Freemantle, of Kenniford Farm, are eager to offer this and so we are working on a plan to provide a little sparkle but in safety.

In the meantime, what can we ask of you? Well, serving takeaways is more expensive than our previous indoor event as we have to purchase the thermal boxes, bags, cups and so forth. We would also like to give our guests a small gift at our last WK before Christmas. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, we cannot accept donations of actual items but would really appreciate gifts of money so that we can buy a gift as well as money to boost our regular funds. If you feel able to offer a monetary gift, please do so in the following way:

Cheques payable to "Exeter Cathedral" in an envelope addressed to Canon Mike (Finance Office) and labelled "For Wednesday Kitchen account".

If you are interested in joining our team, please do contact me via Joseph in the office.

Thank you.

Penny & the WK team

Congratulations Tim

Many, many congratulations to Tim Parsons, Assistant Director of Music at the Cathedral, who has been appointed Director of Music at St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

Tim writes:

Cressida and I move to Bury after our wedding in April, and we will both be extremely sad to leave Exeter. That said, we are of course excited for the future and I'm looking forward hugely to leading the music department at Bury.

It goes without saying that we will miss Tim and Cressida very much. We hope to be able to arrange a farewell in the Spring.

Our Historic Link With Melanesia: A Story of Three Pictures



The bust is of Bishop John Patteson Coleridge, the first Bishop of Melanesia seen here on the windowsill of St Andrews, Feniton. Bishop Patteson lived next to the church, and attended as a boy. Whilst living in Feniton, he attended Kings School Ottery St Mary, before going on to Eton, then Balliol and Merton Colleges Oxford.

Bishop Patteson was ordained in Exeter Cathedral in 1854 and became curate at Alfington, a village between Feniton and Ottery.

In 1855, he answered the call from Bishop Selwyn, a friend of his father, to become a missionary in New Zealand. In 1861, he became the first Bishop of the Solomon Islands. Though greatly respected, he was sadly mistaken for a “blackbirder”, and was killed on the island of Nukapu in 1871, hence the depiction of his martyrdom on the pulpit in the Cathedral.



Bishop Patteson was highly regarded by the islanders, learning their many languages and dialects. He travelled between the numerous islands by canoe taking the Good News of the Gospel, as well as offering education to young men. He remains revered in the islands to this day. His legacy is immense, 90% of the population is Christian and over 32% are members of the Anglican Church of Melanesia. Even today, people often name their children after him.



The Cathedral Church of St Barnabas, Honiara has a beautiful memorial to Bishop Paterson. Honiara on the Island of Guadalcanal, the administrative seat of the Archbishop of Melanesia.

The Province of Melanesia is part of the Anglican Communion and includes nine dioceses in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia.

We maintain this historical link mainly though the Melanesian Mission UK www.mmuk.net

Many of you will have met members from the four religious communities who support Christian life across the islands. In future articles, I would like to tell you more about this exciting historical link.

Canon Cate Edmonds, Canon Steward

A Brief Review for a Brief Book for the Brief Season of Advent: Walk Humbly by Samuel Wells. ISBN 978-78622-150-6 Canterbury Press

As with the season of Advent, this book may be brief, but it packed with wisdom and all the other themes of Advent.

It mines our understanding on a deep and rich seam. It requires attention and time. This is no easy gloss over what we believe and do not believe. It searches rigorously for truth, but does not provide simple answers. Instead desire and joyous adventure are awakened.

It is full of hope and its sub-title is “Encouragement for Living, Working and Being” The focus is pinned to Being in all that is contained in that mysterious quest.

So Chapter one is BE HUMBLE; there is an expansion of the whole idea of humility and we walk through the territory of be grateful, your own size, gentle, a person of praise, faithful, one body to find the arena of BE A BLESSING.

I am embarking on my second reading. I think there will be a third. It may join 3 other books that continually sustain and encourage me.

Anne Eyre

More Opportunities for Learning and Growing in Advent

Tuesday 1st December 7.00 to 8.30

Rule of Life Evening: Generous Giving

We invite you to one of our six-monthly meetings supporting people in living the Cathedral's Rule of Life, seeking to live intentionally in response to the call and desire of God for us. Revd Phil Wales, our curate, will lead this evening, and he writes:

“Join us for another one of our regular six-monthly gathering for those seeking to live out the Cathedral's Rule of Life.

This evening we shall reflect on what and how we give in the service of one another and the world as well as think about those things which may hold us back. There will be readings, short talks, discussion, and space for individual reflection. We shall conclude with a service of said Compline.”

To find out more about the Cathedral Rule of Life, [go here on our website](#).

[Zoom link for this gathering](#). Meeting ID: 821 8742 2933 Passcode: 441756

Little Advent Programme

Reflections for Advent with Revd Prof Chris Bryan

Chris Bryan has very kindly recorded reflections on the Gospel Readings for the four Sundays of Advent. We're delighted to offer these to the Cathedral Community as we look for the coming of Christ this Advent. These will be posted on YouTube and [the first video is available here](#). Look out for future videos in the weeks to come.

AND on Thursday 17th December 6.30 – 7.30pm we invite you to join Chris and others for a conversation about these. A chance to ask questions, share our thinking, and stimulate each other to grow in faith.

[Zoom link for this gathering](#). Meeting ID: 890 5543 3450 Passcode: 135804

Tony Bulgin

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Tony Bulgin. Tony served the Cathedral in many roles over many years, including as a Server and Treasurer of the Cathedral Fellowship Committee. He worked very hard in these and other areas to support the life of the Cathedral and its community, and his care, patience and good humour were much-valued by all who worked with him. He was a friend to many, and will be much missed. May he rest in peace.

A few updates from the Cathedral Shop:

The beginning of November is usually hectic as I prepare our chalet for Christmas trading; from designing the chalet layout and painting the fixtures to the 1am finish the night before opening and getting it looking lovely. Then come all the long, freezing cold days, wrapped up in countless layers to keep warm, rushing between chalet and shop, keeping everything stocked up, being constantly covered in glitter and the seemingly never ending loop of Christmas songs that are played over the Market (I know you all love them too).

But I wouldn't change it for the world.

So this year I'm feeling somewhat at a loss. That said, email sales during this latest lockdown have kept me on my toes as well as posting out all the guide book pre-orders so you receive them in time for Christmas. Just before re-opening (again) the Shop Volunteers have been busy getting us ready for Christmas too. All our fantastic Christmas decorations that were intended for the Christmas Market are now available from the Shop this year instead; from sparkling angels and classic nativity scenes to crazy felt dinosaurs and funky garden gnomes, we really have got something for everyone.

Cathedral Christmas Cards

It's not too late to get this year's Cathedral Christmas cards if you haven't already done so! There are three lovely, yet quirky, designs to choose from; 'Golden Illumination', 'Under a Blanket of Snow' & 'Geometric Blues'.

New Guide Books

A number of you have already placed pre-orders for our fantastic new guide book and coffee table book, so thank you! These should be with you very soon if not already. But exciting news; they are now IN STOCK! We took delivery slightly earlier than expected, so they are ready and waiting for you to come and have a look and (hopefully) purchase if you were wanting to have a look at them first.

Mulberry Dishes by Lindsay Roderick

Another fab new product that we will now be selling in the shop- are the most wonderful ceramic dishes made by our very own Lindsay Roderick. By taking imprints of leaves from the Mulberry tree in the Cloister garden, Lindsay has then moulded these into dishes glazed in a mottled green. Stamped with 'Exeter Cathedral' on the base, they are a great keepsake or would make a lovely and unusual gift.

John Rivers Pottery



Shortly before we closed again the shop was lucky enough to take delivery of some beautiful pottery by John Rivers, thanks to the Revd Sheila Swarbrick. A number of these pieces have been donated and, as always, profits from the shop go back into the Cathedral.

Based in Derbyshire, John is a self-taught potter, clay-digger and kiln-builder and every piece he makes is completely unique! We have a wide range of items such as jugs and vases and mugs and the most wonderful communion sets.

As always, if you would like to place an order for delivery or collection, or ask about any of our products feel free to drop us an email via shop@exeter-cathedral.org.uk, give us a call on 01392 271354, or hopefully the shop will be open (from 3rd December) to welcome you all again just in time to do your Christmas shopping!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all again soon or in the New Year.

All the best,

Alice and the Shop Team

Cathedral Campaign Film 1972

If you haven't yet seen the Canadian film about the Cathedral, produced in 1972, don't miss it; [watch it here](#). It is available on the National Film Board of Canada's website and offers a fascinating glimpse into the Cathedral and its life 50 years ago. You may also catch sight of some familiar faces, in their much younger days.

Exeter Chiefs: Double Champions!

2,300 people came to see the Gallagher Premiership Rugby trophy and the Heineken European Rugby Champions Cup when they were on display in the Cathedral, 23% of whom had never been in the building before. It was great to welcome them all, and to have the opportunity of highlighting the immense achievements of the Chiefs. Many congratulations to them, and thanks for giving the city something to smile about in a difficult year. Canon Mike Williams was first in the queue!



Greetings for Christmas

As with most of the year, Christmas 2020 will be unlike any that most of us can remember. We send our very best wishes to all our readers, near and far, and especially to those who don't have online access, who receive the *News* by post.

From the Cathedral Flower Arrangers

We have got to Advent Sunday already! As far as the arrangers are concerned this normally marks the beginning of a busy few weeks, but not this year! Covid has already affected all our flower arranging – the last time we arranged fresh flowers was the end of January just before Lent – we’ve been on silks since then and will have dried for Advent, before we go back to silks in January for a short time. There will be no Christmas workshop, no arranging around the crib wherever that may be placed and nothing at all for the High Altar this year.

However, we do have the Advent candle – a real challenge in artificial material as nothing flows or sits like the “real stuff”. Two of us managed it on Friday and will now hold our breath as each candle is lit for fear of a minor disaster! The candles are slow burning, so we hope all will be well! Next week – out of lockdown, we will renew the pillars and some of the single placements with a team!!! Hurray – there should be seven of us so life could be easier!

Some sad news this week – Judy Best has decided to retire from the team. Judy has been hampered for a number of months as her health has limited what she has been able to do. We have encouraged her to keep going as she is a wonderful arranger and tutor, and it was a very hard decision for her. Judy was the Chair of ECFA for a number of years, taking over from Rosemary Bethell and had Sylvia, our current Chair, as her deputy for all her time. Judy was part of the driving force for the “Majesty” Flower Festival and worked tirelessly on the project for about two and a half years before seeing it come to fruition. Her smile, calm nature, and the ability to work well with everyone in the planning team, as well as her great technical skills helped to make it the great success that it was. We hope that Judy will come in when life returns to normal, and have a chat and coffee and continue to pass on her skills to us. She will attend Sunday services when she is able. We shall miss her terribly, both as a friend and teacher. Happy retirement Judy!

From all the arrangers a low key Happy Christmas to you all and may we be blessed with peace and good health and a vaccine for all.

Flick Evans, Vice-Chair Exeter Cathedral Flower Arrangers

Christians Together Across Exeter (CTaX)

The Revd Phil Wales, curate at the Cathedral, has joined the Executive Committee of CTaX.

Christian Aid

Christian Aid have produced a special appeal for Advent:

www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christmas-appeal

December Services at the Cathedral

All the services are in the Cathedral nave, unless Zoom is stated.

An asterisk (*) indicates that you need to pre-book a ticket via the website. Tickets for the Christmas services will go live on 17 December - please don't book more than one carol service and one Eucharist, to ensure we can welcome as many people as possible.

A hashtag (#) indicates that the service will be live-streamed on the Cathedral's Facebook Page.

Thursday 3 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1730 Evensong (adults and children)*
Friday 4 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1730 Evensong (adults and children)*
Saturday 5 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Sunday 6 December	0800 Holy Communion (BCP)# 1000 Choral Eucharist (adults and children)*# 1215 Sung Eucharist (organ and cantor)* 1600 Christingle (adults and children)*# 1800 Sunday@6#
Monday 7 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1730 Evensong (adults and children)*
Tuesday 8 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1730 Evensong (adults and children)*
Wednesday 9 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday 10 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1730 Evensong (adults and children)*
Friday 11 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1730 Evensong (adults)*
Saturday 12 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Sunday 13 December	0800 Holy Communion (BCP)# 1000 Choral Eucharist (adults and children)*# 1215 Sung Eucharist (organ and cantor)* 1600 Evensong (adults and children)*# 1800 Sunday@6#
Monday 14 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1730 Evensong (adults)*
Tuesday 15 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1730 Evensong (adults)*
Wednesday 16 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Thursday 17 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1000 Christmas tickets go on offer 1315 Eucharist 1730 Evensong (adults)* Cathedral Late Night Open Evening*
Friday 18 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1730 Evensong (adults)*
Saturday 19 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Sunday 20 December	0800 Holy Communion (BCP)# 1000 Choral Eucharist (St Peter's Singers)*# 1215 Choral Eucharist and baptism (St Peter's Singers)*# 1500 Exeter Nativity*# 1800 Sunday@6#
Monday 21 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom) 1730 Carol Service (adults and children)*#
Tuesday 22 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom) 1730 Carol Service (adults and children)*
Wednesday 23 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom) 1730 Carol Service (adults and children)*
Thursday 24 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1500 Grandisson Carol Service (adults and children)* 1730 Grandisson Carol Service (adults and children)* 2100 Midnight Mass (St Peter's Singers)*#
Friday 25 December	0800 Holy Communion (BCP)# 1000 Choral Eucharist (adults and children)*# 1215 Choral Eucharist (adults and children)* 1600 Evensong with carols from the Minstrels' Gallery (adults and children)*#
Saturday 26 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Sunday 27 December	0800 Holy Communion (BCP)# 1000 Choral Eucharist (St Mary's Singers)# 1215 Choral Eucharist (St Mary's Singers) 1600 Evensong (St Mary's Singers)# 1800 Sunday@6#

Monday 28 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday 29 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday 30 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Thursday 31 December	0900 Morning Prayer (Zoom) 1315 Eucharist 1700 Evening Prayer (Zoom)



Vision of Light

Many thanks to Canon Mike Williams for this photograph of Sundays@6 *Vision of Light* service, which took place before the second lockdown.

This is another example of taking worship outside the Cathedral in an innovative way.

Cathedral Community Committee (CCC) 10th and 24th November

The focus of the regular monthly meeting on 10th November was the Wednesday Kitchen (WK). Penny Harris joined us to bring members up to date with what she and the team are providing each week, and to let us know what the CCC and the Cathedral Community as a whole can do to help.

Our discussion can be summarised in the following: commitment, venue, practical help, and action. We were as one in reaffirming the commitment of the Cathedral Community to the work of the WK, while recognising some short term practical difficulties. For various reasons, not least the current work on the Chapter House, a new venue is needed for WK. Serving meals from a trailer is only a short-term option, especially in the winter. Suggestions were made as to possible alternatives, but we emphasised that wherever it takes place, the WK is part of the work of the Cathedral and will remain so. Practical help includes the need for storage and money, as well as more volunteers. Action agreed included bringing the work of WK to a wider audience within the Cathedral congregations and volunteers, possibly through a short video; continuing the search for a new venue; appealing for money and volunteers.

Please see Penny's article on page 8 of this News for details about how to contribute to the work of WK. Please give generously. We haven't been able to donate our usual shoeboxes this year, so giving to the WK would be a different way to help those in need this Advent and Christmas.

At the Awayday on 24th November, Canon Mike Williams introduced the latest version of the Cathedral Plan for 2021, and the statement of values and purpose from which it flows. The Values Statement was agreed by Chapter after the discussion at the last CCC Awayday in January 2020. It is as follows:

Our Values

- *Loving God and our neighbour*
- *Welcoming all in a spirit of generous hospitality and kindness*
- *Respecting the importance of place as the Cathedral serving the city and county*
- *Willing to learn and grow in faith and service*

The Cathedral Plan focusses on three areas: sustaining our day to day life and ministry; the Development Project-the exciting project to develop the building; and mission activity - to improve the experience of visitors and pilgrims, and to put environmental ethics at the core of our mission.

We looked at ways in which the CCC could take these subjects forward, of which more next month!

Heather Morgan, Chair CCC