



Exeter
Cathedral



Choral Evensong

attended by
the High Sheriff of Devon and
the High Sheriff in Nomination

Thursday 25 March 2021
5.30pm

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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Welcome to the Cathedral

The Legal Service

On behalf of the Cathedral Chapter, I offer you a warm welcome to Exeter Cathedral today for this online service attended by the outgoing and incoming High Sheriffs of Devon.

Justice - the fair weight and measure, ensuring the poor are not exploited, the foreigner not oppressed and the right of the widow and orphan protected - is a profound part of biblical faith as witnessed to by the great Prophets of Israel and Jesus himself. And so it is a great privilege to host this service this evening in which we seek God's blessing on those who administer the law in our community.

In this service we celebrate our part in living out the wisdom and justice of God in our lives and our communities, and ask the guidance of God's Holy Spirit on all those who administer justice in our land.

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener
Dean of Exeter

The High Sheriff of Devon

The Office of High Sheriff has existed for over 1,000 years. Prior to the Norman Conquest and after Magna Carta the Shire Reeve was responsible for collecting taxes and enforcing law and order in the County. They judged cases in monthly courts and acted as law enforcement officers. They could raise "hue and cry" after criminals and could summon and command the full military force of the County. Their powers have gradually been eroded and assimilated by the Exchequer, the Police, Justices of the Peace and the Crown Prosecution Service. One of the Sheriff's historical responsibilities was to ensure the safety and comfort of itinerant judges. This is the origin of the High Sheriff's modern day duty of care for the well being of High Court Judges.

There is a Sheriff's Roll from the reign of King Henry VII, where the names are pricked through vellum, an early form of document security as the Sheriff had to collect unpopular taxes and could be personally responsible for any shortfall. This was an incentive to avoid appointment, but no matter how high the bribe, no official could disguise a hole pierced through vellum against the appointee's name, and the practice of the Monarch pricking the names of High Sheriffs survives to this day.

The High Sheriff today is an independent non political royal appointment, as the Queen's representative in the county, supporting the Crown and the Judiciary. They give active encouragement to all those involved in crime prevention, particularly amongst young people, and increasingly play an active role in promoting voluntary work, encouraging and participating in projects to reduce crime. They receive no remuneration.

Minister

President: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

Music

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*

Organist: Timothy Parsons - *Assistant Director of Music*

The Cathedral's Consort, its professional adult singers, will be singing at this act of worship.

The Versicles and Responses are sung to the setting by Kenneth Leighton ((1929-1988))

Giving

The Cathedral relies significantly upon the generosity of our congregations and the people of Devon to sustain the Cathedral's worship and ministry.

We are grateful for any donations or gifts in support of the Cathedral.

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Offertory

The collection is taken for the High Sheriff chosen charities and the work and ministry of Exeter Cathedral.

Safeguarding

The Chapter takes the responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults seriously in their commitment to make Exeter Cathedral a safe and welcoming place. If you have any concerns please discuss them with a member of the Cathedral Chapter or contact the Cathedral Safeguarding Advisor, Charlie Pitman, Tel. 01392 345909

Biography of Gerald Hine-Haycock High Sheriff of Devon 2020-2021

Gerald Hine-Haycock, the High Sheriff of Devon, has had family roots in the county stretching back to the start of the last century. With an Australian mother and an English father, he had a peripatetic childhood split between the River Dart at Kingswear, Australia and various army postings around the world. After University in Scotland and the United States, he joined the BBC as a trainee journalist and eventually worked over thirty years in television as a presenter and correspondent. For four years he tutored young journalists in Poland on behalf of the Foreign Office. His final role was as Head of Graduate Entry for BBC journalists based in Bristol. On retirement, he moved with his family back to Devon and lives just outside Totnes with his wife Judy, frequently visited by his four children and one grandson. For the past six years he has been Chair of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Channings Wood on behalf of the Ministry of Justice ensuring that prisoners are treated with fairness and dignity. He was a trustee of Citizens Advice in the South Hams and Chair of his parish council. For his Shrieval year he has supported the judicial system in its broadest form and charities concentrating on the young and vulnerable throughout Devon

Biography of Lady Studholme High Sheriff of Devon 2021-2022

Following paediatric and general nurse training in London and a humanities degree from the University of Exeter, Lucy and her husband Harry took on the running of his family's estate in Devon in the early 1990's. The business comprises a mixture of land conservation, forestry, farming, residential and commercial lets.

She volunteered at the University for over 25 years, in particular encouraging alumni engagement, and mutual guidance and support amongst women graduates across all ages and careers.

Lucy is Chair of the Exeter Northcott Theatre. In addition to work with urban and rural communities, schools and the Northcott Young Company, the theatre is currently developing projects working with the Barnfield Theatre to expand and grow professional development of South West theatre makers, young creatives, technicians and apprentices. She is a member of the Liveable Exeter Place Board.

The role of High Sheriff is to acknowledge and encourage the County's agencies of law and order. Lucy has a particularly interest in families, and role of the legal system and the emergency services as they support them in times of need.

The Consort stands and sings

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
R. *And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
R. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.*

V. Praise ye the Lord.
R. *The Lord's name be praised.*

Welcome

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean of Exeter*

The Consort sings

Psalm 131

Domine, non est

Lord, I am not high-minded: I have no proud looks.

² I do not exercise myself in great matters: which are too high for me.

³ But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like as a child that is weaned from his mother: yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.

⁴ O Israel, trust in the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen.

Psalm 146

Lauda, anima mea

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

² O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man: for there is no help in them.

³ For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth: and then all his thoughts perish.

⁴ Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:
who keepeth his promise for ever.

⁶ Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong: who feedeth the
hungry.

⁷ The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the
blind.

⁸ The Lord helpeth them that are fallen: the Lord careth for the
righteous.

⁹ The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and
widow: as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

¹⁰ The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore: and
throughout all generations.

The Consort sits.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 52: 1-12

read by Gerald Hine-Haycock

The High Sheriff of Devon for 2020-2021

Here begins the first verse of the fifty second Chapter of the book of
the prophet Isaiah.

Awake, awake,
put on your strength, O Zion!
Put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
for the uncircumcised and the unclean
shall enter you no more.
Shake yourself from the dust, rise up,
O captive Jerusalem;
loose the bonds from your neck,
O captive daughter Zion!

For thus says the Lord: You were sold for nothing, and you shall be
redeemed without money. For thus says the Lord God: Long ago, my
people went down into Egypt to reside there as aliens; the Assyrian,
too, has oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what am I
doing here, says the Lord, seeing that my people are taken away
without cause? Their rulers howl, says the Lord, and continually, all
day long, my name is despised. Therefore my people shall know my
name; therefore on that day they shall know that it is I who speak;
here am I.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Depart, depart, go out from there!
Touch no unclean thing;
go out from the midst of it, purify yourselves,
you who carry the vessels of the Lord.
For you shall not go out in haste,
and you shall not go in flight;
for the Lord will go before you,
and the God of Israel will be your rearguard.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Magnificat

The Consort stands and sings

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be : world without end. Amen.

*Setting: Tone 8
Composer: David Bevan*

The Consort sits.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 2:5-end

read by Lady Studholme -

The High Sheriff of Devon for 2021-2022

Here begins the fifth verse of the second Chapter of the letter to the Hebrews.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.'

And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

The Consort stands and sings

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

*Setting: Service for Eight Voices
Composer: Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*

The Apostles' Creed

The clergy and Consort say

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The choir sings

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

All kneel or sit.

Let us pray.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. O Lord, save the Queen.

R. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. *And bless thine inheritance.*

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.*

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

The Collect of the Day

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Anthem

The Consort sings

Ave virgo sanctissima
Dei mater piissima
Maris stella clarissima
Salve semper gloriosa
Margarita pretiosa
Sicut lilium formosa
Nitens olens velut rosa

*Hail, Holy Virgin,
most blessed Mother of God,
bright star of the sea.
Hail, ever glorious,
precious pearl,
lovely as the lily,
beautiful and perfumed as the rose.*

*Text: Liber primus missarum No 10
Music: Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)*

All sit.

Prayers

O God, who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary to become the mother of the Saviour of mankind; Grant that we, having in remembrance her exceeding faith and love, may in all things seek to do thy will, and evermore rejoice in thy salvation; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

O Lord, bless this kingdom and commonwealth, and within it this county of Devon, that there may be peace and prosperity in all its borders. In peace, so preserve it that it corrupt not; in trouble, so defend it that it suffer not; and so order it, whether in plenty or in want, that it may faithfully serve thee and patiently seek thy kingdom, the only sure foundation both of men and states; through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer.

Amen.

Prayer for all involved in the administration of Justice

God of truth and justice; we ask you to help the men and women who administer and police our laws; grant them insight, courage and compassion and protect them from corruption and ignorance. Grant that all whom they seek to serve may give them the support and affection they need, that our communities may be strengthened more and more in respect and concern for one another. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing from the Leofric Missal

The Bishop of Exeter says

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord

R: **who made heaven and earth.**

V: Blessed be the name of the Lord

R: **from this time forth and for evermore.**

May the Lord give you understanding of his wisdom and his grace and make you diligent in his service;
may he nourish you in the riches of his Gospel
and make you to persevere in all good works;
may he keep your steps from wandering
and direct you in the paths of love and peace;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The National Anthem

The Consort sings

God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
on her be pleased to pour,
long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

Organ Voluntary

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