

## **Cathedral News**

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## From the Canon Steward



For some reason, as I sit down to write this article, the song *When Autumn Leaves Start to Fall* keeps coming into my mind. It may be, of course, that as I gaze out of my study window all I can see are leaves falling, and outside the front door there appears to be a mountain of them brought down overnight by the storm. However, the song, originally sung I believe by Nat King Cole, keeps playing like an ear worm in my head!

Autumn leaves are amazing. The colours this year are particularly vivid: the golds, reds, oranges, and browns in various

shades are shining out through the remnants of the storms we have experienced. As the leaves change colour, celebrating vividly the onset of winter, we too at the Cathedral have had celebrations. At the beginning of the month, the Cathedral hosted a Special Service for Licensed Lay Minsters (previously known as Readers). At the service, six new Lay Minsters and three new LLMs to the Diocese were licensed to serve in the Diocese by Bishop Robert.

The following Sunday the Cathedral was filled with people from across the Diocese and beyond as the new Bishop of Plymouth, James Grier, was installed in his seat in the Quire at Choral Evensong. Canon Deborah and I had the honour of thrusting Bishop James into his stall with the words *"May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in"* which was followed by the members of the College of Canons responding, *"From this time forth for evermore. Amen."* This ancient tradition is sadly not witnessed by those in the Nave, but I have to say it is very moving, and we pray that Bishop James will have a long and successful ministry.



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The Cathedral has also experienced events which herald the onset of Autumn. The successful Autumn Fair saw the Nave filled with colourful and interesting stalls, with people flocking in to start buying their Christmas presents. A foretaste of the Christmas market later this month, when the Green will be resounding to Christmas music, exotic smells and lots of stalls selling a wide range of gifts, food and surprising drink.

We mustn't overlook the highly successful Grand Nave Dinner, a successful fund-raising event that transformed the usual vision of the Nave. Having never witnessed it before, it was a sight to behold. The Nave became a vast and glamorous dining room. Our thanks must go to all who worked so hard to make it a truly magnificent event.

Just as falling autumn leaves herald the changing season, soon there will be other events that will herald the changes of season. Many carol services are planned, and concerts will be advertised, and the Exeter Nativity tickets will go on sale soon. I have received inside information - sadly one of the llamas has departed. A replacement, I believe, has been found, so watch out for a newcomer.

Another major change is to take place. The Development Project building work is soon to start. We may not notice too much activity at first, but there will be a lot of disturbance as the project develops. We will all have to accept and be patient with the disturbances that will unfortunately occur. Change is often uncomfortable, just as the change of seasons can be uncomfortable, but as things develop new growth and opportunities arise. We must hold the development, and all involved in it in our prayers now and as it progresses. This is an extremely exciting time for our Cathedral, but it will also be a challenging time. We must with the help of God be patient, if and when we are inconvenienced. I am reminded of those wonderful words from Psalm 127:1 *"Except the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it."* 

As we move through falling leaves to winter frosts, as we move towards that great celebration of God coming to earth in human form, let us give thanks for what we have and for what is to come. The winter ahead may be difficult here in the Cathedral as building work begins, but that is just an inconvenience. Let us put that inconvenience aside, and be mindful and help where we can those who will find this winter enormously difficult in many ways. Please be ready to support when asked, and until then let us hold each other and those around us in prayer, and may the Lord preserve our going out and coming in.

#### **Canon Cate**

## Christianity Deanery Synod 13th October 2022

Christianity Deanery seems to have hit the spot with a slightly different format of Synod; inviting speakers to talk about "**What's New?**" in their particular field. A well-attended synod at St Mark's Pinhoe heard two presentations on what's new in the parish, and an interview with two General Synod Representatives on what was new for them about being on General Synod.

What's New in the Parish painted two fascinating pictures of

- a) Revitalising a Parish Whipton and Beacon Heath, and
- b) Being a resource Church St Matts

**a) Whipton and Beacon Heath** is a parish busy and growing! The Revd Carl Robinson and a colleague stressed the need to honour the past, to share and commit to the vision, to core values and to root all the work in prayer. There is a commitment in their case to growing leaders and to hospitality. They pay attention to people unused to church, have a "church in the pub," have done a prayer walk of the parish and a host of other activities. They have also raised an eye watering £400,000 to develop the church building, and when asked "How?" explained the huge amount of time spent applying to substantial sums for grant making organisations, i.e. £50,000 plus. In addition, the small inherited congregation whom Carl hoped might raise £4000 raised £30,000 - WOW! The buzz group I was part of commented that as a church plant, there was more freedom to 'start from scratch' and noted the apparent ease with which alterations to buildings could take place, also to the enviable resource of one full time ordained minister devoted to this project. Nevertheless a very well received presentation.

**b)** Being a Resource Church. The Revd Ed Hodges took us on a whirlwind tour of St Matts, accompanied by a video showing the re-ordered interior of the church and its range of activities - it is certainly well equipped, with a quality sound system, large screens, musical instruments etc. They focus on young families and students, and on developing leaders. Social Justice issues are given practical expression. Resourcing the Deanery is evidenced by the plans for developing the church in Exwick, which has the support of the existing small congregation. They recently commissioned an Anna Chaplain - Anna Chaplains minister to older people - and are developing "Collective Learning" through initiating learning communities. When I contacted St Matts about another matter after the synod, I learned that the whole team was going on a staff retreat. They are clearly enviably resourced, and though my buzz group were largely from a different tradition we felt we could learn from their approach.

*What's new on General Synod* featured the Revd Ash Leighton-Plom interviewing Georgia Willis and Tim Hamilton, two of our new representatives.

They told us that the work of General Synod was still new to them, but they are enjoying being part of it and are finding their way around the system. We had an excellent and comprehensive written GS report from one of our experienced representatives, the Archdeacon of Totnes, The Ven Douglas Dettmer.

The business part of the meeting was short, and included an update on 'Next Steps,' an urgent request for a Deanery Secretary, and whether any parishes who have investigated installing heating pumps and/or solar panels would be prepared to speak about their findings. We welcomed new members including the Revd Jenny Nightingale, Chaplain of Exeter School, and the Revd Andrew Buckland, Curate of Alphington.

#### Anne Foreman, Elected Deanery Synod member for St Michael's Heavitree

## From the Chairman of The Company of Tapisers

The Autumn Fair at the beginning of October was a vibrant occasion! As soon as the doors opened at 6.00pm on the Monday evening people streamed into the Nave where they were confronted by a wonderful array of stalls! There was a positive atmosphere of friendliness, warmth and fun.

The Tapisers had worked hard to produce enough items for sale so that an attractive and enticing display could be presented. To our delight, visitors thronged around us admiring our work and buying gifts. By the end of the Fair we had very few items left – and these were put into the Cathedral Shop.

May I thank everyone who visited our stall and supported us: some with friendly chatter, some with constructive comments and others by purchasing our goods. It was an enjoyable and successful event for the Tapisers, and the money raised will go towards our expenses for sewing vestments, altar linen and cushions – all of which are intended to enhance our worship of God in Exeter Cathedral.

Thank you.

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

## The December edition of Cathedral News

We hope to publish the next edition of the *News* on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The deadline for material is **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022.** Please send any contributions to <u>hmm53@tiscali.co.uk</u> or to any member of the editorial team; Heather Morgan, Rosemary Bethell, Jenny Ellis and Sheila Atkinson.

## Pray the Collects and Write your Own

Constraints can be a vital source of creativity. Consider the beauty that has emerged within the sonnet form. When we have less to work with, and are less paralysed by choice, we begin to see the world differently. Constraints force us to think and release our imaginations.

In a 2018 interview with Krista Tippett for the *On Being* podcast, the poet Pádraig Ó Tuama talks about prayer as a form of words, and the Collect as a "container for the things that it can be difficult to contain." The form of the Collect is a way to collect our intentions in prayer and arrange them.

In Collect form we may only ask one thing, and there is a clear progression in five steps: "You name the God that you're speaking to. And then you say something more, a little bit like some character development. And then you name your request. And then you give a reason for your request, which folds back into the top. And then you finish with a little bird of praise."

Here for example is the progression of the Collect for All Saints' Day:

- Almighty God,
- you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
- grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living
- that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
- through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This year Advent Sunday is on 27 November. One suggestion for this new church year, is day by day or Sunday by Sunday to pray with the set Collect for a time. The Collects are available via <u>https://almanac.oremus.org/</u> or collected at <u>https://bit.ly/CWCollects</u> (Common Worship) and <u>https://bit.ly/BCPCollects</u> (BCP).

Then, to sit with your desires and write and pray your own Collect. As Ó Tuama continues, "it makes you ask, what do I want? — one thing. And how do I wrap that into a form that holds it, that reveals something back to me, rather than just a list of demands? ... I think, in poetry, form can hold the things in us that feel formless." **Clare Bryden** 

Explore Prayer on the Cathedral website – <u>https://bit.ly/exploreprayer2022</u>

The full *On Being* interview with Pádraig Ó Tuama is at <u>https://bit.ly/OTuamaCollects</u>. I commend both On Being and its stable companion Poetry Unbound hosted by Ó Tuama.

## **Looking for Labyrinth Volunteers**



Some of vou may remember that we created а grass labyrinth the on Cathedral Green last vear \_ and held workshops to enable people to prav the labyrinth.

This year, through the generosity of the Posbury St Francis Trust, we have been able to purchase a canvas floor labyrinth for use in the Cathedral.

For those who are unfamiliar with the labyrinth, is it is winding pilgrim path, a journey to the centre, that is walked prayerfully and reflectively. There is no one way to use the labyrinth; each person experiences this pilgrimage in a different way. There are famous mediaeval labyrinths in some continental cathedrals, most famously in the nave at Chartres.

We are planning to get our labyrinth out on six Saturdays during the year, to invite visitors to the Cathedral to pray with it. We will be running some workshops in conjunction with these times, but mostly the labyrinth will simply be available for use.

But we need some labyrinth volunteers to support this prayerful ministry. People who can invite and encourage visitors, explain a little about the labyrinth, and ensure people keep the rules (in particular that they don't walk on the canvas with shoes). Full training can be given.

We're hoping people will work in pairs, both for mutual support and also so you can give each other a break. It probably involves 3 Saturdays a year, for 4½ hours on each occasion.

If you'd like to know more about this role, please speak to Canon Deborah Parson: <u>deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk</u>. Formal recruitment through the volunteer office will be required.

This is a really exciting way to share the Cathedral's opportunity for prayerful engagement widely. It really is a way of inviting visitors to become pilgrims.

**Chris Palmer** 

## News from the Cathedral Flower Arrangers: The best laid plans ....

We had spent months working on the plans for the Grand Nave Dinner.

I had a rota of ladies who could help. I had invited an experienced but retired arranger in for the first days as it was a sit-down job, and had a timetable for deliveries etc. I had liaised with the inhouse team to have pillar containers and candle holders for the pillars put in place for the right time. And the staging was in place early. Heather Hagen had kindly arranged parking, delivery slots to suit and trucks to get everything in the correct place. The Custos had agreed to close a small part of the South Quire Aisle and leave us tables and chairs. All the mechanics (arranging foam etc) had been ordered and counted out to make it as easy as possible. We were ready to go!!! Or so I thought.

Then the phone calls came. Firstly, Sylvia was called north to Leeds for surgery, then Tina and Leila got Covid, Ali had to collect a new puppy and go into quarantine with her, and Terri had a medical emergency. So that left me five very experienced arrangers down and they were the people actually doing the arranging in the nave.

Monday came, and we set to on the table centres – all 54 of them. When I explained the problem I was having, several ladies offered more time than they originally committed, so by Tuesday night the arrangements were done with lights all added and working. Jill had arranged two shower pedestals at the back of the nave with faux foliage, flowers and faux candles, so we were well underway. This did not help my sleeping though! There was so much still to do and only two more days to get it all done. However, I had not realised how quick Patricia and Linda, together with Jill, could be! They had all six pillars and all the stage flowers all but done on the Wednesday, and I had finished the pulpit. There were only three of us on Thursday to finish the screen garlands and troughs, the Golden Gates trees, and put everything in place once the tablecloths were on.

Friday – the BIG day – it was only me there to check out everything and finish off. The laying ladies (Judith's gels!) were in and I made up a large bouquet for them to present later. At 5pm I started to light all the candles, turn on the little table lights, and, as the daylight faded, the nave turned into a spectacular vision that took your breath away. We do share the most beautiful building whether in daylight or after dark. Pristine white tablecloths on about 50 tables, glistening glass and cutlery, beautiful lilies and anthuriums, all green and white, all the pillars with uplighters, and low lighting above the Golden Gates. Even I was impressed having worked on it all week.



I know it was exactly what Iudith Kauntz would have wanted and I was thrilled to see all the happy faces and their surprise as they came in to a glass of champagne and the lovely organ music. All looked magnificent and verv special indeed. A great deal of the flowers have been left to decorate the nave for the two weeks: except the pulpit, which Iulian kindly preached

from plus orchids, but the pulpit arrangement was dismantled for Trafalgar Sunday

There are far too many people to name and thank, but I am so grateful to virgers, cleaners, the coffee van girls, the maintenance team and the office staff for all they did so willingly to help us produce a special display. And finally, to all the fit ECFA ladies who contributed so much to making the flowers work. Thank you one and all. **Flick Evans, Temporary Chair of ECFA** 

#### From the Head Server

The servers are looking to purchase an additional set of Rose vestments in memory of Tony Bulgin.

Rose vestments are worn on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent, but the Cathedral has only one set. Tony was a long-time server and member of the Cathedral community before he died in 2020. He was Treasurer of the Cathedral Fellowship and a volunteer in the Cathedral Library.

We thought it would be a fitting memorial to Tony to purchase a set of Rose vestments for the servers to wear, with an embroidered inscription.

Deputy Head Server Wilf Reynolds is organising a collection for this, and we are aware there may be people in the wider congregation who would like the opportunity to contribute in addition to the current servers. Once they are ready to wear, they will be dedicated in the Cathedral.

If you would like to make a contribution in Tony's memory please see Wilf, Head Server Caroline Prince, or speak to any of the servers.

#### **Caroline Prince**

#### Holy Ground 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 An Exploration of Trust and Truth : Professor Penny Endersby

This was a fascinating topic, especially in the light of the current international situation, the huge influence of social media, Covid, the invasion of Ukraine, and a general perception that it is hard to know what information we should trust. There has been a huge explosion of misinformation and the ability that has evolved to produce fake news and images to suit someone's hidden agenda.

**Professor Endersby has had an impressive career** leading cyber and information systems at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, and now in the role of Chief Executive of the Meteorological Office. She has a background in science, and this gives her an objectivity that is lacking in the majority of the general public.

Penny outlined some of the more convoluted issues that perplex us these days. She spoke of her personal ignorance regarding COVID when it broke upon the world. Consequently she spoke of her own need, and that of others, to rely on scientific advice which was provided by SAGE, the Chief Medical Officer, the John Hopkins Institute and more. All these are respected sources of information and, as such, can be trusted. Penny made the point however, that some people can be completely blinded by preconceptions, and not open to being convinced even by rational well-founded argument.

In her role at the Meteorological Office Penny has encountered this same blinkered attitude to global warming and climate change. She has become aware of the polarising effect of social media, which has tended to stifle debate and entrench attitudes. Penny made the point that engaging people in big topics can be difficult and uncomfortable. Also there is the possibility that security constraints may hamper a full disclosure of facts to the public, as in the case of the Salisbury poisoning, and this may also affect the credibility of the information given to the public.

The talk was thought provoking and slightly unnerving.

Anne Eyre

## Journeying with the Bereaved webinar: Wednesday 16th November

The Diocese has arranged this evening webinar workshop.

It will explore how we can make sure families and friends have an experience of God's loving care, whether through funeral ceremonies, bereavement care or services to remember. For further information and to book your place, click <u>here</u>.

#### Environmental Information Day 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 The Great Hall, Old Deanery.

As part of our outreach work in schools for *Scientists in Congregations* at the Cathedral, St Luke's C of E School was invited to send representatives to an Environment Information Day.

The aim of the day was to introduce students to the effects of climate change



in general and the real-life problems of Small Island Developing States, with examples from the Solomon Islands. Melanesia. Then to train them to use weather charting equipment, which was given to the school for them to engage in this work going forward. This will enable them to he advocates for environmental issues and

inspire others in the Multi Academy Trust to join them in charting climate effects.

Fifteen students from years 7 and 10 arrived full of expectation, and were introduced to Canon Cate Edmonds, Katie Drew and Marie Schlenker from

MMUK (Melanesian Mission UK), and to Nicola Golding and Laura from the Met Office.

Canon Cate introduced the day and set the scene with a film produced by MMUK on the effects of climate change on South Pacific islands, particularly in the Solomon Islands.





The students were moved by the real life stories of the effects of climate change on people in these Small Islands States. The students' emotions ranged from horrified, ill prepared and disgusted, to excited about the prospect of making a difference. Dr Laura explained some of the science behind climate change with the use of some fascinating graphics and discussion. Marie followed this with activities about living on small islands and how this has changed with rising sea levels. Marie also explained about the work she had undertaken with students in the Solomon Islands to chart what was happening to sea levels on their islands.

Following a lunchbreak Marie engaged the students in a Mitigation and

Adaptation game, which encouraged the students to look at ways of mitigating against carbon dioxide production and then adaption to the environment to damage already caused. The students were then instructed on the use of equipment they could take back to school to use for their own monitoring of the weather. An interesting activity then took place on how they could use this data.

The day ended with a discussion as to how they could as a school help to reduce waste, carbon dioxide production etc. Each student then made their own personal promise as to how they were going to look after the environment.



We hope that we will be able to invite these students back to the Cathedral in the New Year and note progress.

It was a very enjoyable and informative day for all who participated, and we look forward to continuing with work with Mr Greenhalgh and his students.

#### Canon Cate Edmonds, Canon Steward

# Diocesan Creation Care Officer Lydia Perris Prepares to Head to Cop27 as Observer

Our Creation Care and Social Justice Officer, Lydia Perris, is one of just three people from the UK to have been chosen to attend COP27 as an official observer for the <u>Christian Climate Observers Program</u>. The international COP27 (Conference of the Parties) climate summit is taking place in Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt and runs from 7 to 18 November, 2022.

Lydia's role will be to observe discussions, offer a Christian perspective to negotiators, report back to churches and schools and other organisations in the South West and share updates on social media. She said, "I am totally honoured to have this opportunity to attend such a significant event, and am really excited for the catalyst this will be for creation care work here in Devon." <u>Read the full story</u>.

## News from Christians Together Across Exeter (CTaX)

#### Every Thursday 10am-4pm Social Café Warm Space

Exeter Friends Meeting House, Wynards Lane, off Magdalene Street, Exeter EX2 4HQ (opposite Hotel Du Vin)

Exeter Quakers are opening the Quaker Meeting House as a warm and safe space, once a week, on Thursdays.

Tea, coffee, soup lunch, friendly warm welcome, conversation, wi-fi, and more.

Contact <a>exeterquakers1652@gmail.com</a> for more information

#### 7th-16th March 2023: Holy Land Pilgrimage

Rev Paul Snell (URC minister and County Ecumenical Officer for Devon) is leading a 10-day trip to Israel/Palestine next March. This special Biblical journey includes visits to Jerusalem (4 nights), Beer Sheva (1 night) and Galilee (4 nights), with a day trip to Caesarea Philippi and Mount Hermon. We also take some time to meet with the "living stones" of the Holy Land. The cost is £2372 based on two people sharing and includes flights, private coach, professional guide, all entrance fees and half board accommodation – arranged through Maranatha Tours.

Full details are at <u>www.thesnells.org.uk</u>

There are just a few spaces left on this popular trip so please get in touch soon. You can call Paul on 07735 603553 or email <u>paul@maranatha.co.uk</u>

#### Lord Mayor's Chaplain

Can you help this year's Chaplain to the Lord Mayor offer prayer and worship at Full Council meetings and other special events? Musicians and intercessors especially welcome! Council meetings are held in the Guildhall, High Street commencing at 6pm. Dates are:

Tuesday 13 December 2022

Tuesday 21 February 2023

Tuesday 18 April 2023

Tuesday 16 May 2023 - 7pm start as it is the Annual Council

Please email <a href="mailto:ctaxexeter@gmail.com">ctaxexeter@gmail.com</a> to be part of this

## **Prebendary Francis Coles RIP**

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, we held a memorial service for Francis Coles in the Quire of the Cathedral. It was a service based on the order Francis himself had created for his wife Mary, with inspiring music sung by a Cathedral Quartet. Since his retirement in 2000 he and his wife Mary worshipped at the Cathedral, and he also helped cover in a number of Exeter parishes.



Francis was born in Plymouth, but the family moved to Cornwall during the war and subsequently to Reading. He was the eldest of four children. He studied at Selwyn College, Cambridge reading Theology. It was while he was at university that he met his future wife Mary who was in her first teaching post.

He went on to study for the priesthood at The College of The Resurrection, Mirfield. He was ordained at Christchurch Oxford in 1961 to serve in the parish of Wolvercote, North Oxfordshire. In 1965 he moved parish to Farnham Common and it was there that they adopted their children Nicholas and Tim. They moved to Devon where Francis was the

parish priest for Lynton & Lynmouth, Barbrook, Countisbury and Parracombe.

In 1976, the family moved back to Oxford, where it offered greater opportunities for the children. By 1980, as the boys were now independent, they moved back to Devon to the Parish of Ivybridge and Hartford.

During his ministry Francis trained a number of curates and was an advocate for women's ministry. And a number of the priests he trained attended his Funeral and/or the Memorial Service. On his retirement, Mary and Francis moved to a small development on the boundaries of the University of Exeter where they were able to enjoy what was then the extensive parkland that surrounded the campus. Mary became increasing unwell, and Francis took great care of her until her death in 2016. During his retirement years Francis was a member of the Greek Class meeting in the Cathedral Library on Friday

Evenings. He was a keen walker until his own health started to decline, when he moved to Gracey Court near Broadclyst. He died in The Lodge Nursing Home in Exeter.

#### **Canon Ian Morter, Priest Vicar**



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### Holy Ground – Where the Wild Things are: doing faith in uncertain and chaotic times -David Runcorn Sunday 13 November 2022 6:30pm

All are welcome to join us for Holy Ground on Sunday 13 November at 6:30pm. This month we will be joined by David Runcorn who will be looking at faith in uncertain and chaotic times. Where do we go to look for the faith we need when life is experienced as increasingly uncertain and out of control?

David Runcorn, in various times and places, has been a parish priest, theological teacher, freelance speaker, writer and ministry trainer, and a director of ordinands. He is the author of a number of books, a conference speaker, retreat leader and spiritual director. He calls himself a 'free-range priest'.

## Cathedral Community Committee (CCC) 11<sup>th</sup> October

Business included:

- agreeing to continue the "outdoor" welcome at the 10am Choral Eucharist-members being suitable clad for wintry weather
- inviting the Heritage and Engagement Team to the first of our proposed open meetings to enable the congregations and volunteers to meet the staff team and to learn more about their work
- ensuring that arrangements are in hand to prepare for Christingle and the other occasions formerly organised by the Mothers Union Group e.g. Mothering Sunday Flowers,
- an update on the Cathedral's new Constitution and Statutes
- considering the action taken since the Week of Prayer and noting the higher profile of the Cathedral Community's life of prayer, including Clare Bryden's regular articles for *Cathedral News*, increased numbers at Prayers for Healing, the Prayer for the Week, increasing numbers of requests for prayer left by visitor, progress on the plan for a library of books on prayer and theology available to the congregations for loan, and the continuation of Morning Prayer on Zoom
- discussion of a future venue for our meetings-this being the last time the Pearson Room would be available. We noted that as the space for meeting in and around the Cathedral would be limited while the building work is taking place, it might be a good idea for there to be a small budget for hiring rooms elsewhere. It will be important to have the capacity for meetings and social events in order to build up the Cathedral Community during a period of change.
- Discussion of the group to work with Canon John Searle on raising awareness and support for the Development Project among regular worshippers and volunteers. We offered our support and concern to Chapter and to the Cathedral staff, in the task of maintaining core activities in addition to the increasing demands of the development work, especially with vacancies in some key staff posts.
- The first elections under the revised CCC Constitution were due to take later in the autumn. This would not be possible because it is a particularly busy time for the Cathedral staff. We agreed to postpone these elections until the Spring, and to conduct all future elections at that time of year-which is when Deanery Synod elections take place. Anne Eyre had already anticipated standing down at these elections and still wished to do so. There was a unanimous vote of thanks to her for her very hard and effective work both for the CCC and the Social Events Team. We will miss her contribution. **Heather Morgan, Chair CCC**

## Some Diary Highlights for November

1 <sup>st</sup>	All Saints Day 5.30pm Solemn Eucharist sung by the University of Exeter Singers
2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Souls Day 5.30pm Solemn Requiem Eucharist Duruflé Requiem sung by the St Peter's Singers
4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm British Legion Festival of Remembrance
5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Exeter Philharmonic Choir Autumn Concert
8 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm Evensong & Installation of Prebendaries
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am Dedication of the Field of Remembrance
13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i> <b>9.30am</b> Choral Eucharist 10.50am Wreath Laying ceremony and observance of Two Minutes Silence at 11am 11.45am Service of Remembrance 6.30pm Holy Ground-David Runcorn
18 <sup>th</sup>	Start of the Christmas Market
19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Devon Philharmonic Orchestra Autumn Concert
20 <sup>th</sup>	Christ the King 4pm Baptisms and Confirmation by the Bishop of Plymouth
24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Teachers Rock-A Night of Mystical Music in the Nave
26 <sup>th</sup>	Be A Chorister for a Day 4pm Christingle Service
27 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Sunday 6pm Advent Procession
29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm G4 at Christmas

For further details please see the Cathedral website exeter-cathedral.org.uk