



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Eucharist

Sunday

03 December 2023

10.00am

The First Sunday of Advent

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Welcome to the Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St Peter in Exeter, founded in 1050, has been the seat (cathedra) of the Bishops of Exeter, the symbol of their spiritual and teaching authority, for nearly 1000 years. As such the Cathedral is a centre of worship and mission for the whole of Devon. A centuries-old pattern of daily worship continues, sustained by the best of the Anglican choral tradition. The Cathedral is a place of outreach, learning, and spirituality, inviting people into a richer and more engaged discipleship. The Cathedral is a destination for many pilgrims and visitors who come from near and far, drawn by the physical and spiritual heritage of this place. Exeter Cathedral belongs to all the people of Devon, and we warmly welcome you here.

The Season of Advent

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time.

The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains ‘Maranatha’ – ‘Our Lord, come’ (1 Corinthians 16.22). Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice. The Third Sunday of Advent is observed as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent (Gaudete or ‘Rose Sunday’), and the last days of Advent are marked by the sequence of Great ‘O’ Antiphons, at Evening Prayer, which continue to inspire modern Advent hymns and meditations.

Ministers

President: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

Deacon: The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Precentor*

Subdeacon: The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds - *Canon Steward*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Chris Palmer - *Canon Treasurer*

Music

Mass Setting: Messe Solennelle - *Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*

Organist: Giles Longstaff - *Organ Scholar*

Cloister Club

All children are very welcome to join us in Cloister Club, whether new to the Cathedral, visitors or old friends. Depending on the ages of the children, parents are welcome to come with the children or stay in the service. Our Cloister Club leaders all have enhanced DBS checks and will be sitting in the North Nave aisle before the service. Come and join us for fun and music.

Holy Communion

Communion will be offered in two kinds, bread and wine. Please do not dip the host in the wine. Please follow the directions of the sidesmen. Gluten free wafers will be available at all communion stations, if you require a gluten free wafer please indicate this to the clergy. If you wish to receive a blessing only please carry this order of service with you.

Collection and Giving

A collection will be taken during this service. Please remember to use a Gift Aid envelope if you are a UK taxpayer. You may also donate by phone or cards at the contactless points at the entrances.

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Organ Music before the Service

Adagio from Symphony No 4 - *Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

Order of service

The Gathering

Litany

The congregation remains seated. The choir sings

God the Father
have mercy on us.

God the Son
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit
have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity
have mercy on us.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten our bishops
with knowledge and understanding,
that by their teaching and their lives,
they may enable the Church to proclaim your Word.
Hear us, good Lord.

For all the members of the Church in our vocation and ministry,
that we may serve you in truth and love,
Hear us, good Lord.

For all called to be deacons in your Church,
for the parishes, schools and chaplaincies where they serve
Hear us, good Lord.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness we may proclaim the gospel of reconciliation to
the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the unity of the Church,
that we may be one in Christ, according to his will,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and suffering, for the aged and infirm,
for the lonely and neglected,
and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the hungry,
for the homeless and the oppressed,
for all prisoners and captives,
and for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King,
for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord
Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves,
for grace to repent and amend our lives,
that we may be pardoned and absolved from all our sins,
Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter,
St Stephen, St Laurence, St Boniface, St Edward the Confessor,
and all the saints, let us commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life
to Christ our God.
Amen

The congregation stands. The president says:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

The president says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Welcome

The president greets the congregation.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The deacon lights the first candle on the Advent wreath.

The president says

God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.
Amen.

The Cloister Club departs after the congregation says

Come to us, Lord,
as we gather here today.
Live with us, Lord
through our worship and our prayers.
Help us to hear you,
help us to know you
and help us to be with you,
today, and always.
Amen.

Prayer of Penitence

The deacon says

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

Kyrie

The congregation sits or kneels. The choir sings

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| Kyrie, eleison. | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| Christe, eleison. | <i>Christ, have mercy.</i> |
| Kyrie, eleison. | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

The congregation remains seated as the president invites us to pray

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The congregation sits.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 64.1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil -
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?**

**Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!**

**This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
cast at his feet the burden of our care.**

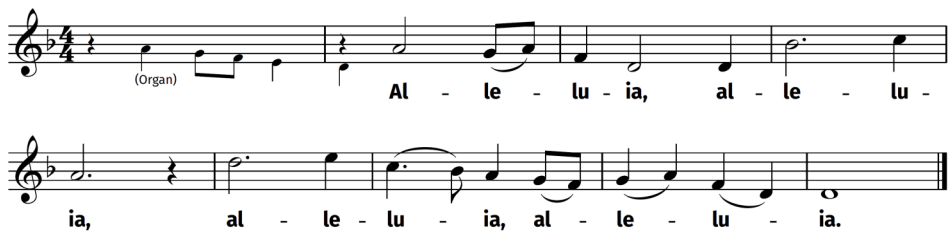
**Yea through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning,
He shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.**

Words: Frederic W.H. Myers (1843-1901)

Tune: Highwood (R.R. Terry 1865-1938)

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation turns to face the deacon. The acclamation heralds the Gospel reading. The choir sings the Alleluia, then all repeat it.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The cantor sings

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation.

All sing the Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

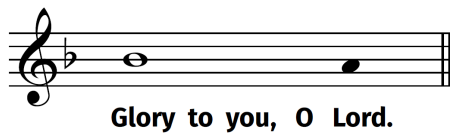
Mark 13:24-37

The deacon says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.



Glory to you, O Lord.

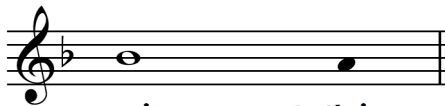
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation sits.

Sermon

The Revd Canon Chris Palmer - *Canon Treasurer*

The Nicene Creed

The congregation stands and says

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the prayers. The congregation sits.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the end

Merciful Father;

**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The congregation stands. The president says

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Collection

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Preparation of the Table

The altar is prepared. The congregation sings

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
that into exile drear is gone
far from the face of God's dear Son.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
who madest all in earth and sky,
creating man from dust and clay:
to us reveal salvation's way.
Rejoice...

O come, O come, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty
from Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
gavest thy folk the ancient law.
Rejoice...

**O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.
*Rejoice...***

**O come, desire of nations! Show
thy kingly reign on earth below;
thou corner-stone, uniting all,
restore the ruin of our fall.
*Rejoice...***

Words: Latin Advent Antiphons

Tr T.A. Lacey (1853-1931)

Tune: Veni Emmanuel (Thomas Helmore 1811-1890)

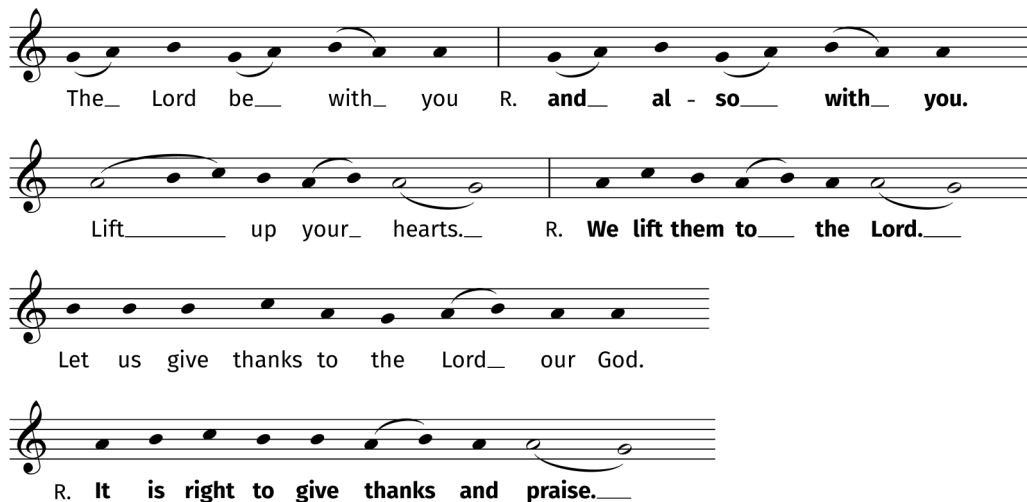
Prayer over the gifts

The congregation remains standing. The president says

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The president says or sings



The_ Lord be_ with_ you R. and_ al - so_ with_ you.

Lift_____ up your_ hearts._ R. We lift them to_ the Lord._

Let us give thanks to the Lord_ our God.

R. It is right to give thanks and praise._

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

The congregation remains standing. The choir sings:

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| Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, | <i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord,</i> |
| Dominus Deus Sabaoth. | <i>God of power and might,</i> |
| Pleni sunt coeli, et terra | <i>heaven and earth are full of</i> |
| gloria tua. | <i>your glory,</i> |
| Hosanna in excelsis. | <i>Hosanna in the highest.</i> |
| Benedictus qui venit | <i>Blessed is he who comes</i> |
| in nomine Domini. | <i>in the name of the Lord.</i> |
| Hosanna in excelsis. | <i>Hosanna in the highest.</i> |

The president continues:

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Peter, St Edward the Confessor,
and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Saviour has taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The congregation sits. If you wish to receive communion please follow the directions of the sidesmen, joining the appropriate queue and returning to your seats via the side aisles. If you wish to receive a blessing **please bring this booklet and hold it up to indicate this.** Please do not dip the host in the wine.*

Gluten free hosts are available—simply say “Gluten Free.”

Agnus Dei

The choir sings

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.*

Anthem

The choir sings

Rorate coeli desuper,
et nubes pluant iustum,
aperiatur terra,
et germinet Salvatorem.
Benedixisti, Domine
terram tuam; avertisti
captivitatem
Jacob.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto
sicut erat in principio, et nunc,
et semper: et in saecula,
saeculorum. Amen.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down
righteousness.*

*Let the earth open and bring forth a
saviour.*

*You have blessed, O Lord, your land;
you have turned away the captivity of
Jacob.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever.*

World without end. Amen.

Words: Respond, Matins on Advent Sunday

Music: William Byrd (1538-1623)

Prayer after Communion

The president says.

Let us pray.

The congregation stands.

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The congregation sits. Notices are given.

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**Hills of the North, rejoice,
echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice;
him who made earth and skies.
He comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn.
Greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
the God whom you have longed to know,
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the sons of earth be blest.**

Words: Charles E. Oakley (1832-1865)

Tune: Little Cornard (Martin Shaw 1875-1958)

The Dismissal

Blessing

All remain standing. The president says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata from Symphony No 4 - *Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

The ministers depart. The congregation sits and is invited to listen to the organ voluntary.

For your prayers

Those who are sick or in need:

Bill Vennart, Richard, Kate de Brett, Rosemary Joy, Paul Edmonds, Alistair, Jonathan Bush, Tom, Pam Wilkie, Jeremy, Ruth Heron, Barbara Stafford, Lucs & Lola Cabenza, John Marshman, Bill Hill, Philip Richardson, Illya Nastase, Dave Myers, Joy Jones, Rosmarie Nettleton

Rest in peace: John Harris, Margaret James, David, Sylvia Bush

Pray for the Crown Nominations Committee in its role of appointing the next Bishop of Exeter.

Anniversaries of Death: John Muddiman

Pastoral Care Team

Members of the Pastoral Care Team are entrusted to visit the sick and the housebound with Communion. If you would like a member of the Pastoral Care Team to contact you, please email: pastoral.care@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

If you would like a conversation whether in joy or sorrow, please contact the

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(deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk) or Canon Ian Morter 07527735640

(ian.morter@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

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(david.gunn-johnson@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

Readings next Sunday (10 December 2023 10.00am Choral Eucharist,

The Second Sunday of Advent): Isaiah 40.1-11, Mark 1.1-8

Notices

The funeral of Sylvia Bush: will take place on Wednesday 20 December, 11.30am in the Nave.

Incense: we have completed our trial use of incense on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your feedback, which Chapter will consider. In the meantime, please note that we will be using incense for our celebration of the Epiphany on Sunday 7 January 2024 at 10am.

Prayers for Peace

The St John the Evangelist Chapel has now been set aside for prayers for peace. Please feel free to add your prayers or just spend time reflecting on and praying for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and beyond.

Souls of Our Shoes Exhibition

St John the Baptist Chapel, November 25 to 10 December

The Mother's Union in Devon is joining with the United Nations annual 16 days of worldwide activism by holding an exhibition in Exeter Cathedral to highlight victims of domestic abuse and gender-based violence. Please feel welcome to visit the Chapel if you happen to be in the cathedral during this time."

ADVENT COURSE 2023 "The Bible says...?"

by the Revd Professor Christopher Bryan

This four-session course began on Thursday 23 November, and will continue on 7 December and 14 December 2023 from 10.30-11.45 am in the Sacristy. To book a place in the course or for more information, please contact Chris on: cbryan@sewanee.edu.

Calling all Uni Students: Jonathan and Pamela Greener are organising a simple lunch at the Deanery for any University Student who has some connection with the cathedral - Sunday 3 December: 12.15 pm- 2.15pm.

Slow Bible Reading

Lectio Divina is a very ancient form of praying with the Bible. Starting this new liturgical year, the shared Lectio Divina group will be moving from using the Gospel of the day to using the Psalms.

We continue to meet on Wednesdays at 8pm on Zoom, led in turn by Clare Bryden, Helen Friend and Carys Puleston. The session lasts 40 mins, and is structured to include slow reading of the Bible passage, a time for silent pondering, opportunity for everyone in turn to share their responses, prayer for each other, and a period of discussion.

Anyone is always welcome to join us and to share or not as they feel comfortable. We will next be meeting on 6th and 13th December, then taking a two-week break over Christmas. Clare Bryden

Save yourself a task in December....

EXETER CATHEDRAL FLOWER ARRANGERS are offering a traditional Christmas door wreath made here for you at £30. These will be available from 14 December in the cathedral or can be delivered locally. Should you wish to order one please do so by emailing alisondavenport551@yahoo.co.uk

Crown and Coronation

A new immersive sound and light show, bringing to life the spectacle of the Crown Jewels and Coronations

Tuesday 9 – Saturday 13 January 2024

Exeter Cathedral will be the first tour venue to host this new sound and light show, which is inspired by the Crown Jewels and their role in the Coronation ceremony. *Crown and Coronation* will take visitors on a journey through the history, significance, and shared experience of coronations, with curated artworks and bespoke musical compositions. The installation will encourage visitors to experience and explore the artwork at their own pace and to engage with the unique architectural setting of Exeter Cathedral. Led by artist Peter Walker and composer David Harper, Luxmuralis has shown a number of sound and light shows here, including *Space*, *Life* and the *Renaissance*. Book your ticket via the QR code above.



An Opportunity to Wonder and Wander and Walk the Labyrinth.....

A labyrinth is, a journey to the centre, a winding pilgrim path 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 notably in the nave at Chartres. Our labyrinth will be available for people to pray with on Saturday 6 January 2024, Saturday 23 March, Saturday 4 May, Saturday 22 June, Saturday 31 August and Saturday 28 September and 26 October from 1100 a.m. -3.00 p.m. Do join us! Canon Deborah Parsons

In Conversation with The Revd Canon Professor Richard A. Burridge

Sunday 14th January 2024 at 6.30 pm in the Nave. The doors will open from 6.00 p.m. with refreshments. The evening closes with a short service of compline. All are welcome.

Title: Proving the gospels ARE about Jesus - the adventures of a biblical scholar. Richard will engage in conversation with Revd Canon Chris Palmer. He will explore his work on understanding the Gospels as 'biography', shedding light on our understanding of Jesus.

St Mark's Lecture series: Wednesday 31 January, 7, 14, 21, 28 February, 6, 13 March 2024, 2.30pm-4.30pm in the Richard Eyre room, given by The Revd Professor Richard Burridge

This group will provide an opportunity to go deeper in three directions: deeper **into** the text itself; deeper **back** to its origins, deeper **forward** to its meaning and significance for us today. There will be the opportunity to participate remotely via Zoom.

Our link with Bayeux-Lisieux: the diocese is hoping to bring a group of young French professionals (aged 22-30) to visit Exeter to develop the link between our dioceses from 8-12 May 2024. Plans are still being developed but we are hoping that we might be able to accommodate them with people from the cathedral. If you would be interested in doing so, please tell the Dean: jonathan.greener@exeter-cathedral.org.uk Thank you.



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Sunday 3 December

The First Sunday of Advent

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion <i>BCP p47 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i> | Nave |
| 9.00am | Morning Prayer <i>CW</i> | St Gabriel Chapel |
| 10.00am | Choral Eucharist <i>CW Order 1</i> | Nave |
| | Messe Solennelle <i>Louis Vierne</i> | |
| 4.00pm | Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i> | Lady Chapel |
| 6.00pm | The Advent Carol Service | Nave |

Monday 4

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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer <i>CW</i> | St Petrock's |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist <i>CW</i> | St Petrock's |
| 9.00am | Zoom Morning Prayer <i>CW</i> | www.zoom.us |
| 5.30pm | Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i> | Lady Chapel |

Tuesday 5

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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer <i>CW</i> | St Petrock's |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist <i>CW</i> | St Petrock's |
| 9.00am | Zoom Morning Prayer <i>CW</i> | www.zoom.us |
| 5.30pm | Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i> | Lady Chapel |

Wednesday 6

Nicholas, Bishop c.326

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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer <i>CW</i> | St Petrock's |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist <i>CW</i> | St Petrock's |
| 9.00am | Zoom Morning Prayer <i>CW</i> | www.zoom.us |
| 1.15pm | The Eucharist <i>CW</i> | St Pancras |
| 5.30pm | Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i> | Lady Chapel |

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener – *Dean*

The Revd Canon James Mustard – *Canon Precentor*

Timothy Noon – *Director of Music*

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Thursday 7

Ambrose, Bishop, Teacher, 397

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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer CW | St Petrock's |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist CW | St Petrock's |
| 9.00am | Zoom Morning Prayer CW | www.zoom.us |
| 5.30pm | Evening Prayer BCP | Lady Chapel |

Friday 8

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer CW | St Petrock's |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist CW | St Petrock's |
| 9.00am | Zoom Morning Prayer CW | www.zoom.us |
| 5.30pm | Evening Prayer BCP | Lady Chapel |

Saturday 9

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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer CW | Lady Chapel |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist CW | Lady Chapel |
| 5.30pm | Choral Evensong | Psalms 47-49 Lady Chapel |
| | <i>BCP sung by the St Peter's Singers</i> | |
| | <i>Fauxbourdons Percy Whitlock</i> | Responses |
| | <i>Virga Jesse floruit Anton Bruckner</i> | Thomas Ebdon |
| | | Hymn 6 NEH |

Sunday 10

The Second Sunday of Advent

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP p49 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel | Nave |
| 9.00am | Morning Prayer CW | Lady Chapel |
| 10.00am | Choral Eucharist CW Order 1 | Nave |
| | <i>Mass for Three Voices William Byrd</i> | |
| | <i>Remember O thou man Thomas Ravenscroft</i> | |
| 5.30pm | Evening Prayer BCP | Lady Chapel |

CW – Common Worship, services and prayers for the Church of England (2000)

Zoom Morning Prayer: www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 99638985011, Passcode: 1FopuR

BCP – Book of Common Prayer (1662)



Advent & Christmas At Exeter Cathedral

Saturday 25 November

4pm: Christingle service

Sunday 3 December

6pm: Advent Carol service

Monday 4 December

2pm: Lord Mayor's Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday 6, Friday 8, Monday 11 December

7pm: Christmas with the Cathedral Choir

Sunday 17 December

4pm: The Exeter Nativity

Wednesday 20 December

6:45pm: Light up a Life Hospiscare Service

Saturday 23 December

12 noon: Crib Service

6pm: Grandisson Carol Service

Christmas Eve

6pm: Grandisson Carol Service

11:30pm: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10am: Choral Eucharist

11:45am: Choral Matins

4pm: Choral Evensong including carols from the Minstrels' Gallery

Find out more at
bit.ly/advent-and-christmas-2023
or scan the QR code



Christmas with the Cathedral Choir

6, 8 & 11 December 2023 at 7pm

The Choir of Exeter Cathedral are back for the most popular Christmas carol concerts of the year. Directed by Timothy Noon, Exeter Cathedral's Director of Music, with organ music by Michael Stephens-Jones, Assistant Director of Music and Giles Longstaff, Organ Scholar.

Tickets from £10 for adults and £5 for under 18s.
Book your ticket at bit.ly/christmas-ec-choir or scan the QR code >





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Handel's *Messiah* with Exeter Cathedral Choir

Sunday 10 December 2023 at 2:30pm

On Sunday 10 December, the Exeter Cathedral Choir will be teaming up with early-music specialists Devon Baroque for a seasonal performance of Handel's *Messiah*.

Tickets from £15 for adults and £5 for under 18s.
Book your ticket at bit.ly/ec-messiah or scan the QR code >

