



Exeter  
Cathedral

# Choral Eucharist

Sunday 23 March 2025

10.00am

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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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.

## **Ministers**

President: The Revd Canon Deborah Parsons - *Canon Chancellor*

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

Subdeacon: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

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

## **Music**

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis – *Richard Rodney Bennett (1936-2012)*

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*

Organist: Michael Stephens-Jones - *Assistant Director of Music*

## **Cloister Club**

All children, whether new to the Cathedral, visitors or old friends, are very welcome to join us in Cloister Club. 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.

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## Lent

Lent, from the Old English Lencten (or “lengthening”) refers to the lengthening of days during this season of fasting and preparation for Easter.

In the past, it was preceded by three days of Shrovetide, during which the faithful made their confession, and rich foods were consumed before Lent. In Anglo Saxon England, the week of Shrovetide and Ash Wednesday was known as Cheese Week (Cyswuce). Many still mark Pancake Day, or Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras), or a Farewell to Meat (Carne Vale). With tempting produce consumed, the community joins in spirit with Jesus’ sojourn of forty days in the wilderness, and his temptation.

Easter is the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those excluded from the Church’s fellowship. This explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter.

*Now is the healing time decreed  
for sins of heart and word and deed,  
when we in humble fear record  
the wrong that we have done the Lord.  
(Latin, before 12th century)*

As candidates for baptism and confirmation are instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepare themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community is invited to join them in the process of study and repentance.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The calculation of the forty days has varied considerably in Christian history. It is now usual in the West to count them continuously to the end of Holy Week (not including Sundays), so beginning Lent on the sixth Wednesday before Easter, Ash Wednesday. Liturgical dress is the simplest possible. Churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration.

The 'Gloria in excelsis' is not used and 'Alleluia' is not said or sung. The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare or Refreshment Sunday) is allowed as a day of relief from the rigour of Lent, and the Feast of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary (25 March) almost always falls in Lent; these breaks from austerity are the background to the modern observance of Mothering Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative gave to the Fifth Sunday its name of Passion Sunday.

## **Organ Music before the service**

## Order of service

### The Gathering

#### Introit

*The organ is played. The congregation stands. The congregation joins in the refrain in bold text. A cantor sings the verses.*



To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

**Hear us...**

O thou chief corner-stone, right hand of the Father:  
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**Hear us...**

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:  
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

**Hear us...**

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:  
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:  
grant us, redeemer, loving absolution.

**Hear us...**

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,  
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

**Hear us...**

## **Greeting**

*The president says:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**and also with you.**

## **Introduction**

*The president greets the congregation.*

*The Cloister Club leader gathers the children around the banner.*

*The congregation says*

**Creator God,**

**may our Cloister Club know your love as they gather today.**

**May they hear your voice in song, story and play.**

**May they be filled with joy in their worship,**

**and give thanks for your generous gift of creation.**

**This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Invitation to Confession

*The deacon says*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*The congregation remains standing*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**



## **Kyrie**

*The choir sings*

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

## **Absolution**

*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 president invites us to pray*

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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.

**Amen.**

*The congregation sits.*

# **The Liturgy of the Word**

## **The First Reading**

Isaiah 55:1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord says this:

Everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
 call upon him while he is near;  
 let the wicked forsake their way,  
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
 let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
 nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
 so are my ways higher than your ways  
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*The congregation stands and sings*

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| <p><b>Firmly I believe and truly</b><br/> <b>God is Three, and God is One;</b><br/> <b>and I next acknowledge duly</b><br/> <b>manhood taken by the Son.</b></p>                  | <p><b>3. Simply to his grace and wholly</b><br/> <b>light and life and strength belong,</b><br/> <b>and I love supremely, solely,</b><br/> <b>him the holy, him the strong.</b></p> |
| <p><b>2. And I trust and hope most fully</b><br/> <b>in that Manhood crucified;</b><br/> <b>and each thought and deed unruly</b><br/> <b>do to death, as he has died.</b></p>     | <p><b>4. And I hold in veneration,</b><br/> <b>for the love of him alone,</b><br/> <b>holy Church as his creation,</b><br/> <b>and her teachings as his own.</b></p>                |
| <p><b>5. Adoration ay be given,</b><br/> <b>with and through the angelic host,</b><br/> <b>to the God of earth and heaven,</b><br/> <b>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                     |

*Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890)*

*Tune: Shipston, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

## Gospel Acclamation

*The congregation turns to face the deacon.*

*The acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*

*The cantor sings the Acclamation, then all repeat it.*



*The cantor sings:*

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

*cf Psalm 95.3,8*

*All sing the Acclamation.*

## Gospel Reading

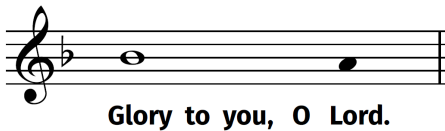
Luke 13:1-9

*The deacon says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

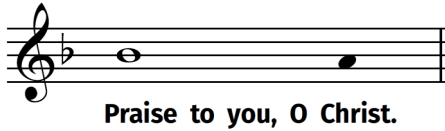
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you

think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*The congregation sits.*

## **Sermon**

The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds - *Canon Steward*

## **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*

Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has given us access to his grace.

*Romans 5.1,2*

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 and the congregation sings*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong power:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always:  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Words: Irish 8th Century, tr Mary Byrne (1880-1931)*

*Tune: Slane, Erik Routley (1917-1982)*



## Prayer over the gifts

*The congregation remains standing. The president says*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

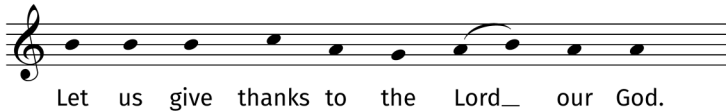
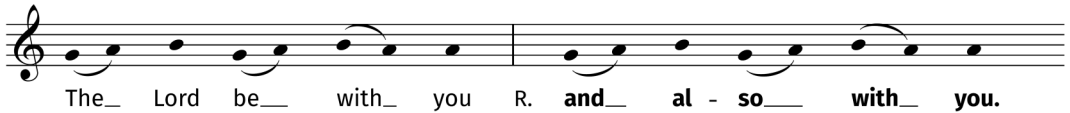
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

*The president says or sings*



It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings:*

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:*

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice,  
oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;  
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.  
Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

*The deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.  
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this  
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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 hold up this book to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing**. 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,	<i>Lamb of God</i>
qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you take away the sin of the world,</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>have mercy on us.</i>

Agnus Dei,	<i>Lamb of God</i>
qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you take away the sin of the world,</i>
dona nobis pacem.	<i>grant us peace.</i>

## **Anthem**

*During the distribution the choir sings*

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks :  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night :  
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

*Words: Psalm 42:1-3*

*Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The president says*

Let us pray.

*The congregation stands.*

**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.*

## **The Dismissal**

### **Blessing**

*The congregation stands. The president says*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
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.**

## Hymn

*The congregation remains standing and sings*

<b>Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;</b>	<b>2. Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;</b>
<b>praise him, angels, in the height;</b>	<b>never shall his promise fail;</b>
<b>sun and moon, rejoice before him,</b>	<b>God has made his saints victorious.</b>
<b>praise him, all ye stars and light:</b>	<b>Sin and death shall not prevail.</b>
<b>praise the Lord! for he has spoken,</b>	<b>Praise the God of our salvation;</b>
<b>worlds his mighty voice obeyed;</b>	<b>hosts on high, his power proclaim;</b>
<b>laws, which never shall be broken,</b>	<b>heaven and earth, and all creation,</b>
<b>for their guidance he has made.</b>	<b>laud and magnify his name!</b>

**3. Worship, honour, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer to thy name;  
young and old, thy praise expressing,  
join their Saviour to proclaim.  
As the saints in heaven adore thee,  
we would bow before thy throne;  
as thine angels serve before thee,  
so on earth thy will be done.**

*Words: Verses 1, 2 Foundling Hospital Collection 1796*

*Verse 3 Edward Osler (1798-1863)*

*Tune: Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*



## Organ Voluntary

Prélude Op.29 - *Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)*

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

*Tea and coffee are served in the South Transept following the service. All are welcome.*

### **For your prayers**

#### **Those who are sick or in need:**

David, David Francis, Caroline Padget, Jane, John Massey, Robert Atwell, Jane, Caroline Curnock, Siham, Lianne, Evie, Ruth Bennett, Graham Davies, Chris Craig, Philip Gibbons, Nikki Cann, Steve, Rosemary Henry, Joy Jones, Jeremy, Jonathan Bush,

**Departed:** Peter Macklin, Robert (Bob) Butler, Simon Lindley, Adrian Davies, John Harris, Caroline Witts, (Gertrude) Jane Tipper.

**Readings next Sunday** (30 March 2025 10.00am Choral Eucharist, Mothering Sunday): Colossians 3:12-17, John 19:25-27

### **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](mailto:pastoral.care@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)  
If you would like a conversation whether in joy or sorrow, please contact the Canon Chancellor, Canon Deborah Parsons: 07776359402 ([deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)) or Canon Ian Morter 07527735640 ([ian.morter@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:ian.morter@exeter-cathedral.org.uk))

For wedding enquiries, please contact Prebendary Julian Ould ([julian.ould@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:julian.ould@exeter-cathedral.org.uk))

For baptism enquiries, please contact Prebendary Nigel Guthrie ([nigel.guthrie@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:nigel.guthrie@exeter-cathedral.org.uk))

### **Cloister Club Co-ordinator**

We are looking to recruit a Co-ordinator for Exeter Cathedral's junior church, Cloister Club. The Cloister Club Co-coordinator will develop work with the children and families in our Cathedral community and beyond, enabling them to feel fully part of Exeter Cathedral. The successful candidate will lead a team of volunteers to develop a fresh curriculum and experience for children and families. This is a paid, fixed-term contract for 1 year, 12 hours per week for 40 weeks, with potential for a longer-term contract. Please see the Cathedral website vacancies page to download an information pack and application form.

### **A Candle for Mothering Sunday**

We have a supply of candles for members of the various Cathedral congregations to take to friends, neighbours, work colleagues, etc. with an invitation to write on them the name of their mother, or another person they will remember on Mothering Sunday. The candles are to be returned to the Cathedral and they will be lit during the Choral Eucharist on Mothering Sunday. There will be a prayer card to give to people to remind them that their loved one will be prayed for, and a candle will be lit in their memory on that day. We suggest a donation of £1 for the candle. There will be bags of candles available after services this Sunday and next. Please take a bag and return the signed candles, and also any donations that have been made, to the Cathedral on or before Mothering Sunday.

### **Chapter House Coffee Club**

Coffee/Tea is usually available after the 8.00 am & 10.00 am Sunday services in the South Transept. For those who'd like to continue the conversation after that feel free to gather in the Chapter House Refectory from 11.45am (or after any post-service groups) to chat over a coffee or lunch for an hour. No need to book in advance ... just grab a table or two and let the conversations begin. For more information contact Canon Deborah Parsons  
[deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

## **New Tunical**

The serving team would like to have a new green tunical in memory of Wilf Reynolds, one of the serving clerks who died a year ago. Donations would be most welcome, please make your donation through Canon Ian Morter.

## **Lent Course 2025**

### **A Rule of Life: A Rule for My Life**

Two fortnightly meetings between 12 noon and 1pm on 23 March and 6 April in the Richard Eyre Room. During this Lenten journey, we shall be giving time to exploring our relationship with God and giving practical tools on how we deepen our commitment to follow Christ every day of our lives. To book a place, please contact [deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk) or [phil.wales@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:phil.wales@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

## **Riddler in Residence**

### **Poetry Evening**

#### **Thursday 27 March 2025 at 7pm, Doors open at 6:30pm**

Join Exeter Cathedral's Riddler in Residence, Jonny Fluffypunk, for an evening of poetry. Jonny will be sharing his collection of poems he has written during his residency. As Riddler, Jonny has wandered Cathedral Green, and worked with local community groups, in search of people's ideas of salvations to inspire a new collection of poetry. Please book your free ticket to attend. Find out more and book your ticket at [bit.ly/riddler-poems](https://bit.ly/riddler-poems)

## **Library and Archives In Focus: Ex Libris – a brief history of bookplates**

Tuesday 1 April, drop in 1pm-3pm

For centuries, private owners and collectors used bookplates to identify their books. Whether simple, or highly decorative, bookplates can tell us about the interests, occupations, tastes, passions and personalities of previous owners.

Drop in to find out more.

**This event is included in general Cathedral admission.**

## Holy Week 2025

### **Palm Sunday 13 April**

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am The Liturgy of Palms, Procession, and Choral Eucharist

*Gather at New Cut Gate*

4pm: Choral Evensong

### **Monday 14 April - Wednesday 16 April**

5.30pm Choral Evensong (said on Wednesday)

6.15pm Bread and Soup Supper *in the Chapter House. Please book in advance.*

7.15pm, Organ, Compline and Address 'The Cost of Discipleship', Choral music *sung by the Dumnonii Consort, Address by Bishop Martin Shaw*

### **Maundy Thursday 17 April**

10.30am Chrism Eucharist with Renewal of Ministerial Vows

7.30pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday *Preacher The Bishop of Exeter*

### **Good Friday 18 April**

10am Good Friday service given by Churches Together across Exeter

1.30pm The Liturgy of Good Friday *Preacher The Bishop of Exeter*

7.30pm Meditation for Good Friday

*led by the St Peter's Singers*

### **Easter Sunday 20 April**

6am Easter Vigil: Preacher The Bishop of Exeter

*Gather in the Cloister Gallery*

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Choral Eucharist: President and Preacher The Bishop of Exeter

11.45am Choral Matins

4pm Choral Evensong

### **Easter Monday 21 April**

***Services today sung by the Old Choristers' Association***

11.30am Choral Eucharist

3pm Choral Evensong

**Compline Addresses:** Bishop Martin Shaw considers The Passion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945): Theologian, Pastor and Dissenter.

‘Conviction, Obedience and Dissent.’ Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906 to 1945) was a key founding member of The Confessing Church in Germany. Bonhoeffer focused on Christianity’s role in a secular world. Resisting Nazi dictatorship, including its genocidal anti-semitism, he was imprisoned, during which he wrote his most famous work through letters and papers. On being moved to a concentration camp, he was executed by hanging. Bishop Martin’s three addresses will be looking at what Bonhoeffer saw as the cost of being a disciple of Christ, which has even more significance in our time.

Bishop Martin Shaw is a former Bishop of Argyle and the Isles with previous ministries in Exeter, Bury St Edmunds and Cambridge.

**Bread and Soup Suppers:** to book these suppers in the Chapter House please go to the following link or scan this QR code. There will be a small charge for these suppers payable in the Chapter House on the day.



**Confirmations:** there will be a Confirmation service here on Sunday 11 May at the 10am Choral Eucharist. We intend to run a course of preparation classes. If you would like to be confirmed, please contact James Mustard (james.mustard@exeter-cathedral.org.uk) or Julian Ould (julian.ould@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

**Pilgrimage to Bayeux-Lisieux (and Notre Dame, Paris): 29 Sept - 4 October 2025** The Dean is planning a visit to our link diocese - please pick up a leaflet from the coffee table if you might be interested, and a form to return to book a provisional place. **If you have already registered your interest, please call Tina Robbens (01392 285980) or email her (tina.robbers@exeter-cathedral.org.uk) to ensure you are on the list. We have had some computer problems and would hate to miss anyone.**



# Exeter Cathedral

## Sunday 23

The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p89 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	St John the Baptist
10.00am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b> CW Order 1 Lent Prose Missa Brevis <i>Richard Rodney Bennett</i> Like as the hart desireth the water brooks <i>Herbert Howells</i>	Nave
4.00pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> BCP Evening Service on Plainsong Tones <i>Arthur Wills</i> Lord, let me know mine end <i>Maurice Greene</i>	Psalms 12, 13 Nave Responses <i>Philip Moore</i> Hymns 397, 148 (omit * verses) NEH Chapter House
6.30pm	<b>Healing Service</b>	

## Monday 24

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	St Petrock's
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
12.30pm	Prayers for Healing	St John the Baptist
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP First Evensong of the Annunciation</i> <i>John Ireland in F</i> <i>Ave Maria Robert Parsons</i>	Psalm 119 (1-32) Quire Responses <i>Francis Pott</i> Office Hymn

## Tuesday 25

The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	St Petrock's
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
5.00pm	Evening Prayer CW	Grandisson Chapel
5.30pm	<b>Solemn Eucharist</b> CW Order 1 Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo <i>Franz Josef Haydn</i>	Quire

## Wednesday 26

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	St Petrock's
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
1.15pm	The Eucharist CW	St Pancras
5.30pm	Evening Prayer BCP	St John the Baptist

# 23-30 March 2025

## Thursday 27

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	St Petrock's
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong BCP</b> Psalm 126-131	Quire
	The Chichester Service William Walton	Responses
	A Litany William Walton	Francis Pott

## Friday 28

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	St Petrock's
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong BCP</b> Psalms 136-138	Quire
	Herbert Sumson in D	Responses
	Vinea mea electa Francis Poulenc	Philip Moore

## Saturday 29

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	St John the Baptist
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	St John the Baptist
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong BCP</b> Psalm 142	Quire
	Charles Villiers Stanford in C	Responses
	A Gaelic Blessing John Rutter	Plainsong
		Hymn

## Sunday 30

The Fourth Sunday of Lent/  
Mothering Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP pg1 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	St John the Baptist
10.00am	<b>Choral Eucharist CW Order 1</b>	Nave
	Mass of St Thomas David Thorne	
4.00pm	<b>Congregational Evensong BCP</b> Psalm 32	Lady Chapel
		Hymns 358, 357
6.30pm	<b>Sundays@6.30pm</b>	Chapter House

**Zoom Morning Prayer** Meeting ID: 996 3898 5011 Passcode: 1FopuR

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener – Dean

The Revd Canon James Mustard – Canon Precentor Timothy Noon – Director of Music

## **Easter Family Activities**

Visit Exeter Cathedral during the Easter holidays to enjoy fun family-friendly activities.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

*Monday 7 April – Thursday 17 April during Cathedral opening hours*

Grab your Easter Fun Trail Sheet for £1 at the Welcome Desk before exploring the Cathedral on the hunt for the hidden egg cut-outs. When finished, claim your prize at Exeter Cathedral Shop.

### **Spring Flower Crowns & Easter Themed Crafts**

*Monday 7 April to Wednesday 9 April, 10am until 12 noon*

Enjoy a range of seasonal craft activities in the magnificent nave of Exeter Cathedral, including making your own Spring flower crowns.

### **Decorate Your Own Easter Basket**

*Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 April during Cathedral opening hours*

*Please check the Cathedral opening times before travelling.*