



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 16 November 2025

10.00am

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE 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.

Ministers

President: The Revd Preb Nigel Guthrie - *Priest Vicar*

Deacon: The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*

Subdeacon: Mr Jeremy Rawlings - *Ordinand*

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

Music

Mass Setting: Mass of St Mary Magdalen, Oxford - *Cecilia McDowall (b1951)*

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*

Organist: Michael D'Avanzo - *Organ Scholar*

Children's Activities:

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.

Newcomer Cards

These are available on the Cathedral Community Table.

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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Organ Music before the service

Jesu dulcis memoria - Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Order of service

The Gathering

Introit

The congregation remains seated. The choir sings

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God,
The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart.
And for his cradle and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866)

Music: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

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| Stand up, and bless the Lord,
ye people of his choice;
stand up, and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice. | 3. O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought! |
| 2. Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy Name,
and praise and magnify? | 4. God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers. |
| 5. Stand up, and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up, and bless his glorious name
henceforth for evermore. | |

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Tune: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)

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

My brothers and sisters,

as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ

in word and sacrament,

let us call to mind and confess our sins.

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.**

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.

Gloria

The congregation remains standing. The choir sings

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son
Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen*

The Collect

The congregation remains standing as the president invites us to pray

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in
power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and
glorious kingdom; where he 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

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that

some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**2. Join hands, then, children of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.**

**3. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941)

Tune: St Stephen, William Jones (1726-1800)

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation turns to face the deacon.

The acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.

The choir sings the Alleluia, then all repeat it.



The cantor sings:

He healeth those that are broken in heart: and bindeth up their wounds.

All sing the Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

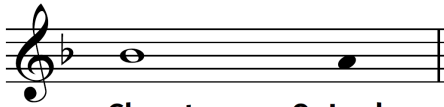
Luke 21.5-19

The deacon says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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



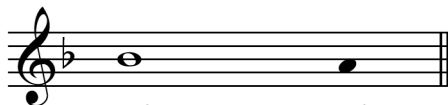
Glory to you, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put

some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

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

**We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great high priest,
O'er sin and death victorious,
at thy thanksgiving feast:
as thou art interceding
for us in heaven above,
thy Church on earth is pleading
thy perfect work of love.**

**2 Through thee in every nation
thine own their hearts upraise,
offering one pure oblation,
one sacrifice of praise:
with thee in blest communion
the living and the dead
are joined in closest union,
one body with one head.**

**3 O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
who thine own self hast given
to be our souls' true food;
for us thy body broken
hung on the cross of shame:
this bread, its hallowed token,
we break in thy dear name.**

**4 O stream of love unending,
poured from the one true vine,
with our weak nature blending
the strength of life divine;
our thankful faith confessing
in thy life-blood outpoured,
we drink this cup of blessing
and praise thy name, O Lord.**

Words: Richard Parsons (1882-1948)

Tune: Offertorium, Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

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.

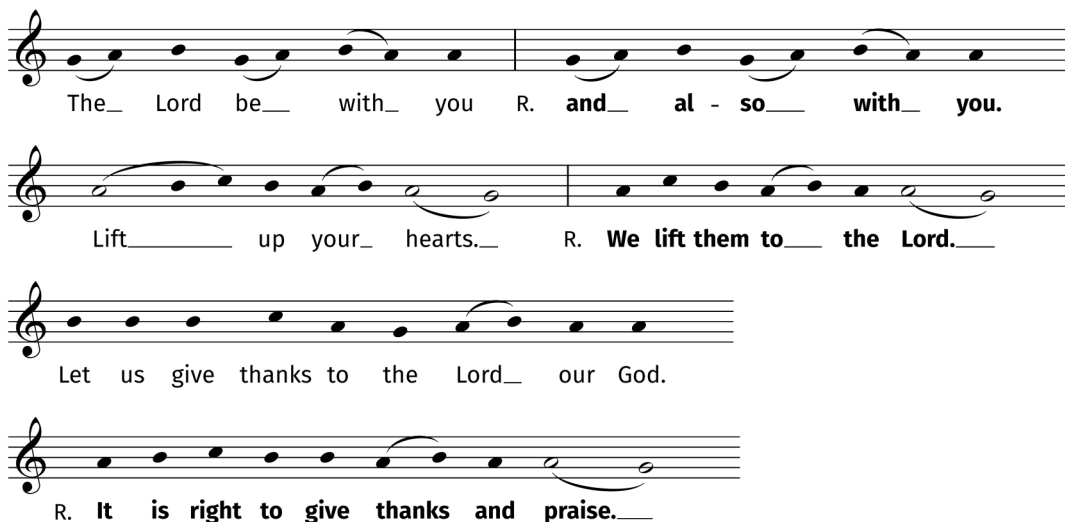
Blessed be God for ever.

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 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._____

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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:

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter,
St Boniface, St Edward the Confessor and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
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,
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

Tantum ergo, Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio:
Salus, honor, virtus quoque

*Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here:
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes the inward vision clear.
Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing*

Sit et benedictio: *while eternal ages run;*
Procedenti ab utroque *ever too his love confessing,*
Compar sit laudatio. Amen. *who, from both, with both is one. Amen.*

Words: St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74,

tr. J. M. Neale 1818-66 & others

Music: Déodat de Séverac (1872-1941)

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.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,	2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
Christ, the true, the only light,	unaccompanied by thee;
sun of Righteousness, arise,	joyless is the day's return,
triumph o'er the shades of night;	till thy mercy's beams I see,
dayspring from on high, be near;	till they inward light impart,
daystar, in my heart appear.	glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

**3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Ratisbon, W.H. Havergal (1793-1870)

Organ Voluntary

Impromptu - Philip Moore (b1943)

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:

Penny Endersby, Rosemary Henry, India Sutton, Olivia Parkinson, Sarah, Ann, John Bowers, Yuezhao Xie, PattiJoy Posan, Cynthia, Mary, Marian Hardwicke, David, John Massey, Nikki Cann, Philip Henry, Joy Jones, Jonathan Bush

Departed: Caroline Luff, Dennis Whitehead

Anniversaries of Death: Audrey Houghton, Jean Weeks

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 Canon Chancellor, Canon Deborah Parsons: 07776359402

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

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

Readings for 10am Choral Eucharist next Sunday (23 November, Christ the King): Jeremiah 23.1-6, Luke 23.33-43

Funeral Service for Dennis Whitehead

Tuesday 18 November, 2.30pm in the Quire. Please let Helen Whitehead know if you will be in attendance.

Incense at the 10am Choral Eucharist: this will be used on Sunday 23 November (Christ the King) and Sunday 04 January 2026 (Epiphany).

Christingle 2025. Volunteers needed!

The Christingle service will be at 4pm on Saturday 29 November.

I have been asked to prepare the Christingle oranges and in order to do this I will need some help:

1. To stick sweets and sultanas onto 1400 cocktail sticks.
This will be from 10am at 1 Brooklands, Millbrook Lane, Exeter on Thursday 27 November.
2. To assemble the Christingle oranges. This will be from 10am at Cloister Garth on Friday 28 November.
3. To help in the cathedral at 3.30 on Saturday 29 November.

If you feel able to help at any or all of these times please contact.

Shelagh Orrell orrell2000@me.com / 07976 921804

Advent Series 2025 by the Revd Professor Christopher Bryan

This three-session course will take place on Sunday 30 November, 7 December and 14 December 2025 from 11.45am in The Cloister Garth Room, Exeter Cathedral. The sessions will explore (1) The Meaning of Advent, (2) the Four Last Things, and (3) “The Former Advent.”

To book a place on the course or for more information, please contact Chris on: cbryango@icloud.com

The Gospel of Matthew: A Study Course with the Revd Professor Richard A. Burridge

This course will take place at the **Baptist Church, 25 South Street, Exeter, EX1 1EB (or online via Zoom) on Wednesdays, Nov 12–26 2025, then Jan 28–Feb 25 2026, between 2:30–4:30pm, and repeated between 6:30–8:45pm.** Course participants will have an opportunity to 'go deeper' in three directions: into the original text, back to its origins, and forward to its significance for us today. Refreshments will be available. Please email: richard.burridge@manchester.ac.uk to register for either the afternoon or evening

Confirmation Preparation for Young People and Adults

The next Confirmation Service will take place at the 10am Choral Eucharist on Sunday 17 May 2025. If you would like to be prepared for Confirmation, please give your full name and contact details (email and phone number) to: james.mustard@exeter-cathedral.org.uk and deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk ASAP.

Advent Carol Service: Sunday 30 November at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

Cathedral Choir Christmas concerts: Tuesday 09, Thursday 11, and Saturday 13 December at 7pm. Book your tickets via the QR code or at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/exetercathedral/e-pbxpxv>



Exeter Cathedral Christmas Market

Thursday 20 November – Friday 19 December 2025

Nestled in the historic heart of Exeter, the Exeter Cathedral Christmas Market returns. Open from 10am Thursday 20 November – 9pm Friday 19 December 2025 — bigger, brighter and more magical than ever. Step into the warmth and wonder of Exeter’s most iconic winter tradition.

Set against the awe-inspiring backdrop of Exeter Cathedral, this Christmas Market brings together festive cheer, artisan craftsmanship, and gourmet treats in an enchanting experience that delights all the senses. Wander through twinkling chalets, savour seasonal delicacies, sip mulled wine beneath the spires, and shop from handpicked traders showcasing the very best of Devon and beyond.

The Exeter Nativity

Sunday 14 December, 4pm in the Nave.

Enjoy an entertaining retelling of the famous Christmas story.

Join the talented cast of the Exeter Nativity as they retell the Christmas story with warmth, humour and a few delightful surprises. From Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem, to the gossips of Nazareth and King Herod’s handmaids, this lively production brings a fresh and funny twist to a much-loved story.

Packed with laughter and festive spirit, The Exeter Nativity is perfect for audiences of all ages – whether you’re joining us for the first time or enjoying the performance as a cherished tradition, come along, sing along and start your Christmas celebrations with a smile!

Tickets: Please book your free ticket to attend – tickets coming soon.



Exeter Cathedral

Sunday 16

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p192 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Gabriel Chapel
10.00am	Choral Eucharist CW Order 1 Blessed are the pure in heart <i>Henry Walford Davies</i> Mass of St Mary Magdalen, Oxford <i>Cecilia McDowall</i> Tantum ergo <i>Déodat de Séverac</i>	Quire
4.00pm	Choral Evensong BCP The First Service <i>Philip Moore</i> Let my complaint <i>Thomas Morley</i>	Psalm 97 Quire Responses <i>Timothy Parsons</i> Hymns 452, 498 Chapter House
6.30pm	Sundays@6.30	

Monday 17

Hugh, bishop, 1200

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
12.30pm	Prayers for Healing	St Gabriel Chapel
5.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP <i>Jeremy Woodside</i> in Fauxbourdon <i>Ave Maria Igor Stravinsky</i>	Psalm 89 Quire Responses <i>William Byrd</i>

Tuesday 18

Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist, 1231

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
5.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP <i>Herbert Sumson</i> in D And I saw a new heaven <i>Edgar Bainton</i>	Psalms 93, 94 Quire Responses <i>Jack Oades</i>

Wednesday 19

Hilda, abbess, 680

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
1.15pm	The Eucharist CW	Quire
5.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP Second service <i>Orlando Gibbons</i> Alleluia, I heard a voice <i>Janet Wheeler</i>	Psalms 98-101 Quire Responses <i>William Smith</i>

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener – Dean

The Revd Canon James Mustard – Canon Precentor

Timothy Noon – Director of Music

16-23 November 2025

Thursday 20

		Edmund, king, martyr, 870	
8.15am	Morning Prayer CW		Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist CW		Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW		www.zoom.us
5.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP	Psalm 104	Quire
	The Chichester Service		Responses
	A Hymn for St Cecilia <i>Herbert Howells</i>		<i>William Byrd</i>

Friday 21

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW		Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist CW		Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW		www.zoom.us
5.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP	Psalm 106	Quire
	The Short Service <i>Thomas Morley</i>		Responses
	Cantantibus organis <i>Peter Philips</i>		<i>Jack Oades</i>

Saturday 22

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW		Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist CW		Quire
5.30pm	Evening Prayer BCP		Lady Chapel

Sunday 23

		CHRIST THE KING	
8.00am	Holy Communion BCP p197 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel (Trinity)		Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer		St Gabriel Chapel
10.00am	Choral Eucharist CW Order 1		Quire
	Am Himmelfahrtstage <i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>		
	Missa Brevis <i>Jonathan Dove</i>		
	Dextera Domini <i>Orlando di Lasso</i>		
4.00pm	Choral Evensong with Installations of new members of the College of Canons	Psalm 72	Nave
	<i>Francis Jackson</i> in G		Responses
	O clap your hands together <i>Orlando Gibbons</i>		<i>Francis Pott</i>
6.30pm	Healing service		Chapter House

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)

Find out more at:
bit.ly/messiah-25
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Handel's *Messiah*

With Exeter
Cathedral Choir

Sunday 7 December 2025 | 2:30pm

The Exeter Cathedral Choir will be teaming up with early-music specialists Devon Baroque for a seasonal performance of Handel's *Messiah*.