



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 07 December 2025

10.00am

The Second 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 Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*

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

Subdeacon: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

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

Music

Mass Setting: Mass for Three Voices *William Byrd (1543-1623)*

Conductor and Organist: Michael Stephens-Jones -

Assistant Director of Music

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.

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. Also, you may support the work of the Cathedral by donating at the collection boxes and online terminals at the entrance and exit. Additionally, you may give to the Cathedral via this QR code or via the website: <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/support-us/giving-to-exeter-cathedral/>



Newcomer Cards

These are available on the Cathedral Community Table.

Safeguarding

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of or is being abused or presents a risk to others, email safeguarding@exeter-cathedral.org.uk or speak to one of our local contacts below

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Organ Music before the Service

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659) - *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Order of service

The Gathering

Advent Prose

The congregation stands.

The ministers enter via the Quire Golden Gates.

The choir sings the refrain from the choir stalls and all repeat it. All sing the refrain after each verse.

Cantor (1st time)

Drop down ye heavens from above,

Full

and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.

Drop down...

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us,
because of our iniquities.

Drop down...

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Drop down...

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people;
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Drop down...

The congregation remains standing. 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 two candles on the Advent wreath.

The president says

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

Amen.

The Cloister Club departs after 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.**

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 remains standing. The choir sings

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 standing as the president invites us to pray

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously
hindered in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The congregation sits.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

The advent of our God
with eager prayers we greet,
and singing haste upon the road
his glorious gift to meet.

2. The everlasting Son
scorns not the Virgin's womb;
that we from bondage may be won
he bears a bondsman's doom.

3. Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet thy lowly King;
let not thy stubborn heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.

4. On clouds of dazzling light;
as judge he comes again,
his scattered people to unite,
with him in heaven to reign.

5. Let evil flee away,
ere that great hour shall dawn,
let this old Adam day by day
the new man all put on.

6. Praise to the incarnate Son,
who comes to set us free,
with Father and with Spirit One,
to all eternity. Amen.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

Tr H. Putman (1861-1935)

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

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

For the powers of heaven shall be shaken: and they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

All sing the Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

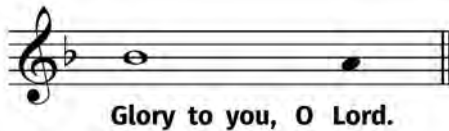
Matthew 3:1-12

The deacon says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

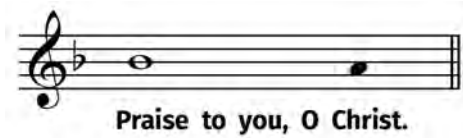
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’* This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The congregation sits.

Sermon

The Revd Preb Nigel Guthrie - *Priest Vicar*

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

**Wake, o wake! With tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling,
arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! No more delaying,
"The hour has come!" we hear them saying,
where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
raise high your torches bright!
Alleluia!
The wedding song swells long and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.**

**Zion hears the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
she stands and waits with eager eyes;
see her Friend from heaven descending,
adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son!
Hosanna!
Let us prepare to follow there,
where in thy supper we may share.**

**Every soul in thee rejoices;
from men and from angelic voices
be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
thy presence never more shall leave us,
we stand with angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
the bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluia!
Grant us to raise to length of days,
the triumph-chorus of thy praise.**

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

Tr F.C. Burkitt (1864-1935)

Tune: Watchet auf (J.S. Bach 1685-1750)

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.

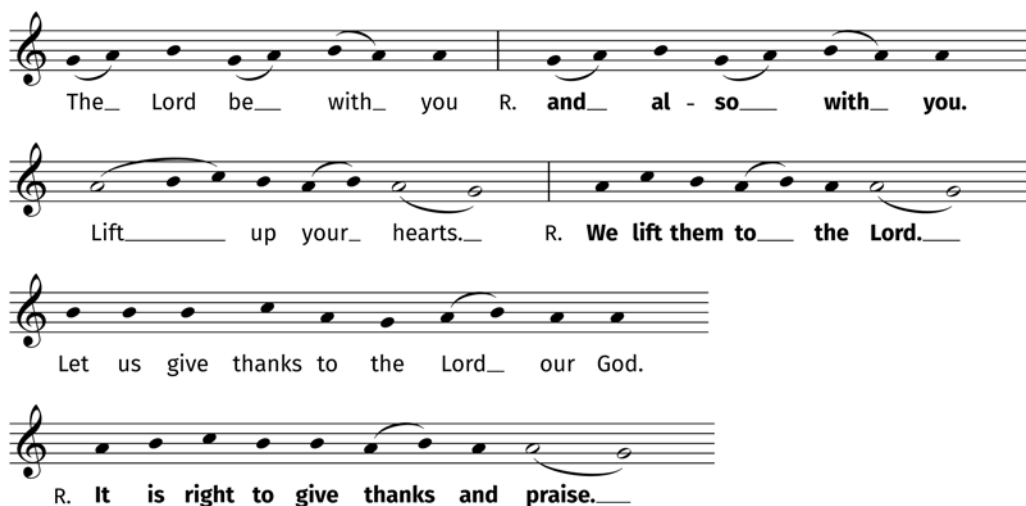
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

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._**

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:

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 Boniface,
St Sidwell, 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.*

Glute- 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>

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

The choir sings

Jerusalem surge, et sta in excelso, et vide
jucunditatem quae veniet tibi a Deo tuo.

*Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and behold
the joy that comes to thee from thy God!*

Words: based on Baruch 5:5 and 4:36

Music: Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517)

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 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.

Hymn

The congregation remains standing and sings

**Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
bear his People's burden,
freely love and pardon.**

***Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?***

**2 God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.
*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Etc***

**3. Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
till the time expected
nurtured and protected.
*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! etc***

**4. Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
unborn Son of Mary,
saviour, do not tarry!**

***Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!***

Words: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Tune: Personent Hodie, Piae Cantiones (1582)

Organ Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in E minor BWV 533 - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The ministers depart. The congregation sits and is invited to listen to the organ voluntary. There will be no post service refreshments this morning due to rehearsals beginning at 11.30am for this afternoon's performance.

For your prayers

Those who are sick or in need:

Sarah Huxtable, Rosemarie, Dallas Capsey, Penny Endersby, Rosemary Henry, Olivia Parkinson, Sarah, Ann, John Bowers, John Massey, Nikki Cann, Jonathan Bush, Joy Jones, PattiJoy Posa, Paul Edmonds, Alfie Ganley, Peter Farbrother, Steve, Wendy Rawlings, Alex Boothe, Philip Richardson, Pam Wilkie, Susie Jacobs, Jeremy, Chris

Departed: Mariette Rogers, Mary Leary, Sue Parks, Mary Davenport

Anniversaries of Death: Richard Eyre, Laurence Nelson

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 (14 December, The Third Sunday of Advent): James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Advent Series 2025 by the Revd Professor Christopher Bryan

This course will take place today and 14 December 2025 from 11.45am in The Cloister Garth Room, Exeter Cathedral. The remaining sessions will explore the Four Last Things, and “The Former Advent.” To book a place on the course or for more information, please contact Chris on: cbryango@icloud.com

Twelve Joys of Christmas

The Church of England has produced a booklet entitled the Twelve Joys of Christmas, Meditation for Christmas and the New Year. These helpful booklets are an aid to explore the true meaning of the Christmas Season, which continue until Epiphany. If you are interested in a copy please contact Canon Cate or they will be on the community table.

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

In Conversation with Dr. Bridget Gillard

Sunday 11 January | 6:30pm (refreshments served from 6pm)

This is the story of how a woman, the daughter of a bigamous marriage, with no money, connections or academic background, founded her own religious order which at its height was visited by over 2000 people every year.

Bridget Gillard tells Grace Costin's story with warmth and clarity, highlighting her remarkable journey and the unique community she founded.

Dr. Bridget Gillard was born and grew up in Devon. After studying History of Art at the University of London, she worked and lectured in building conversation in London, Cornwall and Devon. As Executive Secretary of the Devonshire Association, she is privileged to explore the County's unique cultural identity. Join us for a fascinating conversation followed by a short service of compline.

Advent and Christmas 2025

The Exeter Nativity:

Sunday 14 December 4.00pm

Tickets: Please book your free ticket to attend via the QR code or go to <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/events/the-exeter-nativity/>



Lunchtime Carols for everyone:

Tuesday 16 and Thursday 18 December

1.00pm Join in some traditional Christmas carol singing.
Free admission. All welcome

Tuesday 23 December:

6.00pm **Grandisson Service**
Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Please book your free ticket to this service using the QR code below or this link www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/events/grandisson-service-of-lessons-carols/



Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24 December:

12.00noon **Cathedral Crib Service**
A short service for children and their carers

6.00pm **Grandisson Service**

Please book your free ticket to this service using the QR code below or go to www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/events/grandisson-service-of-lessons-carols/

11.00pm **Midnight Mass** sung by the St Peter's Singers

Christmas Day: Thursday 25 December:

8.00am **Holy Communion** said, traditional language

10.00am **Choral Eucharist**
sung by the Cathedral Choir

President and Preacher: The Dean of Exeter

11.45am **Choral Matins** sung by the Cathedral Choir

4.00pm **Choral Evensong** sung by the Cathedral Choir
with carols from the Minstrels' Gallery



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Sunday 07 December

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p49 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Gabriel Chapel
10.00am	Choral Eucharist <i>CW Order 1</i>	Quire
	Advent Prose	
	Mass for three voices <i>William Byrd</i>	
	Jerusalem Surge <i>Heinrich Isaac</i>	

Monday 08

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.15am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Lady Chapel
8.35am	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Lady Chapel
9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	www.zoom.us
12.30pm	Prayers for Healing	St Gabriel Chapel
5.30pm	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Grandisson Chapel

Tuesday 09

8.15am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Quire
9.00am	Zoom Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	www.zoom.us
5.30pm	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Grandisson Chapel

Wednesday 10

8.15am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Quire
9.00am	Zoom Morning Prayer	www.zoom.us
1.15pm	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Grandisson 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)

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07-14 December 2025

Thursday 11

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
5.30pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Grandisson Chapel

Friday 12

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Quire
9.00am	Zoom Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
5.30pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Grandisson Chapel

Saturday 13

Lucy, martyr, 304

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

Sunday 14

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p51 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Gabriel Chapel
10.00am	Choral Eucharist CW Order 1 Advent Prose Missa brevis in G, K.140 'Pastoral' <i>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</i> <i>Benedixisti Domine Josef Rheinberger</i>	Quire
4.00pm	The Exeter Nativity	Nave
6.30pm	Sundays@6.30	Chapter House

The Revd Canon James Mustard – *Canon Precentor*

Timothy Noon – *Director of Music*

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, 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 or deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk ASAP.