



Exeter
Cathedral

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 21 December 2025

10.00am

The Fourth 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 Morwenna Ludlow - *Canon Theologian*

Deacon: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

Subdeacon: The Revd Preb Julian Ould - *Priest Vicar*

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

Music

Mass Setting: Mass for Five Voices *William Byrd (1540-1623)*

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*

Organist: Michael D'Avanzo - *Organ Scholar*

Children's Activities:

Cloister Club is on its Christmas holiday. There will be children's activity sheets available at the back of the Cathedral so please help yourself. We look forward to Cloister Club returning in January.

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

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Newcomer Cards

These are available on the Cathedral Community Table.

Safeguarding

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Organ Music before the Service

The Maydens Song, FVB 126 – *William Byrd (1540-1623)*

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 hea - vens from__ a - bove,__

Full



and let the skies pour__ down right - eous - ness.

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 the fourth candle on the Advent wreath.

The president says

God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

Amen.

*We ask God's blessing on the children of our community during the
Christmas holiday. The congregation says*

**Creator God,
may our Cloister Club know your love.
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

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
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 7:10-16

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
‘All hail!’ said he, ‘thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady.’ *Gloria!***

**For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;
most highly favoured lady.’ *Gloria!***

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
‘To me be as it pleaseth God,’ she said,
‘my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name:
most highly favoured lady.’ *Gloria!***

**Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
‘Most highly favoured lady.’ *Gloria!***

Words: Basque Carol, paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Tune: Gabriel’s Message, arr. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)

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

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

All sing the Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

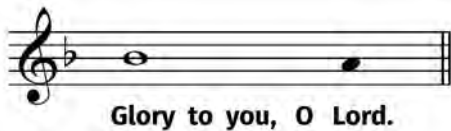
Matthew 1:18-25

The deacon says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

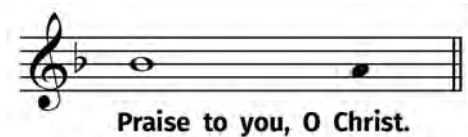
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

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

**Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.**

**2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.**

**3. Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.**

**4. Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.**

Words: G.B. Timms (1910-1997)

Tune: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

Prayer over the gifts

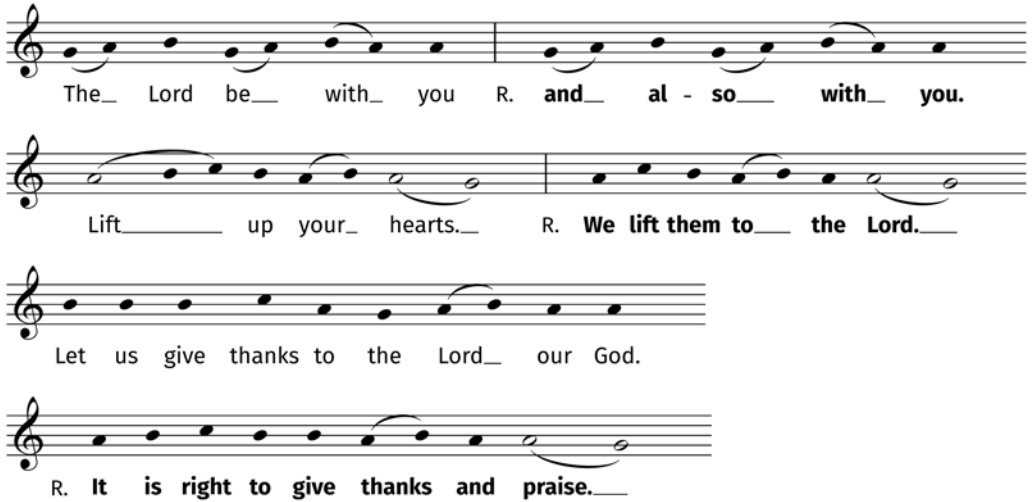
The congregation remains standing. The president says

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.
 He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
 whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.
 John the Baptist was his herald
 and made him known when at last he came.
 In his love Christ fills us with joy
 as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
 so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,
 our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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. If you wish to receive a blessing **please bring this booklet and hold it up to indicate this.** Please do not dip the host in the wine. Gluten-free hosts are available—simply say “gluten-free.”*

Agnus Dei

The choir sings

Agnus Dei,	<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>
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

The choir sings

Softly sleeping, sent from heaven,
Shining light against the cold,
You will renew me, waken my soul.
Bring me out of darkness and waken my soul.

Word of God born in darkness,
Gift of wisdom from afar,
You will refresh me, open my heart:
Bring me out of darkness and open my heart.

And may Your light burn in me;
May Your love endless be.
May You be always with me.

Child of God, sleeping Saviour,
As You rest my world awaits,
Needing forgiveness,
Needing Your Kindness.

Now You have found me,
Waken my soul.
Bring me out of darkness and waken my soul.

Words and Music: Will Todd (b.1970)

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

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,	2. Every eye shall now behold him
once for favoured sinners slain;	robed in dreadful majesty;
thousand thousand saints attending	those who set at naught and sold him,
swell the triumph of his train:	pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
Alleluia!	deeply wailing,
God appears on earth to reign.	shall the true Messiah see.

**3. Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**4. Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Helmsley (collected by Thomas Olivers, c.1763)

Organ Voluntary

Magnificat noni toni, BuxWV 205 – *Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

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

For your prayers

Those who are sick or in need:

Marion Newbery, Rachel, Ian Marfell, Sarah Huxtable, Rosemarie, Dallas Capsey, Penny Endersby, Rosemary Henry, Olivia Parkinson, Sarah, Ann, John Bowers, John Massey, Nikki Cann, Jonathan Bush

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

Anniversaries of Death: Malcolm Walker, John Cowling

Readings next Sunday (28 December 2025 10am The Eucharist, The First Sunday of Christmas): Hebrews 2:10-end; Matthew 2:13-end

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

Funeral of Mary Leary: Monday 12 January at 11am in the Lady Chapel. All are welcome.

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

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Christmas Community Quiz Sheet

These are available to take away and work your way through. Solve as many as you can, and submit your completed sheet for a chance to win the £30 cash prize. Entries are £2 per sheet (proceeds to the Cathedral Sound System Appeal) and are available from the Cathedral Shop, card payments are accepted. The deadline for entries is Sunday 24th January 2026. We hope to announce the winner from Sunday 1st February. Completed sheets can be returned to the Cathedral Shop, or you can email a scanned copy to jake_hibberd@hotmail.co.uk

In Conversation with Dr. Bridget Gillard

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

Bridget Gillard tells Grace Costin's story, highlighting her journey and the community she founded. After studying History of Art at the University of London, she worked and lectured in building conversation in London, Cornwall and Devon. Join us for a conversation followed by a short service of compline.

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.** Refreshments will be

available. Please email: richard.burridge@manchester.ac.uk to register for either the afternoon or evening

**Installation of Canon Chris Palmer as Dean of Winchester
– Coach Trip from Exeter to Winchester**



Join Dean Jonathan and members of the congregation on the coach from Exeter to Winchester for the Installation of Canon Chris Palmer as Dean of Winchester on **Sunday 15 March**

2026. The coach will depart Exeter at 10.15am from South Street arriving in time for the 3.00pm service at Winchester. We will return by coach at 5.30pm, arriving back in Exeter at approximately 8.30pm. Tickets cost £20 per person. All are warmly invited to come along and support this significant and joyful occasion in the life of both Cathedrals. Please do book quickly as spaces are limited. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/exetercathedral/t-njovmka> or via the QR code

Advent and Christmas 2025

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

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Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24 December:

12.00noon

Cathedral Crib Service

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

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



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Sunday 21

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p52 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Gabriel Chapel
10.00am	Choral Eucharist <i>CW Order 1</i> Advent Prose Mass for five voices <i>William Byrd</i> Softly sleeping <i>Will Todd</i>	Quire
4.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>BCP</i> <i>Charles Wood</i> in E flat number two This have I done for my true love <i>Gustav Holst</i>	Psalm 113 Quire Responses <i>Bernard Rose</i> Hymns 161, 3 Chapter House
6.30pm	Sundays@6.30	

Monday 22

O Rex Gentium

8.15am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Quire
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 23

O Emmanuel

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
6.00pm	Grandisson: a service of lessons and carols	Nave and Quire

Wednesday 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

8.15am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Quire
9.00am	Zoom Morning Prayer	www.zoom.us
12.00	Crib Service	Nave
noon		
1.15pm	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Quire
6.00pm	Grandisson: a service of lessons and carols	Nave and Quire
11.00pm	Choral Eucharist <i>CW Order 1</i> Up! Good christen folk, and listen <i>Trad. arr. Woodward</i> Messe de Minuit pour Noël <i>Marc-Antoine Charpentier</i> In the bleak midwinter <i>Gustav Holst arr. Mack Wilberg</i>	Nave

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

Zoom Morning Prayer: www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 99638985011, Passcode: 1F0puR

BCP – Book of Common Prayer (1662)

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Thursday 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p54 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
10.00am	Choral Eucharist <i>CW Order 1</i> Missa Sancti Nicolai <i>Franz Joseph Haydn</i> Hodie Christus natus est <i>Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck</i>	Nave
11.45am	Choral Matins <i>BCP</i> Psalms 110, 117 Morning service in B-flat <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i> On this Day Earth shall Ring <i>Haldane Campbell Stewart</i>	Quire Responses <i>Bernard Rose</i>
4.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>BCP</i> Psalm 8 O magnum mysterium <i>Morten Lauridsen</i> Ding dong merrily on high <i>Trad, arr. Charles Wood</i> Dum silentium tenerent omnia <i>Guillaume Bouzignac</i> Long the night Ukrainian carol, <i>arr. Roy Massey</i>	Nave Responses <i>Bernard Rose</i>

Friday 26

St Stephen, deacon, martyr

9.00am	Zoom Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	www.zoom.us
11.00am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Quire
11.20am	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Quire
3.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Quire

Saturday 27

10.00am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Quire
10.20am	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Quire
3.00pm	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Quire

Sunday 28

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p61 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Gabriel Chapel
10.00am	The Eucharist <i>CW Order 1</i> Mass of St Thomas <i>David Thorne</i>	Quire
4.00pm	Congregational Evensong <i>BCP</i>	Quire
The Revd Canon James Mustard – <i>Canon Precentor</i>		
Timothy Noon – <i>Director of Music</i>		



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