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# Choral Eucharist

Sunday 25 January 2026

10.00am

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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 Canon Deborah Parsons - *Canon Chancellor*

Deacon: The Revd Canon Ian Morter - *Priest Vicar*

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

Preacher: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

## **Music**

Mass Setting: The Truro Eucharist - *David Briggs (b1962)*

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*

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

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## **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.

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## Music before the service

Deo Gracias: Grand Plein Jeu *Mary Beth Bennett b1954*

## Order of service

### The Gathering

#### Introit

*The congregation remains seated. The choir sings*

Beati quorum via integra est: qui ambulant in lege Domini

*Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way :  
and walk in the law of the Lord.*

*Words: Psalm 119:1*

*Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

#### Hymn

*The congregation stands and sings*

**We sing the glorious conquest**

**before Damascus' gate,**

**when Saul, the Church's spoiler,  
came breathing threats and hate;**

**the ravening wolf rushed forward  
full early to the prey;**

**but lo! the Shepherd met him,  
and bound him fast to-day!**

**2. O Glory most excelling**

**that smote across his path!**

**O Light that pierced and blinded  
the zealot in his wrath!**

**O Voice that spake within him  
the calm reproving word!**

**O Love that sought and held him  
the bondman of his Lord!**

**3 O Wisdom, ordering all things**

**in order strong and sweet,**

**what nobler spoil was ever  
cast at the Victor's feet?**

**What wiser master-builder  
e'er wrought at thine employ,**

**than he, till now so furious  
thy building to destroy?**

**4 Lord, teach thy Church the lesson,**

**still in her darkest hour**

**of weakness and of danger  
to trust thy hidden power.**

**Thy grace by ways mysterious  
the wrath of man can bind,**

**and in thy boldest foeman  
thy chosen saint can find!**

*Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)*

*Tune: King's Lynn, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

## 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*

We were once dead through the trespasses and sins in which we lived,  
but now we are alive together with Christ.

Through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father,  
to whom we humbly confess our sins.

*cf Ephesians 2.1,5,18*

*The congregation remains standing and says*

**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*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace,  
good will 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, Jesus Christ:

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon 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 the Most High,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **The Collect**

*The congregation remains standing as the president invites us to pray*

Almighty God,

who caused the light of the gospel

to shine throughout the world

through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:

grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion

may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;

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**

Acts 9:1-22

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So



Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

*The congregation stands and sings*

**A heavenly splendour from on high,  
a light too great for mortal eye,  
deprives the hunter of his prey  
and turns his threatening wrath away.**

**In darkened eyes, an inward light  
begins to shine upon his sight,  
as in his heart he hears the call  
to follow, and surrender all.**

**The Christ, for sinners crucified,  
whose risen power he had denied,  
now claims this servant for his own,  
and bids him make the gospel known.**

**The nations listen to his voice,  
and in the peace of Christ rejoice;  
the Church on earth his praises sing,  
who led the Gentiles to their King.**

**Blest Paul, the convert of the Lord,  
may heaven's light to us afford  
a blindness to the lures of sin,  
that we with thee a crown may win.**

**To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
from saints on earth and saints in heaven,  
let everlasting praise be given. Amen.**

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

*Tune: St Petersburg, D.S. Borniansky (1752-1825)*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*The congregation remains standing and turns to face the deacon.*

*The acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*

*The choir sings the Alleluia, then all repeat it.*



*The cantor sings:*

Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

*All sing the Alleluia.*

## **Gospel Reading**

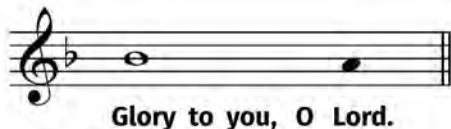
Matthew 19:27-end

*The deacon says*

The Lord be with you.

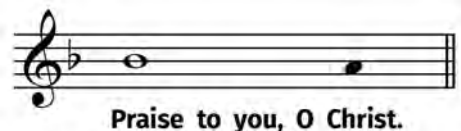
**And also with you.**

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



Peter said to Jesus:, “Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my name’s sake will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*The congregation sits.*

# **Sermon**

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

## **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*

Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.  
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*

**Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth,  
who chooseth for thine the weak and the poor,  
to frail earthen vessels, and things of no worth,  
entrusting thy riches which ay shall endure;**

**Throughout the wide world their message is heard,  
and swift as the wind it circles the earth;  
it echoes the voice of the heavenly Word,  
and brings unto mortals the hope of new birth.**

**Their cry thunders forth, "Christ Jesus is Lord,  
then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall:  
as when those shrill trumpets were raised at thy word,  
and one long blast shattered proud Jericho's wall.**

**O loud be the call, and stirring the sound,  
to rouse us, O Lord, from sin's deadly sleep;  
may lights which thou kindlest in darkness around,  
the dull soul awaken, her vigil to keep.**

**All honour and praise, dominion and might,  
to thee, Three in One, eternally be,  
who pouring around us thy glorious light,  
dost call us from darkness thy glory to see.**

*Words: Latin J.B. de Santeuil (1630-1697)*

*Tr Isaac Williams (1802-1865)*

*Tune: Old 104th, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

## **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.

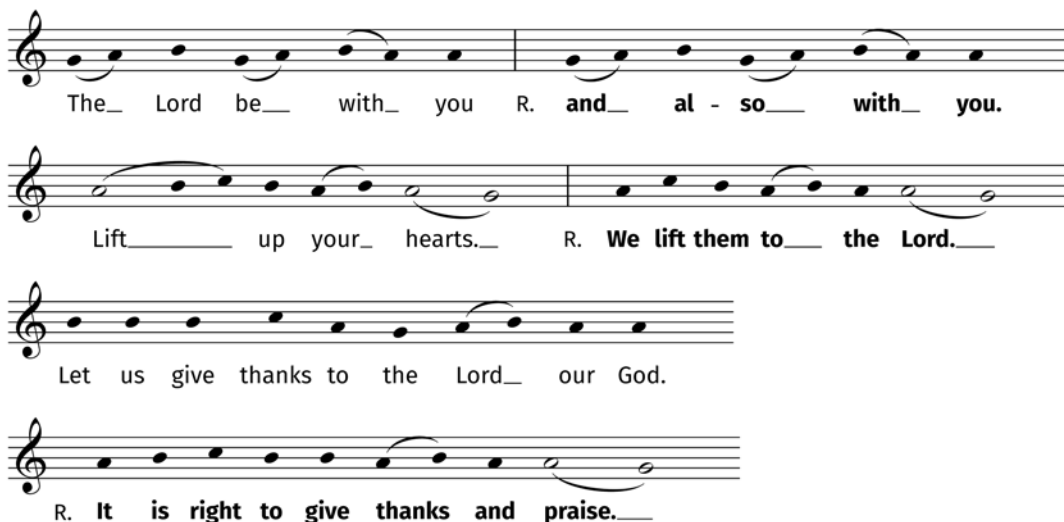
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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,  
our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For on this day he called to his service  
the blasphemer and persecutor of your Church.  
Saul, who had resisted your grace,  
became Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.  
Because he was faithful and true in his ministry,  
you made him an example of patient service,  
to instruct in the way of eternal life  
all those who heard his preaching and believed your word.



Now, therefore, he who became your chosen instrument  
for the salvation of the nations  
has made us also eager to proclaim your mercy,  
and sing in union with all the powers of heaven  
the joyful hymn of your praise:

*The choir sings:*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*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 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*

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

## **Anthem**

*The choir sings*

Look up, sweet Babe, look up and see!  
For love of thee, though far from home,  
The East is come to seek herself in thy sweet eyes.  
To thee thou day of night! thou East of West!  
Lo, we at last have found the way  
To thee, the world's great universal East,  
The general and indifferent day.

*Words: A Hymn for the Epiphany, Richard Crashaw c.1646*

*Music: Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The president says*

Let us pray.

*The congregation stands and says*

**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.**

May Christ who called Paul to his service,  
and to preach the good news to the world,  
strengthen you to witness to his grace and love.  
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*

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| <b>We have a gospel to proclaim,<br/>good news for men in all the earth,<br/>the gospel of a Saviour's name:<br/>we sing his glory, tell his worth.</b>   | <b>4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn,<br/>empty the tomb, for he was free:<br/>he broke the power of death and hell<br/>that we might share his victory.</b> |
| <b>2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,<br/>not in a royal house or hall,<br/>but in a stable dark and dim:<br/>the Word made flesh, a light for all.</b>   | <b>5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,<br/>by all creation glorified:<br/>he sends his Spirit on his Church,<br/>to live for him, the Lamb who died.</b>   |
| <b>3. Tell of his death at Calvary,<br/>hated by those he came to save,<br/>in lonely suffering on the cross:<br/>for all he loved, his life he gave.</b> | <b>6. Now we rejoice to name him King:<br/>Jesus is Lord of all the earth.<br/>This gospel message we proclaim;<br/>we sing his glory, tell his worth.</b>      |

*Words: Edward Burns (1938)*

*Tune: Fulda, William Garinder c.1815*

## Voluntary

*Toccata 'Nu la oss takke Gud' - Egil Hovland (1924-2013)*

*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**

**Please pray for** Staff, pupils and parents of Exeter Cathedral School.

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

Steve Clark, Robert Shrimpton, Ruth Bennett, Marion Newbery,  
Sarah Huxtable, Rosemarie, Penny Endersby, Rosemary Henry,  
Olivia Parkinson, Sarah, Ann, John Bowers, John, Nikki Cann, Jonathan Bush

**Departed:** Marian Hardwicke, Douglas Brodie, Patrick Jefferson Hughes,  
Michael Woodcock, Sandra Nicholson, Ian Marfell, Jean Scriven,  
Christopher Cooper

**Anniversaries of Death:** Wilfred Reynolds, Peter Johnson

**Readings next Sunday** (01 February 2026 10.00am Choral Eucharist,  
(Candlemas): Hebrews 2:14-end; Luke 2:22-40

## **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

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## **Christmas Community Quiz Deadline for Entries - TODAY**

The deadline for submitting completed quiz sheets is **TODAY**. Please make sure these are returned either to the Cathedral Shop, or you can submit a photo/ scanned copy using the contact details on the quiz sheet.

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

Registrations are now re-opened for those who would like to join in the main five weeks of the course. This course will take place at the Baptist Church, 25 South Street, Exeter, EX1 1EB (and 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](mailto:richard.burridge@manchester.ac.uk) to register for either the afternoon or evening, and whether attending in person or online. You will then be sent further details.

## **In Conversation with Tim Mirfin**

Sunday 8 February 2026 at 6:30pm in the Chapter House | Refreshments served from 6pm

Join Bass Soloist, Tim Mirfin, for a fascinating talk on ‘The Opera Singer Phenomenon – how (and why) do they make that noise?’

The talk is liberally illustrated with pictures, video and sound, both live and recorded, and is likely to involve a small (unstressful) amount of audience participation. It is designed to entertain and interest those to whom opera has not appealed as well as the ardent fan. All are welcome to join us, no booking required.

Tim read Law at Cambridge and studied postgraduate singing at the Royal Academy of Music and National Opera Studio. He lives in Devon with his family, pets and chickens. As well as solo work, he teaches singing, gives choral and vocal masterclasses, lectures on opera and the voice, and runs a local community choir.

**Cathedral Community Shrove Tuesday party:** Tuesday 17 February, save the date. More details to be published in due course.



## **Prideaux Lecture 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Professor Luke Bretherton, Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, University of Oxford

*Imago Dei, Political Economy, and the Commons*

Lecture: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 6:30pm, University of Exeter, Streatham Campus, Newman Purple Lecture Room. Drinks reception from 6pm. (Please register via the QR code at least 48 hours in advance if you wish to attend on-line.)



**Canon Chris Palmer's last Sunday.** On Sunday 1 March Chris will preside at the 10am Eucharist, and the Dean will preach. The main farewell and thanks will be at and after Evensong at 4pm the same day. Chris will preach, and the service will be followed by a reception, with thank yous. Please do come along. Please send a donation towards a thank you gift for Chris either to the Finance Department, Cathedral Office, 1 The Cloisters, Exeter EX1 1HS, or donate via BACS. The bank details are – Dean and Chapter of Exeter, Sort Code: 56-00-49 Account Number: 00708526, using the reference Palmer. If you send a donation by post, please mark the envelope 'Chris Palmer Gift' and make cheques payable to 'The Dean and Chapter of Exeter.'

**'As our Saviour has taught us': Lenten reflections on The Lord's Prayer**  
**Canons Theologian Sue Gillingham and Morwenna Ludlow** reflect on the prayer which is central to Christian tradition. So as to be accessible to as many people as possible these talks will be on Zoom and they will be recorded.

**'New Light on Familiar Words', Sue Gillingham. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 7pm on Zoom:**

Meeting ID: 976 8309 5249; Password: 946920

'Pray in this way...' Jesus says to his disciples before he offers them the words we now know as The Lord's Prayer. Few, however, realize the depths of its Jewish roots: almost every phrase is found in the Hebrew Scriptures. By adding new insights, Sue will challenge your understanding of this extraordinary prayer and offer new ways in which you might 'pray in this way'.



# Exeter Cathedral

## Sunday 25

## THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p202 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Gabriel Chapel
10.00am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b> <i>CW Order 1</i> <i>Beati quorum via Charles Villiers Stanford</i> <i>The Truro Eucharist David Briggs</i> <i>Look up, sweet babe Lennox Berkeley</i>	Nave
4.00pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i>  <i>Hugh Blair in B minor</i> <i>Lo, star-led chiefs William Crotch</i>	Psalm 119 (41-56)  Responses <i>Humphrey Clucas</i> Hymns 154ii, 486

## Monday 26

## Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul

8.15am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	<a href="http://www.zoom.us">www.zoom.us</a>
12.30pm	Prayers for Healing	
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i>  <i>George Dyson in F</i> <i>Small wonder Paul Edwards</i>	Psalm 119 (145-176)  Responses <i>Humphrey Clucas</i>

## Tuesday 27

8.15am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	<a href="http://www.zoom.us">www.zoom.us</a>
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i>  <i>Ernest Moeran in D</i> <i>Bethlehem Down Peter Warlock</i>	Psalms 126-131  Responses <i>William Smith</i>

## Wednesday 28

## Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher, 1274.

8.15am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	<a href="http://www.zoom.us">www.zoom.us</a>
1.15pm	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i> <i>The Very Revd Jonathan Greener – Dean</i> <i>The Revd Canon James Mustard – Canon Precentor</i> <i>Timothy Noon – Director of Music</i>	Lady Chapel

# 25 January-01 February 2026

## Thursday 29

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong BCP</b>	Psalm 142, 143 Quire

*Edmund Rubbra* in A flat  
 Evening Hymn of King Charles I *Henry Ley*  
 Charles, king and martyr, 1649  
 Responses  
*William Smith*

## Friday 30

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong BCP</b>	Psalm 147, 148 Quire

*Edward Naylor* in A  
*Videntes stellam Francis Poulenc*  
 Responses  
*William Smith*

## Saturday 31

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Quire
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Quire
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	Psalms 149, 150 Quire
	<i>BCP sung by Schola Exe</i>	
	<i>Ely Canticles Ben Parry</i>	Responses
	<i>For the beauty of the earth John Rutter</i>	<i>Plainsong</i>
		Hymn 338

## Sunday 01

### THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP p205 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Gabriel Chapel
10.00am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b> CW Order 1	Nave
	<i>Senex puerum portabat à 5 William Byrd</i>	
	<i>A Canterbury Mass Philip Moore</i>	
	<i>When to the temple Mary went Johannes Eccard</i>	
4.00pm	<b>Choral Evensong BCP</b>	Psalms 122, 132 Quire
	<i>Francis Jackson</i> in G	Responses
	<i>Christ, whose glory fills the skies Thomas Armstrong</i>	<i>William Smith</i>

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)

**We are bold to say...’, Morwenna Ludlow. Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 7pm on Zoom.**

Meeting ID: 985 5592 4126; Password: 584096

The Lord’s Prayer is introduced in Anglican liturgy with some traditional words ‘Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us’ or ‘As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say’. What is meant by this idea of confidence or boldness and where did the phrases come from? Morwenna will turn to early teaching on the Lord’s Prayer to explore these words of introduction and to shed light on the familiar words of the prayer itself.

**Installation of Canon Chris Palmer as Dean of Winchester –  
Coach Trip from Exeter to Winchester: Sunday 15 March  
2026**



Canon Chris Palmer will be installed as Dean of Winchester on Sunday 15 March. All are warmly invited to come along and support this significant and joyful occasion in the life of both Cathedrals. Coach travel from Exeter to Winchester is available at a cost of £18.50 per person (plus booking fee).

Please book your ticket at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/exetercathedral/canon-chris-palmers-installation-coach-travel-to-winchester/e-xpxdvq> or via the QR code above.

For those intending to come to the service in Winchester, but not coming in the coach, please email Tina Robbins to let her know, so that seating can be reserved ([tina.robbens@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:tina.robbens@exeter-cathedral.org.uk))

**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](mailto:james.mustard@exeter-cathedral.org.uk) or [deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk) ASAP.