



Exeter
Cathedral

Spring
2026

What's On

at Exeter Cathedral

Discover More this Season

Welcome to Exeter Cathedral and our sensational Spring calendar of world-class events, performances and activities. Exeter Cathedral Choir begins the season with an atmospheric Candlelight Concert, performing classic choral music. On Palm Sunday afternoon the Cathedral Choir is joined by early music specialists, Devon Baroque, for a performance of Bach's *St John Passion*. In May, another group of brave individuals will abseil down the Cathedral's 140ft (43 metres) North Tower to raise much needed funds to help conserve the Cathedral for future generations. Plus, find all the information on Holy Week and Easter services at Exeter Cathedral, and so much more.

How to Book...

Tickets for events can be booked online.

Online:

Go to www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/
or scan the QR code below.



Palm Sunday 29 March at 4pm



St JOHN
PASSION

with Exeter Cathedral Choir & Devon Baroque

Exeter Cathedral Choir & Devon Baroque perform *St John Passion* - JS Bach's retelling of the Crucifixion of Jesus. Tickets via [exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on](https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on)

March



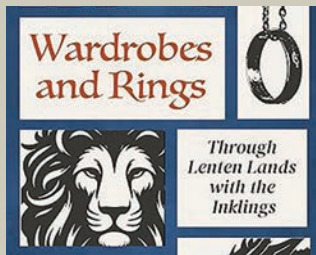
Saturday 7 March
7pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Candlelight Concert with Exeter Cathedral Choir

Exeter Cathedral Choir perform a candlelight concert in the magnificent surrounds of Exeter Cathedral. Bring your cushions, camping chairs and blankets, and follow the world-class Choir of Exeter Cathedral as they lead you through our awe-inspiring Gothic cathedral, performing atmospheric musical masterpieces.

Tickets from £5 via [exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on](https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on)



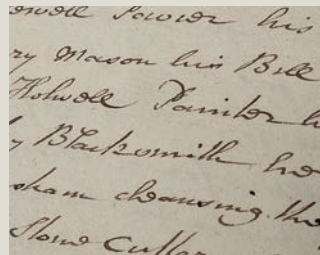
Sunday 8 March
6:30pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

In Conversation with Julia Golding

We will be joined by Julia Golding for our March 'In Conversation With' event. Julia will be discussing her book *Wardrobes and Rings: Through Lenten Lands with the Inklings*. Refreshments at 6pm.

No booking required. This event will take place in the Chapter House and will be followed by a short service of Compline.



Monday 9 March
Drop in between 1pm & 3pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Library & Archives In Focus: 'Women's Work'

Hatter, seamstress, blacksmith, glazier, librarian, and Chapter Canon are among the working roles - both "traditional" and more unexpected - occupied by women at the Cathedral over the centuries. Join us at this month's In Focus pop-up display to find out more.

This is a free drop-in event and will take place in the Exeter Cathedral Library & Archives.



Saturday 14 March
7:30pm

Exeter Philharmonic Choir: Solomon

Come and experience the drama, grandeur and beauty of Handel's rarely performed masterpiece *Solomon*, including the sparkling 'Arrival of the Queen of Sheba'.

Tickets from £16 via exerphilharmonic.org.uk or telephone 0333 666 3366



Tuesday 17 March
2pm-4pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Reading the Reformation at Exeter Cathedral

Join us to discover stories of the Reformation in the Library and Archives and to take a closer look at evidence of the impact on the Cathedral building and decoration.

Tours begin in the Cathedral and end in the Cathedral Library and Archives. Places are limited. Booking is essential. Tickets £20 via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on



Thursday 19 March
7pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Lenten reflection on The Lord's Prayer

Canon Theologian Sue Gillingham reflects on the prayer which is central to the Christian tradition.

This free talk will take place on Zoom. Joining information at exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on

Saturday 21 March
7:30pm

Devon Philharmonic Orchestra

Devon Philharmonic performs Verdi's *Force of Destiny Overture*, Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on a theme of Thomas Tallis*, and more.

Tickets from £5 via devonphilharmonicorchestra.co.uk

Thursday 26 March
7pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Lenten reflection on The Lord's Prayer

Canon Theologian Morwenna Ludlow reflects on the prayer which is central to the Christian tradition.

This free talk will take place on Zoom. Joining information at exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on

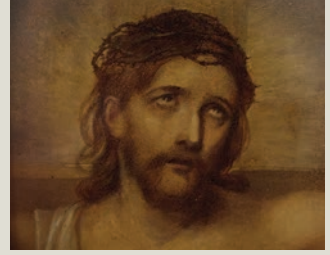


Friday 27 March
7:30pm

Devon Youth Orchestras Spring Concert

The concert features orchestral classics, dramatic film themes, and performances by Devon Youth Orchestras, plus soloists and smaller ensembles from within the orchestras.

Tickets from £5 via devonyouthorchestras.org



Sunday 29 March
4pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

St John Passion with Exeter Cathedral Choir & Devon Baroque

Join Exeter Cathedral Choir and Devon Baroque for a spectacular performance of *St John Passion* - JS Bach's monumental retelling of the Crucifixion of Jesus.

Tickets from £5 via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on

Holy Week & Easter Services

All are welcome to join us for our services across Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday - Sunday 29 March

9:45am Choral Eucharist beginning with the liturgy of palms.
Service to include the reading of the Matthew Passion.

4pm St John Passion by JS Bach

Performance by Exeter Cathedral Choir & Devon Baroque
Tickets via [exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on](https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on)

Monday 30, Tuesday 31 March & Wednesday 1 April

7pm Service with Address by The Very Rev'd Jonathan Greener,
Dean of Exeter, and Compline

Maundy Thursday - Thursday 2 April

10:30am Diocesan Chrism Service, **7:30pm** The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

Good Friday - Friday 3 April

10am CTAX Good Friday Service, **1:30pm** The Liturgy of Good Friday,
7:30pm John Stainer's *The Crucifixion* with University of Exeter Chapel Choir

Easter Day - Sunday 5 April

6am Easter Vigil, **8am** Holy Communion, **10am** Choral Eucharist
11:45am Choral Matins, **4pm** Choral Evensong

Easter Monday - Monday 6 April

11:30am Solemn Eucharist, **3pm** Choral Evensong
Services sung by Exeter Cathedral Choir & Old Choristers' Associaton

April



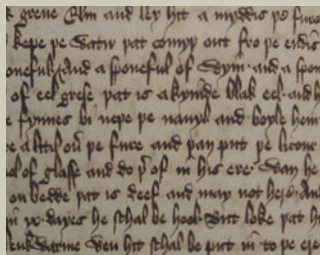
3-7 April
During Cathedral opening times

Exeter Cathedral Event

Easter Holiday Family Activities

During the Easter holidays there will be family friendly activities taking place at Exeter Cathedral, including workshops on particular days, for a small charge.

General entry into the Cathedral for children is free with an accompanying paying adult. Please visit exeter-cathedral.org.uk for the full list of workshop dates and times.



Wednesday 15 April
2pm-4:30pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

A Friendly Introduction to Palaeography: Reading Some 14th Century Medical Remedies

Based exclusively on records in the Cathedral Library & Archives, this workshop is a chance to learn about 14th century medical and culinary recipes and have a go at reading and transcribing some.

Booking essential. Tickets £10 via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on

Thursday 16 April
2pm-4pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Hands on History – What are Archives?

If you're aged 14-18 and curious about history, stories, and how the past connects to the present, this workshop is for you. Join us for an interactive afternoon in the Cathedral Archives, where you'll go behind the scenes to discover how archives work. You'll get hands-on with original documents, learn how records are preserved, and find out how archives bring history to life for visitors today.

Tickets £5. Spaces are limited. Please get in touch with Ella Barber, Youth Engagement Officer, to express your interest: ella.barber@exeter-cathedral.org.uk



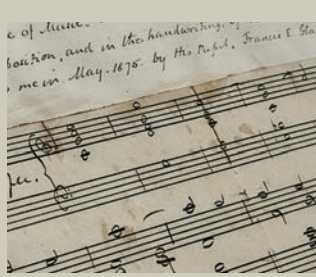
Saturday 18 April
between 1pm & 3pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

An Opportunity to Wonder and Wander and Walk the Labyrinth

A labyrinth is, a journey to the centre, a winding pilgrim path that is walked prayerfully and reflectively. There is no one way to use the labyrinth; each person experiences this pilgrimage in a different way.

This event is included in standard Cathedral admission.



Wednesday 22 April
Drop in between 1pm & 3pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Library & Archives In Focus – SS Wesley: Life, Music & Legacy at Exeter Cathedral

Marking 150 years since Samuel Sebastian Wesley's death, this pop-up display celebrates the legacy and reforming vision of one of England's - and Exeter Cathedral's - most celebrated organists and composers.

This is a free event and will take place in the Exeter Cathedral Library & Archives.



Friday 24 April
10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Shakespeare and his Contemporaries

Step into the world of Shakespeare at the Cathedral Library and Archives! Come and celebrate the South West Shakespeare Festival 2026 at our special pop-up display of Shakespeare and the brilliant writers and thinkers.

Tickets are free. Booking is essential. This event takes place in the Exeter Cathedral Library & Archive. Book your time slot via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on

Friday 24 April
7:30pm

Radiohead Reimagined by Candlelight

A groundbreaking show by London Concertante that reimagines Radiohead.

Tickets from £26.60 via
londonconcertante.com

Tuesday 28 April
2pm-3pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Art of the Book: Illustration in Early Printed Books

Explore illustration techniques from woodcuts to lithographs and how text and image convey meaning.

This is a small group workshop. Booking is essential. Tickets £20 via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on

Thursday 30 April
7:30pm

The Music of Westlife by Candlelight

Featuring a sensational cast of world-class vocalists and an incredible live band, get ready to relive the magic of Westlife's biggest hits.

Tickets from £10
via boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com

Friday 1 May
7:30pm

Motown By Candlelight

Motown by Candlelight is coming to Exeter Cathedral and is guaranteed to have you dancing in the street.

Tickets from £10
via boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com



Saturday 2 May
7:30pm

The Music of ABBA by Candlelight

Featuring the UK's leading ABBA Tribute *ABBA Reunion*, this euphoric sing-along concert is packed to the rafters with legendary ABBA hits, guaranteed to leave you dancing in the aisles!

Tickets from £10
via boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com

May



Thursday 7 May
6pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

In the Library With Gerard's Herball

Join the Cathedral Librarian for a unique opportunity to experience John Gerard's magnificent *Herball or Generall Historie of Plantes*.

This is a small group workshop. Booking is essential. Tickets £20 via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on



Saturday 9 May
9am-3pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Exeter Cathedral Abseil

Come and watch a group of brave individuals as they abseil down the 140-foot (43 metres) Norman North Tower of Exeter Cathedral to raise funds for the continued conservation of this wonderful historic building.

It is free to come and support the Exeter Cathedral Abseilers. To sign up to the abseil, visit bit.ly/cathedral-abseil



Saturday 9 May
11am-4pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Exeter Independent Market

Soak up the unique atmosphere of Cathedral Green with live music from local performers, while discovering a rich variety of our region's finest makers and traders.

This is a free event, no booking required.

Sunday 10 May
6:30pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

In Conversation with Dr Alison Perham

Alison joins us to discuss the question: Is it helpful to talk about dying?
Refreshments at 6pm.

No booking required. This event will take place in the Chapter House and will be followed by a short service of Compline.

Monday 11 May
1:30pm

Lunchtime Recital with Gresley Male Voice Choir

Enjoy a recital with Gresley Male Voice Choir.

This performance is included in standard Cathedral entry.



Tuesday 12 May
2pm-4pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Medicine in the Making

The Cathedral Library is home to nearly 3000 early works of medicine and science. Join us to discover key moments of medical development in the Library and Archives and to take a closer look at monuments to Exeter's medical history within the Cathedral.

Tours begin in the Cathedral and end in the Cathedral Library and Archives. Places are limited and booking is essential. Tickets £20 via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on

Friday 15 May
7:30pm

A Night at the Opera by Candlelight

Enjoy London Concertante performing an evening of opera with an array of arias and overtures, by Puccini, Verdi, Rossini and Mozart.

Tickets from £36.60 via londonconcertante.com

Saturday 16 May
1:30pm

Lunchtime Recital with Devon and Cornwall County Junior Choirs

Enjoy a performance with County Junior Choirs from Devon and Cornwall.

This performance is included in standard Cathedral entry.



Sunday 17 May
6pm

Thy Kingdom Come

Join us for a landmark gathering of worship, reflection, and intercession as part of the global 'Thy Kingdom Come' movement. This year, our focus turns to the prophetic power of young voices.

This is a free event. Please book your free ticket to attend. Tickets via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on

Wednesday 20 May
2pm-4pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

A Friendly Introduction to Palaeography: Reading 17th & 18th Century Apprenticeship Indentures

Based exclusively on records in the Cathedral Library & Archives, this beginner's workshop is a chance to learn about the Cathedral's historical apprenticeship records and have a go at reading and transcribing some of them.

This event will take place in the Exeter Cathedral Library & Archives. Booking is essential. Tickets £10 via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on

Thursday 21 May
Drop in between 1pm & 3pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Library & Archives In Focus: The Cathedral's registers of baptisms, marriages and burials

The Cathedral Archives holds the registers which record baptisms, marriages and burials at the Cathedral from the 1590s onwards. From royalty to the music hall, join us for this exploration of just a few of the stories behind people who appear in those registers.

This is a free event and will take place in the Exeter Cathedral Library & Archives.



Friday 22 May
1pm

Iryna Ilnytska Lunchtime Concert

Enjoy a special lunchtime charity concert with mezzo soprano, Iryna Ilnytska. Iryna will be performing arias by Rossini, Verdi, Bizet and Wagner, as well as spectacular piano solos from Pianist, Tim Laurence-Othen.

This is a charity concert raising funds to support Ukraine. This performance is included in standard Cathedral entry.



Saturday 23 May
Between 1pm & 3pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

An Opportunity to Wonder and Wander and Walk the Labyrinth

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This event is included in standard Cathedral admission.



25-29 May during
Cathedral opening hours

Exeter Cathedral Event

May Half Term Family Activities

Join us for our May Half Term Family Activities including making willow shapes and nature-themed crafts. An activity will take place each day during the holidays, each for a small charge.

See [exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on](https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on) for more details.

Wednesday 27 May
2pm-4pm

Exeter Cathedral Event

Hands on History - Medieval History

Are you aged 14-18 and curious about medieval history? Discover how history is preserved in centuries-old records and uncover stories of medieval kings, bishops, Cathedral-builders and others. You will get a behind-the-scenes look at rare archival materials and early printed books that will truly bring the medieval world to life.

Tickets £5. Spaces are limited. Please get in touch with Ella Barber, Youth Engagement Officer, to express your interest: ella.barber@exeter-cathedral.org.uk



Services at Exeter Cathedral

Life at Exeter Cathedral is underpinned by inclusive daily worship and prayer throughout the year, often accompanied by our world-class choir and organists. British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation is available at our 10am Eucharist service on the first Sunday of each month.

Monday - Saturday

Morning Prayer: 8:15am

Eucharist: 8:35am

Morning Prayer (on Zoom): 9am

Choral Evensong: 5:30pm

Wednesday: Evening Prayer, 5:30pm

Sundays

Holy Communion: 8am

Morning Prayer: 9am

Choral Eucharist: 10am

Choral Evensong: 4pm

For more information about our daily schedule of regular services head to bit.ly/exeter-worship, or scan the QR code.





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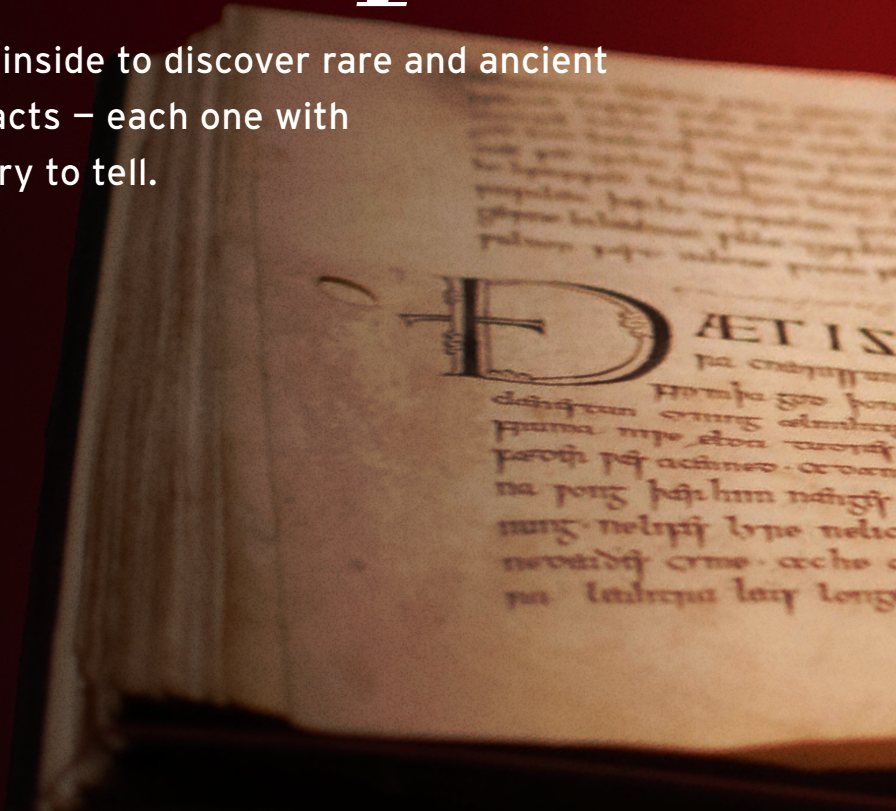
ADVENTURE!

Saturday 9 May 2026

Brave enough to abseil 140ft (43 metres) down Exeter Cathedral's North Norman Tower? Conquer your fears to help conserve this wonderful historic building!

Treasures Exhibition: *Now Open*

Step inside to discover rare and ancient artifacts – each one with a story to tell.



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The Treasures Exhibition is included in
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Find out more at:

bit.ly/treasures-exhibition

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