



Exeter  
Cathedral

# Confirmation and Holy Communion

Sunday 17 May 2026

10am

The Right Reverend Doctor Mike Harrison  
*Bishop of Exeter*

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## **Welcome to Exeter 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.

## **Confirmation**

Confirmation marks an important stage in the life of a Christian. The promises that have been made on behalf of an infant or child at baptism are now made by the baptized person him or herself. These promises are made before a bishop marking the relationship between all baptized people and the universal Church. Once promises have been made, the Bishop prays for the candidates and asks the Holy Spirit to bless them in their discipleship. In some traditions confirmation is linked with receiving Holy Communion for the first time. So today the newly-confirmed candidates will receive communion before the rest of the congregation. At the end of the service we remind them of their baptism by sending them out with a lit candle to be God's lights in the world.

## **Ministers**

President and Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison *Bishop of Exeter*

Deacon: The Revd Philip Wales - *Priest Vicar*

Subdeacon: The Revd Canon Deborah Parsons - *Chancellor*

## **Music**

Mass Setting: Service in G - *Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*

Organist: Michael D'Avanzo - *Organ Scholar*

## **Children's Activities:**

All children, whether new to the Cathedral, visitors or old friends, are very welcome to join us in Cloister Club. Our Cloister Club leaders all have enhanced DBS checks and will be sitting in the North Nave aisle before the service. Come and join us for fun and music.

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## **Holy Communion**

Communion will be offered in two kinds, bread and wine. Please do not dip the host in the wine. Please follow the directions of the sidesmen. Gluten-free wafers will be available at all communion stations, if you require a gluten-free wafer please indicate this to the clergy. If you wish to receive a blessing only please carry this order of service with you.

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## **Organ Music before the service**

Cantilene from Symphonie Romane, Op. 73 No 3 -

*Charles Marie-Widor (1844-1937)*

## Candidates

*The names of those being confirmed:*

Harvey Andrew

Le Min Choo

William Cooney

Molly Fletcher

Archie Smith

Benjamin Wingham

*presented by the Revd Canon Deborah Parsons*

Shawn Atureta

Molly Jackson

William Jackson

Harry Nettleton-Croley

*presented by the Revd Preb Nigel Guthrie*

Eliza Albery

Claudia Collett

*presented by the Revd Timothy Hunt*

Huw Joseph Beare

Philip Francis Jeeves

Alan David Lovell

James William Wheeler

*presented by Mrs Joan Ridgway (Licensed Lay Minister) and the Revd Preb Henry Pryse*

Amy Jackson

*presented by Mr Anthony Cummings (Licensed Lay Minister)*

Rebecca White

*presented by the Revd Tanya Hockley-Still*

# Order of service

## The Gathering

### Hymn

*A bell rings. The organ is played.*

*The congregation stands and sings the processional hymn.*

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| <b>All hail the power of Jesu's name;<br/>let angels prostrate fall;<br/>bring forth the royal diadem<br/>to crown him Lord of all.</b>                      | <b>4 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,<br/>ye ransomed of the fall,<br/>hail him who saves you by his grace,<br/>and crown him Lord of all.</b>        |
| <b>2 Crown him, ye morning stars of light,<br/>who fixed this floating ball;<br/>now hail the Strength of Israel's might,<br/>and crown him Lord of all.</b> | <b>5 Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,<br/>whom David Lord did call;<br/>the God incarnate, Man divine,<br/>and crown him Lord of all.</b>          |
| <b>3 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,<br/>who from his altar call;<br/>praise him whose way of pain ye trod,<br/>and crown him Lord of all.</b>            | <b>6. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget<br/>the wormwood and the gall,<br/>go spread your trophies at his feet,<br/>and crown him Lord of all.</b> |
| <b>7. Let every tribe and every tongue<br/>to him their hearts enthral,<br/>lift high the universal song,<br/>and crown him Lord of all.</b>                 |   |

*Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792)*

*Tune: Miles Lane, W. Shrubsole (1760-1806)*

## The Greeting

*The Bishop says*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

There is one body and one Spirit.

**There is one hope to which we were called;**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

**One God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you

**and also with you.**

*The Bishop introduces the service.*

*The Cloister Club leader gathers the children around the banner.*

**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.**

## **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 Bishop says*

Let us pray

O God the King of glory,

you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,

but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us

and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
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**

Acts 1:6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The congregation stands and turns to face the Gospel procession.*

*The choir sings the alleluia and all repeat.*



*A cantor sings*

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat.

*The congregation and choir repeat the alleluia.*

## Gospel Reading

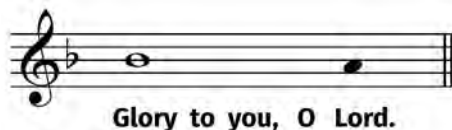
John 17:1-11

*The deacon says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

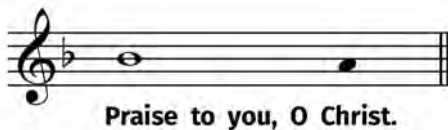
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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



Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*The congregation sits.*

## **Sermon**

The Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison *Bishop of Exeter*

## **The Liturgy of Initiation**

### **Presentation of candidates for confirmation**

*The candidates for confirmation stand as their names are called by their presenters, one by one.*

Bishop Mike, I present to you *N* for confirmation.

*The Bishop addresses all the candidates:*

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

*I have.*

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

*I am.*

*The candidates turn to face the congregation.*

*The Bishop addresses the congregation*

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

## **The Decision**

*The candidates face the Bishop.*

*The Bishop addresses the candidates.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow him means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*I reject them.*

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*I renounce them.*

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

*I repent of them.*

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*I turn to Christ.*

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*I submit to Christ.*

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

*I come to Christ.*

## Profession of Faith

*The congregation remains standing. The Bishop addresses the congregation*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Confirmation

*In groups the candidates kneel around the dais.  
The congregation sits.*

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you have given these your servants new birth  
in baptism by water and the Spirit,  
and have forgiven them all their sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;  
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The Bishop calls each candidate by name saying*

N, God has called you by name and made you his own

*The Bishop lays his hands upon each saying*

Confirm, O Lord, your servant N with your Holy Spirit.

*The candidate says*

Amen.

*The Bishop anoints the candidates with Oil of Chrism and says*  
Be sealed with the gift of the Spirit.

*The candidate says*  
Amen.

*When all have been confirmed, the Bishop moves to the centre of the dais. The newly-confirmed stand and move to the front of the Nave, facing the congregation.*

*The Bishop says*  
Let us pray.

*The congregation says*  
**Defend, O Lord, these your servants  
with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.  
Amen.**

*The congregation greets the newly-confirmed with applause.*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*The congregation stands. The Bishop says*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us  
and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Offertory Collection

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## Hymn

*The altar is prepared and the congregation sings.*

**At the name of Jesus**

**every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.**

**2. At his voice creation  
sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces,  
all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders,  
in their great array.**

**3. Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious  
when from death he passed:**

**4. Bore it up triumphant  
with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures,  
to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead,  
to the Father's breast;  
filled it with the glory  
of that perfect rest.**

**5. In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
he is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted, and adored.**

*Words: Caroline Noel (1817-1877)*

*Music: Camberwell, Michael Brierley (b1932)*

## **Prayer over the gifts**

*The congregation remains standing. The Bishop 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.**

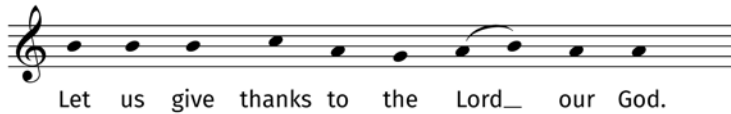
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

*The congregation stands until the Invitation to Communion.*

*The Bishop sings*



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of 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 Bishop continues*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

*The deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Bishop continues*

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter,  
St Boniface, St Sidwell, St Edward the Confessor and all the saints  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as 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**

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**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The congregation sits.*

*The candidates receive Holy Communion.*

*The congregation receives Holy Communion.*

*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 bread in the wine.*

*Gluten-Free hosts are available—simply say “Gluten-Free.”*

## **Agnus Dei**

*During the distribution of Holy Communion, 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*

*A virger lights a taper from the Paschal Candle.*

*The candidates are given a candle and it is lit.*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. We pray that we may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words: Book of Common Prayer*

*Music: Philip Moore (b1943)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

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 Sending Out**

### **Giving of a Lighted Candle**

*The congregation stands. The candidates take one step forward and raise their candles; the Bishop says*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

## The Blessing

*The Bishop says*

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**Who made heaven and earth**

Blessed be the name of the Lord

**Now and for ever. Amen.**

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## The Dismissal

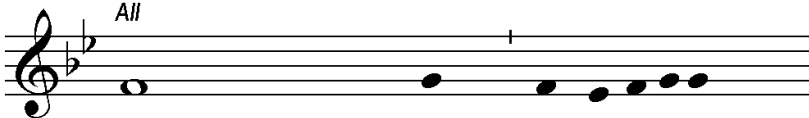
*The deacon sings*



Go, in the peace of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_



*All*  
Thanks be to God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_

## Hymn

*The congregation sings.*

**Alleluya, sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluya, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluya, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluya, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluya, Bread of Angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluya, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day;  
intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluya, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the Eucharistic Feast.**

*Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

*Tune: Hyfrydol, Richard Huw Pritchard (1811-1887)*

## **Organ Voluntary**

*Final rhapsodique from Suite Francaise - Jean Langlais  
(1907-1991)*

*The Bishop leads all the candidates to the Great West Door.  
The other ministers and choir depart.*

## **Notices**

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## **For your prayers**

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

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

David Halpin, Susan Roberts, David Pascall, Freddie Forster, Sue, Dick, Penelope, Sandy, Peter Vincent-Smith, Ken Parry, Marion Newbery, Penny Endersby, Rosemary Henry, Olivia Parkinson, Sarah, Ann, John Bowers, John, Jonathan Bush,

**Departed:** David Vicary, Richard Frampton, Rosmarie Nettleton, Martin Summers.

**Anniversaries of Death:** 17-23 May David Rippon

### **Deanery Synod Elections**

The election of three lay representatives on Deanery Synod will take place during May. If you worship regularly at the Cathedral and wish to receive notice of the election, stand for election or vote in the elections, you need to be on the Cathedral Community Roll. Application forms are on the Cathedral Community table and on the Cathedral website.

**Volunteer Vacancies:** there are current vacancies for virgers, Cathedral Fabric Advisory Committee, Cathedral Choir Chaperone and Education Volunteers. Please see <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/support-us/volunteer-with-us/> for further information or scan the QR code.



### **Slow Book Group: The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence**

The Slow Book Group is returning in May to explore the above book. Our meetings will be led by Clare Bryden and Canon Deborah. We will divide the book between the six Thursdays of 28 May, 25 Jun, 30 Jul, 24 Sep, 29 Oct, 26 Nov, with no meeting in August. The sessions will be online between 7.30 and 8.30pm. We warmly encourage new participants. If you would like to sign up or if you have any questions about whether this group may be for you please email Canon Deborah at [deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk).

**Readings for 10am Choral Eucharist next Sunday:** (24 May, Pentecost),  
Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23

**Bishop Hewlett Thompson RIP**

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Geoffrey Hewlett Thompson 69<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Exeter (1985 – 1999) on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 in the Quire at 11.00am followed by the interment of his ashes in St Gabriel’s Chapel. All members of the Cathedral and Diocesan Community are most welcome to attend.

**In Conversation with Jake Lloyd on: The Word Made Paint  
Sunday 14th June 2026 6:30pm The Chapter House**

(Refreshments served from 6.00pm)

Jake Lloyd is a former BBC journalist, turned writer & speaker about art and faith. A churchgoer his whole life, and an art fan since he first picked up a crayon, over time he discovered he was learning as much about God in art galleries as in church. Join us for a fascinating conversation followed by a short service of compline.

**The Dean’s Retirement: Sunday 05 July**

The Cathedral Community will make a presentation on this day. If you would like to contribute, please send a donation towards a thank you gift 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 Greener. If you send a donation by post, please mark the envelope ‘Dean Gift’ and make cheques payable to ‘The Dean and Chapter of Exeter.’



# Exeter Cathedral

## Sunday 17

### THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p141 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	St John the Baptist
10.00am	<b>Choral Eucharist and Confirmations</b> <i>CW Order 1</i>	Nave
	<i>Francis Jackson</i> in G	
	We do not presume <i>Philip Moore</i>	
4.00pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i>	Psalm 47
	<i>Herbert Sumsion</i> in G	Quire
	O clap your hands <i>Orlando Gibbons</i>	Responses
		<i>Kenneth Leighton</i>
		Hymns 134, 352
		NEH

## Monday 18

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 Wholeness and Healing	St Gabriel Chapel
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i>	Psalms 93, 94
	<i>John Blow</i> in F	Quire
	O God, thou art my God <i>Henry Purcell</i>	Responses
		<i>Kenneth Leighton</i>

## Tuesday 19

Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988

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
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i>	Psalms 98–101
	Evening Service For Trebles <i>Thomas Weelkes</i>	Responses
	Come, let's rejoice <i>John Amner</i>	<i>Peter Nardone</i>

## Wednesday 20

Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804

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
1.15pm	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Lady Chapel

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener – *Dean*

The Revd Canon James Mustard – *Canon Precentor*

Timothy Noon – *Director of Music*

# 17-24 May 2026

## Thursday 21

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
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i>	Quire
	Psalm 106	Responses
	The Exeter Service <i>Timothy Parsons</i>	<i>Kenneth Leighton</i>
	Lift up your heads, O ye gates <i>William Mathias</i>	

## Friday 22

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
5.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i>	Quire
	Psalms 108, 109	Responses
	Magnificat Quinti Toni <i>David Bevan</i>	<i>Peter Nardone</i>
	Nunc Dimittis <i>Custav Holst</i>	
	O clap your hands <i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>	

## Saturday 23

8.15am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	Lady Chapel
8.35am	The Eucharist <i>CW</i>	Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>	Lady Chapel

## Sunday 24

### PENTECOST

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p147 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>	St Gabriel Chapel
10.00am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b> <i>CW Order 1</i>	Nave
	O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace <i>Christopher Tye</i>	
	Missa Papae Marcelli <i>Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina</i>	
	Dum complerentur <i>Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina</i>	
4.00pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i>	Quire
	Psalms 67, 133	Responses
	<i>Edward Bairstow</i> in D	<i>William Smith</i>
	The spirit of the Lord is upon me <i>Edward Elgar</i>	

*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)



The Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral  
are delighted to invite you to

## *The Dean's Retirement*

Sunday 5 July, 10am, Sunday 5 July, 4pm | Bishops Palace Garden

All are welcome to join us for either Choral Eucharist, where The Dean will preside & preach at 10am, followed by a Hog Roast, or 4pm Evensong where the Dean will preach, followed by drinks.

*\*Book your free ticket online to secure your spot!*

Book for the 10am Hog Roast at:  
[bit.ly/deans-retirement-10am](http://bit.ly/deans-retirement-10am)

Book for the 4pm Drinks at:  
[bit.ly/deans-retirement-4pm](http://bit.ly/deans-retirement-4pm)

