



Exeter
Cathedral

Summer
2026

What's On

at Exeter Cathedral

Discover more this season

Welcome to Exeter Cathedral this summer. Discover a sensational season of world-class events, from our Summer Organ Recitals to vibrant Independent Markets showcasing local craft. Escape the heat and step into the cool beauty of the Cathedral for a day of discovery. Immerse yourself with an audio guide or simply enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of our Café and Shop. With something to inspire every generation, each visit helps raise vital funds to conserve our heritage for the future. Join us for a summer of wonder in the heart of Exeter.

How to book...

Tickets for events can be booked online.

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



Use our four event categories to quickly find what interests you this summer:



Music



Exeter Cathedral Event



Community



Heritage

A Summer of Wonder

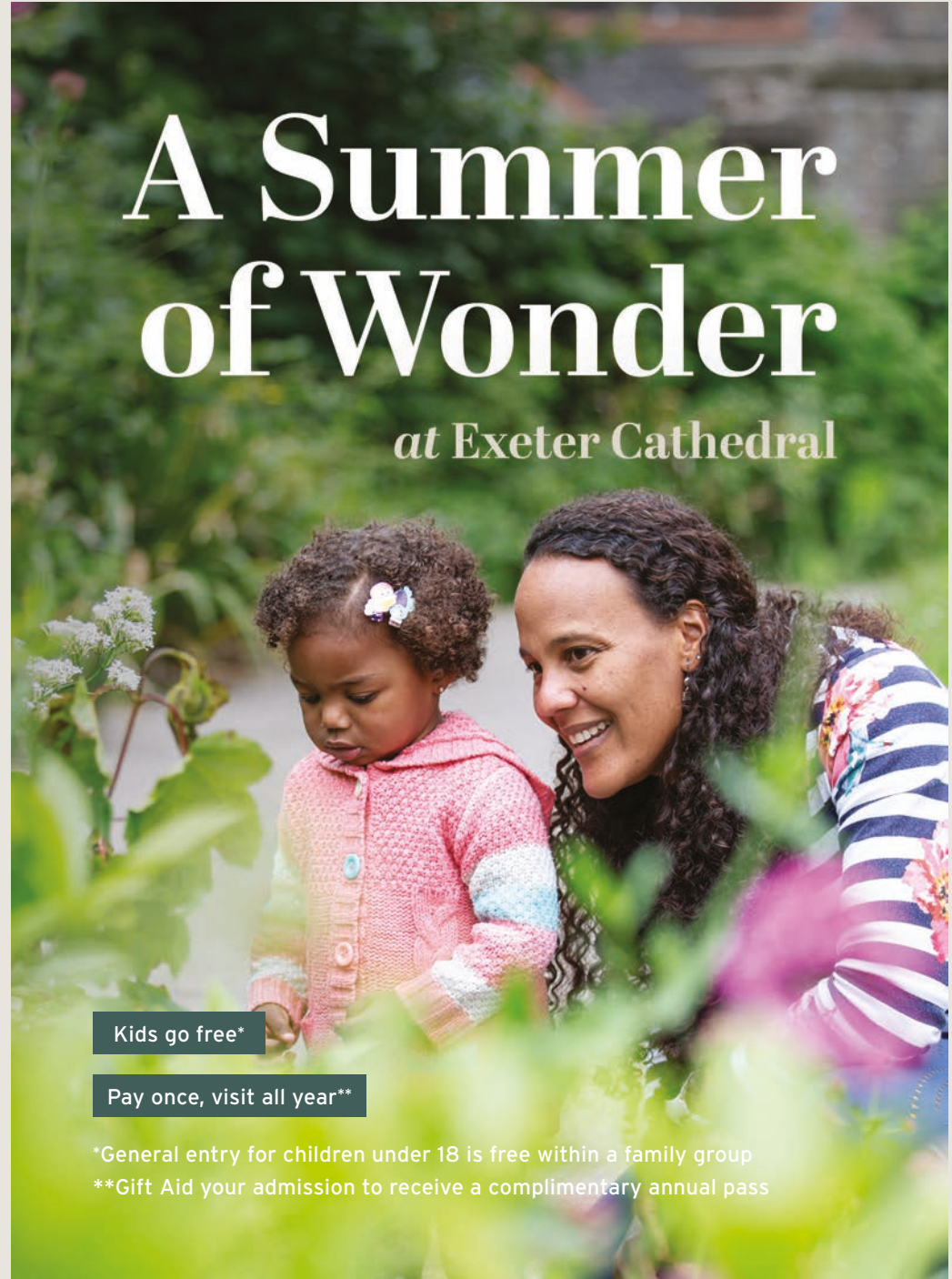
at Exeter Cathedral

Kids go free*

Pay once, visit all year**

*General entry for children under 18 is free within a family group

**Gift Aid your admission to receive a complimentary annual pass



June



Thursday 4 June
1pm-2pm

Showcase recital: Exeter University Organ Scholars

We welcome the Organ Scholars of Exeter University, David Hulse and Oliver Macmullen, to the Cathedral for a lunchtime recital in the Quire.

This event is included in standard admission to Exeter Cathedral.



Saturday 6 June
11am-4pm

Exeter Independent Market

Discover the best of the South West. Soak up the joyful atmosphere on Cathedral Green with live music from local performers, while discovering a rich variety of our region's finest makers and traders. Whether you're looking for handmade crafts, clothes, local food and drink or vintage treasures, this is your one-stop shop.

This is a free event; no booking is required.



Thursday 11 June
7:30pm

The Sixteen: Choral Pilgrimage 2026

Explore music from the Spanish Renaissance with works from James MacMillan & Kerensa Briggs.

Tickets: from £15 (via thesixteen.com/event/the-choral-pilgrimage-2026-exeter/).



Sunday 14 June
6:30pm

In Conversation with Jake Lloyd

Former BBC journalist explores faith through art. Refreshments at 6pm.

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



Wednesday 17 June
2pm-4:30pm

A Friendly Introduction to Palaeography: Reading 16th-19th Century Registers of Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

This beginner's workshop is a chance to learn about the Cathedral's Registers. Have a go at reading and transcribing some entries.

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



Thursday 18 June
Drop in between 1pm & 3pm

Library & Archives In Focus: The Four Seasons

Explore how the changing seasons have been captured, interpreted and imagined. From scientific studies of climate to literary reflections on nature's cycles, this display brings together works that reveal how spring, summer, autumn, and winter have shaped human experience.

This is a free event taking place in Exeter Cathedral's Library & Archives.



Friday 26 June
7:30pm

The Seven Sins of Tango

A brand-new production for 2026, experience two champion tango dancers accompanied by a 10-piece ensemble from the world-renowned London Concertante, featuring the very best music from tango's golden era with celebrated pianist and composer David Gordon.

Tickets: from £26.91 (via londonconcertante.com)



Thursday 2 July
7pm

Organ Recital: Willeke Smits

Willeke Smits, organist from Hooglandse Kerk Leiden, will be performing a delightful seasonal concert as part of our Summer Concert Series.

Tickets: £4-£10 (via [exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on](https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on))



Friday 3 July
7:30pm

The Music of Bowie By Candlelight

David Live will perform iconic anthems like Starman & Life on Mars alongside rare album cuts.

Tickets: from £14.50 (via [concertsbycandlelight.com](https://www.concertsbycandlelight.com))



Saturday 4 July
7:30pm

The Music of Coldplay By Candlelight

Direct from London's West End, experience a spectacular night of hits performed by world-class vocalists and a live band. Enjoy iconic anthems like Viva La Vida, Yellow, and The Scientist in a candlelit Cathedral.

Tickets: from £14.50
(via [boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com](https://www.boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com))



Thursday 9 July
Drop in between 1pm & 3pm

Library & Archives In Focus: Through the Frontispiece

Engraved frontispieces emerged in early modern Europe as gateways to books. Produced by skilled engravers, they combined portraiture, allegory, and decorative design to signal a work's themes, prestige, and authorship. Discover how a single image can open the door to an entire narrative.

This is a free event taking place in Exeter Cathedral's Library & Archives.



Saturday 11 July
7:30pm

Exeter Festival Chorus: Monteverdi Vespers of 1610

Join Exeter Festival Chorus, accompanied by period instruments and the acclaimed vocal octet Contrepoint. Expect an authentic, kaleidoscopic journey through the early Baroque featuring intimate motets to uplifting choral textures.

Tickets: from £15 (via [exeterfestivalchorus.org.uk](https://www.exeterfestivalchorus.org.uk))



Thursday 16 July
7pm

Organ Recital: Timothy Noon

Entitled 'The King of Instruments', the programme takes its name from a 1970 LP recording that first inspired a young Timothy Noon (now Exeter Cathedral's Director of Music) to take up the organ 40 years ago. Now, in a full-circle moment, he returns to that same collection of works in a concert that is proudly billed as "an introduction to the enjoyment of organ music."

Tickets: £4-£10 (via [exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on](https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on))



Saturday 18 July
7:30pm

The Music of Bruce Springsteen by Candlelight

Get ready for a night filled with heart, soul, and legendary rock 'n' roll, as a world-class cast of vocalists and a powerhouse live band bring Springsteen's greatest hits to life in a candlelit Exeter Cathedral.

Tickets: Free- £10 (via [concertsbycandlelight.com](https://www.concertsbycandlelight.com))



20 July - 4 September

Summer Holiday Activities

Enjoy a memorable family day out at the Cathedral this summer with a variety of family-friendly activities. Children can discover local heritage while escaping the heat. Complete your visit with refreshments in the peaceful atmosphere of our on-site Café.

General entry into the Cathedral for under 18s is free within a family group. Visit exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on for more information.



Thursday 23 July
7:30pm

Libera

Returning to the Cathedral for the first time since 2015, this internationally renowned boys' vocal group delivers a unique blend of English choral tradition and contemporary harmonies. With their signature purity of tone, these young South London singers offer a luminous performance that has captivated global audiences and millions online.

Tickets: from £30 (via libera.org.uk)



Saturday 25 July
1pm-3pm

Wonder & Wander & Walk the Labyrinth

Looking for a way to find your footing in a busy world? Join us to rediscover the ancient practice of the Labyrinth. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has no dead ends. It is not designed to make you lose your way, but to help you find it. Whether you are seeking spiritual wholeness or just a moment of quiet reflection, the labyrinth serves as a symbolic path.

This event is included in standard Cathedral Admission.



Saturday 25 July
11am-1pm

The Labyrinth - Workshop

This is an opportunity to explore the origins and use of the labyrinth and to learn how to create your own handheld classic seven pathway. The workshop will be led by Carole Herbert and Gwynn Paulett who share a passion for walking the labyrinth and it will involve both a teaching and experiential element.

Places are limited. Tickets: Free (booking is essential via: exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on)



Saturday 25 July
11am-4pm

Exeter Independent Market

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Thursday 30 July
7pm

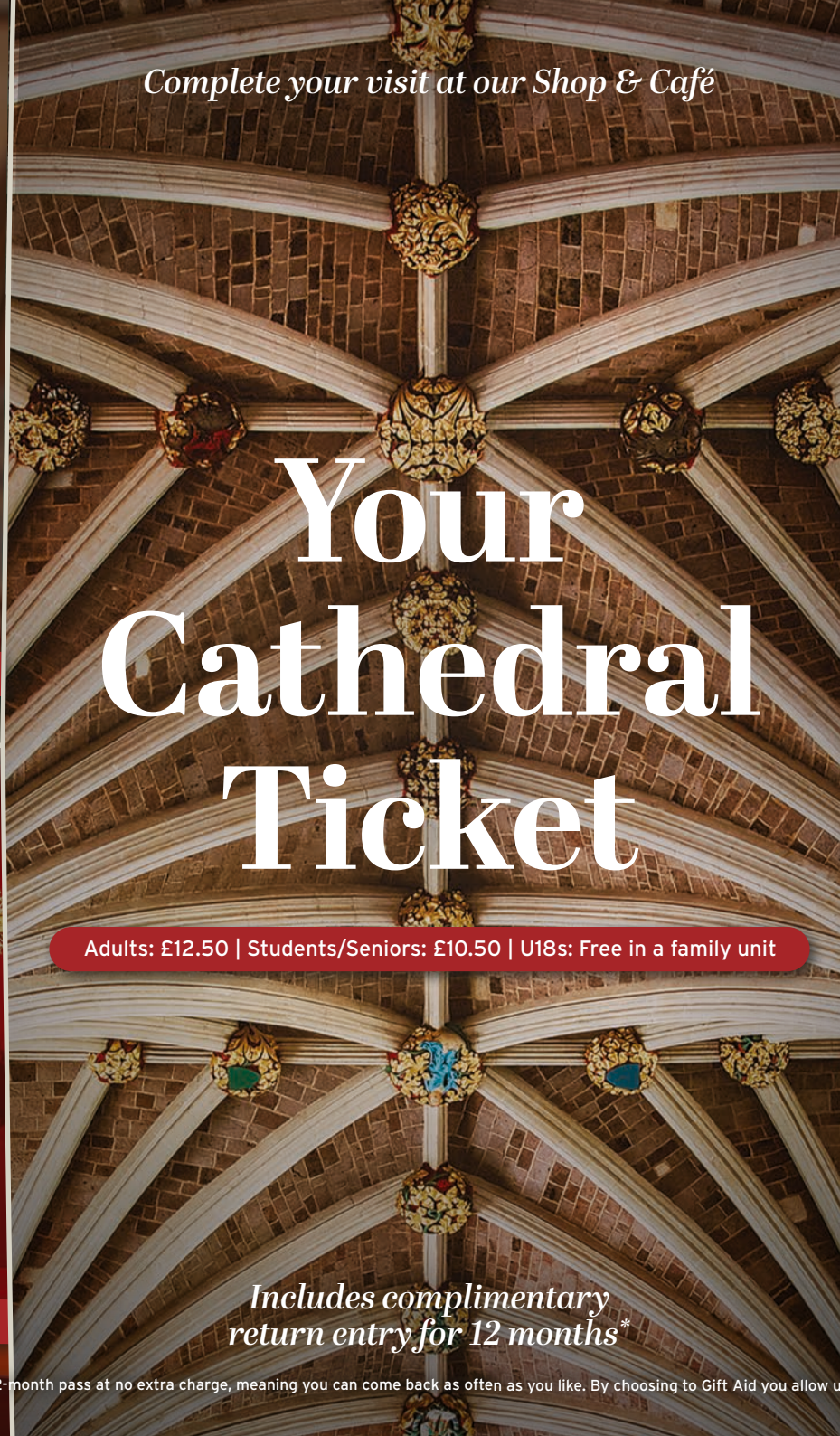
Organ Recital: Michael D'Avanzo

Exeter Cathedral Organ Scholar, Michael D'Avanzo, will be performing a delightful seasonal concert as part of our Summer Concert Series.

Tickets: £4-£10 (via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on)



Audio Tours



Complete your visit at our Shop & Café

Your Cathedral Ticket

Adults: £12.50 | Students/Seniors: £10.50 | U18s: Free in a family unit

Includes complimentary return entry for 12 months*



Daily Guided Tours



Treasures Exhibition



Family Activities

*T&Cs: UK taxpayers who choose to Gift Aid their admission receive a 12-month pass at no extra charge, meaning you can come back as often as you like. By choosing to Gift Aid you allow us to claim back additional money on your entry fee at no extra cost to you.

August



Saturday 1 August
7:30pm

The Music of Pink Floyd By Candlelight

Join us for the ultimate tribute to Pink Floyd, performed live at Exeter Cathedral - by candlelight - by the UK's leading Pink Floyd tribute act.

Tickets: from £13.50 (via concertsbycandlelight.com)



Monday 3 August
1pm-3pm

St Sidwell 2026 – In Focus: Life in Tudor and Stuart St Sidwells

Join Professor Mark Stoye and Exeter Cathedral Archivist Ellie Jones for a bonus addition to the monthly In-Focus. This informal drop-in exhibition features maps and documents focusing on life in St Sidwells, Exeter, from the 15th to 18th centuries.

Places are limited. Booking is essential via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on



Monday 3 August
6:30pm-7:30pm

St Sidwell 2026: Women and Witchcraft in Tudor & Stuart St Sidwells

Join historian Professor Mark Stoye for a lively exploration of St Sidwell's turbulent past. Discover the rich history of Exeter's largest parish, from medieval disputes to Civil War destruction. This talk explores local residents accused of witchcraft.

This event will take place in the Chapter House. Tickets: £7.50 (via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on)



Saturday 8 August
7:30pm

The Music of Meat Loaf by Candlelight

Direct from London's West End, experience an evening of Meat Loaf anthems performed by candlelight. Featuring a powerful live rock band, this show brings iconic hits to life in a spectacular, candlelit Exeter Cathedral.

Tickets: £14.50 (via concertsbycandlelight.com)



Monday 10 August
Drop in between 1pm & 3pm

Library & Archives In Focus: Cats in the Cathedral

Come along to this pop-up exhibition to discover records of cats on the medieval payroll, find out what really happened to Tom the wartime cat, explore the symbolic importance of lions, and enjoy 16th century natural histories about cats - and more.

This is a free event taking place in Exeter Cathedral's Library & Archives.



Thursday 13 August
2pm-4pm

Hands on History: Archives Across Time

Are you aged 14-18 and curious about archives across time? Get hands-on with original treasures, from Anglo-Saxon charters to Henry VIII's will and 1950s scrapbooks. Discover how these documents were made and preserved, revealing fascinating stories of everyday life and communication through a millennium of history.

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



Thursday 13 August
7pm

Organ Recital: Andrew Millington

Former Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral, Andrew Millington, returns for our summer recital series.

Tickets: £4-£10 (via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on)



Thursday 27 August
7pm

Organ Recital: Timothy Parsons

Timothy Parsons, Director of Music at Wells Cathedral, will be performing as part of our summer organ recital series celebrating exceptional organ music.

Tickets: £4-£10 (via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on)



Saturday 29 August
11am-4pm

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This is a free event; no booking is required.



Saturday 5 September
7:30pm

The Music of Céline Dion by Candlelight

Enjoy iconic anthems including My Heart Will Go On and The Power of Love.

Tickets: £14.50 (via boxoffice.concertsbycandlelight.com)

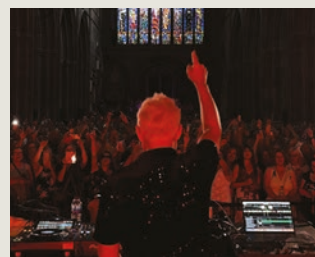


Thursday 10 September
7pm

Organ Recital: Michael Stephens-Jones

Michael Stephens-Jones, Assistant Director of Music here at Exeter Cathedral, will perform a delightful seasonal concert.

Tickets: £4-£10 (via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on)



Saturday 12 September
7:30pm

Martin Kemp: Back to the 80s

80s icon, actor, and Spandau Ballet star Martin Kemp is taking us Back to the 80s! Get ready for an unforgettable night packed with the biggest anthems of the decade. This is a standing-only event, and is for the ages of 16 and above.

Tickets: £45 (via concertsbycandlelight.com)



Sunday 13 September
6:30pm

In Conversation with Dr. Rosie Jackson: Love Leans Over the Table

Dr. Rosie Jackson explores poetry, faith and the mystical life. Jackson discusses how spiritual awakening and divine love find their voice through verse. 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.



Tuesday 15 September
2pm-4pm

Leading Ladies: Stories of Ordinary & Extraordinary Women

Celebrate women through history at this special tour of Exeter Cathedral and its Library. Journey through time from medieval saints and mystics to Enlightenment scientists and Victorian illuminators and calligraphers, and discover their lives, challenges and achievements.

Tour begins in the Cathedral and ends in the Cathedral Library & Archives. Places are limited. Booking is essential. Tickets: £20 (via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on)



Thursday 17 September
7:30pm

The Music of Oasis by Candlelight

Experience an electric night of anthems performed live by candlelight. Featuring world-class vocalists and an incredible live band, this spectacular show brings the best of Oasis to life. Enjoy iconic hits like Wonderwall, Champaign Supernova, and Live Forever.

Tickets: from £14.50 (via concertsbycandlelight.com)



Tuesday 22 September
Drop in between 1pm & 3pm

Library & Archives In Focus: The West Front

Come along to this pop-up exhibition to explore some of the stories behind these time-worn carvings of kings, saints, angels and more, as shown through historic books and documents from the Cathedral Library & Archives.

This is a free event taking place in Exeter Cathedral's Library & Archives.



Thursday 24 September
2pm-3:30pm

Art of the Book: 1000 Years of Bookbinding

Take a closer look at some of the Cathedral's most beautiful bindings, from medieval tawed sheepskin to gorgeous gold-tooled goatskin and polished tree-stained calf. Discover how bindings have been made across the centuries and what they can tell us about books and their owners.

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



Monday 28 September
11am-12pm & 2pm-3pm

Spotlight on... The Exeter Book

Discover the oldest book of English literature in the world. This exclusive curator-led Tour of the Treasures Exhibition centres on the Exeter Book. Join our Cathedral Librarian, Emma Laws, for a close encounter with one of the world's most remarkable medieval manuscripts. Ideal for history enthusiasts and literature lovers alike.

Tickets: £20 (via exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on)



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

Monday: Prayers for Wholeness & Healing, 12:30pm

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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13 November -
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Handel's *Messiah*

with Exeter
Cathedral
Choir



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Save the date: Sunday 6 December | 2:30pm

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Christmas with the

Cathedral Choir

Save the date: 8, 10 & 12 December | 7pm

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