



Choral Eucharist

Sunday 23 August 2026
10.00am

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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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 Philip Wales – *Priest Vicar*

Subdeacon: The Revd Prebendary Nigel Guthrie – *Priest Vicar*

Preacher: The Very Revd Stephen Waine – *Interim Dean*

Visiting choir

We welcome and thank the Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir for singing our choral services this weekend during the Cathedral Choir summer holiday.

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

Conductor: Carolyn Craig

Organist: Edward Marshall

Children's Activities:

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

Holy Communion

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

Collection and Giving

A collection will be taken during this service. Please remember to use a Gift Aid envelope if you are a UK taxpayer. Also, you may support the work of the Cathedral by donating at the collection boxes and online terminals at the entrance and exit. Additionally, you may give to the Cathedral via this QR code or via the website: <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/support-us/giving-to-exeter-cathedral/>



Newcomer Cards

These are available on the Cathedral Community Table.

Safeguarding

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of or is being abused or presents a risk to others,

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Catherine Escott - *Chief Operating Officer* - 07914 901254

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Introit

The congregation remains seated. The choir sings

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come,
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Words: Song of Solomon 2:10b-12a, 13b

Music: Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**Father, we praise thee, now the night is over,
active and watchful, stand we all before thee;
singing we offer prayer and meditation:
thus we adore thee.**

**Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;
bring us to heaven, where thy saints united
joy without ending.**

**All-holy Father, Son and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us thy salvation;
thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding
through all creation. Amen.**

Words: Latin, 10th century or earlier

Tr Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Tune: Christe Sanctorum, 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 congregation says the following prayer during the current summer holiday.

**Thank you Lord for families on their summer break.
May their days be filled with fun, laughter and joy in your creation.
May your love surround and protect them always.
Bless them in all their activities and may your light guide them now
and forever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

The deacon says

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the
presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to
mind and confess our sins.

The congregation remains standing.

**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 in Excelsis

The congregation remains standing. The choir sings

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus,
Agnus Dei, filius Patris, Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
cum sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*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 and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

Romans 12:1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**In the Cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the Cross forsake me:
lo! it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the Cross the radiance streaming,
adds more lustre to the day.**

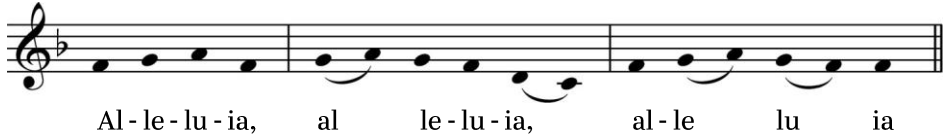
**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the Cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.**

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872)

Tune: Wychbold, Walter Whinfield (1865-1919)

Gospel Acclamation

*The congregation turns to face the deacon.
The acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.
The choir sings the Alleluia, then all repeat it.*



The cantor sings:

O come, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength
of our salvation.

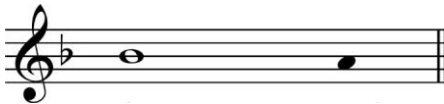
All sing the Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

The deacon says
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

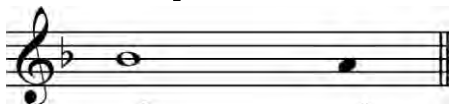


Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you

the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation sits.

Sermon

The Very Revd Stephen Waine – *Interim 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

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
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.

**O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
ye sons of new birth;
praise him who has brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who has taught you
to sing of his love.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story
of what he has done.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along:
for love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!**

Words: H.W. Baker (1821-1877)

Tune: Laudate Dominum, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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.

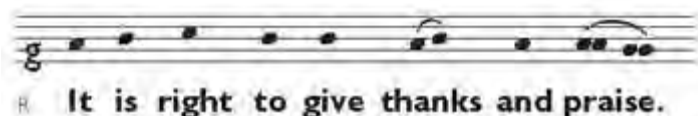
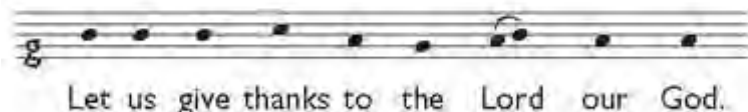
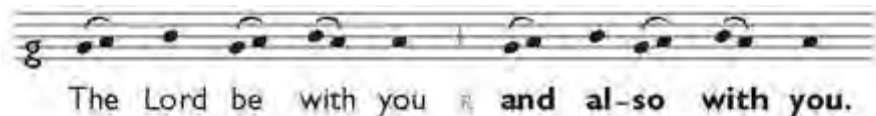
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit
of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

The president sings



Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

The choir sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli, et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes 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 Paul,
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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Anthem

The choir sings

*O salutaris hostia
quae caeli pandis ostium,
bella premunt hostilia:
da robur, fer auxilium
uni trinoque Domino
sit sempiterna gloria,
qui vitam sine termino
nobis donet in patria.*

*O saving Victim! opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below,
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee.*

Words: from Verbum supernum prodiens

Music: Ēriks Ešēvalds (b1977)

Prayer after Communion

The congregation stands.

The president says

Let us pray.

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All say

**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.

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.**

Words: John Bode (1816-1874)

Tune: Wolvercote, William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

The Dismissal Blessing

The congregation remains standing. The president says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of
God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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.

Organ Voluntary

Entrée Pontificale – Marco Bossi (1861-1925)

Tea and coffee is served in the South Transept. All are welcome.

For your prayers

Please pray for those in academic higher education who have been given notice that their jobs are under risk of redundancy and for the Cathedral Staff.

Those who are sick or in need:

Theo, Steve, Barbara Jackson, Richard, Paul Morgan, Ruth Bennett,
Beryl Elliott, Peter Vincent-Smith, Ann, Jonathan Macdonald, Jason Groves,
Penelope, Marion Newbery, Penny Endersby, Olivia Parkinson, Sarah,
John Bowers, Jonathan Bush.

Departed: David Maughfling, Dorrett Wood

Anniversary of death: Evelyn Hunt, Andrew Oaker

Notices

As part of our commitment to openness within our Cathedral community, we want to share an update regarding our current financial position. Following recent internal reviews that highlighted unexpected operational and property costs alongside shortfalls in projected income, both our staff and volunteers have been made aware of a significant budget deficit for the year ahead. To help navigate these financial challenges, the Cathedral Chapter has invited staff members to consider either voluntary redundancy or a permanent reduction in their working hours. While this is a sensitive and uncertain time for everyone who cares for our Cathedral, we remain deeply grateful for our team's dedication. We kindly ask that you keep all of our staff and the Chapter in your prayers during this period, asking for grace, wisdom and strength as we discern the path forward. For any questions relating to this announcement, please email the Cathedral via volunteers@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

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



Readings for 10am Choral Eucharist next Sunday

(30th August, Romans 12: 9-end, Matthew 16:21-end)

Summer Holiday Activities

20 July – 4 September 2026 / during standard opening hours

This summer, spend a day taking part in the wide variety of themed art and craft activities we have planned for you and your family!

Why visit us this summer with the family?

- Make happy memories in Exeter's stunning historical setting
- Instil an appreciation of history and heritage in your children
- Escape into a lower temperature setting, away from the sun
- Enjoy locally-sourced refreshments in our peaceful Café

Congratulations to The Revd Professor Morwenna Ludlow, Canon Theologian, who has been elected a Fellow of the British Academy. The Fellowship is the highest honour that the Academy confers on UK residents in recognition of scholarly distinction in the humanities and social sciences. Professor Ludlow, of the University of Exeter's Department of Classics, Ancient History, Religion and Theology, studies the history of Christian thought, with a particular focus on the early church.

Half Price Sundays

Available until the end of September 2026

Come and discover one thousand years of history for half the price. Enjoy 50% off entry into Exeter Cathedral every Sunday this summer.*

Offer ends end of September 2026.

We look forward to welcoming you!

**Offer applies to day visitors only and not group bookings.*

Exeter Independent Market

Saturday 29 August 2026, 11am-4pm

Discover the best of Exeter and the South West at the Exeter Independent Market on Cathedral Green.

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. Whether you are looking for handmade crafts, clothes and accessories, locally produced food and drink or vintage treasures, Exeter Independent Market offers a unique one-stop shop in the heart of the city.

In Conversation with Rosie Jackson: 'Love Leans Over the Table'

Saturday 13 September 2026 at 6pm in The Chapter House

Dr Rosie Jackson has a background in education and therapy, but her primary love, work-wise, for the last decade has been writing and teaching poetry.

Her poems are widely published in journals and anthologies and her most recent collection, *Love Leans over the Table* (2023), has been acclaimed for its exploration and celebration of mystical life. Rosie will share some of her work, respond to questions and discuss how spiritual experience and faith can find their voice in poetry.

Join us for a fascinating conversation followed by a short service of compline. *This is a free event; no booking is required.*

Leading Ladies: Stories of Ordinary & Extraordinary Women

Tuesday 15 September 2026, 2pm-4pm

Celebrate women through history and discover their stories 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.

Tours begin in the Cathedral and end in the Cathedral Library & Archives.

Places are limited, booking is essential. Tickets bookable at

<https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/t-dkkrkox> or via the QR code.



Library & Archives In Focus – *The West Front*

Tuesday 22 September 2026, Drop in 1pm-3pm,

Library & Archives Reading Room

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 drop-in event; no booking is required.

The Merry Wives of Windsor

23, 24, 25 & 26 September 2026, 7:30pm – 10pm

The Cathedral Players are delighted to present Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor* – four performances that promise to be a most enjoyable evening with outrageous French accents, plenty of laughs and a touch of the ridiculous!

Legend has it that this play was commissioned by Queen Elizabeth I because she enjoyed the character Falstaff but wanted to see him in a comedic 'love' situation. Here, Sir John Falstaff, still an excessive toper and rogue, attempts to seduce not one, but two wives of Windsor. The ensuing mayhem is further exacerbated by a subplot in which the daughter of one of the wives, Anne Page, is assailed by several unsuitable suitors. The climax takes place in the countryside outside Windsor Castle with Falstaff convinced he is being tormented by a troupe of fairies, at the end of which several people have learnt valuable lessons – not all of them pleasant.

About the Directors

James Stevenson and David Gunn-Johnson, who are co-directing this production, both have considerable theatrical experience. Both James and David are delighted to be working together again – their enjoyment will be evident to attendees. Tickets bookable via <https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/e-bpymdo> or via the QR code.



Art of the Book: 1,000 Years of Bookbinding

Thursday 24 September 2026, 2pm-3:30pm,

Exeter Cathedral Library & Archives

1000 Years of Bookbinding invites you to 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.

Tickets: £20pp bookable via the QR code or

<https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/t-zoomoqo>

Places are limited; booking is essential.



Spotlight on... The Exeter Book

Monday 28 September, Two sessions: 11am-12:30pm & 2pm-3:30pm,

Exeter Cathedral Treasures Exhibition

Discover the oldest book of English literature in the world! Join our Cathedral Librarian, Emma Laws, for a close encounter with one of the world's most remarkable medieval manuscripts. *Places are limited; booking is essential.*

Tickets: £20pp bookable via the QR code or

<https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/e-jzorbl>



**2026 Posbury St Francis Trust Annual Lecture With Professor Mark Hill
KC: Freedom of Religion in a Secular World**

Monday 5 October 2026 / Time and location to be confirmed

In the 2026 Posbury St Francis Trust Lecture, Professor Mark Hill KC will examine the importance of freedom of religion in the current age.

Drawing on recent caselaw in the United Kingdom, the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg, this year's lecture will consider perceived threats to religious liberty: are they illusory or real?

Professor Mark Hill KC practises at the Bar in London and for the past eight years has been Vice President of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies. His publications include: *Islam, Religious Liberty and Constitutionalism in Europe* (2024); *Religion and Law in the United Kingdom* (2021); *The Routledge Handbook on Freedom of Religion or Belief* (2020); *Christianity and Criminal Law* (2020); and *Magna Carta, Religion and the Rule of Law* (2015).

More details to be confirmed

Sunday 23

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p175 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	St Gabriel Chapel
10.00am	Choral Eucharist CW Order 1 sung by Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir	Nave
	Rise up, my love <i>Healey Willan</i>	
	Mass for Four voices <i>William Byrd</i>	
	O salutaris hostia <i>Ēriks Ešenvalds</i>	
4.00pm	Choral Evensong BCP sung by Wells Cathedral Chamber Choir	Psalm 95 Quire
	Truro Service <i>Dobrinka Tabakova</i>	Responses
	All wisdom cometh from the Lord <i>Philip Moore</i>	<i>William Smith</i> Hymns 257, 372

Monday 24

ST BARTHOLOMEW

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Lady Chapel
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Lady Chapel
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
12.30pm	Prayers for Wholeness and Healing	St Gabriel Chapel
5.30pm	Solemn Choral Evensong BCP sung by Northern Concordia Singers	Psalm 119, 1-32 Quire
	Evening service in G - <i>Herbert Howells</i>	Responses
	Expectans Expectavi - <i>Charles Wood</i>	<i>Philip Radcliffe</i> Office Hymn 179 NEH

Tuesday 25

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Lady Chapel
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Lady Chapel
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
5.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP sung by Northern Concordia Singers	Psalm 119, 73-104 Quire
	Evening service in G <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>	Responses
	Gloria in excelsis Deo <i>Thomas Weelkes</i>	<i>Philip Radcliffe</i>

Wednesday 26

8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Lady Chapel
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Lady Chapel
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	www.zoom.us
1.15pm	The Eucharist CW	Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Choral Evensong BCP sung by Northern Concordia Singers	Psalm 119, 145-176 Quire
	Second Service - <i>John Sheppard</i>	Responses
	In Pace - <i>John Sheppard</i>	<i>Philip Radcliffe</i>

Zoom Morning Prayer: Access log in 99638985011, password 1FopuR.

Thursday 27

8.15am Morning Prayer *CW*
 8.35am The Eucharist *CW*
 9.00am Morning Prayer *CW*
 5.30pm Evening Prayer *BCP*

Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Lady Chapel
 Lady Chapel
 www.zoom.us
 Lady Chapel

Friday 28

8.15am Morning Prayer *CW*
 8.35am The Eucharist *CW*
 9.00am Morning Prayer *CW*
 5.30pm **Choral Evensong** *BCP sung by*

Augustine, bishop, teacher

Lady Chapel
 Lady Chapel
 www.zoom.us
 Quire

Northern Concordia Singers

Psalms 136-138

Second Service *Kenneth Leighton*

Responses

And I saw a new heaven *Edgar Bainton*

Bernard Rose

Saturday 29

8.15am Morning Prayer *CW*
 8.35am The Eucharist *CW*
 5.30pm **Choral Evensong** *BCP sung by*
Northern Concordia Singers

Beheading of John the Baptist

Lady Chapel
 Lady Chapel
 Quire

Psalms 142-143

First Service *Robert Parsons*

Responses

Duo Seraphim *Francisco Guerrero*

Thomas Morley

Hymn 216

Sunday 30

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
 TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion *BCP p176 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel*
 9.00am Morning Prayer *CW*
 10.00am **Choral Eucharist** *CW Order 1 sung by Northern*
Concordia Singers

Quire
 St Gabriel Chapel
 Nave

Holy is the true light *William Harris*

Mass in D *Antonín Dvořák*

The Spirit of the Lord *Edward Elgar*

4.00pm **Choral Evensong** *BCP sung by* Psalm 105, 1-5
Northern Concordia Singers

Quire

York Service - *Herbert Howells*

Responses

Blessed City, Heavenly Salem - *Edward Bairstow*

Bernard Rose

Hymns 248, 499

The Very Revd Stephen Waine - *Interim Dean*

The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Canon Precentor*

Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*



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Timothy Parsons

Thursday 27 August | 7pm | Tickets £4 - £10

Timothy Parsons, Director of Music at Wells Cathedral, will be performing as part of our summer organ recital series celebrating exceptional organ music in one of the country's most atmospheric and historic sacred spaces.