



# **Choral Eucharist with the Blessing of Serving Clerks**

Sunday 27 September 2026

10.00am

ST MICHAEL

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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 Very Reverend Stephen Waine – *Interim Dean*

Deacon: The Reverend Canon James Mustard – *Canon Precentor*

Subdeacon: The Reverend Canon Morwenna Ludlow – *Canon Theologian*

Preacher: The Venerable Hilary Dawson – *Canon Treasurer*

## **Music**

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo "Kleine Orgelmesse" –  
*Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)*

Conductor: Timothy Noon – *Director of Music*

Organist: Max Toth – *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.

## **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

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## Organ Music before the service

Aria - *Andrew Carter (1939-2026)*

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## Order of Service

### The Gathering

#### Introit

*The congregation remains seated. The choir sings*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;  
such a Way as gives us breath,  
such a Truth as ends all strife,  
such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;  
such a Light as shows a Feast,  
such a Feast as mends in length,  
such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;  
such a Joy as none can move,  
such a Love as none can part,  
such a Heart as joys in love.

*Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)*

*Music: Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)*

#### Hymn

*The congregation stands and sings*

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluya!  
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,  
virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,  
Alleluya!**

**O higher than the Cherubim,  
more glorious than the Seraphim,  
lead their praises, Alleluya!  
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
Alleluya!**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest, Alleluya!  
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,  
all Saints triumphant, raise the song  
Alleluya!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing, Alleluya!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluya!**

*Words: Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)*

*Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

## **Greeting**

*The president says:*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## **Introduction**

*The president greets the congregation. The Cloister Club leader gathers the children around the banner. The congregation says*

**Creator God,  
may our Cloister Club know your love as they gather today.  
May they hear your voice in song, story and play.  
May they be filled with joy in their worship,  
and give thanks for your generous gift of creation.  
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Invitation to Confession

*The deacon says*

We have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God,  
the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels,  
to God, the judge of all, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

*Hebrews 12.22-24*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*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*

Everlasting God,  
you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and  
mortals in a wonderful order:  
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,  
so, at your command,  
they may help and defend us on earth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The congregation sits.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

Revelation 12:7-12

A reading from the book of Revelation.

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world - he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

*The congregation stands and sings*

**Bright the vision that delighted  
once the sight of Judah's seer;  
sweet the countless tongues united  
to entrance the prophet's ear.**

**Round the Lord in glory seated  
cherubim and seraphim  
filled his temple, and repeated  
each to each the alternate hymn:**

**Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
earth is with its fullness stored;  
unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'**

**Heaven is still with glory ringing,  
earth takes up the angels' cry,  
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,  
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.**

**With his seraph train before him,  
with his holy Church below,  
thus unite we to adore him,  
bid we thus our anthem flow:**

**Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
earth is with its fullness stored;  
unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.**

*Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848)*

*Tune: Redhead No 46, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)*

## **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:*

**Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,  
you ministers of his who do his will.**

*Psalms 103.21*

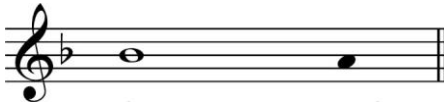
*All sing the Alleluia.*

## Gospel Reading

John 1:47-51

*The deacon says*  
The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

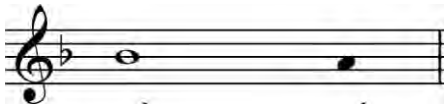
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

*The congregation sits.*

## Sermon

The Venerable Hilary Dawson – *Canon Treasurer*

## **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.**

## **Blessing of Serving Clerks**

*The congregation remains seated. The Canon Precentor says*

Mr Dean, I present to you the Serving Clerks of this Cathedral Church, who assist in the daily offering of worship to the glory of Almighty God. Today, they rededicate themselves to this ministry. I ask you to pray for and bless them in this work.

*The Dean addresses the Serving Clerks*

Serving Clerks, will you work with the Precentor, the Virgers and the Choir in the provision of decent and dignified worship in the Cathedral and perform your duties to God's glory?

*They answer*

I will and to the glory of God.

*The Dean says*

I will go unto the altar of God.

*The servers respond*

Even to the God of my joy and gladness.

*The Dean says this prayer*

God our Father, Lord of all the world,  
to whose glory this house of prayer is dedicated.  
Look now upon us your servants  
who minister in this place  
and give to the Serving Clerks of this Cathedral  
your blessing and protection.

May they diligently perform their duties  
and follow the example of your Son Jesus Christ  
who came not to be served but to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The Dean says*  
May the ministry of the holy Angels protect you.  
May our Lady, St Peter and St Stephen  
and St Lawrence pray for you,  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*The Serving Clerks say*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*The congregation stands. The president says*

Hear again the song of the angels:  
‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth 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.*

**Angel-voices ever singing  
round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee  
and confess thee  
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
and wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.**

**For we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer  
all unworthily  
hearts and minds and hands and voices  
in our choicest  
Psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Trinity.  
of the best which thou hast given  
earth and heaven  
render thee.**

*Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

*Tune: Angel Voices, E.G. Monk (1819-2000)*

## **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.**

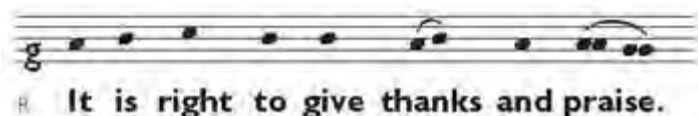
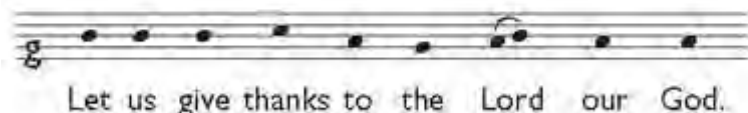
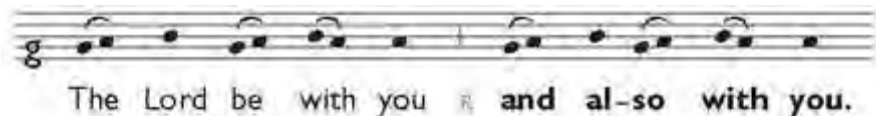
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit  
of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

*The president sings*



It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
You reveal your wise purpose  
for the salvation of the human race  
by assigning to the angels and archangels  
the ministry of your steadfast love and protection.  
While they contemplate your glory,  
standing before you and singing your praise,  
they keep a faithful vigil for us,  
guarding us along the way that leads to life,  
and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.

In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs  
and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:

*The choir sings:*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli, et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, 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*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Words: Ordinary of the Mass*

*Music: Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The congregation stands. The president says*  
Let us pray.

Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through 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*

**Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright,  
filled with celestial resplendence and light,  
these that, where night never followeth day,  
raise the Trisagion ever and ay:**

**These are thy counsellors, these dost thou own,  
Lord God of Sabaoth, nearest thy throne;  
these are thy ministers, these dost thou send,  
help of the helpless ones, man to defend.**

**These keep the guard amid Salem's dear bowers;  
thrones, Principalities, Virtues, and Powers;  
where, with the Living Ones, mystical Four,  
cherubim, Seraphim bow and adore.**

**Then, when the earth was first poised in mid space,  
then, when the planets first sped on their race,  
then, when were ended the six days' employ,  
then all the Sons of God shouted for joy.**

**Still let them succour us; still let them fight,  
Lord of angelic hosts, battling for right;  
till, where their anthems they ceaselessly pour,  
we with the angels may bow and adore.**

*Words: J.M. Neale (1818-1866)*

*Tune: Trisagion, Henry Smart (1813-1879)*

## **The Dismissal Blessing**

*The congregation remains standing. The president says*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints;  
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels;  
the Spirit make you holy in God's service;  
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

Fugue in G, BWV 541 - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

## For your prayers

### Those who are sick or in need:

Elias Konyalian, Maro Konyalian, Oliver Andrea, Natalie Moyse, Joe Prince, Janet, Tahleya, Margaret Cowling, John Bowers, 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, Jonathan Bush,

**Departed:** Joy Thompson, Mary Nesbitt, Janette Rawlings, Brian Phillips, David Maughfling,

**Anniversary of death:** Katherine Hampton, Margaret Neal, Brian Northcott, Elaine Henderson, Wilfred Lowe

## Notices

**Welcome chorister families and new congregants:** we are delighted to welcome you to the Cathedral. Please sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/newsletter-signup/> or via the QR code.



**Welcome Students!** We are delighted that you have joined us this morning. You are invited to take away a voucher that will entitle you to complimentary refreshments in our Chapter House Café at any time from after this service until next Saturday (03 October). Please see one of the clergy afterwards for a voucher and they will be delighted to tell you about our opportunities volunteering and fellowship including our young people's WhatsApp group.

## Readings for 10am Choral Eucharist next Sunday

(4<sup>th</sup> October: 2 Corinthians 9:6-end, Luke 17:11-19, Harvest Festival)

**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/volunteerwith-us/> for further information or scan the QR code.



## Growing in Prayer – Pop-up Prayer Taster Sessions

How do we grow in prayer? Is your prayer life in a rut? Would you like to experience different ways of praying?

If you are curious about any of these questions, why not join me on: 27 September, 11 October & 25 October from 11.45-12.45 pm in the Medieval Law Library. To book a place or to learn more about the sessions, please speak to the Canon Chancellor or email her at: [deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

## Praying with the Bible – *Lectio Divina*

The ancient form of praying with the Bible known as *Lectio Divina* is a practice of slow reading, which helps us absorb Scripture in depth – very different from our modern habit of skimming text. The *Lectio Divina* group meets on Wednesdays at 8pm on Zoom, led by Clare Bryden and other group members. The session lasts 40 mins, including a reading from John's Gospel, a time for silent pondering, and a time for sharing. Anyone is always welcome to join us and to participate as much as they feel comfortable. Please contact Clare on [spirituality@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:spirituality@exeter-cathedral.org.uk) for more information and the Zoom link.

## Spotlight on... The Exeter Book

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

Exeter Cathedral Treasures Exhibition

Join our Cathedral Librarian, Emma Laws, for an encounter with one of the world's remarkable medieval manuscripts. *Places are limited; booking is essential.* **Tickets:** £20pp bookable via the QR code or <https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/e-jzorbl>



## Postcards

Thursday 1 October 2026 | 11am-12pm & 5:30-6:30pm | Library & Archives

Enjoy seeing a selection of vintage postcards from the Cathedral Archives, then design and write your own to send to a loved one. Includes an Exeter Cathedral postcard, a blank postcard, and a UK postage stamp. **Tickets:** £10pp bookable at <https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/e-yrlyak> or via the QR code



### **Harvest Supper 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm**

The Harvest Supper will be held in the Medieval Hall on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm. Come and celebrate and enjoy a light supper, wine or soft drinks, and a musical entertainment devised by Tina Guthrie. Numbers are limited so do book soon! Tickets £10 available online or in person after the Choral Eucharist this morning.

### **Freedom of Religion in a Secular World,**

Posbury St Francis/EXCEPT lecture 2026

**Professor Mark Hill KC**, Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame, London  
Chancellor of the Dioceses of Chichester, Leeds and Europe

**Monday 5 October, 6pm (with drinks from 5.30pm),**

**Harrison Building Lecture Theatre 004,  
University of Exeter (Streatham Campus)**

Please register your attendance via Eventbrite **by 30<sup>th</sup> September** (you can register to attend in person or to join the lecture remotely via MS Teams).

Professor Mark Hill KC will examine the importance of freedom of religion in the current age. 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.

### **Project Update**

#### **Investing In Our Welcome: Light & Sound Renewal**

MSE Group are working hard this week to get to know our building and have started carrying out their initial surveys. Next week, they will start cleaning in the roof voids to remove any existing dust from their work area.

Please note that from Thursday 24 September, the north transept will be closed to the public as it will be used by MSE Group for storage of safety and access equipment.

There will be a pause on flower arrangements in the Nave from 5 October whilst initial work for the *Light & Sound Renewal* project is underway. Their beautiful displays will continue throughout the rest of the Cathedral. We would like to thank our wonderful team of Flower Arrangers for their continued support and flexibility throughout this exciting project.

## **Changes to services**

### From Monday 5 October:

- Weekday Morning Prayer (8:15am) and Eucharist (8:35am) will take place in St Petrock's Church (Monday to Friday).
- Eucharist on Wednesdays at 1:15pm will take place at St Pancras.

### From Sunday 18 October:

- Choral Eucharist at 10:00am on a Sunday morning will take place in the Quire, where possible.
- Evensong, Evening Prayer, and weekend services will continue in the Cathedral. The monthly services of Prayers for Healing and the Contemplative Prayer group will continue in their current location.

*This project is generously funded by The Friends of Exeter Cathedral*

## **Cathedral Music Trust: Autumn National Gathering 2026**

*Friday 9 – Sunday 11 October 2026 | Exeter Cathedral &*

*Buckfast Abbey*

The Gathering will begin here on Friday 9 October, with an opportunity to explore the site with experienced guides.

Discover the Cathedral choir, chamber choir, youth and junior choirs, as well as its outreach programme. There will also be the opportunity to visit the brand-new Treasures exhibition. Following the tours learn more and hear the Grand Organ, followed by a Devon cream tea before attending Choral Evensong. Following Evensong, there will be a drinks reception with an opportunity to meet members of the choir, the music department.

On Saturday morning, visit Buckfast Abbey via coach. There will be a welcome by the Master of Music followed by a talk on the Abbey and its music before exploring the gardens. Attend Choral Mass at lunchtime before enjoying a finger buffet in the Conference Centre. The afternoon will include a tour of the Abbey, a recital and demonstration of the organ built by the Italian organ builder Fratelli Ruffatti followed by tea and a return to Exeter in time for Choral Evensong. After Evensong at the Cathedral, walk across to the Mercure Exeter Southgate Hotel for a Gala Dinner. The after-dinner speakers will be Professor Peter Toyne and his son, former Exeter chorister and now Cathedral Music Trust Trustee, Simon Toyne, both with many connections to Exeter.” Tickets bookable via <https://www.cathedralmusictrust.org.uk/events/exeter-buckfast-gathering/> or via the QR code



**Sunday 27****ST MICHAEL**

|         |                                                                                   |                      |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 8.00am  | Holy Communion <i>BCP p227 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>                    | Quire                |
| 9.00am  | Morning Prayer CW                                                                 | St Gabriel Chapel    |
| 10.00am | <b>Choral Eucharist</b> CW Order 1                                                | Nave                 |
|         | The Call <i>Richard Lloyd</i>                                                     |                      |
|         | Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo "Kleine Orgelmesse" - <i>Franz Josef Haydn</i> |                      |
| 4.00pm  | <b>Choral Evensong</b> BCP                                                        | Psalm 124            |
|         | <i>Basil Harwood</i> in A flat                                                    | Quire                |
|         | Abendlied <i>Josef Rheinberger</i>                                                | Responses            |
|         |                                                                                   | <i>William Smith</i> |
|         |                                                                                   | Hymns 190ii, 475     |
|         |                                                                                   | NEH                  |

**Monday 28**

|         |                                            |                        |
|---------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 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  | <b>Choral Evensong</b> BCP                 | Psalms 136-138         |
|         | <i>Michael Wise</i> in F                   | Quire                  |
|         | Factum est silentium <i>Richard Dering</i> | Responses              |
|         |                                            | <i>Humphrey Clucas</i> |

**Tuesday 29**

|        |                                   |                     |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 8.15am | Morning Prayer CW                 | Lady Chapel         |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist CW                  | Lady Chapel         |
| 9.00am | Morning Prayer CW                 | www.zoom.us         |
| 5.30pm | <b>Choral Evensong</b> BCP        | Psalms              |
|        |                                   | 142, 143            |
|        | <i>Henry Purcell</i> in B flat    | Responses           |
|        | Sing joyfully <i>William Byrd</i> | <i>John Sanders</i> |

**Wednesday 30**

|        |                    |             |
|--------|--------------------|-------------|
| 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 | Evening Prayer BCP | Lady Chapel |

*CW – Common Worship, services and prayers for the Church of England (2000)*

**Zoom Morning Prayer:** [www.zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us/j/99638985011) Meeting ID: 99638985011, Passcode: 1F0puR

*BCP – Book of Common Prayer (1662)*

The Very Revd Stephen Waine – *Interim Dean*

The Revd Canon James Mustard – *Precentor*

Timothy Noon – *Director of Music*

## Thursday 01 October

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|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 8.15am | Morning Prayer CW                                                                                                                          | Lady Chapel                                  |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist CW                                                                                                                           | Lady Chapel                                  |
| 9.00am | Morning Prayer CW                                                                                                                          | www.zoom.us                                  |
| 5.30pm | <b>Choral Evensong BCP</b> Psalms 6-8<br><i>Thomas Attwood Walmisley in D minor</i><br>For lo, I raise up <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i> | Quire<br>Responses<br><i>Humphrey Clucas</i> |

## Friday 02

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|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 8.15am | Morning Prayer CW                                                                                                       | Lady Chapel                               |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist CW                                                                                                        | Lady Chapel                               |
| 9.00am | Morning Prayer CW                                                                                                       | www.zoom.us                               |
| 5.30pm | <b>Choral Evensong BCP</b> Psalms 12-14<br><i>Harold Darke in A minor</i><br>Bogoroditse Devo <i>Sergei Rachmaninov</i> | Quire<br>Responses<br><i>John Sanders</i> |

## Saturday 03

|        |                                                                                                             |             |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 8.15am | Morning Prayer CW                                                                                           | Lady Chapel |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist CW                                                                                            | Lady Chapel |
| 2.00pm | <b>Choral Eucharist CW</b><br>Missa Brevis <i>William Walton</i><br>O sacrum convivium <i>Thomas Tallis</i> | Nave        |
| 5.30pm | Evening Prayer                                                                                              | Lady Chapel |

## Sunday 04

|                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                       |
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| THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY |                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                       |
| 8.00am                              | Holy Communion BCP p185 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel                                                                                                                           | Quire                                                                 |
| 9.00am                              | Morning Prayer CW                                                                                                                                                                 | St Gabriel Chapel                                                     |
| 10.00am                             | <b>Choral Eucharist CW Order 1 (Harvest)</b><br>O taste and see <i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i><br>The Truro Eucharist <i>David Briggs</i><br>We do not presume <i>Philip Moore</i> | Nave                                                                  |
| 4.00pm                              | <b>Choral Evensong BCP</b> Psalm 136<br><i>Samuel Sebastian Wesley in E</i><br>O all ye works of the Lord <i>Herbert Sumsion</i>                                                  | Quire<br>Responses<br><i>Humphrey Clucas</i><br>Hymns 339, 272<br>NEH |
| 7.00pm                              | Harvest Thanksgiving <i>attended by the Devon Young Farmers</i>                                                                                                                   | Nave                                                                  |

# HARVEST SERVICE

SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



ITEMS FOODBANKS WOULD LIKE PEOPLE  
TO DONATE AT THE HARVEST SERVICE  
ON 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER -



- Breakfast cereals
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned beans
- Tinned meat & fish

- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tea or coffee
- Sugar
- Long-life milk
- Biscuits
- Snacks



