



Exeter  
Cathedral

# Choral Eucharist

Sunday 06 September 2026  
10.00am

FESTIVAL OF CREATION IN CHRIST

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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.

## **The Festival of Creation in Christ**

The Church of England, in companionship with many other churches, celebrates this feast, to be kept annually on the first Sunday in September, for the first time this year. This feast replaces the previous, informal practice of observing a season of creation in September. This Festival does not replace the many ways in which Christians have prayed, preached and acted in response to the gift and fragility of the created order. It gathers them, strengthens them, and sets them within the great confession of the Church: that all things are created through Christ, reconciled in Christ, and destined in Christ for the liberty and glory of the new creation.

The new Festival is also an ecumenical gift. The desire for a worldwide Christian feast of this kind has emerged through significant conversation amongst churches, drawing especially on the ancient and continuing witness of the Christian East and on the growing common desire of Western churches to honour God as Creator more intentionally in their calendars. The Church of England's reception of the Festival belongs within that wider Christian discernment. It is a sign that the doctrine of creation can unite Christians in praise even as it summons them together to renewed responsibility for the life of the world.

The need for such prayer is plain. We live at a time when the beauty, abundance and interdependence of the world are both more visible to us and more threatened by us. But a Christian understanding of how to react to the challenges of our age must begin with praise for what God has done in creation, and in the new creation in Christ. The new Festival invites the Church to recover the doctrine of creation as a living source of worship.

Creation is the gracious act by which God gives being to all things, the continuing generosity by which God sustains all things, and the theatre in which the mystery of Christ is revealed. The Father is maker of heaven and earth; the eternal Word is the one through whom all things were made; the Holy Spirit is the giver of life. When the Church celebrates creation in Christ, it is drawn into the praise of the Holy Trinity.

In the risen Christ the new creation has already begun: our broken world is being renewed, and creation itself waits with eager longing for the glorious liberty of the children of God. The Church looks back to the beginning, beholds the world held together in Christ, and looks forward to the renewal of all things in him. Without that last intention, care for creation can become anxious, burdensome or moralistic. With it, such care becomes an act of hope, a sign of reconciliation, and a participation in the renewing work of God.

The Rt Revd Robert Atwell  
*Chair of the Liturgical Commission,*  
2014–2023

The Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave  
*Chair of the Liturgical Commission,*  
2023–2026

## **Ministers**

President: The Venerable Hilary Dawson – *Canon Treasurer*  
Deacon: The Reverend Canon Deborah Parsons – *Canon Chancellor*  
Subdeacon: The Reverend Philip Wales – *Priest Vicar*  
Preacher: The Reverend Canon James Mustard – *Canon Precentor*

## **Music**

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis – *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)*  
Conductor: Timothy Noon – *Director of Music*  
Organist: Michael Stephens-Jones – *Assistant Director of Music*

## **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**

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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or to speak to one of our local contacts below

Catherine Escott - *Chief Operating Officer* - 07914 901254

Mike Brewer - *Cathedral Safeguarding Officer* - 07482 312299

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## Order of Service

### The Gathering

#### Introit

*The congregation remains seated. The choir sings*

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge;  
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;  
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in an upright heart before this day and evermore.

*Words: Lidley's Prayers, (1566)*

*Music: John Hilton (1565-1609)*

#### Hymn

*The congregation stands and sings*

**All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!***

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice:  
*O praise him...***

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light:  
*O praise him...***

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
*O praise him...***

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in One:  
*O praise him...***

*Words: St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)*

*Tr William Draper (1855-193)*

*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*

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it.

Let us confess our failure to receive with gratitude God's gift of creation,  
and repent of the ways in which we have caused it harm.

*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*

Holy and eternal God,  
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,  
you are the Word through whom all things were made,  
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:  
draw us into the mystery of your love,  
that with all creation we may proclaim your praise,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The congregation sits.*

# **The Liturgy of the Word**

## **The First Reading**

Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

*The congregation stands and sings*

**For the fruits of his creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for his gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of his Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.**

*Words: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

*Tune: East Acklam, Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

## **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:*

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things.

*All sing the Alleluia.*

## **Gospel Reading**

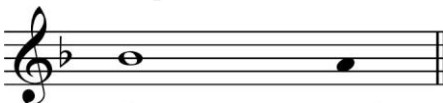
Matthew 8:23-27

*The deacon says*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

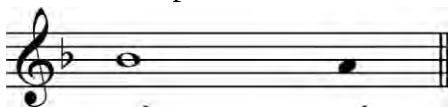
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Glory to you, O Lord.

When he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

*The congregation sits.*

## Sermon

The Reverend Canon James Mustard – *Canon Precentor*

## 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*

You shall go out in joy and be led back into peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

*Isaiah 55.12*

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.*

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Sion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for his own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.**

**Saviour, if of Sion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Sion's children know.**

*Words: John Newton (1725-1807)*

*Tune: Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

## 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.

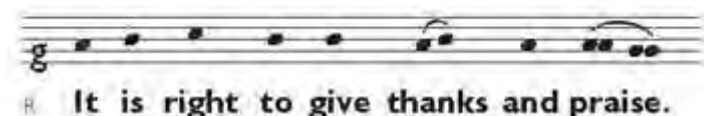
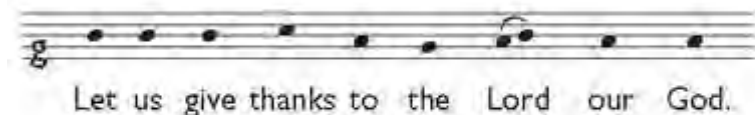
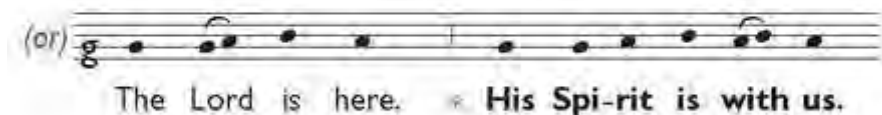
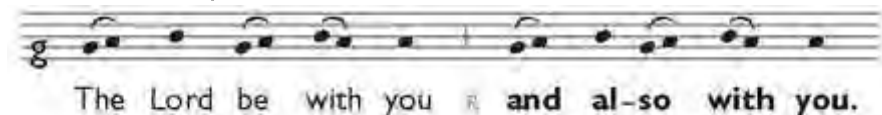
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For by your word the heavens were made,  
and all their host by the breath of your mouth.  
You formed us in your image, the crown of your creation,  
and entrusted us with the works of your hands.  
In your great goodness you sent your Son,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
who holds all things together in himself,  
and through whom you make all things new.  
You have given us the first-fruits of the Spirit,  
as creation itself waits with eager longing  
to obtain the glorious freedom of the children of God.  
And so, with angels and archangels  
and with all that you have made,  
we join the song of your glory,  
forever 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*

Adolescentulus sum ego et contemptus; justificationes tuas non sum oblitus. Justitia tua, in aeternum; et lex tua veritas

*I am but young and held in derision; I am not forgetful of your judgements. Your justice is eternal, and your law is truth.*

*Words: Psalm 119:141*

*Music: William Mundy (1529-1591)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The congregation stands. The president says*

Let us pray.

God our Creator,

by your gift the tree of life was set

at the heart of the earthly paradise,

and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:

may we who have been nourished at your table on earth

be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross

and enjoy the delights of eternity;

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*

**Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.**

**Ye blessed souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Saviour's face,  
God's praises sound,  
as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.**

**Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good or ill,  
who ever lives!**

**My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above:  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.**

*Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691) and others  
Tune: Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>, John Darwall (1731-1789)*

## **The Dismissal Blessing**

*The congregation remains standing. The president says*

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

May God the Father, whose glory is proclaimed in the heavens, awaken in you a delight and wonder in this good creation.

**Amen.**

May God the Son, the Word made flesh, through whom all things were made, fill you with his risen life.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos, form you in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.

**Amen.**

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

Grand Dialogue à 4 chœurs from Suite du Troisième Ton –

*Jacques Boyvin (1649-1706)*

*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

**Anniversary of death:** HM Queen Elizabeth II, Peggy Gallock, Mary Wolffe, Joyce Fordham, Brian Phillips

## 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](mailto: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/volunteerwith-us/> for further information or scan the QR code.



### **Devon Historic Churches Trust - Ride and Stride 12 September**

Mrs Fiona Moffat and the Revd Phil Wales will be leading a walk to visit the churches that comprise the Parish of Central Exeter. We will leave the Cathedral West Front at **10.30am on Saturday 12th September**. Whether you are striding with us, heading off on your own ride or stride around Exeter (or further afield), or joining us in prayer, your support is greatly valued. Please do give generously to this important fundraising day which helps preserve Devon's Churches for future generations. The proceeds of donations from the Cathedral Community will be shared equally between the **Devon Historic Churches Trust** and the **Cathedral**. Fiona Moffat will accept donations after the 10.00 Choral Eucharist over the next few Sundays, and there will also be a link to donate on the Cathedral website.

### **Readings for 10am Choral Eucharist next Sunday**

(13<sup>th</sup> September: Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35)

### **Half Price Sundays**

Available until the end of September 2026

Offer ends end of September 2026. We look forward to welcoming you!

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

### **Medieval Mysteries: The Story of Exeter Cathedral's Votives (Free Tour)**

11-19 September 2026 | Tours at 10am-11:15am & 3pm-4:15pm

Find out what votives are, why they were used, and see a real life votive inside our Treasures Exhibition. Our guides will take you on a journey through the Cathedral and the Treasures Exhibition, sharing the story of the building and the everyday histories it holds. In addition to the votives our Treasures Exhibition has on display some of the rare and ancient artefacts from our Library and Archives collection, including the Exeter Book and Exon Domesday. Book your free tickets at <https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/e-jpbmgy> or via the QR code.



### **In Conversation with Rosie Jackson: ‘Love Leans Over the Table’**

Sunday 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.*

### **Library & Archives: Looking at Letters**

Wednesday 16 September 2026 | 1pm-4pm | Exeter Cathedral Library & Archives

**Discover the everyday stories hidden within letters from the Cathedral’s Archives during this free drop-in event.**

Ever wondered what stories are hidden within letters from over 300 years ago? From a 1688 grumble about having to pay a prince, to a 1763 account of a shipwreck off the Cornish coast, our archive holds letters revealing the adventures and dilemmas of real people connected to the Cathedral. We will have a selection of letters on display for you to delve into and discover more about the stories of everyday life throughout the centuries.

In this free drop-in session as part of Heritage Open Days 2026 you can have a go at reading hand writing from hundreds of years ago and deciphering genuine letters from our collection.

*This is a free drop-in event; no booking is required*

### **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

Sir John Falstaff, attempts to seduce not one, but two wives of Windsor. The ensuing mayhem is 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.

Tickets bookable via <https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/e-bpymdo> or via the QR code.



## 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-yrlaky> or via the QR code



## **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.**

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*

## **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



## **Exeter Cathedral Autumn Fair 2026**

**Journey into the new season at this year's Autumn Fair in the Nave on Tuesday 13 October and Wednesday 14 October.**

Support a diverse line-up of small local businesses. Discover delicious artisan food and drink, handcrafted jewellery and clothing, stoneware, ceramics, handmade crafts and much more!

Entrance to the Cathedral is FREE during the Autumn Fair.

Need a break from shopping? Enjoy delicious ethically-sourced refreshments from our Café, or a free glass of mulled wine.\*

*\*Please note, to redeem your free glass of mulled wine you will need to have a free pre-booked adult ticket.*

Tickets bookable at <https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/e-olblbp> or via the QR code



## **A Friendly Introduction to Palaeography: Reading 15th & 16th Century Royal Letters**

Wednesday 14 October 2026 | 2pm-4:30pm | Cathedral Library & Archives

**This workshop is a chance to find out about royal correspondence in the Cathedral Archives and have a go at reading and transcribing real letters from Margaret of Anjou, Henry VII and others.**

Suitable for adults with an interest in understanding and reading historical documents, but with little or no practical experience.

Places are limited; booking is essential.

**Tickets:** £20 bookable at <https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/t-aayylne> or via the QR code



## **Exeter Cathedral Photography Exhibition 2026 – Competition Finalists**

Friday 16 October – Saturday 31 October 2026 | Inside Exeter Cathedral, by The Lady Chapel

### **This October, all are welcome to experience the stunning winning photographs of the Exeter Cathedral Photography Competition 2026.**

Throughout August, photographers of all ages and abilities were invited to step inside Exeter Cathedral and capture the beauty of its interior for the chance to win over £200 in prizes and an exhibition feature. The competition welcomed colour photographs, black and white photographs, and photographs taken by budding creatives aged 11-18. Individuals travelled from all over England to take part and find one of three winning photographs. On the judging panel is Emma Solley – acclaimed Devon-based photographer, The Very Revd Stephen Waine – The Dean of Exeter, and Jacob Hilton – Marketing Manager at Exeter Cathedral. This competition has been generously supported by: London Camera Exchange (Exeter Store), Exeter College, The Guildhall Shopping Centre, Hotel Indigo Exeter, InExeter, Princesshay Exeter, John Lewis  
This exhibition is included in standard Cathedral admission

## **Trafalgar Day Service**

Sunday 18 October 2026 | 11:45am | Exeter Cathedral

**Do join us for Exeter Flotilla's 52nd service to commemorate the Battle of Trafalgar.** *This service is free to attend; no booking is required*

## **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)

**Sunday 06**

## THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

|         |                                                                |                     |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 8.00am  | Holy Communion <i>BCP p179 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i> | Quire               |
| 9.00am  | Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>                                       | St Gabriel Chapel   |
| 10.00am | <b>Choral Eucharist</b> <i>CW Order 1</i>                      | Nave                |
|         | Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake <i>John Hilton</i>           |                     |
|         | Missa Brevis <i>Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina</i>           |                     |
|         | Adolescentulus sum ego <i>William Mundy</i>                    |                     |
| 4.00pm  | <b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i>                              | Psalm 108           |
|         | <i>Herbert Sumson in G à3</i>                                  | Quire               |
|         | <i>Ave Maria Franz Biebl</i>                                   | Responses           |
|         |                                                                | <i>Philip Moore</i> |
|         |                                                                | Hymns 439, 377      |

**Monday 7**

|         |                                   |                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 8.15am  | Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>          | Lady Chapel       |
| 8.35am  | The Eucharist <i>CW</i>           | Lady Chapel       |
| 9.00am  | Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>          | www.zoom.us       |
| 12.30pm | Prayers for Wholeness and Healing | St Gabriel Chapel |
| 5.30pm  | Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>         | Lady Chapel       |

**Tuesday 8**

## Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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|--------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 8.15am | Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>  | Lady Chapel |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist <i>CW</i>   | Lady Chapel |
| 9.00am | Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>  | www.zoom.us |
| 5.30pm | Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i> | Lady Chapel |

**Wednesday 9**

|        |                           |             |
|--------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 8.15am | Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>  | Lady Chapel |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist <i>CW</i>   | Lady Chapel |
| 9.00am | Morning Prayer <i>CW</i>  | www.zoom.us |
| 1.15pm | The Eucharist <i>CW</i>   | Lady Chapel |
| 5.30pm | Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i> | Lady Chapel |

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

## Thursday 10

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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 53-55 | Quire               |
|        | <i>Walter Alcock in D</i>                       |              | Responses           |
|        | <i>I will lift up mine eyes – Ernest Walker</i> |              | <i>Philip Moore</i> |

## Friday 11

|        |                                       |              |                     |
|--------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 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 59-61 | Quire               |
|        | <i>Timothy Parsons in Fauxbourdon</i> |              | Responses           |
|        | <i>Ubi caritas – Philip Moore</i>     |              | <i>Philip Moore</i> |

## Saturday 12

|        |                                                                 |              |                     |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 8.15am | Morning Prayer CW                                               |              | Lady Chapel         |
| 8.35am | The Eucharist CW                                                |              | Lady Chapel         |
| 5.30pm | <b>Choral Evensong BCP</b>                                      | Psalms 65-67 | Quire               |
|        | <i>Charles Wood in D</i>                                        |              | Responses           |
|        | <i>O for a closer walk with God – Charles Villiers Stanford</i> |              | <i>Bernard Rose</i> |
|        |                                                                 |              | Hymn 393 NEH        |

## Sunday 13

### THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

|         |                                                                |                  |                     |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 8.00am  | Holy Communion BCP <i>p180 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                |
|         | <i>Blessed are the pure in heart – Henry Walford Davies</i>    |                  |                     |
|         | <i>Missa Brevis – Grayston Ives</i>                            |                  |                     |
|         | <i>View me, Lord – Richard Lloyd</i>                           |                  |                     |
| 4.00pm  | <b>Choral Evensong</b> with                                    | Psalms 119:41-48 | Quire               |
|         | <i>Installations of new members of the</i>                     |                  |                     |
|         | <i>Cathedral Choir BCP</i>                                     |                  |                     |
|         | <i>Charles Villiers Stanford in C</i>                          |                  | Responses           |
|         | <i>A New Song – James MacMillan</i>                            |                  | <i>Bernard Rose</i> |

The Very Revd Stephen Waite - *Interim Dean*

The Revd Canon James Mustard – *Canon Precentor*

Timothy Noon – *Director of Music*



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# Michael Stephens-Jones

Thursday 10 September | 7pm | Tickets £4 - £10

Michael Stephens-Jones, Assistant Director of Music here at Exeter Cathedral, will be performing a delightful seasonal concert as part of our Summer Concert Series, celebrating exceptional organ music in one of the country's most atmospheric and historic sacred spaces.

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