Exeter Cathedral

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 01 November 2026
10.00am

ALL SAINTS

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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 Reverend Canon Morwenna Ludlow – *Canon Theologian*
Deacon: The Reverend Prebendary David Nixon – *Priest Vicar*
Subdeacon: The Reverend Canon James Mustard – *Canon Precentor*
Preacher: The Reverend Philip Wales – *Priest Vicar*

Music

Mass Setting: Communion service in C and F –
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
Conductor: Marie Price
Organist: Ian Wicks

Visiting Choir

We welcome and thank the choir of St Nicholas Church, Harpenden who are singing our choral services this weekend during the Cathedral Choir half term holiday.

Children's Activities:

Cloister Club is on its half term 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 on Sunday 08 November.

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/

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Introit

The congregation remains seated. The choir sings

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

Words: Salisbury Diurnal, G.H. Palmer (1842-1933)
Music: William Harris (1883-1973)

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed.
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluya!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear their one true light.
Alleluya!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluya!

O blest communion! Fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluya!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluya!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluya!

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)
Tune: Sine Nomine, 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.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Introduction

The president greets the congregation. The congregation says the following prayer during the current half term holiday.

Thank you Lord for families on their 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
Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.
Hebrews 12.1

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

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

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints.

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living,
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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
1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn
The congregation stands and sings

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God,
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

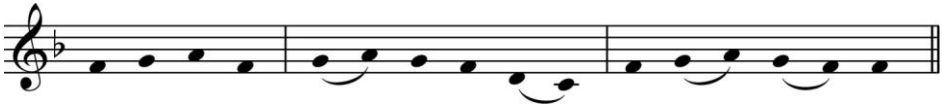
The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866) and others
Tune: Franconia, W.H. Havergal (1793-1870)

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 a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light.
1 Peter 2.9

All sing the Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation sits.

Sermon

The Reverend Philip Wales – *Priest Vicar*

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 fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.
Ephesians 2.19,17

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.

Who are these, like stars appearing,
these before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
who are all this glorious band?
Alleluya, hark! they sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.

Who are these of dazzling brightness,
these in God's own truth arrayed,
clad in robes of purest whiteness,
robes whose lustre ne'er shall fade,
ne'er be touched by time's rude hand -
whence comes all this glorious band?

These are they who have contended
for their Saviour's honour long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
following not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph through the Lamb have gained.

These are they whose hearts were riven,
sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.

These like priests have watched and waited,
offering up to Christ their will,
soul and body consecrated,
day and night to serve him still:
now, in God's most holy place
blest they stand before his face.

Words: German, H.T. Schenck (1656-1727)
Tr Frances Cox (1812-1897)
Tune: All Saints, W.H Monk (1823-1889)

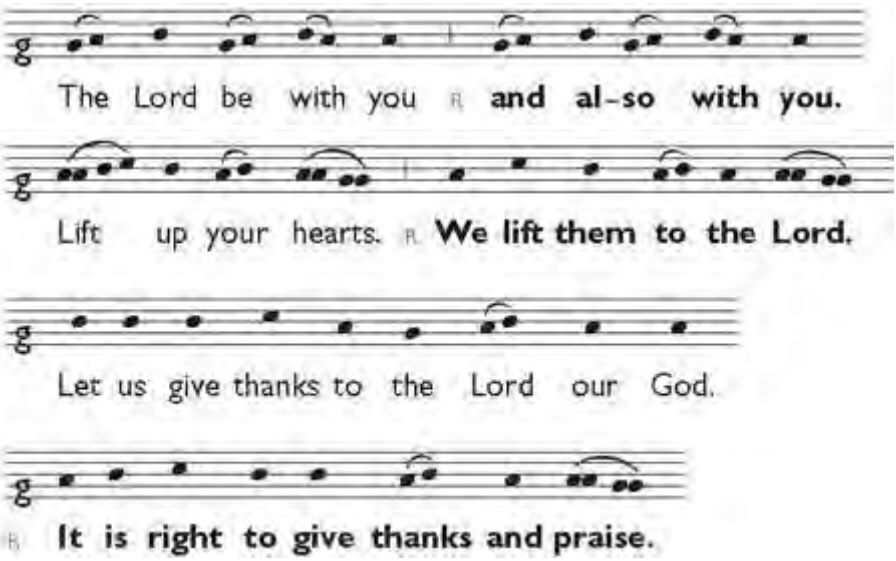
Prayer over the gifts

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.
In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The 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

With saints and martyrs through the ages,
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

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Anthem

The choir sings

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and stand with fear and trembling,
and lift itself above all earthly thought.
For the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Christ our God,
cometh forth to be our oblation,
and to be given for food to the faithful.
Before him come the choirs of angels,
with every principality and power;
the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim,
who veil their faces as they shout exultantly the hymn, Alleluia.

Words: Liturgy of St James
Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

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

By all your saints still striving
for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus,
forevermore be blest!
You rose, our King victorious,
that they might wear the crown
and ever shine in splendour
reflected from your throne.

With joy your Church remembers
all saints, forever blest,
who gave up earthly treasures
and Jesus' name confessed.
The poor and weak they welcomed,
the heretic they scorned;
through faith and life and preaching,
Christ's Gospel they adorned.

Then let us praise the Father
and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number
who stand before the throne,
ascribe all power and glory
and praise to God alone.

Text stanzas 1, 3: Horatio Bolton Nelson
Stanza 2: © 2006 Walter P. Snyder
Tune: Offertorium, Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

The Dismissal

Blessing

The congregation remains standing. The president says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God,
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.
Amen.

May he give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.
Amen.

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.
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
Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Fantasia on The Old Hundredth –
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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

For your prayers

Those who are sick or in need:
Chris Boynes, Nigel Hayes, Harry Carnell, (Bishop) Graham James, Elias Konyalian, Maro Konyalian, Oliver Andrea, Natalie Moyse, Joe Prince, Tahleya, John Bowers, Steve, Beryl Elliott, Peter Vincent-Smith, Ann, Jonathan Macdonald, Jason Groves, Penelope, Marion Newbery, Penny Endersby, Olivia Parkinson, Sarah, Jonathan Bush Richard, Paul Morgan, Dick, Paul Edmonds, John Massey, PattiJoy Posan, Wendy Rawlings, Philip Richardson, Susie Jacobs, Jeremy, Chris, Ken Parry.

Anniversaries of Death: John Harris, Andrew Baker

Notices

Readings for 10am Choral Eucharist next Sunday
(8th November; The Third Sunday before Advent, Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16; Matthew 25:1-13)

All Souls Solemn Eucharist: Monday 2 November at 5.30pm in the Quire. If you would like the name of someone to be read out at this service, please print the name clearly on the sign-up sheets in the South Transept.

Remembrance Sunday Devon County Service 2026
Sunday 8 November 2026 | 4pm
This special service for the people of Devon will be accompanied by music from Exeter Cathedral Choir, and attended by military and veterans' associations. During the service, commemorative wreaths will be passed to the Dean of Exeter, then placed in Exeter Cathedral's Devon and Dorset Regimental Chapel, before being laid at the War Memorial on Cathedral Green, on Armistice Day. Everyone is warmly invited to attend this service.
This is a free event; no booking is required.

Armistice Day Service 2026
Wednesday 11 November 2026 | 10:45am
All are welcome to join us for our Armistice Day service with a two-minute silence and prayers. *No booking is required*

2025 Annual Library Lecture : The Enlightened Mr Parkinson

Wednesday 4 November 2026 | Refreshments from 7pm | Lecture from 7:30pm | The Chapter House

Today Parkinson's disease is one of the most familiar of all neurological disorders, but few know anything about the man who first identified it. Our 2026 Annual Library Lecture will reveal the life of this pioneering individual.

A champion of the poor and underprivileged, the apothecary James Parkinson (1755-1824) soon gained notoriety for authoring anti-government pamphlets, and when embroiled in a plot to kill King George III, he put his own life on the line trying to save his friends. However, during his lifetime he was most famous for his exquisitely illustrated works on fossils, which revealed an unknown prehistoric world littered with 'wrecks of an early Creation', and for which he was awarded the Royal College of Surgeon's first-ever gold medal.

Dr Cherry Lewis is an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Bristol. A geologist and historian of science, she has published extensively on these topics, including her book The Enlightened Mr Parkinson, copies of which will be on sale after the lecture.

Tickets £12.00 – via cathedral website or scan this QR code

Project Update

Investing In Our Welcome: Light & Sound Renewal

The contractor team (MSE) is now fully set up in their facilities and regular deliveries are being made to site. The MEWP (Mobile Elevated Working Platform) – a tall, mobile platform reaching high into the vault – has now arrived. The MEWP is also sometimes referred to as a 'spider' because of its legs. When in use, the MEWP may beep as it's moved into position, but it operates quite quietly as it is electric.

The MEWP is already being used for high level cleaning at the west end of the Cathedral and will gradually work its way through the Nave. The contractors from MSE continue to work with the floor team to ensure that their work dovetails well with services and events.

Please note...

- 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.

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.

- Choral Eucharist at 10am on Sunday mornings will take place in the Quire, where possible.

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

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 for more information and the Zoom link.

Interfaith Week (8-15 November 2026)
All events, free admission, refreshments, no booking required.
Saturday 7 November: 13.30-14.30, St Stephen's Church, High Street, Exeter.
Prayers and Meditations for Universal Peace
Sharing prayers and meditations from diverse religions and communities

Saturday 7 November: 15.00-16.30, St Stephen's Church, High Street, Exeter.
How does your faith or belief impact on your daily life?
Multi-faith panel discussion representing different faith and belief traditions: Humanist, Muslim, Quaker, Druid, Christian, Hindu, Sikh

Monday 9 November: 18.30 –20.00, The Mint Church, Fore St, Exeter
Interfaith meal (pot-luck supper) –come and share food and friendship
All welcome –please contact Warren Houghton (dfbfsecretary@gmail.com) if you would like to join this event

Saturday 14 November: 14.00-16.00, St Stephen's Church, High Street, Exeter
Meet a Muslim, Pagan, Buddhist, Jew, Humanist, Christian, Hindu, Baha'i, Sikh, Quaker etc ...Share a cup of tea and meet diverse members of faith and belief groups from across the region, in a relaxed environment

Special Tour: Uncovering the Civil War at Exeter Cathedral
Tuesday 10 November 2026 | 2pm-3:30pm | Tour begins in the Cathedral and ends in the Cathedral Library and Archives
The seventeenth century began with Queen Elizabeth I and ended with Prince William of Orange on the English throne. Between them the Stuart Kings came from Scotland to take the throne, and by the middle of the century the country was engulfed in a terrible civil war.
Join us on this exciting tour to discover stories of the Civil War in the Library and Archives and to take a closer look at evidence of the impact on the Cathedral building and decoration.
Tickets: £20 per person bookable at https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/t-ldeqoey or via the QR code.

Exeter Cathedral Christmas Market 2026
Friday 13 November 2026 (10am) – Sunday 13 December 2026 (5pm) | Cathedral Green
The Exeter Cathedral Christmas Market 2026 brings together festive cheer, artisan craftsmanship, and gourmet treats in an enchanting experience that delights all the senses. Wander through twinkling chalets, savour seasonal delicacies, sip mulled wine beneath the spires, and shop from handpicked traders showcasing the very best of Devon and beyond.

Pre-Advent Mini Retreat Sunday 22 November, 2026 11.45 – 1.00pm Medieval Hall
An opportunity to pause and prepare for Advent through a time of gentle reflection, music and silence. To book a place or to find out more information, please contact Reverend Canon Deborah Parsons at: deborah.parsons@exeter-cathedral.org.uk by no later than Sunday 15 November.

CHRISTINGLE - Coming soon!
Our Christingle service this year will take place on Saturday 28 November. There will be two Christingle making sessions in preparation for this on Thursday 26 November at 4.00pm and Friday 27 November at 2.00pm, in the Cloister Garth room. Each session will last approximately an hour and a half and will include refreshments! If you are able to offer help at either or both of these, please contact Tina Guthrie at tmgflute@gmail.com

Library & Archives In Focus: What's In An Archive?
Tuesday 17 November 2026 | Drop in 1pm-3pm | Library & Archives Reading Room
Drop in for a free, relaxed exploration of the Cathedral Archives. View a specially selected display of original items drawn from across the collections, and chat with the Cathedral Archivist about what archives are, how records are cared for, and the role of an archivist today — bring your questions and curiosity!
The perfect introduction to the Cathedral Archives for history-lovers of every age and background. *This is a free drop-in event; no booking is required*

Art of the Book: The Anatomy of Books

Thursday 26 November 2026 | 2pm-3:30pm | Exeter Cathedral Library

In this practical session, you will explore remarkable early printed books in the Cathedral Library to discover clues to how books were printed, sewn and bound in the hand-press period.

Places are limited; booking is essential.

Tickets: £20 bookable via https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/t-jxrodzk or via the QR code.

Advent Series: The Lord's Prayer – By Revd Professor Christopher Bryan

Sunday 29 November 2026 & Sunday 13 December 2026 | 11:45am-12:30pm | The Medieval Hall (The Old Law Library)

We are all familiar with the Lord's Prayer. It is, in a sense, quite ordinary for Christians. Yet, that very familiarity can lead us to overlook the fact that it is also extraordinary. Utterly of Israel, the Lord's Prayer is also profoundly Christian. Essentially a family prayer, it is also universal. Always for the present moment, it is also for eternity. In two sessions, The Revd Professor Christopher Bryan will explore these thoughts.

To book a free place on the course or for more information, please email Christopher on: cbryan90@icloud.com

Canon Deborah Parsons will be leaving the Cathedral at the end of November. Her last Sunday will be Advent Sunday. Deborah has made an immense contribution to the life and mission of the Cathedral and been a great support to the Cathedral Community. If you would like to contribute to a thank you gift, please send a donation either to the Finance Department, Cathedral Office, 1 The Cloisters, Exeter EX1 1HS, or donate via BACS. The bank details are – Dean and Chapter of Exeter, Sort Code: 56-00-49 Account Number: 00708526, using the reference Parsons. If you send a donation by post, please mark the envelope 'Parsons Gift' and make cheques payable to 'The Dean and Chapter of Exeter.'

The Advent Procession

Sunday 29 November 2026 | 6pm | Exeter Cathedral

Enjoy this atmospheric service as the Exeter Cathedral Choir take lead in singing advent carols and anthems.

This service is free to attend; no booking is required.

Sunday 01 November	ALL SAINTS		
8.00am	Holy Communion *BCP p233 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel*		Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer *CW*		Chapter House Café
10.00am	**Choral Eucharist** *CW Order 1 sung by the choir of St Nicholas Harpenden* Holy is the True Light *William Harris* Communion service in C and F *Charles Villiers Stanford* Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Edward Bairstow*		Quire
4.00pm	**Choral Evensong** *BCP sung by the choir of St Nicholas Harpenden* Evening service in D minor *Thomas Attwood Walmisley* Te Deum in B-flat *Charles Villiers Stanford*	Psalms 148, 150	Quire Responses *Bernard Rose* Hymns 475, 393 NEH
Monday 02	ALL SOULS		
8.15am	Morning Prayer *CW*		St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist *CW*		St Petrock's
9.00am	Morning Prayer *CW*		www.zoom.us
12.30pm	Prayers for Wholeness and Healing		St Gabriel Chapel
5.00pm	Evening Prayer *DP*		Lady Chapel
5.30pm	**Solemn Eucharist** *CW Order 1* Missa III *Hans Leo Hassler*		Quire
Tuesday 03			
8.15am	Morning Prayer *CW*		St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist *CW*		St Petrock's
9.00am	Morning Prayer *CW*		www.zoom.us
5.30pm	**Choral Evensong** *BCP* William Harris *in A* And I saw a new heaven *Edgar Bainton*	Psalm 18	Quire Responses *Thomas Morley*
Wednesday 04			
8.15am	Morning Prayer *CW*		St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist *CW*		St Petrock's
9.00am	Morning Prayer *CW*		www.zoom.us
1.15pm	The Eucharist *CW*		St Pancras
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 Meeting ID: 99638985011, Passcode: 1FopuR
BCP – Book of Common Prayer (1662)
The Very Revd Stephen Waine – *Dean*
The Revd Canon James Mustard – *Precentor*
Timothy Noon – *Director of Music*

Thursday 05

8.15am	Morning Prayer *CW*		St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist *CW*		St Petrock's
9.00am	Morning Prayer *CW*		www.zoom.us
5.30pm	**Choral Evensong** *BCP*	Psalms 27-29	Quire
	The Short Service *James MacMillan*		Responses
	Through the day thy love has spared us *Philip Moore*		*Anthony Piccolo*

Friday 06

8.15am	Morning Prayer *CW*		St Petrock's
8.35am	The Eucharist *CW*		St Petrock's
9.00am	Morning Prayer *CW*		www.zoom.us
5.30pm	**Choral Evensong** *BCP*	Psalms 32-34	Quire
	John Amner in the Dorian mode		Responses
	In manus tuas *John Sheppard*		*Thomas Tallis*

Saturday 07 Willibrord, bishop, 739

8.15am	Morning Prayer *CW*		Lady Chapel
8.35am	The Eucharist *CW*		Lady Chapel
5.30pm	**Choral Evensong** *BCP sung by the St Peter's Singers*	Psalm 37	Quire
	Thomas Tertius Noble in B minor		Responses
	O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem *Herbert Howells*		*Thomas Radcliffe*
			Hymn 208 NEH

Sunday 08 THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.00am	Holy Communion *BCP p194 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel*	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer *BCP*	Chapter House Café
10.00am	**Choral Eucharist** *CW Order 1*	Quire
	For the fallen *Douglas Guest*	
	Collegium Regale *Herbert Howells*	
	Justorum animae *Charles Villiers Stanford*	
4.00pm	**Remembrance Day Service**	Nave
	Agnus Dei (One ever hangs) *Benjamin Britten*	
	For the fallen *Douglas Guest*	
	Greater Love *John Ireland*	