



Choral Eucharist

Sunday 25 October 2026
10.00am

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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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 Deborah Parsons – *Canon Chancellor*

Deacon: The Reverend Canon Ian Morter – *Priest Vicar*

Subdeacon and Preacher: The Very Reverend Stephen Waite - *Dean*

Music

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis – *Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967)*

Conductor: Ian Westley

Organist: Philip Aspden

Visiting Choir

We welcome and thank the Erleigh Cantors 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.

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Introit

The congregation remains seated. The choir sings

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house and his banner over me was love.

Words: Song of Solomon 2:3-4

Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest - to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish-but nought changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Words: William Kethe (d1594)

Tune: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter c.1551

Greeting

The president says:

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Introduction

The president greets the congregation. The congregation says the following prayer during the current 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

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

The congregation remains standing.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

The president says

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The congregation remains standing. The choir sings

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

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,*

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God,

*Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

*For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art the Most High, in the glory of God the Father.*

Amen.

The Collect

The congregation remains standing as the president invites us to pray

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 Thessalonians 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**All who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let them in constancy
follow the master.
There's no discouragement
shall make them once relent
their first avowed intent
to be true pilgrims.**

**Who so beset them round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound;
their strength the more is.
No foes shall stay their might;
though they with giants fight,
they will make good their right**

**Since, Lord, you will defend
us with your Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
We'll fear not what they say,
we'll labour night and day
to be true pilgrims.**

Words: John Bunyan (1628-1688)

And Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Tune: Monks Gate, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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:

Praise the Lord, O my soul, while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

All sing the Alleluia.

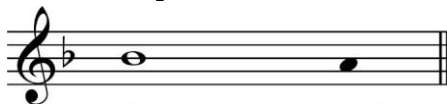
Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

The deacon says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

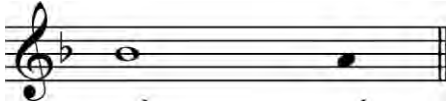


Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation sits.

Sermon

The Very Reverend Stephen Waine - *Dean*

The Nicene Creed

The congregation stands and says

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the prayers. The congregation sits.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end
Merciful Father;
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament The Peace

The congregation stands. The president says

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Collection

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Preparation of the Table

The altar is prepared and the congregation sings.

**Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Words: Edward Plumptre (1821-1891)

Tune: Thornbury, Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

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



The Lord be with you *R* and al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts. *R* We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R It is right to give thanks and praise.

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

The choir sings:

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

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

The president continues:

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us
the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is
my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy
will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter,
St 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

Lord, behold us with Thy blessing
once again assembled here;
onward be our footsteps pressing
in Thy love, and faith, and fear;
still protect us
by Thy presence ever near.

For Thy mercy we adore Thee,
for this rest upon our way;
Lord, again we bow before Thee,
speed our labours day by day;
mind and spirit
with Thy choicest gifts array.

Keep the spell of home affection
still alive in every heart;
may its power, with mild direction,
draw our love from self apart,
till Thy children
feel that Thou their Father art.

Break temptation's fatal power,
shielding all with guardian care,
safe in every careless hour,
safe from sloth and sensual snare;
thou, our Savior,
still our failing strength repair.

Words: Henry James Buckoll (1803-1871)

Music: Stephen Tanner (b1959)

Prayer after Communion

The congregation stands. The president says
Let us pray.

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

**All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour
if we have not hope in thee.**

**All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee hour by hour:
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.**

**All for Jesus! at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
In the solemn sacrament.**

**All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
all for Jesus! thou hast died,
all for Jesus! thou art with us,
all for Jesus, crucified.**

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
this the Church's song shall be,
till, at last, we are all gathered
one in love, and one in thee.**

Words: W.J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

Tune: All for Jesus, John Stainer (1840-1901)

The Dismissal Blessing

The congregation remains standing. The president says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of
God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

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

For your prayers

Those who are sick or in need:

Nigel Hayes, Harry Carnell, (Bishop) Graham James, Elias Konyalian,
Maro Konyalian, Oliver Andrea, Natalie Moyse, Joe Prince, Janet, Tahleya,
John Bowers, Steve, Beryl Elliott, Peter Vincent-Smith, Ann,
Jonathan Macdonald, Jason Groves, Penelope, Marion Newbery,
Penny Endersby, Olivia Parkinson, Sarah, Jonathan Bush,

Departed: Mary Nesbitt

Anniversaries of Death: 25-31 October, Hugh Searle, Robert Wells,
Murray Bell, Dennis Whitehead

Notices

Readings for 10am Choral Eucharist next Sunday

1st November: All Saints, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12)

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 today 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

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.

October Half Term Family Activities

Monday 26, Tuesday 27 & Thursday 29 October 2026 / 10:30am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-3:30pm

Get creative as a family this October Half Term with Cathedral-inspired arts and crafts suitable for all ages.

From birds, mini Cathedrals to the 'Green Man', everyone will be able to take home something beautiful they've made after a relaxing art session with Exeter Cathedral's in-house professional artist, Zoë.

Tickets: £4 per child (free adult entry with accompanying children)

bookable via the QR code above or at

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



Library & Archives In Focus: Through the Frontispiece

Tuesday 27 October 2026 / Drop in 1pm-3pm / Library & Archives Reading Room

Engraved frontispieces emerged in early modern Europe as gateways to books.

Produced by skilled engravers, they combined portraiture, allegory, and decorative design to signal a work's themes, prestige, and authorship. Step through the frontispiece, and discover how a single image can open the door to an entire narrative.

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

Wonder, Wander and Walk the Labyrinth

Saturday 31 October 2026 / 11am-3pm

Looking for a way to find your footing in a busy world? Join us to rediscover the ancient practice of the Labyrinth.

There is no one way to use the labyrinth; each person experiences this pilgrimage in a different way. There are famous mediaeval labyrinths in some continental cathedrals, most notably in the nave at Chartres. *This event is included in standard Cathedral admission.*

2026 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.

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.

A first edition of James Parkinson's essay on the shaking palsy, generously bequeathed to the Cathedral Library by Dr Christopher Gardner-Thorpe in 2025, will be on display at the lecture. Tickets, £12, bookable at <https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/t-njddvaa> or via the QR code.



Medieval Art Workshop: Being Human Festival

Thursday 5 November 2026 | 1pm-3pm | Library & Archives

Join us for an afternoon for a sketch and learn workshop to explore medieval art and iconography and how it was used to convey ideas and beliefs. We will examine different medieval religious figures and artworks – including examples in the Cathedral itself. Then, get ready to sketch and create your own iconography in medieval style!

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



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 veteran associations.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend this service.

This is a free event; no booking is required.

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

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*

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

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 25**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p190 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer CW	Chapter House Café
10.00am	Choral Eucharist CW <i>Order 1 sung by the Erleigh Cantors</i> I sat down under his shadow <i>Edward Bairstow</i> Missa Brevis <i>Zoltán Kodály</i> Lord behold us with thy blessing <i>Stephen Tanner</i>	Quire
4.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>BCP</i> <i>Edmund Rubbra</i> in A-flat For lo, I raise up <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>	Psalm 119 (89-104) Responses <i>Anthony Piccolo</i> Hymns 360, 452 NEH

Monday 26**Alfred, king, scholar, 899**

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
5.30pm	Choral Evensong <i>BCP sung by Song Cycle</i> Fauxbourdons <i>John Bertalot</i> Hear the Voice and Prayer <i>Thomas Tallis</i>	Psalm 119 (145-176) Quire Responses <i>Harry Bramma</i>

Tuesday 27

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 <i>BCP sung by Song Cycle</i> <i>Henry Purcell</i> in G minor The word is a Lantern - <i>Henry Purcell</i>	Psalms 126-131 Quire Responses <i>Malcolm Archer</i>

Wednesday 28**ST SIMON AND ST JUDE**

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 <i>BCP</i>	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 – Dean

The Revd Canon James Mustard – Precentor

Timothy Noon – Director of Music

Thursday 29		James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885
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 <i>BCP sung by Song Cycle</i> Charles Wood in <i>E</i> Great Lord of Lords <i>Charles Wood</i>	Psalms 142-143 Quire Responses <i>Thomas Ebdon</i>
Friday 30		
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 <i>BCP sung by Song Cycle</i> Short service <i>Adrian Batten</i> Beati quorum via <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>	Psalms 147-148 Quire Responses <i>Ernest Bullock</i>
Saturday 31		
8.15am	Morning Prayer CW	Lady Chapel
8.35am	The Eucharist CW	Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Choral Evensong <i>BCP sung by the choir of St Nicholas Church Harpenden</i> <i>(The First Evensong of All Saints)</i> St Paul's Service <i>Herbert Howells</i> Let the people praise Thee O God <i>William Mathias</i>	Psalms 1,5 Quire Responses <i>Bernard Rose</i> Hymn 225 NEH
Sunday 01 November		ALL SAINTS
8.00am	Holy Communion <i>BCP p233 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel</i>	Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer BCP	Chapter House Café
10.00am	Choral Eucharist <i>CW Order 1 sung by the choir of St Nicholas Church, Harpenden</i> Holy is the True Light <i>William Harris</i> Communion service in C and F <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i> Let all mortal flesh keep silence <i>Edward Bairstow</i>	Quire
4.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>BCP sung by the choir of St Nicholas Church, Harpenden</i> Evening service in D minor <i>Thomas Attwood Walmisley</i> Te Deum in B-flat <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>	Psalms 148, 150 Quire Responses <i>Bernard Rose</i> Hymns 475, 393 NEH

