Choral Eucharist

Sunday 15 November 2026
10.00am

Safeguarding Sunday

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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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 Very Reverend Stephen Waine - *Dean*
Deacon: The Reverend Canon Cate Edmonds – *Canon Steward*
Subdeacon: The Reverend Philip Wales – *Priest Vicar*
Preacher: The Venerable Hilary Dawson – *Canon Treasurer*

Music

Mass Setting: Collegium Regale – *Harold Darke (1888-1976)*
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 near the Bishop's Throne in the Quire 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/

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Organ Music before the service

Order of Service

The Gathering

Introit

The congregation remains seated. The choir sings

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Text: Sarum Primer (1558)
Music: John Rutter (b1945)

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

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

Unresting, unhasting, 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: W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)
Tune: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter (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 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
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

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

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he 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 5:1-11

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

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

Ye servants of the Lord
each for your Master wait,
observant of his heavenly word,
and watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
gird up your loins as in his sight,
for aweful is his name.

Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.

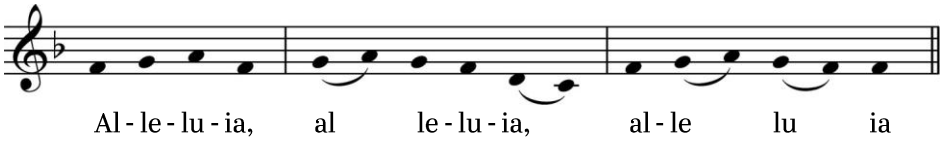
O happy servant he,
in such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
and be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise that faithful servant's head
amidst the angelic band.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)
Tune: Narenza, W.H. Havergal (1793-1870)

Gospel Acclamation

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



The cantor sings:

He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

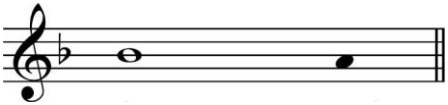
All sing the Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

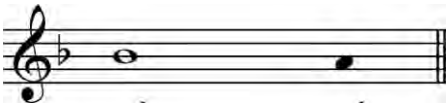


Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one

who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation sits.

Sermon

The Venerable Hilary Dawson – *Canon Treasurer*

The Nicene Creed

The congregation stands and says

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

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

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.

May this place be one of nurture
where we all may come to know
how your endless love sustains us
as we live and move and grow.
May we work to build your kingdom
full of truth and light and grace,
living life in all its fullness
held in one divine embrace.

From our negligence and failures
you have called us to repent,
drawing energy for action
from the voices of lament.
As the secret hurts long hidden
may at last be brought to light,
may the truth unlock the freedom
that is every person's right.

For you hold the broken-hearted
till they learn to live again,
and your justice stands like mountains,
while your mercy falls like rain
when the smallest child is valued,
and the strong empower the weak,
when each human life is hallowed
and the unheard voices speak:

So with humble thanks we praise you
and we lift to you in prayer
all the people you are calling
to this ministry of care.
Give us wisdom, grace and courage,
holding fast to all that's good,
seeing Christ in one another
we will love and serve our Lord.

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Tune: Corvedale, Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

Prayer over the gifts

The congregation remains standing. The president says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

The president sings



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

The choir sings:

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 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. 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

Listen sweet Dove unto my song;
and spread thy golden wings in me;
hatching my tender heart so long
till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gift thou didst bestow
that th'earth did like a heav'n appeare
the starres were coming down to know
if they might mend their wages, and serve here.

The sunne, which once did shine alone,
hung down his head and wisht for night
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one
going about the world, and giving light.

Lord, though we change, thou art the same,
the same sweet God of love and light;
restore this day, for the great name
unto his ancient and miraculous right.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1623)
Music: Grayston Ives (b1948)

Prayer after Communion

The congregation stands. The president says
Let us pray.

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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.

The Dismissal

Blessing

The congregation stands. 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.

Hymn

The congregation sings

Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray
let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Blessèd and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light.

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825)
Tune: Moscow, F. Giardini (1716-1796)

Organ Voluntary

Alla Marcia - *John Ireland (1879-1962)*

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

For your prayers

Those who are sick or in need:
Chris Boynes, 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, Marion Newbery, Penny Endersby, Olivia Parkinson, Sarah, Jonathan Bush
Departed: Penelope, Clarice Bentley

Notices

Readings for 10am Choral Eucharist next Sunday
(22nd November; Christ the King, Ephesians 1:15-end, Matthew 25:31-end)

Choral Evensong during the Christmas Market: entry to the Cathedral will be via the Cloister Garden.

Project Update
Investing In Our Welcome: Light & Sound Renewal
Next week, the MEWP (Mobile Elevated Working Platform) will be in use in the Nave on Tuesday and Wednesday for a survey in the south nave aisle; there will be a cordon in place while in use. Thank you to our staff and volunteers for respecting these cordons, especially to our Tour Guides who adapt their guided tours to accommodate this work. These cordons are in place for everyone's safety.
The MEWP will leave the Cathedral on Thursday 19 November and will not return until next year so that the Cathedral can prepare for the busy Advent period.
Please note...

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

- Choral Eucharist at 10am on Sunday morning is taking place in the Quire, where possible.

Evensong, Evening Prayer and weekend services continue to take place in the Cathedral. The monthly services of Prayers for Healing and the Contemplative Prayer group continue in their current location.

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

Cathedral Property

During August, the buildings previously occupied by Exeter Cathedral School were returned to the Cathedral. In preparation for their return, Chapter set up a working group, the Investment Buildings Group, to make recommendations about the future of these buildings. The IBG has also been tasked with developing a long-term strategic approach to all Cathedral property for Chapter's consideration.

Given the Cathedral's current financial situation and our responsibilities as a charity, whilst also keen to see positive new uses for the buildings, Chapter has decided to sell The Chantry (the main school building) and Nos 5, 7 and 9 Palace Gate (the former boarding house). Chapter has also decided to sell Notaries House, which sits behind the Medieval Hall. Stratton Creber will handle the sales on behalf of the Cathedral. Proceeds from the sales will be returned to the Cathedral's endowment fund.

We are pleased to say that Hall House has been let to the childcare and education provider Devon Nurseries, and we look forward to the new nursery opening in the coming year.

Chapter will continue to consider the long-term needs of the Cathedral before making decisions about other spaces formerly used by the school.

Young Persons 18-40 group, Sunday 22 November in the Sacristy following the 10am Choral Eucharist: the next event will be 'Grill a Theologian', the Reverend Canon Morwenna Ludlow.

Cathedral Flower Arrangers Christmas Wreath:

This festive season, a small run of Christmas wreaths will be made-to-order for individuals who wish to support Exeter Cathedral's Flower Arrangers. Made sustainably on straw, the handmade wreaths will be available to collect from the Cathedral Shop from Wednesday 16 December.

Orders can be placed for £45 by emailing: alisondavenport551@yahoo.co.uk

***A Necessary Presence* by Clare Bryden**
Clare Bryden has just published a new book of poetry. *A Necessary Presence* journeys across the sacred landscapes and thin places where God may be encountered. If you would like to get hold of a copy, she's usually at the Sunday 10am Eucharist - grab her after the service.

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.

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 takes the lead in singing advent carols and anthems.
This service is free to attend; no booking is required.

Advent Quiet Day 2nd December 10-4pm Medieval Hall.
If you are interested in reflecting on the two key women of the Nativity, Mary and Elizabeth, during Advent this may be for you. Please contact Canon Cate for further details (cate.edmonds@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

Confirmation Preparation for Young People and Adults
The next Confirmation Service at Exeter Cathedral will take place at 10.00am on Sunday 2nd May, 2027 and will be conducted by the Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison. If you would like to be prepared for Confirmation, please email Tom Salmon liturgy@exeter-cathedral.org.uk by no later than Monday 18th January, 2027 who will send you the appropriate form(s) to complete. Preparation will take place in the Lent term.

Advent and Christmas 2026

The Exeter Nativity:
Sunday 13 December 3pm
Tickets: Please book your free ticket to attend via the QR code or go to https://www.ticketsource.com/exetercathedral/t-aalylnd

Lunchtime Carols for everyone:
Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 December 1pm
Join in some traditional Christmas carol singing.
Free admission. All welcome

Wednesday 23 December 6pm
Grandisson Service Lessons and Carols for Christmas
Free tickets will be available during early December.

Christmas Eve: Thursday 24 December 12.00noon
Cathedral Crib Service
A short service for children and their carers

6pm
Grandisson Service Lessons and Carols for Christmas
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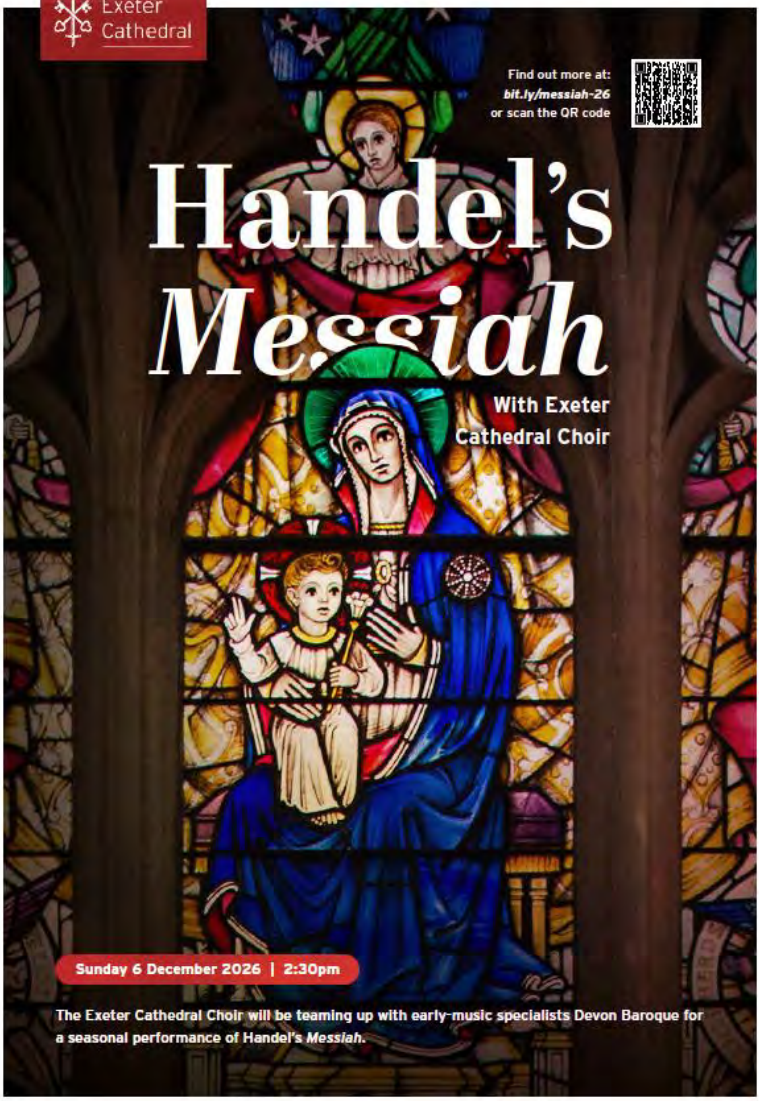
11pm
Midnight Mass sung by the St Peter's Singers

Christmas Day: Thursday 25 December:
8am
Holy Communion said, traditional language
10am
Choral Eucharist sung by the Cathedral Choir
11.45am
Choral Matins sung by the Cathedral Choir
4pm
Choral Evensong sung by the Cathedral Choir
with carols from the Minstrels' Gallery

Sunday 15	THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT		
8.00am	Holy Communion *BCP p194 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel*		Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer *CW*		Chapter House Café
10.00am	**Choral Eucharist** *CW Order 1*		Quire
	God be in my head *John Rutter*		
	Collegium Regale *Harold Darke*		
	Listen, sweet dove *Grayston Ives*		
4.00pm	**Choral Evensong** *BCP*	Psalm 89 (20-36)	Quire
	The Merton College Service *Ēriks Ešenvalds*		Responses
	Ave virgo sanctissima *Francesco Guerrero*		*Matthew Martin*
			Hymns 498, 480(t15) NEH
Monday 16	Margaret, queen, philanthropist, 1093		
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** *BCP*	Psalms 82-85	Quire
	Magnificat Primi Toni *Francesco Soriano*		Responses
	Nunc dimittis *Plainsong*		*Timothy Parsons*
	Let my complaint *Thomas Morley*		
Tuesday 17	Hugh, bishop, 1200		
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*	Psalm 89	Quire
	Ernest Moeran in D		Responses
	Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks		*Matthew Martin*
	Herbert Howells		
Wednesday 18	Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist, 1231		
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 19		Hilda, abbess, 680	
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 98-101	Quire
	The Second Service *Orlando Gibbons*		Responses
	O Lord, in thy wrath *Orlando GIbbons*		*Anthony Piccolo*
Friday 20		Edmund, king, martyr, 870	
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 104	Quire
	Magnificat sexti toni *Tomás Luis de Victoria*		Responses
	Nunc dimittis *Plainsong*		*Timothy Parsons*
	Honestum fecit *Jacob Handl*		
Saturday 21			
8.15am	Morning Prayer *CW*		Lady Chapel
8.35am	The Eucharist *CW*		Lady Chapel
5.30pm	**Choral Evensong** *BCP*	Psalm 106	Quire
	The Jesus College Service *William Mathias*		Responses
	Lift up your heads, O ye gates *William Mathias*		*Richard Ayleward*
			Hymn 457ii
Sunday 22		CHRIST THE KING	
8.00am	Holy Communion *BCP p195 for Collect, Epistle and Gospel*		Quire
9.00am	Morning Prayer *BCP*		Chapter House Café
10.00am	**Choral Eucharist** *CW Order 1*		Quire
	Am Himmelfahrtstage *Felix Mendelssohn*		
	Krönungsmesse K. 317 *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*		
	Dextera Domini *Orlando di Lasso*		
4.00pm	**Choral Evensong** *BCP*	Psalm 93	Quire
	The Westminster Service *Herbert Howells*		Responses
	A Hymn for St Cecilia *Herbert Howells*		*Richard Ayleward*
			Hymns 394, 338 (omit verse 6), NEH

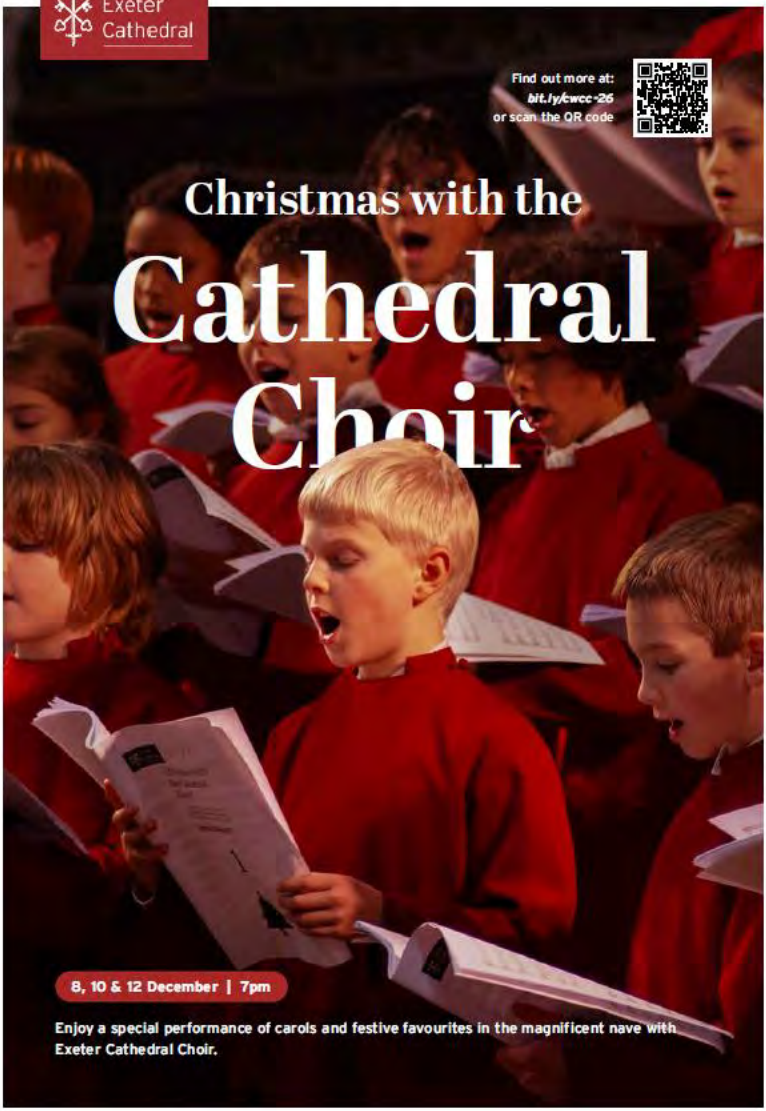


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8, 10 & 12 December | 7pm

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