



# EXETER CATHEDRAL

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## The Friends of Exeter Cathedral

Wednesday 29 June is not only St Peter's Day but also Friends' Day, when The Friends of Exeter Cathedral hold their Annual General Meeting, and organise various events for members.

Many readers will already be aware of this, and, indeed, may be members, but for those who are not, we are delighted to accept the invitation to write a little about ourselves for *Cathedral News*.

The Friends were formed in 1929, and now have over 3000 members, who will be receiving their Annual Report packs in the next week or so, containing our 52-page magazine, and details of our events through until January 2017.

On Friends' Day, we have an opportunity to view the work on the east end of the Cathedral (for those with a head for heights!), demonstrations by the Masons team, a display by the Tapisers, an organ recital by David Davies, and an evening reception. In the coming months, we have talks entitled *Bells and Bell Ringing* and *The Moving Monuments of Exeter Cathedral*, as well as a study day on the Exon Domesday.

Through the generosity of past and present members, The Friends are able to support The Dean and Chapter by grant-aiding specific work, and this year over £235k has been allocated for this purpose.

If you are not already a member, but would like to consider joining our number there has probably never been a better time to do so, particularly as we have a special offer available to anyone opting to pay their subscription by standing order. Brochures are available from our boxes in the North and South Transepts, from our office in the West Wing or, if you contact us on 01392 23931, we would be delighted to post one to you.

**Pete Privett, Office Manager, Friends of the Cathedral**

## **Advance Notice : Cathedral Fellowship Visit to Ugbrooke House, Chudleigh**

The Fellowship Committee is planning a visit to Ugbrooke House near Chudleigh on **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016**. This is the home of the Clifford family, whose estate provided much of the oak used in the construction of the Cathedral roof and the Bishops' Throne canopy. To keep costs down we plan to travel by private car, as coaches are very expensive to hire. The cost of a tour of the House and access to the Gardens is £8.80 or £7.80 (concessions). There is a tea room where lunches and/or afternoon tea are available. Please make a note of this date now. Lists for signing will be available from early summer.

**Diane Coombes**

## **Tales from the Foodbank No. 15**

By definition many crises occur without warning. The broken boiler, which stretches your already tight budget beyond breaking point. The unexpected redundancy, which leaves you struggling with the rent. The relationship breakdown, which halves your income overnight and leaves you to support three children alone. When all your income is tied up in basic living costs, it is virtually impossible to prepare for events like these.

***The next Cathedral Collection for the Foodbank will be on Sunday 26th June.***

**Felicity Cawthra**

## **Dates for your Diaries: From the Tapisers**

The Company of Tapisers will be in the North Aisle of the Cathedral displaying some of their work, as well as having some items for sale during the summer months. Do come along and see us on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June or Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July. We shall be very pleased to show you our work.

**Diana Symes, Chairman of the Company of Tapisers**

## The Cathedral Tea Party for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016

During the weekend of official celebrations for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, there will be a large street party in London, along the Mall. The hope has been expressed that similar events will be held throughout the country, and the Cathedral has responded to this suggestion with enthusiasm.

The Cathedral Community will be having a Tea Party on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June** in the Chapter House and Cloisters. This will follow a special celebratory Evensong at 4pm., at which Bishop Robert will preach. There will be tea and cakes. Entertainment and games have been arranged for children – of all ages!

It's all free. No tickets are needed. All are welcome. This is a great opportunity for the Cathedral Community to come together to celebrate a very special occasion.

### Congratulations Theo!

Many congratulations to Theo Collins, one of our Senior Choristers and a pupil at Exeter Cathedral School, who has won the first prize in the Sir David Willcocks Chorister Composition Competition 2016. The adjudicator was Sir David's son, Jonathan Willcocks. Theo was the runner-up last year, and nearly didn't enter again, but he said

*"I'm really glad I did. I was amazed that I won, and I hope I have inspired other choristers to try it out."*

Theo has also been awarded the top music scholarship to Exeter School next year.

James Featherstone, Headmaster of Exeter Cathedral School said of Theo

*"I am enormously proud of Theo for winning this prestigious competition. He is a talented and hard-working young man, and a very fine musician, and he really deserves this success."*

Theo's composition, *Come, let us sing*, which is for upper voices, will be performed by the Cathedral Choir at Evensong on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 4pm.

### Next Month

Please send all articles for the July edition by **Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>** to Heather Morgan (01392 877623) [hmm53@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hmm53@tiscali.co.uk), and Sheila Atkinson [sm.a@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:sm.a@blueyonder.co.uk). The other members of the editorial team are Rosemary Bethell, Clive Cohen, and Laurence Blyth. The Cathedral Website can be found at [www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

## Education at Exeter Cathedral

The summer holidays will soon be here, and the Education Department has a huge range of exciting activities lined up! Can you help us?

We need:

- Resources: If you have any excess cardboard or cardboard rolls, we would love them! Cardboard is great for making shields, and cardboard rolls can make a wonderful castle! If you are doing any clearing out and have anything that might be handy to Education (i.e. old children's games, coloured paper, paints, costumes, toys), we would be most grateful.
- Activity Helpers: Do you enjoy being with children and don't mind getting covered in glitter? Then join the Education Team as an Activity Helper over the Summer Holidays. We will need help with our Time Traveller craft sessions, which will happen weekly across the summer. Other events will include tile painting, archaeology workshops, clay gargoyle making, a Medieval Fair, West Front crafts, Exeter Book Family Fun, and Cathedral Timeline activities.

If you can help with either of these, then please get in contact with me, Hannah Flowerday, on 01392 413174 or email [hannah.flowerday@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:hannah.flowerday@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

## Cloister Club Celebrates the Queen's Birthday

All are welcome to the Celebration Evensong on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June (4pm) for the Queen's Birthday. During Evensong, we will be running a matinee edition of Cloister Club in the Chapter House, where we will be making crowns and other royal crafts. Evensong will be followed by a tea party in the Cloister Garden, where the royal crafts will continue (adults are most welcome to make a crown!), along with games, and hopefully, a Bouncy Castle. All are welcome. *Cloister Club will also be running as usual for the 10:00am service.*

**Hannah Flowerday**

## Thank you

Marian Gilpin, Clare, and Jon thank those who sent cards, messages and flowers, following the loss of Richard. It is a great support at the moment, and it really helps to know how many people are thinking of us and praying for us.

*Ed. There will be a memorial service of thanksgiving for Richard on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June in the Cathedral at 2.30pm. We will include a tribute to him in the next edition of the News.*

## **The Summer Lecture: Bishop Sarah Mullally Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.30pm**

The Rt Revd Sarah Mullally, Bishop of Crediton, gives our Summer Lecture. The topic is:

### ***Should the Church be involved in Health?***

This Lecture is a collaboration between the Cathedral, the South West Ministry Training Course, and the Theology Department at the University of Exeter.

Ticket information: Admissions FREE. Please register online or telephone 01392 285983 to reserve a place.

## **Cathedral Choir Concert: Date for your diary - 18<sup>th</sup> June**

The music of Mozart will echo around the Cathedral later this year in the latest concert performance by our renowned choir, which takes place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

The Choristers, Lay Vicars and Choral Scholars will be joined by a chamber orchestra of professional instrumentalists and a quartet of soloists, all under the baton of Cathedral Director of Music, Timothy Noon.

The music to be performed includes Mozart's *Vespers* with its famous 'Laudate Dominum' solo, which will be sung by soprano Julia Featherstone. The *Coronation Mass* and communion anthem *Ave verum corpus* complete the evening, which will be the choir's first orchestral concert in recent years.

Tickets are now available from 01392 285983 or online [exeter-cathedral.org.uk/boxoffice](http://exeter-cathedral.org.uk/boxoffice). Members of The Friends of Exeter Cathedral are entitled to receive a discount and should contact the Visitors' Office on the telephone number above to make a booking directly.

## **Fire Pit Beef Roast Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

On the last Sunday of the Choir Term, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, following the Orchestral Mass, there will be a Fire Pit Beef Roast organised by the Fellowship Committee. All welcome. Tickets are free with a suggested donation of £5 per person. A vegetarian option is available if pre-booked by 26<sup>th</sup> June. Please book this with Peter or Mary Moore on any Sunday at coffee after the 10am Sung Eucharist.

## **Welcome...**

To Gareth Wilson, the Cathedral's new ICT Technician. He will be covering all aspects of IT, audio and visual.

## **An Afternoon with the Flower Arrangers: 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Please join the Cathedral Flower Arrangers for an informal afternoon in the Chapter House on Wednesday 20 July from 2 – 4pm.

Our theme this year is 'Fun with Foliage'. Homemade cake and tea will be provided.

We will be very pleased to see anyone who would like an opportunity to play with various pieces of foliage – you will be surprised to learn what can be done with an *Aspidistra* leaf....!

This is not a workshop (so no advance booking), but we make a small charge of £3.00 on the day to cover our expenses.

You will be made very welcome.

**Sylvia Bush, Chairman**

## **Exeter Poets: Poetry and Readings**

**Anthony Wilson and Martin Olsson**

**St Thomas Church, Cowick Street, Exeter, 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

Anthony Wilson is Senior Lecturer in Education at Exeter University, working in the field of poetry in education. His memoir of being treated for cancer, *Love for Now*, received very favourable reviews. The evening will also feature his other works. Martin Olsson reflects on life generally, with a particular interest in the interaction of ancient text with modern thought.

At 6pm there will be a fun interactive poetry workshop for children.

There will be refreshments, and a retiring collection for the extensive repair work to St Thomas Church.

**Anne Dunlop**

## **Upload: 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Upload is a big party in the Cathedral, especially for young people between 14 and 25, who don't do church. There will be live bands, a skate park, big screen gaming, sumo wrestling, giant inflatables and prayer spaces. Kick-off at 7pm!

## **Matt is having a go!**

Our new Volunteer Manager Matt Mahoney has set himself the challenge of undertaking a shift of all of the Cathedral's volunteering roles to better understand what our fantastic volunteers do, starting from this Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Look out for Matt serving coffee, arranging flowers, handing out hymn books and auditioning for St Peter's Singers!

## **Piano Recital: Tony Hymas Wednesday 8th June at 7.30pm In aid of the Matthew Locke Society**

**Tony Hymas** was a chorister at Exeter during the time of Reginald Moore, since when he has enjoyed a long and varied musical career, including working as a pianist for Ballet Rambert, a spell as a London session musician-mostly jazz, when he performed with John Dankworth and Cleo Laine- recording, and composition.

**Ticket Information:** Tickets are £10 and can be bought online or by calling the box office on 01392 285983.

**The Matthew Locke Society** is a parents' association for chorister families, named after a 17<sup>th</sup> century composer who trained as a chorister at Exeter Cathedral. The MLS supports and promotes the welfare of the choristers in their school and cathedral life, as well as fund-raising for choir tours and chorister treats.

## **Organ Recital: Geoffrey Morgan (Christchurch Priory) Wednesday 29th June at 7.30pm**

Programme to include music by Bach, Reger, Whitlock, Parry and Hollins

**Ticket Information:** Tickets are £8 and £5 for concessions. Book Online or call the box office on 01392 285983

## **Farewell to David Davies**

As many of you will know, David Davies, the Cathedral's Assistant Director of Music is leaving us at the end of this term. David has delighted us with his friendship, his music, and his humour for six years and we are very sad that he is going. We will mark his departure with a presentation after the Orchestral Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We hope that as many people as possible will contribute, so that we can give David a suitable gift to mark the outstanding service he has made to the life of the Cathedral.

Please either send donations to the Finance Department, Cathedral Office, I The Cloisters, Exeter EX1 1HS or deliver the envelope in person to Reception in the Cathedral Office.

Please mark the envelope 'David Davies Gift', and make cheques payable to 'The Dean and Chapter of Exeter'.

**Heather Morgan, Chairman Cathedral Community Committee**



## **Focus:**

### **Laura Cookman:**

#### **Catering Manager at the Cathedral Café**

*'Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon?'*  
The Song of Solomon

There are times in your life, when you are vividly reminded about how you felt as a young person in your twenties; full of energy, ideas, and hopes for a happy and fulfilling future as a fully-fledged adult. It was such an occasion when I met Laura.

We had arranged to meet at 9.30am, and she was setting up the till when I arrived, then, having established that everything was ready for the day, we retired to her eyrie-office.

Laura is a Devonian, born, as were her parents, in Exeter. She has an older brother, Matthew, who is very definitely her big brother in every way! Her mother is a nurse on the Endoscopy Ward at the RD&E Hospital, and her father a national inspector for British Gas (the engineering side).

*'I have so many special childhood memories. We're a close family with two aunts in Exeter, and with both grandmothers living next door, until April this year, when my maternal grandmother died. This was my first experience of the death of someone with whom I had a very close relationship! A horrible experience! Dad's mum was widowed when I was three, and she is very lively and sociable. It's been a hard time for us all.'*

Laura attended St Peter's School, had many happy friendships there but was, she thought, quite shy and lacking in self-confidence. She took and passed the usual examinations, and left to study the Travel & Tourism Course at Exeter College. During this time, she stayed with her brother, who was working in Oman, and this fired-up a desire to travel more; with this came the realisation that she would have to fund this travel, so she approached Julie Hernandez at the Cathedral Café to find out if there was any part-time work available. (Whilst at school, she had been a Saturday Girl at the Café). The outcome with Julie was successful, and so on completion of her studies, and having accumulated enough funds, she set off with a friend on a five-month tour to Thailand, Australia and Fiji. Her friend ran out of funds in Fiji, and returned to the UK.

Laura travelled on to Los Angeles, in the USA. Here, she met up with a group of young people, who, with a tour-guide and a mini-van, she embarked upon a four-

week journey across the USA, taking in California, Utah, Texas and New Mexico, eventually ending up in New York.

*'I had an amazing time! We were an equally balanced group of boys and girls. I'm still in touch with them. They say you see the world and meet new people. It's true, and we really bonded.'*

Returning to the UK, Laura was met at the airport by Rob, a self-employed electrician, whom she'd met at the Cathedral. He had been very supportive of her need to travel and they had kept in regular contact through Skype. The relationship blossomed and they are getting married in 2017.

Of course, she needed to find a job, so having enjoyed working in the Cathedral Cafe, she approached Julie again; thus she renewed her relationship with the staff and the tasks in the Café.

In her own time, she studied Parts 1 and 2 of a Counselling Course. She wanted to go on and take Part 3, this would mean that she would have to reduce her hours in the Café; but, before she got around to asking for reduced hours, the re-organisation of the café was taking place, and she was asked to take on the task of supervisor of the refurbishment, and the re-establishment of a team. She very much enjoyed, and wanted to be part of, the catering-for-events side of the business. Debbie, the manager became ill, and Laura had to step-up and carry out the responsibilities not only as supervisor but the managerial role, which included development, running the Café and events.

*'I became heavily involved developing the outside catering and events side of our work. Later on, when Debbie left, I was appointed the stand-in Manager. The events became a big part of the business and had really expanded; we now have something on nearly every day. At Christmas, I was made the full-time Manager, while taking on a new course, Human Resources, as well as ones on People Management and Financial Management. I now feel that I am in a situation where I understand how things work in the Café. I'm really enjoying it, motivating the staff and having the responsibility. Julie was a great help to me. She was a fantastic cook and manager of people. On my day off, I'm studying at South Devon College so that I can now complete Part 3 of the Human Resources Course.'*

Outside of work and study, Laura is busy planning her and Rob's wedding next year. They love spending time with their families, and travelling to exciting places for a holiday. Because of essential bookwork associated with the Café, and course-work reading, she only reads other books when on holiday. They enjoy relaxing after a hard day's work watching comedy programmes on TV or boxed-sets of Homeland and Breaking Bad.

I asked her if she could sum-up her experiences so far at the Cathedral.

*'It's a real challenge! I want to foster and maintain a good and happy relationship throughout the whole team.*

*As I've said before, I really love the event side of the business. It's satisfying planning a three-course menu for a celebratory lunch or dinner party in the Chapter House, and creating the right atmosphere, enabling the guests and the hosts to feel it is a special occasion.*

*The biggest problem is that the Café is thought, by some people, to be a charity; not a commercial activity that needs to make a profit, and thus contribute to our funds making it certain that the Cathedral remains open!*

*I would like to advertise the Cathedral Café more on the website, and also to use the Facebook facility, which is a very popular and successful conduit for information. For example, I could write a daily update on the menu choices, or special offers etc.'*

This young woman is intelligent, personable, willing and energetic, buzzing with ideas, and wanting through varying routes to make it known that the Café is a place where people can take refreshment, and meet friendly people.

How else can it be successful, I ask? I, for one, did not know that it was possible for me to hire the Chapter House, for say a private lunch or dinner party, and engage Laura and her team to cook a meal for us. Did you?

Thank you, Laura. It was a joy to spend time with you, and can assure you of my sincere prayers and best wishes, and those of the Cathedral Community, for success in both your work at the Cathedral, and, of course, for many blessings as you and Rob journey towards your marriage next year, and the years thereafter.

**Rosemary Bethell**

## **Cathedral Community Committee 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

The main items of business were to

- approve the layout of the new community noticeboard
- approve a four-part programme of pastoral training to take in Aug-Sept
- agree to a complete revision of the Cathedral Community Roll and the process by which this will be done
- receive an update on Safeguarding
- set up a small group to consider in detail how the Cathedral Community can best support the Diocesan Vision & Strategy
- welcome the WATCH Autumn Conference to be held in the Cathedral on 14<sup>th</sup> October

**Heather Morgan, Chairman CCC**

## What's on in June: Diary Highlights (see website for full details)

1 <sup>st</sup>	1pm-3.30pm	<i>Exeter Book Open Day – Deor</i> ; Library & Archives
4 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Peter's Singers Singing Workshop
	12 noon	Eucharist for the Companions of the Melanesian Brotherhood
5 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Mattins attended by HM Judges and members of the legal profession
6 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Memorial Service for Richard Gilpin
7 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Chapter Finance Committee
8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Piano Recital - Tony Hymas
9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Summer Lecture <i>Should the Church be involved in Health?</i>
11 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	<i>Upload</i> – party for young people
12 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Evensong for the Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday & Tea Party
	7pm	Holy Ground
13 <sup>th</sup>		Exeter Cathedral School Governors' Meeting
	2.30pm	Julian Prayer Group in St John the Baptist Chapel
16 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Chapter Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup>		Cathedral School Fete on Cathedral Green
	7.30pm	Cathedral Choir Summer Concert
23 <sup>rd</sup>		Cathedral Council Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup>		Open University Graduation Ceremony
25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Choral Concert-West Buckland School
29 <sup>th</sup>		<b>St Peter, Apostle</b>
		Festival Day of the Friends of the Cathedral
	11am	Solemn Eucharist; 5.30pm Evensong
	7.30pm	Organ Recital by Geoffrey Morgan

## Revision of the Cathedral Community Roll

The Chapter and the Cathedral Community Committee have agreed that there should be a complete revision of the Cathedral Community Roll (CCR). It is some years since this was done, and even a cursory look confirms that it is out of date. In particular, many new members of the congregation, staff and volunteers are notable by their absence.

**Why does this matter?** It matters because

- the CCR is a formal and visible sign of belonging to the Cathedral and being part of its life
- it helps us to be clear about those to whom the Cathedral owes a duty of care as congregation, employees, and volunteers
- it ensures that people who need to have information, invitations and other communications, will do so
- for certain legal purposes e.g. the number of representatives we elect to the Deanery Synod, the numbers on the CCR need to be accurate

**Who can be on the CCR?** You can be on the CCR if you are over 16 and either

- Worship regularly in the Cathedral, or
- Are engaged in work or services connected with the Cathedral in a regular capacity, or
- Are a parent of choristers and/or pupils at Exeter Cathedral School

You CAN be on the CCR and on the Electoral Roll of a parish.

The only exception to this is if you choose to vote in Synod elections at the Cathedral, in which case you can only be on the CCR. This will usually apply to those for whom the Cathedral is their only or main place of worship.

**How will the revision be done?** During June, we will distribute forms

- By email for those for whom we have email addresses
- By post
- By hand at all services (Sundays and weekdays) during June.

There is scope for irritation at being bombarded by multiple pieces of paper, but please be patient. It is much better for some people to have several forms (provided you complete one of them!) than for someone eligible to have none. It is important that we include as many people as we can reach, many of whom attend fortnightly or monthly, rather than daily or weekly.

**Please note that this is a complete revision of the Roll. If you do not complete and return the form, your name will not appear on the Roll, even if you were on the old one.**

This is a major undertaking, and no doubt by the end of June we will have reminded ourselves why we don't do it very often. But it will be worth it to have an up to date Roll, with the increased sense of cohesion and community that it brings. Thank you in advance for your help, and to the office staff on whom much of the burden will fall.

**Heather Morgan, Chairman, Cathedral Community Committee**