



## From the Chair of Chapter

“When you get to big school you will be very tired” – a mother said to her young son. For many, July marks the end of term at school, college or university; a time of rest before whatever comes next - maybe ‘big school’, the world of work, or back to the same place after a break.

Some changes in life are predictable. We can prepare for moving to new situations when we know what they are. The mother can prepare her son or daughter for a change of school, a couple can prepare to be married, a student to leave home for the first time. Transition points in life are important; we can reflect on what has been, and look forward to what might be.

At a certain point in Jesus ministry, he called his disciples together and prepared them for their task. He gave them instructions as he sent them out in his name – they would be welcomed by some, and rejected by others. He prepared them for his passion and death, but they let him down on the day. Yet it was the miracle of the resurrection that brought to life their Christian faith - a point of transition like no other in history.

Here in the Cathedral we are in a period of transition. We rely on God’s grace and wisdom as we prepare for the appointment of a new Dean and the stipendiary Canons over the coming months. With any transition point, there are expectations and unknowns. May God be our guide as we prepare for what comes next in life, and in our Cathedral.

**Revd Canon Dr Mike D Williams**

## **The Dean – The Very Rev Dr Jonathan Draper**

Jonathan retires at the end of August after 36 years of ministry. He has served in Manchester, Oxford, London, York and here in Exeter. We will be celebrating his ministry, and that of Maggie, at a special service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.30am, with a hog roast lunch afterwards. Jonathan and Maggie will also be at Sundays @7 that evening to lead the service and enjoy a party afterwards.

Maggie has done a huge amount both in support of Jonathan and also to lead the work with children in London, York and Exeter. Their hospitality has been renowned, and they will be greatly missed. Future generations will owe Jonathan a deep debt of gratitude as he has dramatically improved the maintenance and renewal of the historic fabric, with strong support from the Friends. As a theologian, he has brought a strong teaching and preaching ministry to us, that has taken on many challenging issues.

They will be living locally as Maggie continues her work for Hospiscare.

## **Chapter Canon - The Venerable Clive Cohen**

On behalf of all of us in the Cathedral, I wish to pay tribute to Clive for his unstinting service as a Chapter Canon. He has served for six years and brought great skill, wisdom and dedication to the role. His attention to detail on behalf of Chapter has been exceptional, and his expertise in our Constitution and Statutes will be missed. He has presided and preached for us as part of his role, which has been appreciated by us all. Clive and June will continue to worship with us, so please pass on your own thanks when you see them.

**The Revd Dr Mike Williams**

## **Book Launch: *Matthew in Your Pocket***

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July in the Chapter House 11.30is-1pm & 5pm-6pm**

You are invited to the launch of Martin Shaw's book: *Matthew in Your Pocket - A Pilgrimage with a Gospel*.

Martin will be available to sign books in the Chapter House on the day. The book will be available for £9.99, or bought through Amazon (£9.99) or on Kindle (£7.99).

He will speak about the book and answer any questions. There will be drinks and light refreshments.

Please let Bishop Martin know if you are able to attend; [martin.shaw@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:martin.shaw@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

## **Chapter Bulletin June 2017: Items from the June meeting of Chapter**

### **Bishop's Charge**

The detailed report about progress in implementing the Bishop's Charge had been well received by the Cathedral Council at their meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. Almost all of the 'directions' within the Charge have been met or are now part of our on-going way of working. A further report will be provided to Council in October. Our collective ambition is that in October, Geoff Bush, the Chair of Council will be in a position to report to the Bishop that we have achieved the requirements, and met the spirit of the Charge. The Bishop will then decide how he wishes to proceed.

### **Interviews for the new Dean**

The briefing of candidates and interviews will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July. It will be a number of weeks, at least, after that before any announcement is made. Once the Dean is appointed, then the process of asking the Bishop to appoint the replacement stipendiary Residential Canons can begin.

### **New Chapter Canons**

Bishop Robert consulted Chapter about the appointment of two new Chapter Canons to replace Dame Suzi Leather and Clive Cohen. Jenny Ellis CB, the former Chief Executive of the Supreme Court, who lives in Topsham, and the Venerable Dr Trevor Jones, a retired Archdeacon who lives in Lypstone, have accepted the Bishop's invitation to be installed on the 18<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm Evensong. At the same service, the Revd Robert Harris and the Revd David Gill will be installed as Prebendaries.

### **Pastoral Care Team**

The Revd Anne Dunlop is now working with the team to complete their training requirements. We will be looking for a suitable date to commission them at a Sunday service and publicise their membership and roles. We are very grateful to those who have volunteered for this important work, and we look forward to seeing them in action.

### **500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation**

The 31<sup>st</sup> October is the main day for celebrations and a number of events are being planned for that day in the Cathedral. We will also be doing a sermon series through October considering some of the key aspects that lie at the heart of reformation theology.

### **Education Department**

When the grant funding for the posts in our Education Department ceased, the provision of this service was severely curtailed. Chapter considered a proposal

from Lisa Gordon of re-providing parts of the service from August of this year for school visits and children's activities. The plan was supported by Chapter. The final details will now be worked out by Catherine Escott with Lisa and communicated shortly.

### **Finance**

Chapter received the Management Account figures for April. Our current deficit position is an improvement on last year, and is in line with our budget expectations for this year of a £70K planned deficit, before legacies and investment income is taken into account. Expenditure control remains a priority, whilst seeking to improve income where possible. The income from events is a key area for us. The Christmas Market, which we are now running, has been oversubscribed with a good variety of vendors and local traders.

### **Fabric**

Chapter received the Cathedral Architect's report. This highlights the excellent work that has been achieved with the World War One Funding, along with the work by our own masons funded by The Friends. There is the on-going requirement for funds to pay for specific and specialist maintenance work, along with the day-to-day renewal of parts of our fabric. In addition there are many improvement projects, such as replacing the heating, lighting and sound system, providing better visitor display areas, toilets, and entrance with shop facilities. To obtain funding for any of these major projects requires us to have in place a detailed site development plan showing what and why we need to make these improvements. A small group led by Canon Mike with the Architect, Clerk of Works and Catherine Escott has been set up to progress that work. Consultations will occur as we progress with the planning.

### **The new Website**

Chapter has appointed the company known as "ab..." to work with us in developing our new website. The aim is to have it fully operational by the late autumn as our current website has to be replaced by the end of this year. Laurence Blyth is leading this work and we are very grateful to him and others for the work done in selecting the company to partner with us in this important work.

### **Safeguarding**

Gary Stokes, who is providing Safeguarding expertise to the Cathedral now that Anna Norman-Walker has left, has undertaken his assessment. We have the required policies in place, and Gary is reviewing our training records to ensure that we are as up to date as possible.

**Rev Canon Dr Mike D Williams, Chair of Chapter, June 2017**



## Congratulations Ed!

Many congratulations to Ed Jones, the Cathedral Organ Scholar, on his appointment as Assistant Organist of St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. He will take up the post in January 2018.

## Tales from the Foodbank No. 25: Hungry Holidays

Three million children, who receive free school meals are at risk of hunger during the school holiday periods, states a report published by a cross-party group of MPs and peers. Community groups and churches are now trying to tackle the holiday hunger problem by providing food, activities and support.

**Felicity Cawthra**

*The next Foodbank Collection is on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.*

## News from Sheldon

It's summer so there must be more happenings brewing in the Sheldon Open Air Theatre!

There are four magical nights out under the stars to enjoy this year.

26<sup>th</sup> July – The **Take That** Experience – an energetic tribute to the ultimate boy band that hit the music scene 25 years ago.

28<sup>th</sup> July – Bring your air guitars as **Quo-incidence** help you go “rockin’ all over the world”, supported by local festival duo **Go Tell Alice**.

29<sup>th</sup> July – **Gala night** at Sheldon with 3 fantastic acts. Headlining highly original local talent with the utterly infectious **Mad Dog Mcrea** and the sublime **Wildwood Kin**, supported by a young traditional Irish trio the **B-Minors**.

2<sup>nd</sup> August – **Joey the Lips** need no introduction as they return for their 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year – you just can't get enough of the nation's funkier 10 piece band.

An intimate family-friendly venue running events with a festival-style flavour in the grounds of a respected retreat centre. We know how to party as well as how to do the serious stuff! Bring your friends for a great night out, and support Sheldon at the same time.

Tickets are cheapest if you buy them before the end of June.

[www.sheldontheatre.co.uk](http://www.sheldontheatre.co.uk) 01647-253916.

## **Fellowship Outing to Powderham Castle – Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October**

An outing to Powderham Castle at Kenton has been arranged for Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, which will include a private guided tour of the Castle at 11.30 am. If they are available, it is hoped that either the Earl of Devon or the Countess will come and meet us. The tour of the Castle has been booked for 11.30, and lasts about an hour. A morning visit has been booked so those who wish to, will be able to join the Deer Park safari at 1.45pm. This trip lasts about 45 minutes, and is drawn by a tractor. As our visit to Ugbrooke last year was so successful, we are planning this on similar lines, so people are free to enjoy the day as they wish. We will travel by car, and hopefully arrange a lift for anyone without transport. There are extensive grounds at Powderham, and picnic tables if you do not wish to use the café at the Castle, where they serve an extensive menu to suit all appetites. You will be free to plan your own arrangements, but coming together as a group for our guided tour of the Castle at 11.30am, and again at 1.45 pm for those joining the Safari trip.

If we can arrange a party of 15 or more, the entrance cost and the tour of the Castle is £10, £9 for senior citizens, and an extra £2.50 each for the Safari. Payment will be required in advance to gain the benefit of a group booking.

Lists for signing will be available from August. It is very much hoped you will wish to join this outing – Powderham is set in beautiful surroundings and there is much to enjoy. As a Cathedral, we do of course have many links with the family, so there are many reasons to visit!

**Margaret Williams and Diane Coombes**

## **Election Results**

After the count, which was further verified by two members of staff, the following were elected:

### **Cathedral Council**

Simon Aston, Matthew Cann, Heather Morgan

### **Cathedral Community Committee**

Rosemary Bethell, Christine Brathwaite, Kate Burhouse, Diane Coombes, Anne Foreman, Julie Glover, Terrence Pyle, Paul Reisbach.

### **Christianity Deanery Synod**

For the Deanery Synod, there were four nominations for four vacancies; Nick Horton, Susan Matthews, Heather Morgan and Yvonne Taylor. They are duly appointed as our Deanery Synod representatives, and become ex-officio members of the Cathedral Community Committee.

**Catherine Escott, Acting Administrator/Returning Officer**

## ***Valete***

2<sup>nd</sup> July marks the final Sunday of service in the Cathedral Choir for several singers: Amanda, Ciara, Isobel, Izzy, Katie, Ruan, Sebastian, Taki, and William have all come to the end of their choristerships, and have served the Cathedral and its choir with great distinction. Katie and Isobel are progressing to Truro Cathedral Choir, which takes girls from the ages of 13-18, whilst others are moving on to their next schools with a variety of prestigious scholarships and awards, in music, and in other subjects. We wish them well with their onward journey, and look forward to hearing about their progress at future Old Chorister reunions.

Two of our choral scholars are moving on to pastures new: Rosamund Spencer is returning to her native Yorkshire, and will be singing at Bradford Cathedral from September. Alex Gordon, having completed his degree, is moving to Berkshire to begin a career in the workforce. We thank them for their hard work over the past twelve months, and wish them every blessing.

2<sup>nd</sup> July is also the final Sunday in the choir for John Turner, who is retiring after more than forty years continuous membership of the choir. John and his family have contributed to the Cathedral in many various ways, but it is John's singing that has been the continuous thread. We will miss his intoning of the gospel sentence, and his encyclopaedic knowledge of cathedral and choir history, but, more importantly, we will miss his company and companionship in the choir vestry. We know that we will continue to see John in the congregation, but note that he has certainly earned the odd Sunday lie-in. We wish him a long and prosperous retirement: he leaves with our sincerest gratitude.

**Timothy Noon, Director of Music**

## **Cathedral Community Committee (CCC) 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

The first meeting of the newly elected CCC began with a lively session of introductions, during which we shared our hopes for what the CCC might accomplish in the next three years. The following were elected: Chairman-Heather Morgan, Vice-Chair-Anne Foreman, Secretary-Chris Brathwaite.

Canon Mike Williams introduced the most recent version of the Cathedral Business Plan and gave a progress report on the various items from the Bishop's Visitation Charge. We need to fill a number of roles e.g. a link person with CTax (Christians Together Across Exeter), and Chair of the Outward Giving Committee. These will be considered at the next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Suggestions for that agenda please to [heathermorgan348@gmail.com](mailto:heathermorgan348@gmail.com)

**Heather Morgan, Chairman**

## **Exeter Cathedral Website**

Some time ago, Chapter recognised the need to invest in the Cathedral's digital marketing provision, most notably our website. The current site was developed in 2003-2004 (with the generous support of the Friends) and has served us well. Huge changes in technology and digital trends have happened since that time, and a replacement site has been long overdue.

Following an open tender process, we have appointed local marketing agency **ab...** as our partner in this new project. I am confident that the site, which will be launched later this year, will serve as the digital home of our ministry and outreach, providing information about worshipping and praying here, and promoting the rich musical tradition of which we are so proud. It will also be tasked with using the rich heritage and visual imagery of the building to inspire tourists to visit the Cathedral in person, developing new income streams for the Cathedral Shop, and much, much more.

Members of the team from **ab...** will be spending time in the Cathedral over the coming weeks (dropping-in on everything from Sunday worship, through to the works team and the café) as they get to know the building and some of its people. Please say 'hello', smile for the camera and give your support to this exciting project.

**Laurence Blyth, Marketing Manager**

## **John Turner : Cathedral Choir 1976 to 2017**

After forty one years in the choir, John has decided to retire gracefully. When he joined the choir, John was a student at St Luke's College and he sang beside Brian Hann as Cantoris Bass II. Since then he has sung under three Masters of the Choristers/Directors of Music - Lucian Nethsingha, Andrew Millington and Timothy Noon.

I think John has sung in every Bass position in the Choir - Can Bass I, Can Bass II, Dec Bass I, Dec Bass II and even Can Bass III or Dec Bass III. Over the years John has intoned the Responses, and to this day sings the Gospel sentence in the middle of the Alleluia at Eucharist. John has toured extensively with the choir in Europe, Russia and America, and no matter how much teasing happened in the back row, when needed, you could always rely on John. We will miss his appearances in the choir every weekend, but I am sure he will not disappear from the Cathedral Community totally. Who knows he might be asked to deputise for one of the regular Basses! Thank you for all your efforts over the years. You will be missed. All the best for the future!

**Gordon Pike, Punctator**



## Focus: The Revd Anne Dunlop

*'I shall light a candle of understanding, which shall not be put out.....'*

2 Edras Chapter 4 verse 25

In April 2014's edition of Cathedral News, I wrote a full *Focus* article about Anne, who was then an ordinand in training. On the 14<sup>th</sup> May, this year, Bishop Sarah licensed Anne as Priest Vicar at the Cathedral. This was followed-up on Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup> May, with Canon Mike Williams taking Anne through the necessary legalities enabling her to be the Cathedral's Acting Chaplain, a role which

includes much of the pastoral brief of the recently retired Canon Ian Morter.

We have some members in our congregations, who may not have been here in 2014, so the Editorial Team has asked me to 'up-date' that *Focus*.

Anne was born in her grandparents' house, and spent her early years with her parents living in the small summer house set within the adjacent woods. She has clear memories of playing in the woods, shuffling through the fallen leaves, and seeing the spreading carpet of blue, when the bluebells bloomed in Springtime. Once, coming across a clump of snowdrops, she felt a real sense of wonder, and a benevolent presence. She has no words to describe this, but the experience/feelings have never left her. She has two sisters, both are nurses. Anne attended seven different schools, and in the V1th Form learned shorthand and typing, so useful in her first job in Fleet Street.

In 1970, she married Christopher, and they had two sons, Paul and David. Tragically, Paul died when aged 17, whilst playing rugby. At David's request, Paul ashes were scattered into a Lake District stream, from a bridge where they had played 'Pooh Sticks'. This was a very difficult time; especially for David who was very close to his brother. In 2000, David was diagnosed with Myotonic Dystrophy, an inherited condition affecting the nervous system, which was probably implicated in Paul's death. For Anne and Christopher it was a period of great grief and pain; they found it difficult (like so many other parents finding themselves in similar circumstances) to help each other, and their relationship began to break-down. Sadly, they separated and divorced, *'It is something I greatly regret, and wonder whether we could have "held it together". It is easy to question in hindsight, but at the time things were so different.'*

Anne has always been associated with a church, initially singing in a choir when aged eight. In her early twenties, the family worshipped at an evangelical Baptist Church. She found it very supportive, and became curious to learn more. She was given a book, written by Billy Graham in which a chapter entitled "Why did Jesus Come?" helped her greatly. After ten years, and a move, she and Christopher started attending an Anglican Church, Anne becoming a choir member, the PCC secretary and joined other social committees. It was here that she met her great friend, Patricia.

*'I suppose she might be called an itinerant preacher or teacher; travelling widely wherever she was invited. She was an inspiration to me, and I travelled to Africa and Norway with her, as companion and helper.'*

Anne, at this time was a civil servant employed at the Medicines Control Agency, which became part of the Next Steps Agency initiated by the late Margaret Thatcher. Their role was to licence medicines.

Reaching her fortieth birthday, Anne changed direction by purchasing a property next to her parents' small hotel in Eastbourne. This building needed a lot of repair and re-ordering, eventually it opened as the first non-smoking Hotel in the street. The other hoteliers were very sceptical! But it became an asset!

*'It was great fun! I cooked everything Delia ever came up with! It was exhausting, and I didn't make any money as the mortgage was so high!'*

But this was not all! Anne felt under educated and so enrolled in the Open University, spending the next ten years studying psychology and philosophy. She began to sing again at St. Saviour's in Eastbourne. Five years later, she sold the hotel moved to Devon, and joined the choir at St. John in the Wilderness, Exmouth. Having met the late Evelyn Hunt (Pennie's mum) at a local annual RSCM meeting, Anne, encouraged by Evelyn, attended Evensong in the Cathedral and applied for an audition to the Cathedral's Voluntary Choir. It was here that she met Graham Dunlop, and they journeyed together for choir practice and services. In 2003, Anne and Graham married. (I wrote about this lovely story in my Focus on Graham in 2013.)

It was whilst watching a TV programme from York Minster, just a little while after Dean Keith Jones had left Exeter for York, when Anne's journey towards priesthood began.

*'A man was featured, who was soon to be ordained. He was sixty. But, listening to him sparked something off in me....a longing or a hope? I'm not sure! I got straight onto the computer. I knew something about 'Lay Readers', but, how did you become one, what were the required qualifications?'*

Anne approached Andi Hoffbauer, who was then working with Reader ministry in this diocese. This was followed by talking with others in the diocese, being

interviewed and obtaining references. She was approved to attend a Reader selection day. It was a day of rigorous questioning, and at times, she found it hard to explain her feelings.

*'I remember being asked whether it was Reader, or ordination that I was exploring. But, I'd never considered ordination because of being divorced and re-married. I also thought that such a ministry belonged to a certain sort of person.....definitely not me.....it was all very tentative!'*

Anne was accepted, and towards the end of the second year on the South West Ministry Training Course (SWMTC), when Readers receive their blue scarf and an initial one-year licence to their parish. In Anne's case, the 'parish' was the Cathedral; it was during this time that she felt that ordination was perhaps the way for her to proceed.

*'It was a strange place to be. It felt presumptuous to want to become a priest, but I felt there were different aspects of ministry which were not available to me as a Reader.'*

Anne held many conversations with various people, and was referred to Becky Totterdell, the Director of Ordinands, now a Residentiary Canon of the Cathedral, who said *'Tell me your story!'*

The whole process of discernment is not a quick one. It includes many interviews, lots of reading and the writing of essays. There is a rigorous investigation into one's private life; in Anne's case, her marital history and the divorce, and referrals from the family and her former husband.

*'All of this is distressing and necessary. You do not want to go into this with anything undisclosed. It is part of the process, for their sake as well as ours.'*

Anne was referred to the Bishop's Advisory Panel, a three- day-long process. It was in the time of Spring, and having arrived early, Anne went for a walk in the wooded grounds and stepped straight into a large clump of snowdrops! It felt as though the circle had become complete for her.

The panel recommended her to the Bishop, and so over the next three years she was part-time studying theology at the university, doing written work for the SWMTC, undertaking long or short placements in different parishes, as well as being the secretary to one of the colorectal surgeons at the RD&E! Phew!

There was constant evaluation of her progress, and as she remarked in 2014, *'I'm not the same person I was! I've had the constant accountability of thoughts, feelings and of my past.'*

Anne was ordained deacon in September 2014, and 'priested' the following September. She was then able to wear the beautiful stole, designed for her by the late Mary Carr and worked on by the Cathedral Tapisers, a gift from the whole Cathedral Community. On this stole, bluebells and snowdrops are embroidered; the symbols linked to iconic moments in her life. Thus began her

ordained ministry, 'serving her title' within the West Exe Team, with the incumbent Fr Nick Edwards, and fellow curate, Will. There were three churches, with differing congregations and styles of worship.

*'It was a wonderful learning experience, a loving and caring team within which to learn how to deal with your own issues as well as those of others. It did me the world of good! It was so sad when both Emmanuel and St. Andrew's were closed, and the congregations joined together at St. Thomas. It was a painful time, but, Nick had been preparing them for it and they did manage to come together well.*

*I learned such a lot about people, their lives sometimes so different to mine; about the varying levels of poverty experienced by many, and how it affects every aspect of their daily lives.*

*I learned that there was not a one-fixed-way of doing anything; the greater importance was to make it a special experience for them. We had many funerals and baptisms. There were physical hazards to deal with too! Spilt tea-urns and blocked toilets, clearing up after Messy Church. "I didn't sign-up for this!" I sometimes thought!*

During these times, Graham's health began to deteriorate, requiring more care at home, eventually needing carers during the day.

*'Nick was so very understanding, by relieving me of the duties for Morning and Evening Prayers. He gave me such support during my regular meetings with him, and especially so during the final days, the days after, and at the funeral service. It was a privilege to be part of the team. Nick taught me so much in such quiet ways.'*

Graham was a 100% supporter of Anne right to the end, and I believe was, and would be now, extremely proud of Anne's achievement. He certainly greatly enjoyed witnessing her journey.

*'He thought everything I did was good! If I asked him to evaluate anything, he would always say there was nothing to criticise! He was hopeless at criticising me!'*

Graham died on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, and Anne now has to make all the necessary adjustments to her life, many that cannot be avoided. Graham, I am pretty certain would be absolutely thrilled that she is now, having been recently appointed, by Bishop Robert, to the Cathedral as the Chaplain responsible for pastoral care. We shall also be in for some lovely treats when she uses her beautiful singing voice.

Let us all 'gather round' her and thus enable her to flourish in this new role in her life, and also to give her space to make all the adjustments which can be so demanding. Welcome back!

**Rosemary Bethell**

## **From the Cathedral Bellringers**

As I write, we are a few days away from the National 12 Bell Striking Contest, when the Exeter Cathedral ringers will travel to Southwark Cathedral to compete for the Taylor Trophy. They will be joined by nine other teams – the Ancient Society of College Youths (ASCY), the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (SRCY) – as their names might suggest both of these teams were formed in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, plus Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, High Wycombe, Melbourne, St Paul's Cathedral, and a team from Southwark. Chief Judge this year, Tom Hinks, maintains the Exeter links, as a former Cathedral band member whilst at University here. Watch this space for news of the results!

Back home, we will be ringing the Cathedral bells for a quarter peal specially arranged to mark Dean Jonathan's farewell service on Sunday 2 July. Dean Jonathan was always closely involved with the ringers, and so we wanted to take this opportunity to thank him for his support, and send both him and Maggie every good wish in their retirement. We shall miss them.

City dwellers will also hear the bells ringing out to celebrate at least two weddings this month; wedding ringing is a special part of our life within the Cathedral community, and we very much enjoy helping to be a part of the happy couples' special day.

**Clare Griffiths, Cathedral Bellringers Secretary**

### ***PS : Result of the 12 Bell Striking Contest-Southwark Cathedral 24<sup>th</sup> June***

Exeter were very pleased to be placed 5th (out of ten teams), with a judges score of 65%. Congratulations go to Birmingham upon retaining the trophy, with a score of 75%.

## **An Afternoon with the Flower Arrangers**

The Flower Arrangers will be pleased to welcome anyone interested in flower arranging to the Chapter House on Wednesday 12 July at 2.00pm.

This is a social afternoon, not a workshop. Our theme this year is *All Shapes and Sizes*.

Do please join us for a cup of tea, homemade cake and a demonstration of interesting flower arrangements.

We will have a Bring and Buy table and will be selling Oasis and other sundries.

We do make a small charge of £3.00 to help cover our costs.

You will be made very welcome, whether or not you are a flower arranger!

**Sylvia Bush, Chairman**

## **Christianity Deanery Synod**

*From the very start of the synodical system in 1970, the Cathedral has elected members to the Deanery Synod. We thought that the start of the new Synod would be a good time to remind ourselves of its role, and we are very grateful to Yve Turner, one of the Cathedral's newly elected representatives, for this special, extended report.*

### **What is a Deanery Synod?**

The Diocese of Exeter is divided into 21 Deaneries, or groups of parishes. The Cathedral is part of Christianity Deanery – an odd name which is derived from old customs. Christianity Deanery includes all the city churches, Topsham, Ide and Shillingford.

Every Deanery is required to have a Synod, and the word “synod” comes from a Greek word meaning “assembly” or “meeting”. The synod is chaired jointly by the Area Dean (currently Prebendary Robin Eastoe from Heavitree parish) and an elected Lay Chair, who both work closely with the Bishop of Exeter (Bishop Robert), the Suffragan Bishop (Bishop of Crediton, Bishop Sarah) and Archdeacon of Exeter (Archdeacon Christopher). The Deanery Synod consists of all clergy licensed to a benefice/parish within the Deanery, plus the Cathedral clergy, and a representative of retired clergy. Each parish, the Cathedral, and Exeter Network Church elect lay members to the Synod.

### **What does a Deanery Synod do?**

The Deanery Synod makes decisions at a deanery level. It acts as an intermediary between the parochial church councils of each parish and the leadership team of the diocese. This includes the Diocesan Synod, and the administrative staff of the diocese. Deanery Synod's priorities are to inform parishes and the Cathedral community about matters which affect the church in the city, and to share information between us. From time to time, Deanery Synods are asked to discuss and vote on matters of policy for the Church of England. Thus, the synod discussed and voted on the proposals for allowing women to become bishops.

Deaneries also have the power to bring proposals and motions to Diocesan Synod for debate. Deanery Synod lay members also elect the deanery's lay representatives to the Diocesan Synod and the Diocese's members of the House of Laity in the General Synod of the Church of England.

Deanery Synod members are invited to attend three Deanery Synod meetings per year. These are held at various locations in the Deanery, and generally last about two hours. The agenda and papers about matters to be discussed are circulated to members in advance. Some decisions are put to the vote.

Deanery Synod members are also automatically members of their Parochial Church Council (PCC), (and in the Cathedral of the Cathedral Community Committee. They are responsible for communicating the activities of the deanery to the parish, and encouraging the parish to be engaged and involved. This isn't just about giving token feedback as if the deanery is some remote body of little interest or significance - it is about ensuring that that the parishes and the Cathedral are actively involved.

Synod members are encouraged to take a prayerful interest, by using the rota below, in the life of the church beyond their parish, in the deanery and in the linked dioceses of Thika and Cyprus & the Gulf. Many lay members also try to attend at least one service outside their home parish during their membership of synod.

<b>FOUR WEEKS OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANITY DEANERY</b>	
1	Alphington, Ide & Shillingford
2	St. Thomas
3	St Mary Steps and Churches in Central Exeter
4	Unlimited Church
5	Ministries to the homeless in Exeter
6	City Centre Chaplaincy and Street Pastors
7	The Cathedral
8	Diocesan office and diocesan staff
9	St Sidwell's Centre, St Matthew's and Matts@5
10	The Mothers' Union in Exeter
11	The University chaplaincy
12	Exeter Network Church and Love the Streets
13	Chaplains to Police, Fire and Ambulance services
14	St Leonard's
15	Topsham and Countess Wear
16	The hospice and the hospital chaplaincies
17	Ministry in primary schools
18	St Michael's, Heavitree and St Lawrence
19	Trinity Clyst Heath
20	Ministry in secondary schools
21	St Boniface, Whipton and Holy Trinity, Beacon Heath
22	St Mark's
23	St James
24	Prison ministry
25	St David's and St Michael's, Mount Dinham

## **What happened at the first meeting of the new Christianity Deanery Synod at St Mark's Parish Church: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7:30pm?**

The meeting opened with an Act of Worship, including the Eucharist, followed by a meditation on the character of St Peter. Then followed the business.

### **Elections:**

**Lay Chair:** David Smith (St Matthews) re-elected.

**Secretary:** Yvonne Taylor (Cathedral) elected.

**Treasurer:** Andrew Withers (St Thomas) re-elected.

### **Standing and Pastoral Committee:**

Clergy: Rev Sheila Swarbrick (Central Parishes) and Rev Louise Grace (St. Margaret's, Topsham and St. Luke's, Countess Wear) were elected leaving one clergy vacancy.

Lay members Sue Matthews (Cathedral) and Ash Leighton-Plom (Alphington and one of the Exeter Street Pastors) were elected, leaving one lay vacancy.

The treasurer informed Synod that all but £25,000 of the Deanery's Common Fund liability had been received from its parishes for the 2016-17 financial year. During the 2016-17 financial year, donations totalling £2,000 have been made from Deanery reserves to children's work in Topsham, a Youth Group project at St Mark's and to Network Church (Christians Against Poverty). There is more money available, and formal applications are welcome from any group requiring financial support from the Deanery.

**Parish Vacancies:** During June, interviews will be held to fill the vacancies at St David's & St Michael's, Mount Dinham, Alphington, and St Mark's & St Sidwell's. The vacancy at St Thomas is to be advertised shortly.

### **Next Dean of Exeter:**

This vacancy was advertised in The Church Times on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The appointment panel is chaired by the Lord Lieutenant, David Fursdon, and comprises Annie Jefferies (Lay Chair, Tavistock Deanery), Preb Simon Franklin (College of Canons), the Very Revd Rogers Govender (Dean of Manchester) and the Diocesan Bishop, Rt Revd Robert Atwell. Consultations between the Prime Minister's and Archbishops' Appointments Secretaries, and members of the Cathedral community were held in Exeter last month. Interviews will be held in early July. Synod was informed that whilst it is hoped the new Dean will be in post by Advent, we may not know the outcome for several weeks. Briefing

papers are available from the Cathedral website. Synod was asked to pray for all these vacancies.

Answering member questions, the Area Dean and Lay Chair confirmed that Diocesan reserves are at an appropriate level to cover clergy stipends, and smooth income shortfall from Common Fund, so no-one goes short. In the accounts about to be published, the surplus shown is due to non-cash assets.

The Area Dean, Fr Robin Eastoe encouraged Synod members to use the 4 week Deanery Prayer Guide.

Following the meeting with Bishop Sarah and Bishop Ric Thorpe (Islington), to discuss ways of helping parishes to support each other and flourish, Bishop Sarah and Archdeacon Christopher will be meeting shortly to discuss further points of view with all clergy and church wardens.

**Any Other Business:**

A new Business Chaplaincy team called Business Pastors is based at Marsh Barton.

Clergy Member and Hospital Chaplain, Revd Juliet Horwood, informed Synod that volunteers are currently being recruited to the hospital chaplaincy team and asked this to be included in Parish newsletters and magazines.

Synod was informed about the St Michael's Lecture: 'Faith in the Prisons' by Lindsay Whetter which took place on 28th June.

The Parish of Central Exeter are holding a series of lunchtime concerts in St Stephen's every Thursday in July commencing on 6<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 1.10pm. Free Admission and all welcome. Refreshments from 12noon - £5. Further details on Parish website.

**Next Synod Meeting:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at St Leonard's Church  
**Deanery Synod Pastoral and Standing Committee:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 commencing at 7:45pm

**Yve Turner**

## Forthcoming Events

The *What's On* guides for July-September are now available in the Cathedral, at the Welcome Desk and at the Stewards' Desk.

Tickets are now available the **summer organ recitals** (featuring seven talented performers including our own Timothy Noon, Timothy Parsons and Ed Jones).

All the recitals begin at 7pm as follows:

**6<sup>th</sup> July David M Patrick (International concert organist)**

**20<sup>th</sup> July Colin Andrews (International concert organist)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> August Timothy Noon (Exeter Cathedral)**

**10<sup>th</sup> August Ed Jones (Exeter Cathedral)**

**24<sup>th</sup> August Stephen Farr (International concert organist)**

**31<sup>st</sup> August Timothy Parsons (Exeter Cathedral)**

Tickets are on sale from 01392 285983 and online from [exeter-cathedral.org.uk/boxoffice](http://exeter-cathedral.org.uk/boxoffice)

Further information for all these events is available on the website [www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/events](http://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/events) or from the printed *What's On* guide.

**Laurence Blyth, Marketing Manager**

## Thank you Clive

Earlier in this edition, Canon Mike Williams has expressed thanks to Clive Cohen for his contribution as a Chapter Canon of the Cathedral. The *News* editorial team has particular reason to be grateful to Clive for all his work as a member of the team. Clive has an eagle eye for detail and he has been wise in his advice about what material to include, and, on occasions, what to omit. Above all, he has been part of the fun that ensues when two or three, or more, gather each month to edit the *News*. We will endeavour to maintain high standards in his absence, not least because we know that Clive will remain quick to spot any split infinitives, missing commas, or other such offences against good grammar and punctuation. Thank you Clive, for your time, your expertise, and your friendship; we will miss you.

**Heather Morgan, Rosemary Bethell, Sheila, Atkinson, Laurence Blyth**

**Next Month:** Please send material for the August edition by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** to Heather Morgan (01392 [87762-heathermorgan348@gmail.com](mailto:87762-heathermorgan348@gmail.com), and Sheila Atkinson [sm.a@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:sm.a@blueyonder.co.uk). The other members of the editorial team are Rosemary Bethell and Laurence Blyth.

## New Chair of the Cathedral Council



The Bishop of Exeter has appointed Barnabas Hurst-Bannister to be the new Chair of the Cathedral Council from November.

Mr Hurst-Bannister has worked at Lloyd's since 1975, first as a broker and then as an underwriter, and has chaired a number of boards and market

committees. He has been a member of the Council of Lloyd's and is an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute and past president of the Insurance Institute of London. The son of a parish priest, he was educated at Salisbury Cathedral School, Lancing and Oxford University. He is vice-chairman of the Governing Body of Blundell's School. He and his wife, who live in a former rectory in North Devon, have three children, one of whom was married in Exeter Cathedral, and six grandchildren.

Mr Hurst-Bannister succeeds Geoffrey Bush CB DL, who has served three terms of office as Chair of the Council, nine years in total. The Chapter welcomed Barnabas and paid tribute to Geoff, for his great commitment to the Cathedral over many years.

Mr Hurst-Bannister said: "It is with a proper mixture of awe and excitement that I take on this role. Geoff Bush has been an outstanding chairman, and I know that I speak on behalf of many people in expressing immense gratitude for all the work that he has done. To follow Geoff will be a daunting challenge and it is, in no small measure, owing to his unstinting efforts that we can be confident that when I take on the chairmanship at the beginning of November it will be as part of a new era in the Cathedral's history. I am delighted to be able to try to ensure that the Council continues to fulfil its discreet if pivotal role in the governance of the Cathedral."

## The Diary in July

*This is just a selection of the many events in the Cathedral in July. For full details, please look at the Cathedral website and the "What's On July/September" leaflet.*

3 <sup>rd</sup>		<i>Thomas the Apostle</i>
	5.30pm	Solemn Eucharist
5 <sup>th</sup>	1pm-3.30pm	<i>Discover the Exeter Book</i> Cathedral Library & Archive
6 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Organ Recital: David M. Patrick
6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>		Exeter Craft Fair on Cathedral Green
7 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Valedictory Evensong
8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Exeter Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert
9 <sup>th</sup>		Book Launch <i>Matthew in Your Pocket</i> Bishop Martin Shaw
	7pm	Holy Ground
10 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Julian Prayer Group in St John the Baptist Chapel
12 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	An Afternoon with the Flower Arrangers
13 <sup>th</sup>		Exeter Cathedral School Prizegiving
		Tapisers Summer Party
	7pm	Cathedral Community Committee
17 <sup>th</sup>		Chapter Finance Committee
18 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Evensong & Installation of Chapter Canons & Prebendaries
20 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	Chapter Meeting
	7pm	Organ Recital: Colin Andrews
21 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm	Solemn Eucharist- <i>Eve of St Mary Magdalene</i>
	7.30pm	Concert by the Amadeus Orchestra
25 <sup>th</sup>		<i>James the Apostle</i>
	5.30pm	Solemn Eucharist
29 <sup>th</sup>	1pm	Informal Concert: The Brixi Singers