



From the Acting Dean

On the 31 October 1517, Martin Luther published his 95 theses in the German town of Wittenberg. His action is regarded as the start of the Reformation period across Europe. During the early part of the 15th century, many in the Catholic Church began criticising its activities. Luther was a leader of that movement, insisting that every Christian had a direct relationship with God. There was no need of the large superstructure of the Catholic Church to administer the grace of God; it was wrong to think that salvation was achieved through good works or the buying of ‘indulgences’. Salvation was God’s to give freely to those who accepted, and put their

faith, in Jesus Christ. An understanding of God comes directly from the Bible, not the institutional church, so the Bible should be accessible to everyone by translating it into their native language.

The ripple effect of the changes started by this debate, initiated by Luther continues to this day. The Reformation removed much of the role of the church as an autonomous and secular power. Many areas of welfare provision were taken over by the secular state. The Bible in England was translated from Latin, and the Prayer Book created. There was considerable resistance to the requirement to use English in worship. In the West Country, some Cornish and Devonians rose up in protest. They were brutally repressed.

Luther’s theses, written in Latin, were quickly translated into German. Then, thanks to the invention of the printing press, they were widely distributed, and a social movement for radical change based on the Bible began, which has lasted in different forms ever since. As some in the church say: Did it make a difference? It is too early to tell!!

Revd Canon Dr Mike D Williams





Welcome to the new Dean

As many readers will know by now, the 71st Dean of Exeter is to be the Very Reverend Jonathan Greener, currently the Dean of Wakefield in the Diocese of Leeds.

The appointment was announced on 19th September, and members of the Cathedral Choir were present to sing a musical welcome. Jonathan is pictured here with some of the choristers.

As Dean of Wakefield, Jonathan has overseen the most complete makeover of any Cathedral in recent times, raising £7.5 million and completely transforming the interior, which had been untouched since the 1870s.

Jonathan's wife Pamela also rose to fame, for writing and singing a VAT ditty, warning that the then Chancellor George Osborne's proposals to end VAT relief on repairs to historic buildings would plunge church restoration projects into financial crisis. Her song went viral (and is still available on YouTube) and the ensuing outcry forced the government into a U-turn.

Bishop Robert said: "I am delighted with the appointment of Jonathan Greener as our new Dean and look forward to working with him. He has a strong track record of running a Cathedral, of fundraising and of re-ordering its interior imaginatively. His experience in Wakefield makes him ideally placed to take our Cathedral into its next chapter, serving the people of Devon."

Jonathan said: "I am delighted and humbled to be invited to serve as the next Dean of Exeter. This is a fantastic Cathedral which speaks of the glory of God and the job of those leading the Cathedral is to look after it on behalf of the people of Devon, and of the generations who come after us. There has been a

Christian presence on this site for 1,600 years and I feel privileged to be part of the next stage of its journey.

“I am looking forward to working closely with the Bishop and the Cathedral staff and the wonderful volunteers, who give so much of their time to keep the Cathedral open and serving visitors, worshippers and those who need a quiet and sacred space in their lives.”

Jonathan has served for ten years as Dean of Wakefield, overseeing the transformation of the building and many new initiatives: introducing a new coffee shop, gift shop and Visitor Information Point, and introducing a ‘Messy Cathedral’ for families.

Previously, he was Archdeacon of Pontefract, and he also chaired the Wakefield Diocesan Board of Education for four years. He also chairs the Sponsors of the Trinity Academy in Halifax.

Jonathan is an executive member of the Association of English Cathedrals and is also a Church Commissioner.

Jonathan will be installed on Sunday 26th November at 2.30pm. This will be a ticketed service. Tickets will be available in November, once we know how many guests we are seating.

Orchestral Evensong & Thanksgiving for our Founders and Benefactors: 15th October at 4pm

There will be a special Evensong on 15th October at 4pm, when we give thanks for our Founders and Benefactors, including those who currently give generously of their time, commitment and resources to maintain the worship and mission of the Cathedral.

It will also be the occasion on which we mark, and give thanks for, the immense contribution made by Geoff Bush in his nine years as Chair of the Cathedral Council.

The Cathedral Choir and University of Exeter Chapel Choir will be accompanied by an orchestra, and the service will be a musical feast; the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis will be sung to *Dyson in D*, the anthem is Elgar’s wonderful setting of words from Psalm 29, *Give unto the Lord*, and the closing organ voluntary is the last movement of Widor’s *Symphonie No 6*.

To round off the celebration, there will be wine and nibbles after the service. All are welcome! Please put this in your diary.

Fellowship Outing to Powderham Castle – Thursday, 12th October

An outing to Powderham Castle at Kenton has been arranged for Thursday, 12th 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.

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.

It isn't too late to sign the list 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

From the Cathedral Bellringers

October sees the Cathedral ringers with a busy diary, not least our annual dinner held on Friday 6th October in Topsham – we are delighted that Acting Dean Mike Williams will be our guest this year, and although he does have to speak briefly and toast the Society, we hope that this will not spoil his enjoyment of the evening!

On Friday 13th October, a special quarter peal will be rung to mark the Feast of St Edward the Confessor, and then on Saturday 28th October there will be a full peal attempt by a visiting band. This time, the band will have come from Bristol, although with friend and regular visitor here, Ian Fielding, organising the peal there are almost certain to be some Exeter Cathedral ringers joining him.

Finally, on Tuesday 31st October, we will be joining the Cathedral in marking the 500th anniversary of the starting point of the Reformation. Prior to the Evening Service, a specially arranged quarter peal will be rung, and we hope both congregation and city will enjoy the sound of the bells as a part of this significant day.

Clare Griffiths, Cathedral Bellringers Secretary

Wednesday Homeless Cafe

We serve hot food to between 50-60 homeless and vulnerably housed individuals each Wednesday from the Chapter House. Whilst we have the food covered by long-standing donations, we are in need of the following items and would appreciate your generous support:

Clothing - predominantly male, but we also have some young women. Sweatshirts, jumpers, trousers, sweatpants, t-shirts. Sturdy boots and shoes.

Underclothes: pants and socks (better to have the latter in natural fibres for foot health purposes)

Toiletries: Towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste (always worth asking your dental practice for their samples), shampoo, soap, shower gel - please save any complimentary toiletries from hotels you may visit over the holidays, or any others that you are not able to use. We also like to keep a supply of ladies sanitary ware. The young women would also appreciate any make-up samples you may have spare.

Winter: We would appreciate any warm overcoats, waterproofs, thermals, scarves, gloves, hats and wellington boots.

Other: Small tents, rucksacks, sleeping bags, groundsheets and blankets are also very welcome.

Contact: Penny Harris (penny@harris58.com 01392 437873) or Helen & Rob Taverner (tavernersfarm@hotmail.co.uk)

Quiet Day at Sheldon

Martyn Goss will be leading a Quiet Day at Sheldon on Tuesday 10th October. Martyn is Director of Church and Society, and Environment Officer for the Diocese of Exeter. The day will be held in silence and will include 4 addresses. Participants will also be able to benefit from the Sheldon grounds, chapels, library and art room during the day.

£20 includes all the above plus lunch and refreshments.

Sheldon, Sheldon Lane, Doddiscombsleigh, Exeter EX6 7YT

For details ring 01647-252752 or see www.sheldon.uk.com

Cathedral Community Committee 23rd October

The next meeting of the Cathedral Community Committee will be on Monday 23rd October. Please send any suggestions for the agenda to Heather Morgan hmm53@tiscali.co.uk

Tales from the Foodbank No. 26: "Overflowing Gratitude"

Comments left in Exeter Foodbank Guestbook:

"This feels like the first kindness I have received in eons - Christmas and every celebration rolled into one. Going home to make a meal now."

"Thank you so very much. This will keep me well fed for the whole week and it is very much appreciated. I pray and look forward to the day when everyone has enough food and I know I am very lucky to be able to come here."

"Thank you so much, can't believe the generosity you show. What a difference food makes to your well-being."

"Today has saved my life. So grateful - a real god send. Thank you so much for helping me out - don't know how we would survive without your support."

*The Cathedral's next collection for the Exeter Foodbank is on **Sunday 22nd October**. Please bring contributions to the 10am Choral Eucharist and place them in the boxes at the West End of the Cathedral.*

Felicity Cawthra

The Spirituality of Jane Austen: Paula Hollingsworth Friday 20th October 2017: Mint Methodist Church, Exeter

Come and meet Paula Hollingsworth, and hear about her interest in Jane Austen, and her research for writing this book. Paula is vicar of Westbury-sub-Mendip with Easton and Priddy, dean of Women's Ministry in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, and sub-dean of Wells Cathedral. She explores Jane Austen's understated but strong faith, and the effect it had both on her life and her writing.

Copies available to buy at £10.

Refreshments from 6.30pm. Talk and discussion 7-8.30pm.

Donations to cover costs.

Any profit will be divided between St Petrock's Day Centre and St Petrock's Church.

Sheila Swarbrick from the Parish of Central Exeter will lead the evening.

The Wonders of Exeter Cathedral

The name – and smiling face – of Trevor Blackburn are very familiar within Exeter Cathedral, because he has been a steward and guide here for more than two decades. As well as mentoring many current guides and stewards during that time, he has shared the warmth of his greeting and his enthusiasm for the building with thousands of visitors.

In recent months, while Trevor has been unable to be at the Cathedral in person, he's been busy working on a booklet, 'The Wonders of Exeter Cathedral', with the intention of passing on his experience and knowledge to potential new stewards and guides.

As former Canon Pastor Ian Morter writes in the Foreword: 'The ability of Trevor to inspire the enquiring mind comes from a lifetime spent in education. But fundamental to that ability is the joy that shines through in the clarity of his writing and the pleasure he wants to share with his readers. After more than two decades of welcoming and helping visitors, Trevor is now enabling the next generation to share the beauty and history of this place of worship with the visitors who want to know more.'

Trevor writes with great wisdom and great humour. His 'sample tour' of the Cathedral – the main part of the booklet – contains many anecdotes that demonstrate why his tours were so popular with visitors. For example, speaking of the memorial to Lady Dodderidge in the Lady Chapel, he writes: 'The carving is so detailed that I felt it necessary to remind visitors that this was carved by a stonemason proud of his work. The tomb next to her is of her husband, Judge John Dodderidge, with his square black cap. Here again the carver has even put the stitches in his boots, which we may miss but God sees all!'

Working with Trevor on the project has been Visitors' Department assistant Alice Escott, who has taken a series of beautiful new photographs to illustrate the 'Wonders' of the title, from the glories of the Pulpitum Screen to the less familiar corbel depicting Master Mason George Down in St James' Chapel, and many more.

The project team also included people with complementary skills, such as Kate Burhouse, also from the Visitors' Department, who designed the pages and laid out the text; Valerie Shepard, a steward on Monday afternoons and volunteer in the Cathedral Events team, who edited the text and managed the production of the booklet; and Diane Walker, who co-ordinates the training of new guides,

for which purpose the booklet is primarily intended. Canon Morter and project team members gathered with Trevor and his wife Mary at their house on 5 September to celebrate its publication.



Mary & Trevor Blackburn, with Canon Ian Morter holding copies of the booklet

Copies of the booklet are being distributed free of charge to Cathedral guides and stewards. Anyone else who is interested in obtaining a copy should contact Diane Walker (01884 860501). A minimum donation of £2 per copy would be appreciated and will be used to help offset incidental costs associated with running the guide training programme.

Valerie Shepard and Diane Walker

Shortly after this article was received, we heard the sad news that Trevor had died peacefully in the early hours of Friday 22nd September. He will be missed greatly and we send our condolences to Trevor's wife, Mary, and all their family. A service to celebrate Trevor's life will take place at Glenorchy United Reformed Church in Exmouth on Friday 6 October at 2.30 pm, to which all his many friends from the Cathedral Community are invited. At his request, this will be a service of celebration, not of mourning, so the congregation is asked not to wear black.

Devon Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Day – Deanery Prayer Walk



The walkers gathered in the Chapter House with Bishop Martin

9th September, dawned bright and sunny, but with a forecast of intermittent heavy showers and this turned out to be the case; however, the showers were few, short and not too heavy and the sun soon dried us off! The Walk started at 7.50 am at St Michael's Mount Dinham, and a few hardy walkers, especially David Smith, our Lay Chair of Synod, kept going until our final service at St James at 5.30 pm. One member of the Cathedral walkers achieved all churches bar one, and others of us did our best either with a continuous stint, or using a bus pass to catch up with the walkers at another church. The big gathering point was the Cathedral Chapter House where Renata once again greeted us with hot and cold drinks and biscuits. We were delighted to be joined by Judith Kauntze, the County Organiser for the Devon Historic Churches Trust, and Bishop Martin who led our prayers, reminding us that every person, everything we saw, touched, smelt or heard, was sent as a blessing on our pilgrimage.

Here we had our photo call before setting off for St Pancras and the other City Centre Churches where we were joined by Sheila Swarbrick, their Rector. It is a humbling experience entering these ancient mediaeval churches, where people have worshipped God for generations. On then to St Anne's Orthodox Church, a tiny church with icons on every wall. Here we were greeted by a member of their congregation, who said a short Orthodox Office inviting us to join in the Lord's Prayer. He told us that the previous day they had celebrated the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose mother was their patron saint, St Anne. He drew our attention to the icon of St Anne, holding Mary in a position similar in style to icons of the Blessed Virgin holding her child Jesus.

It was then across Exeter via St Matthews, where prayers were also said for Exeter Network Church, to St Luke's College Chapel and then to St Leonards. From here we had the best walk of the day, along the river to St Luke's, Countess Wear, where we were greeted with refreshments and our lunch break. The cyclamen were in full flower and we had another photo call. A pleasant walk across the golf course to the crematorium brought us out to Topsham Road and a walk through to the hospice and hospital chapels. Another short walk, and we were given a warm welcome at St Clare's Chapel which is attached to the almshouses, before making our way to St Michael's, Heavitree, for a refreshing drink.

We walked down Heavitree Road to St Laurence's, where we had prayers outside before the short walk to St Boniface. Here we were met by the Parish Priest, John Byatt, and the hot and cold drinks and biscuits were extremely welcome. John then joined the walkers up to Holy Trinity. Down then to St Mark's, and our final destination at St James, where Father Henry Pryce and his curate led us in a short office of thanksgiving for another wonderful day. We are extremely grateful for the generous sponsorships we have again received, half of which will come back to the Cathedral, and when the final total is known it will be posted in the Weekly Sheet.

Stephen Pryor, Delia Law and Diane Coombes

A Dramatic Rescue!

Fire crews, a specialist line rescue team, and the Hazardous Area Response Team (HART) from South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust were all in action at the Cathedral on Wednesday 27th September.

Their visit was part of an exercise to simulate the rescue of an adult casualty from the bell chamber in the South Tower, with part of the operation broadcast live via the Facebook.

News from Christians Together Across Exeter (CTaX)

Wednesdays at the Mint

The new season of meetings will begin on Wednesday 4 October with a talk by Revd. Bruce Sawyer on *Transgender and the Bible*. Venue: Wesley Room, Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street, Exeter. 7.30 p.m. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served. More information from David Horn, 01626 852815, dhorn87506@aol.com

St Michael's Lectures

Following the success of the Lent reading group on Augustine's *Confessions*, Professor Oliver Nicholson of the University of Minnesota, and Editor of *The Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity* returns with another reading group at **7.30 pm Weds 11th, 18th and 25th October**

7.30 pm Weds 22nd November will see the inaugural John Hughes Memorial Lecture, with Dr Edward Skidelsky from the Department of Sociology and Philosophy at the University of Exeter, speaking on the concept of meaningful **charity**. All proceeds will go towards a memorial for John, who served his curacy in the Parish of St David with St Michael and All Angels. **More details coming very soon.**

As usual all the St Michael's Lectures will be held at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Dinham Road, Mount Dinham, Exeter, EX4 4EB

Cranbrook Day of Prayer Saturday 21st October 11am-3pm at St Martin's School

Cornerstone is a church without a church building in Cranbrook. On 21st October from 11am-3pm at St Martin's School, there will be a day of prayer which will involve telling stories about Cranbrook and its development, tours around the area, lunch and times of prayer. This is a time of change for the ministry team there, and they firmly believe that they need more prayer, and Lythan Nevard, the minister, writes

We need more prayer. More directed prayer. And so we are asking if you would be willing to come and hear the stories of Cranbrook, hear about the possibilities and frustrations and therefore be able to pray in specific ways with us and for us in the future?

Lythan invites people to save this date, and if you are interested to let her know at ministercranbrook@gmail.com

Christmas Shoeboxes

As last year, the Mothers' Union will be heading up this year's collection of Christmas shoeboxes for needy children and elderly folk in Eastern Europe. We hope that members of the congregation will again join in and fill boxes for **pensioners**. The charity we use - International Aid Trust - sends boxes for 4 different age groups of children 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 and 15+, as well as for pensioners. They all go to really needy people.

Those for pensioners go to people who are lonely and forgotten, and are often the only gifts that these people receive. The charity welcomes boxes for all the age-groups specified, but is always particularly short of boxes for pensioners. If you would be able to make up a box, please see the suggested list of items provided by the charity, which is shown below.

You do not have to put every item into your box, but a mixture of types of items (e.g. something(s) from each of the different categories listed below) always makes for a lovely box. If at all possible, please make sure your box is lovely and full.

You are also asked to wrap both the box and the lid in Christmassy paper, but to wrap them **separately** - the boxes have to be opened and the items checked by the charity. For this reason also, please do not wrap the individual items inside the box. When completed, please bring your box(es) into the Cathedral and give them to Chryssa Turner, or leave them in Cloister Club on a Sunday morning. A voluntary donation of £1 per box, towards the cost of transporting the boxes to their destination, would also be appreciated by the Charity. We hope that, as previously, all the filled boxes will be blessed in the Cathedral and then go off on their journey at the beginning of Advent.

Over the years we have sent several hundred boxes from the Cathedral Community, which has been a fantastic effort.

For **pensioner shoeboxes** please choose a mixed selection from the following list:

Stationery:

Noteepad, pencils, pens, rubber, ruler, scissors, sellotape, pencil sharpener, playing cards, greeting card, photo of donor

Foods/Sweets:

chocolate, packets/tubes of sweets, biscuits, dried food, pasta/rice

Toiletries:

Aerosol deodorant, comb, hairbrush, mirror, shampoo, soap, sponge/flannel, talc, toothbrush/paste, wash bag, tissues, nail clippers/nail file.

New Clothes/misc:

baseball cap, warm hat/gloves, body warmer, T shirt, shorts, socks/tights/underwear, headscarf, sewing kit (including needle/thread).

If you wish for further details of the scheme, please contact Chryssa Turner: crst0915@yahoo.co.uk or on 01392 202330.

Shoeboxes will need to be ready by **Sunday 19th November**. Thank you in advance for your support of this venture, which we consider to be an important part of our Christian work.

Chryssa Turner

Call for Volunteers (and your old £1 coins!)

The Cathedral's works team have been in the news recently, with devonlive.com (the online arm of the Express & Echo and Western Morning News) featuring an interview with Gary Morley on the roof of the Lady Chapel. During the media visit (which was, in fact, part of our welcome for Jonathan Greener) Gary was quizzed about the work taking place at the East end of the building.

One of the ways we are supporting the work to restore and replace stonework is through the Big LEGO Build (did you know that the money raised by the project goes towards fabric-related projects?).

As we head into the Autumn, it's time once again, to put the call out for volunteers to help steward the model, and help tell the public about the important work that the build will be supporting. If you feel that this might be something you could help with, and can spare a few hours a week, then we would love to hear from you. Please ask at the Cathedral Office, telephone 01392 285983 or email LEGO@exeter-cathedral.org.uk.

The Big LEGO Build team will also gladly help you to spend any 'old style' £1 coins before they cease to be legal tender on 15th October 2017. Either visit the model when it's open (currently Monday to Thursday) or visit the new combined reception at 1 The Cloisters.

Save the Date(s):

A Celebration of Exeter Cathedral and its Choristers at Christmas

From **Tuesday 21st November until Friday 15th December**, the Cathedral will host original art inspired by the Cathedral's architecture, community, worshipping life and, of course, its Choristers.

The exhibition brings together work by around 40 artists with connections to the Westcountry, all part of a project to support the work of the Cathedral Choir.

Christmas cards featuring some of the work on display will be available to purchase from the Cathedral Shop and the Exeter Cathedral Christmas Market.

The Great Big Cathedral Quiz is back!

We're delighted to announce that the Great Big Cathedral Quiz will return this year on **Thursday 12th October**. Tickets are £10 to include a delicious hog roast. The proceeds will support the Cathedral so please come and take part. We're delighted that *The Oddfellows* will provide a cash bar to help keep your quiz-brains stimulated. Gather up a table of friends (6-8 per table) and start brushing up on your general knowledge. Booking is now open at www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/boxoffice or email cressida.peers@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

December Concerts : Tickets On Sale

You will doubtless know by now, that tickets for the Cathedral Choir's December concerts went on sale in September. A performance of Handel's *Messiah* (sponsored by Anne Foreman in memory of her late husband, Peter) takes place on the afternoon of **Sunday 10th December**, and two performances of *Christmas with the Cathedral Choir* take place on **Saturday 9th and Thursday 14th December**. Please telephone 01392 285983 or visit www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/boxoffice for more information.

Laurence Blyth, Marketing Manager

And Another Date to Save:

Winter Pimms Party - 1st December in the Chapter House

The Fellowship Committee has arranged a Winter Pimms party in the Chapter House on 1st December. There will be Winter Pimms, hot supper and entertainment. Further details in due course. Please put this date in your diary now!



The Friends of Exeter Cathedral

By the time this appears in print, our talk by The Earl of Devon will have just taken place and our next one, by Prof Nicholas Orme, will be only a few days away. Both of these have been very well supported with 166 booked for the former and 84 expected for the latter. This underlines our advice to members about booking early for events, in case they reach capacity. We have been fortunate in the case of the two already mentioned that a change of venue in both instances has allowed us to accommodate everyone who has requested places.

With that in mind we draw your attention to the fact that places for a Friends sponsored event on 8 March 2018 have been made available so now is the time to follow this up if you are considering attending. Full details were published in our last mailing to members in June but brief details follow.

Please note that bookings are NOT being handled by The Friends office on this occasion but through the usual Cathedral booking options:

**At the Forefront of European Architecture? A review of West Country Cathedrals in the Decorated period.
Thursday 8th March 2018: 10am-4pm**

Exeter Cathedral is delighted to be hosting this important event bringing together eminent speakers who will look at the extraordinary developments in architecture which took place in the West Country during the early 14th century. This is a joint venture between the Friends of Exeter Cathedral and the Devon fund raising committee of the Art Fund, who are grateful to Bearnes Hampton & Littlewood for their generous support for this meeting.

The West of England has some of the finest and most innovative cathedral architecture in Europe. This day aims to provide a new insight into the great cathedrals at Exeter, Bristol, Wells and Salisbury. The development of the Decorated style during major construction programmes at these locations in the early 14th century was in some regards at the forefront of European design. This event will be suitable for anyone with an interest in these cathedrals or with a general interest in Gothic architecture.

Ticket Information £35 (incl. morning coffee/tea and a light buffet lunch)

Tickets on general release from Monday 2nd October 2017. Available online and from 01392 285983.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

The Cathedral will mark the 500th anniversary of the starting point of the Reformation with a number of events:

There will be a **special course of sermons** at regular services during October.

There will be a full programme of events on **31st October**:

From **10am-4pm**, there will be special exhibition in the Cathedral prepared by the Cathedral Library & Archive

At **1.15pm**, Diane Walker will give an illustrated talk on *The English Reformation in Exeter*, and at **3pm**, there will be a guided tour by Renate Helmsley exploring the impact of the English Reformation at the Cathedral.

At **5.30pm**, there will be a special Evening Service led by the University of Exeter Chapel Choir to mark the anniversary. The guest preacher will be Pastor Arno Bessel, of St Peter's Lutheran Church, Plymouth. All welcome.

At **7.30pm**, in the Chapter House, there will be a lecture: *Why should we remember the Reformation?* Professor James Clark (Professor of History, University of Exeter) will tackle the theme from a historical perspective. The Revd Professor Morwenna Ludlow (Head of Theology & Religion, University of Exeter) will explore the Reformation as a process in the life of the Church.

Tickets for the talk, tour and lecture are now available from 01392 285983, or online www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/boxoffice

Day of Prayer for the Life and Mission of the Cathedral - Friday 13th October 2017

On the Feast of Edward the Confessor, our Founder, 13th October, we shall be holding another Day of Prayer for the Life and Mission of the Cathedral.

The Lady Chapel will be in silence from 7.30am, with Morning Prayer said at 8am, Eucharist at 8.20am and Midday Prayer at 12 noon.

Evening Prayer is said at 5pm, followed by a Solemn Eucharist at 5.30pm in the Quire.

An unbroken chain of prayer will be kept throughout the day, and there will be prayers and devotional material available.

You are welcome to stay for as long or as short a period as possible. If you are able to commit to being present for a half hour slot, and to say a short prayer (words provided) before and during the half hour, please sign the list on the notice board in the south transept of the Cathedral.

Admission to the Cathedral is always free for prayer or worship.

Cathedral Community Committee 13th September

The principal items of business at the meeting of the CCC on 13th September were:

- Welcome to Nicola Cowling, attending her first meeting. Nicola was co-opted to ensure a presence on the CCC from the regular attenders at Sunday 8am Holy Communion.
- Arrangements for the day of prayer on 13th October.
- A discussion of the comments of the “mystery worshippers” as reported by Dean Graham Smith (formerly Dean of Norwich). This led to very interesting conversations about the welcome offered to those who come to worship, and also about strengthening links between the Cathedral and parishes/mission communities in the diocese. While strongly asserting that we all have a responsibility to welcome newcomers and visitors to services, we agreed to continue the rota of those with special responsibility for doing so after the 10am Eucharist on Sundays. It was noted that the issue of welcoming was a major piece of work that, in due course, would involve staff, volunteers and the regular congregations. Nicola Cowling agreed to lead on this work for the CCC. It was also agreed that we should revive the proposal, made some time ago, to invite people from their parish/mission community to accompany members of the College of Canons when they come to preach at Sunday Evensong, and to offer hospitality.
- Agreed to a request from the clergy, for the CCC to lead the Book Groups, proposed at the last session of the times of reflection lead by Canon Mike Williams and the Revd Professor Morwenna Ludlow (see page 19 below for details).
- Agreed to advise Chapter that the Worship Audit and the Self-Evaluation Framework, both deferred until the arrival of the new Dean, should be collaborative and consultative, in the spirit of the change of culture required in the Visitation Charge.
- Clarification of those volunteers to whom new name badges were issued, and when they should, or should not, be worn.
- Agreed to ask Chapter for a new, appropriately-sized noticeboard, to be placed where it can easily be read-to include photographs of principal clergy and lay officeholders, as well as information about Cathedral Community events.
- A discussion of how best to express in the liturgy, a corporate response to the process of reflection on love, compassion and hope, following the week of guided prayer, and before the installation of the new Dean.

Heather Morgan, Chairman CCC

Week of Guided Prayer: 12th to 18th November 2017

Eight Prayer Guides will be with us at the Cathedral from 12th to 18th November, to be alongside those who desire to deepen their prayer lives without leaving home, or disrupting daily tasks and responsibilities. Each participant commits him or herself to half an hour's prayer each day. The Guides will be available every day, giving each individual participant attention and guidance. There are few places left on the 'Week'.

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Bishop Martin on 07801 549615 or amartinshaw@gmail.com

Autumn Book Groups

During the final session of the periods of reflection lead by Canon Mike Williams and the Revd Professor Morwenna Ludlow, there was a warm welcome for book groups to meet during the autumn.

These will be held, starting in late October/early November, with the intention that each group will meet on four occasions, ending by Christmas. The first dates of meeting, and the venues, are yet to be decided but they will be in the Weekly Sheet and on the Cathedral website as soon as possible. The clergy asked the Cathedral Community to lead these groups, supported by Morwenna.

The books, group leaders, and times of meeting are as follows:

Anne Foreman will lead a group that meets after the 10am Eucharist on Sunday considering *Essential History of Christianity* by Miranda Threlfall-Holmes;

Chris Brathwaite will lead a group meeting on weekday afternoons on *Being Disciples* by Rowan Williams;

Yve Taylor will lead a group on weekday evenings on *Four Gospels, One Jesus?* By Richard Burridge;

Heather Morgan will lead a group on weekday evenings on *Reconciliation/Reconciling One and All* by Brian Castle.

All are welcome. If you are interested, please sign the lists that will be on the Cathedral Community noticeboard in the south transept. Many members of the regular congregations have expressed the hope that such groups be established, so please take advantage of getting to know these interesting books, and each other, rather better.

The Diary in October

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

- 1st Bellringers' Committee Meeting
- 5th Friends of the Cathedral Event - Professor Nicholas Orme
- 8th 7pm Holy Ground – Canon Mark Oakley (St Paul's Cathedral)
- 9th 2.30pm Julian Prayer Group in St John the Baptist Chapel
- 12th Meeting of the Cathedral Council
- 13th *Edward the Confessor, Founder of the Cathedral*
Day of Prayer for the Life and Mission of the Cathedral
Quarter Peal of Bells
5.30pm Solemn Eucharist
- 14th 4pm Evensong & Thanksgiving for Founders and Benefactors
- 16th Tapisers' Committee Meeting
- 18th *Luke, the Evangelist*
5.30pm Solemn Eucharist
- 19th Chapter Meeting
Exeter Cathedral School Harvest Service
- 20th Exeter College Graduation Ceremonies
- 22nd Trafalgar Day Service
- 27th 12noon Mothers' Union Prayers in the Lady Chapel
- 28th *Simon and Jude, Apostles*
Readers' Day with Eucharist at 2.30pm
Full Peal of Bells
- 29th Devon Young Farmers Harvest Thanksgiving
- 30th Music Foundation Trust meeting
- 31st Anniversary of the Reformation (see page 17 for special events)
Quarter Peal of Bells

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