



From the Canon Chancellor

I am writing this just a few days before taking up the post of Canon Chancellor, having moved from Wimbledon to Exeter. We have felt enormously welcomed already, and I am very much looking forward to meeting many more of the Cathedral community in the coming weeks.

For the last eight years, I have been Team Rector of a large suburban parish in south London. The small terraced houses that filled our parish were popular with young families, and our Sunday morning worship included significant provision for young children. At the same time there were pockets of deprivation in our community, especially among the older population, and a large number of homeless people; and we responded to these needs too.

I am now enormously looking forward to my new role – with its focus on pastoral care and mission for the Cathedral. At my interview, I gave a presentation on the ‘pastoral and mission opportunities of Exeter Cathedral’. I talked about the different groups with whom the Cathedral connects – congregation, volunteers, visitors, city, county, diocese – but suggested a unifying theme in God’s call to be fully human.

This most fundamental of all vocations, inherent in our very creation and affirmed in God’s becoming human in Jesus, brings us together. It is the calling common to Wimbledon and Exeter, to children and adults, to well-housed and homeless, to Christian and those of other faiths or no faith. And it is a vocation in which we can support one another; to care for each other and to reach out in mission is to encourage each other to be truly human. This is not a gift we bestow on others, but a possibility we discover together.

I am excited about sharing this vocation with you all. May God bless us in his service.

Chris Palmer

Devon Historic Churches Trust Ride/Stride and Deanery Prayer Walk Saturday, 8th September

For over 20 years, the Cathedral has taken an active part in raising funds for the Devon Historic Churches Trust. We aim to continue this in 2018, and seek your help in keeping up this tradition! The 8th September is the date this year for the Trust's annual fund raising event, which, as always, will also be the date for our Deanery Prayer Walk. On this day, David Smith, Chairman of our Deanery Synod, together with as many others as possible, will be leading a pilgrimage, which aims to visit, and pray in, as many churches in Christianity Deanery as is possible. This walk will start at 7.50am at St Michael's, Mount Dinham, and end at 5.30pm at St James.

Not many of us are likely to achieve the whole day, but a good starting point will be at the refreshment point in the Cathedral precincts. The Chapter House is occupied this year, but we will be warmly welcomed (probably about 10am) with tea/coffee or soft drinks in Cloister Garth, where Canon Ian Morter, now Priest Vicar, will lead us in prayer and send us on our way with a blessing. The walk will then visit the remaining city centre churches including the Orthodox Church, before moving on to St Matthew's, St Leonard's and along the river to St Luke's where we have a lunch break. Then on to the Hospice, the Main Hospital Chapel, St Michael's, Heavitree, then up to Beacon Heath and finally to St James for 5.30pm. A copy of the full timetable will be available on our Cathedral Community Noticeboard.

In past years, the Cathedral community has sponsored this event very generously, and once again we will be hoping for the same support, please. The sponsorship money raised is divided, with half going to the Devon Historic Churches Trust and the other half to the church chosen by the walker, which for us has been one of the Cathedral's building funds. Last year, the money was allocated to our stonemasons, and they received over £250 which they put towards a hoist to carry the necessary materials up for the work on the roof. They were extremely grateful. For the past two years, we have raised a total of over £500 – a tough call to repeat, but please be generous. We would, again, like to sponsor our stonemasons in recognition of all the work they are doing.

Sponsorship forms are now available, and we will be looking for support during coffee time after the 10 am Eucharist on a Sunday, and at other times. If you wish to take an active part in fund raising but do not want to join this walk, you might have your own idea – such as using your bus pass to visit as many

churches as possible and being sponsored for your efforts. If you do not feel able to walk or take an active part, please sponsor those of us who are. Most of all, make it a fun day, and thank you very much for your generosity.

Diane Coombes

Presentation of Tapisers' Work

On Sunday 22nd July 2018, during the 10am Service a group of Tapisers presented the items that have been completed over the past year. There were two copes, two tunicles, five stoles, two prayer cushions and three cushions for the Lady Chapel Sedilia. Dean Jonathan and Canon Mike both commended The Company of Tapisers for their skills, dedication and hard work - and expressed appreciation for the contribution they have made, and continue to make, to the life of Exeter Cathedral.

The foundation of The Company of Tapisers in 1933 was the idea of the then Dean, Walter Matthews. He envisioned a 'Company' in the medieval sense of a group of individuals working, not for personal fame, but for the glory of God and the beautification of the Cathedral and its worship.

For an astonishing 85 years, The Company of Tapisers has worked diligently and painstakingly, producing an impressive array of vestments, banners, altar linen and tapestries. The Tapisers today consider it an honour and a privilege to continue this tradition.

Diana Symes, Chairman of The Company of Tapisers

Congratulations!

Warmest congratulations to Conrad Donaldson on his appointment as a Lay Canon in recognition of magnificent service to the Cathedral. He chaired the council of the Friends of the Cathedral for ten years (the maximum permitted in the constitution), leading with good humour and flair, and making full use of his very considerable financial acumen so that the Friends have continued to make significant and generous contributions to the Cathedral budget. He has taken a leading role in ensuring that all the Trusts supporting the Cathedral work together, and with Chapter, to make the best use of their resources. Somehow, along the way, he also found time to achieve an MA in Medieval History at Exeter University. He will continue to serve on the Cathedral Council, and to make an important contribution to the work of the Friends.

Conrad will be installed at Evensong on **Sunday 5th August at 3pm**. As previously announced, this is also the occasion on which the new Canon Chancellor, the Revd Chris Palmer will be installed. Please note the time of the service.

Did you know of this charity?

Well! I didn't! A couple of weeks ago, Illya asked if I would write, on his behalf, about an experience he'd had whilst sitting at his seat, just inside the entry door into the Cathedral.

He'd seen a couple coming into the building, and had observed that the woman was holding the lead to a dog, wearing a 'harness' informing all that this dog was a very special dog; an assistance dog for those who suffer from Type 1 Diabetes, where the body fails to make any, or insufficient, insulin. He started a conversation with them, Illya, also, is an insulin dependent diabetic.

The charity, Medical Alert Assistance Dogs, Charity No.1124533 (England & Wales) and SCO44434 (Scotland), whose patron is The Duchess of Cornwall, trains dogs to detect changes in body odour triggered by disease, and alerts their owner to an impending medical event. It is at the forefront of research into the fight against cancer, and, as is the case here, helping people with life-threatening diseases. These bio-detection dogs detect changes in urine, breath and swabs. It costs about £13,000 to train such a dog.

'How does this work?' Illya asked the couple.

'He reads my blood sugar levels through his nose! If he smells any change, he paws me first, if I ignore that, he lies down. If I ignore his two warnings, he'll go and find my husband. Should my husband be out, he will go to the 'phone and pushes the emergency button! I put my trust in my dog!'

'So do !!!' said her husband.

How incredible is that? As you can imagine, Illya was 'deeply touched' by this encounter.

Thank you Illya, for asking me to write this for you.

Rosemary Bethell

Tales from the Foodbank: School Holidays

Please remember that the school holidays are here, which can be difficult for working parents, and cause real hardship for families whose children have free school meals. That many children go hungry in this country is a disgrace, and Foodbanks are in the frontline, so an enormous thank you for your support.

Foodbank collections will take place on **Sunday 19th and Sunday 26th August** at the 10am services. The list of priorities will be in the Weekly Sheet.

Felicity Cawthra



Focus: Terry Pyle

The Cathedral's Health, Safety, Fire & Security Manager

'Teach me my God and King, in all things thee to see: and what I do, in any thing, to do it as for thee.'

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Terry, under the 'umbrella' of Health, Safety Legislation, is our manager for all matters concerning the Cathedral's Fire & Security status. It is a very important appointment, and one which he carries out day in day out. He is also a current member of the Cathedral Community Council.

I have frequently heard or read the phrase *'It's Health & Safety gone mad!'* being uttered on TV, Radio or/ and quoted in newspapers in response to what appears to be an inappropriate decision. I am hoping here in this Focus to open the door a little wider onto the whole subject and its complexity.

'I've had enough of Health & Safety!' some of you might be saying, but please stick with me, and I hope that you will learn, as I have through talking with Terry, just a little more about the breadth and depth this legislation has in and on all our lives at the Cathedral. It is not a choice, it is a mandatory requirement.

Let me tell you a bit about Terry, who was brought up in Exeter, and was his parents' only child. They lived with his maternal grandparents, in an early 19th century stone property, on the edge of Exeter. When Terry was about eleven, his mother became seriously ill. He was *'packed-off'* to live with an aunt in South Devon. There he stayed, returning to Exeter some eighteen months later.

'I had been to three schools in thirty months! It was not an experience I would ever recommend.....definitely not!'

During 1960, the Exe Valley was hit by severe flooding and their home *'became an island in a sea of water! Fortunately it was not fetid water, and didn't come into our house, as it had into some. Rowing boats ferried people about.'*

Responding to an advertisement in 1973, Terry applied to become a fireman with the Exeter Brigade. After he'd taken an exam, climbed a ladder on to the roof of the fire station, and had carried a portly fireman twice around the drill yard, he was in! There then followed a three month period of morning drills, and afternoon lectures. He stayed with the Fire Service for many years, working on operations, training, and fire safety in Exeter, and the Midlands, before leaving to work, for the next eleven years, as the Health, Safety & Security

Manager at MAFF (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food). On leaving MAFF, he became the Managing Director of a small limited company which installed fire alarms, and emergency lighting systems.

In 2008, Terry's wife, Mary, suffered from a stroke which resulted in her losing the peripheral vision in both of her eyes; this condition, which when added to her mobility difficulties caused by an earlier accident, meant that Terry took retirement to look after her. They moved from their house with large garden in the countryside to a smaller and more suitable home in Exeter. Terry and Mary have an adopted son, Francis and daughter, Victoria.

In 2014, he joined the Cathedral's staff. Terry works directly with Catherine Escott, the Cathedral's Administrator; Catherine holds the brief for all matters concerning Health, Safety and Safeguarding.

'My role is to ensure that staff, volunteers and visitors have a safe place to work in, or visit. It requires a constant attention to every detail. Safety is about changing the culture of an organisation so that it becomes a natural part of everyone's daily thinking. Not just something to be occasionally remembered, or considered as someone else's responsibility!'

The Health & Safety at Work Act was passed by Parliament in 1974. That's forty-four years ago!

'It took many years for some organisations, including the Church in general, to realise its importance! It is no different from any other business. Health & Safety & Safeguarding offences come under the criminal law. The Dean is legally The Responsible Person and I am The Competent Person. We will both have to face the Judges Temporal, before meeting with The Great Maker, if we fail to comply with the law!

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order of 2005 united several acts already in existence. The Health & Safety Executive is self-funding, and is much more proactive, prosecuting organisations and individuals for negligence and manslaughter when accidents occur.'

The tentacles that flow out from this legislation spread onto all aspects of the Cathedral's life. It is not just a place for holy worship; it is also a place of public entertainment. Its safety means our being informed of potential risks and putting in place appropriate policies. There has to be constant vigilance regarding the integral security of the building by making certain that ALL doors, apart from the entrance doors, are secured from the outside but immediately openable from inside for means of escape in an emergency. *'Getting it wrong can be very expensive, both in terms of reputation and financial cost!! Safeguarding, is everyone's responsibility to ensure that children, vulnerable groups and everyone else coming into the Cathedral have 'protection' Safeguards not only protect and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable*

adults, but they enhance the confidence of trustees, staff, volunteers, parents, carers and the general public.

Everyone has the right to be protected from abuse, regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, or beliefs. Obviously, all of the above are critical for the safe recruitment of employed and volunteer members of staff.'

Abuse is not only that of a sexual nature; it can be inappropriate and/or intrusive behaviour and the miss-use of power. The potential for all of these can be found in both men and women.

In Section C of the Cathedral's Safeguarding Documents regarding the creation of a safer environment, there are eight points. They are:-

All people should have the right to.....

Be treated with respect and dignity Have their privacy respected.

Be able to lead as independent a life as possible.

Be able to choose how to live their life Have the protection of the law.

Have their rights upheld regardless of their ethnicity, gender, sexuality, impairments or disability, age, religion, or cultural background.

Be able to use their own language or method of communication,

And, finally, to be heard.

'We need to re-enforce all skills so that our people understand the principles, and the reasons, and therefore always are mindful about Health, Safety, Security and Safeguarding as if they were employees of the Cathedral, by checking doors, wearing their badges of identification when on duty, being aware of how to get hold of the Floor Supervisors, or an on-duty priest, and especially to be mindful, at all times, of potential difficulties.'

How does Terry relax....he has considerable responsibilities at home and at work?

The answer is that he enjoys working in their garden creating colourful borders, and mowing their small round shaped lawn. He is a keen genealogist, having traced his family history; this brought a few surprises! He loved reading as a child, and read George Orwell's *Coming-up for Air* when aged fourteen! Now, if not falling asleep, he enjoys biographies, and has an eclectic taste in music. One of his favourite pieces, which he has on his smart-phone, is Carl Jenkins' *Palladio*.

It was a delightful couple of hours talking with Terry in my garden. I learned a lot. He is a man of integrity in all that he does; for his family, his professional work in the Cathedral, as well as with other Cathedral commitments.

Thank you, Terry.

Rosemary Bethell

Fellowship Outing – Wednesday, 10th October 2018

Arrangements have now been finalised for our October Outing. The main part will be a ride on the South Devon steam train from Buckfastleigh to Totnes. This is a most beautiful journey along the River Dart. But there is more! It is suggested we arrive at Buckfastleigh South Devon Railway Station, where there is a free car park, for 10.30am – 10.45 am. There is a café at the station for those who would like a drink. We then gather together to visit the Butterfly Farm at 11am, followed by the Otter Sanctuary, where the otters are fed at 11.30am.

You will be free to make your own arrangements for lunch, but the suggestion is that we make the short journey to Buckfast Abbey, and enjoy together the excellent wide range of food at the Grange Restaurant there. There should be time for a wander around the grounds, or the Abbey, before returning to Buckfastleigh Station to catch the 2.15pm steam train, where our seats will have been reserved. For a party of 20, we have been offered a rate of £16.70 each (senior citizens) to include the Butterfly Farm, Otter Sanctuary and train. The normal fare for just the steam train ride for senior citizens is £14! So please book the date now. As the hire of a coach is too expensive, we plan to travel by car, and we hope that those with a spare seat will offer this to someone who needs a lift. To facilitate this, lists for signing up will be available shortly (please look out for this in the Weekly Sheet), and we look forward to you joining us.

Margaret Williams and Diane Coombes.

Lady Chapel and Bishop's Palace Garden Tour

Come to enjoy a journey through time, starting from the earliest days of the building of the Medieval Gothic Cathedral, looking around the Lady Chapel from inside AND out, hearing a tale of political murder, and ending up in the private gardens of the Bishop of Exeter. This is a new historical tour (duration c. 90 minutes) including views of the exteriors of the Bishop's Palace and the Lady Chapel, which can only be seen from the private gardens of the Bishop (not normally open to the public).

Cost: £14 per person. Please book tickets via the Cathedral website.

Tour Dates

Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 11am

Wednesday 22nd August 2018 at 11am

Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 11am

Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 11am

Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 11am

News from the Bellringers

During the last weeks of July, work on the bells continued apace in the South Tower, with local ringers assisting the bellhangers from Taylors of Loughborough in fitting the new steel beams which will strengthen the existing frame; with the recent hot weather, this was no easy task.



Taylors' team of bellhangers, usually also bellringers, come from across the country; travelling between bell projects they experience everything from the smallest village church to the greatest Cathedrals, and soon become part of the fabric of day to day working life.

With the new steelwork in place, the next phase of the bell works begins with the frame cleaning and painting, which is likely to take at least six weeks. The frame cleaning is a particularly dirty and unpleasant job, whilst the painting is time consuming and laborious, and this will be ongoing throughout all of August and into September.

Finally, the two trebles (*Ed Bells, not choristers!*) will be returning home in August; the current diary schedules the crane lift for Saturday 4th August, when you will be able to see two of the smallest Cathedral bells being winched back up and into the South Tower once again.

Meanwhile, we hope you have heard the even smaller bells of St Petrock's calling you to worship on a Sunday morning; many early city risers have called in to watch us ring, as the bells are situated on the ground floor of the church, so it has been a lovely way to engage with the people of Exeter.

Clare Griffiths, Exeter Cathedral Bellringers Secretary

From the Friends' Office

Friends' Day on 29 June was enjoyed by many members, and all special events were well attended. We thank our various guides, performers and participants for their role in a very successful day.

At our AGM our esteemed Chairman, Conrad Donaldson, retired from the Friends' Council having completed his maximum term of office, and we were delighted when Bishop Robert announced that he had invited Conrad to become a Lay Canon of the Cathedral in recognition of his service. We will be appointing our new Chairman at the next Council meeting on 21 August.

Next year the 29th June falls on a Saturday, and we are currently deliberating on how to arrange Friends' Day. It has not traditionally been held when St Peter's Day falls on a Saturday, but moved to the day before or the Monday after. We are aware, however, that we do have members who are excluded from weekday events because of their work, and consequently it may be decided to observe Friends' Day on the Saturday to allow those members a chance to participate in 2019. An announcement will be made in due course.

Many of our forthcoming events until the end of the year are very well subscribed. They may be fully booked, so members are reminded that if they have yet to book a chosen event, now is the time to act. A call to our office to check availability before despatching an order and payment is advisable.

Friends Office Hours 9am – 1pm Monday to Thursday. Telephone 01392 423931

Cathedral Community Committee 26th July 2018

We discussed the content and process for the Worship Audit to be conducted during the autumn. A draft questionnaire was considered, with time for comment by members after the meeting. There will be a pilot scheme in September, and the main part of survey will happen during October.

A member of the 10am Choral Eucharist congregation is needed for the Outward Giving Committee, which recommends grants from the 10% of Planned Giving that we give to good causes. If you are interested in this, please contact me via the email address on page 11 of this edition of the *News*.

A number of new Eucharistic Assistants have been appointed; Canon Ian Morter is now the clergy point of contact for this area of work. It is hoped soon to recruit new people to lead the intercessions at Sunday and weekday Choral Eucharist. Training will be given, to which existing Intercessors will be invited. The Dean and the Precentor expressed gratitude for the high standard achieved by the current team. It was agreed that the names of those who are

sick, and those who have died recently, for whom our prayers have been asked, may be included on the prayers on Sundays, provided this does not cause the intercessions to be of undue length.

It was agreed in principle to have a “Welcome/Enquiry” table after Sunday Choral Eucharist. Members of the CCC and other volunteers will be available to answer questions from new members of the congregation, and to give out information, including, it is hoped, a revised form of the Welcome Packs.

The CCC team will make our debut at the Cathedral Quiz on 11th September!

Heather Morgan, (Chairman CCC)

Topping Out

Last month, Chris Sampson (Clerk of Works) wrote about the completion of the work on the east end of the Cathedral. On 5th July, the Dean put in place the last finial of the new pinnacle. Here we see the pinnacle before, and after, the final piece was added, with, of course, the Dean and some of our team of stonemasons. Thank you and many congratulations to them for their hard work and superb craftsmanship.



Photos: Mike Williams

Next Month: Please send material for the **September** edition by **Wednesday 22nd August** to Heather Morgan (01392 877623, hmm53@tiscali.co.uk and Sheila Atkinson sm.a@blueyonder.co.uk. The other members of the editorial team are Rosemary Bethell and Laurence Blyth.

The Diary in August

This is just a selection of the events in the Cathedral during August. For full details, please look at the Cathedral website, and the “What’s On” leaflet.

- 5th **3pm** Evensong & the Installation of the Canon Chancellor and a Lay Canon
- 6th *The Transfiguration of Our Lord:*
5.30pm Solemn Eucharist
- 9th Cathedral Café Cooks – A workshop baking session
(booking essential)
11am Mothers’ Union Eucharist to celebrate Mary Sumner (founder of the Mothers’ Union)
- 13th 2.30pm Julian Prayer Group in St John the Baptist Chapel
- 14th 10.30 Brass Rubbing Bonanza Day
- 15th *The Blessed Virgin Mary*
11am Saxon Day
Discover the Exeter Book – on display in the Nave 11am – 3pm
5.30pm Solemn Eucharist
- 16th 7pm Organ Recital – Timothy Noon
- 16th-18th *Reboot* – Exeter’s Hidden Stories (craft workshops for children aged 5+)
- 17th Café Play Day in the Cloisters
- 18th *Exploring the Virtues of Herbes* with the Tudor Wives
(A Living History Performance - booking essential)
8pm Concert - Joanna Eden
- 20th Family Cooks Challenge (booking essential)
- 21st 6.30pm *Let’s Talk about Iconography* – The Dean of Exeter – in the Deanery (booking essential)
- 24th *Bartholomew the Apostle*
5.30pm Solemn Eucharist
- 25th *Discover the Exeter Book* – on display in the Nave 11am – 3pm
- 27th 10.30 Brass Rubbing Bonanza Day
- 28th Cathedral Bake Off (booking essential)
- 29th *Awesome Archaeology* (booking essential)
- 30th 7pm Organ Recital – Loreto Aramendi