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Cathedral News

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From the Canon Precentor



As I write, a month has passed since my Installation on Palm Sunday. What a month it has been! In the Cathedral, we journeyed through Holy Week to flames and feasting on Easter morning, and we continue our journey towards Pentecost on the 20th May. Personally, I have been reacquainting myself with Exeter and its Cathedral, having moved from the City and Close some twenty years ago. The streets of the city and the stones of the Cathedral are familiar. But the whole institution of the Cathedral and its people are largely new to me. What has been constant is the warm and

enthusiastic welcome I have received from the whole Cathedral Community, for which I am very grateful. I am also grateful for the tremendous work Bishop Martin Shaw did, as Acting Precentor, to make my transition into this role so seamless, straightforward and joyful.

As Precentor, I have a particular interest and responsibility for the worship and music of this cathedral church, and I feel greatly privileged to be ministering in such a glorious place alongside such capable and sensitive clergy, and with such excellent and talented musicians. Of course in some sense, to refer to “worship and music” is a tautology because, for Christians, the two are inseparable. Christians sing: it is what we do. It is what we have always done since the very earliest days of the Church, thanks to its origins in the worship of synagogues and the Temple. From that tradition, cathedrals and collegiate churches were established with large corps of musicians to lead daily worship based upon the recitation of psalms. To that end, in this cathedral, the musicians are part of our Foundation. Here, music and worship are indivisible.



That indivisible relationship does not, of course, mean that we should simply stand still in our worship, and that it should never change. It does not mean that we should not explore new forms of worship, and certainly we should do all we can do to be a resource for the Diocese. But we are also custodians of traditions of music and worship that are an immense source of inspiration. Additionally, in partnership with Exeter Cathedral School, we have a very significant educational ministry. To have boy and girl choristers means that we are giving more children a valuable musical education; at least thirty-six at a time, more than at any time in the previous thousand years of our history. That is a remarkable achievement.

Mindful of the Dean's words in last month's *Cathedral News*, his recollection of Eastertide in Romania, where people greet each other in the streets with the words "Christ is risen", it seems to me that our musical ministry is a profound expression of the Cathedral and its Community being an "Easter people". It is right that this place should be filled with Alleluias. But there also is a right and proper "strangeness" about much of what we do: "What was that piece all about? Why did they do that at the altar? What do these words, said or sung, mean?" All of these are right and proper questions to ask from time to time. But in a sense that gets to the heart of the ministry of Jesus himself who, before his Crucifixion was often secretive about his identity, and, after the Resurrection, went unrecognised by many of those who had been closest to him. Our worship and music illustrate the both the beauty and mystery of Jesus.

So, thank you for your welcome. It's a great joy to be here at this exciting time of change and renewal, and I look forward to sharing with you in the worship and music of this place.

James Mustard

Congratulations Liz!

Many congratulations to Liz Searle, who completed the London Marathon in 5hrs 32 minutes. This is a terrific effort in any circumstances, but heroic in view of the unprecedented hot weather. She has exceeded her target for donations and has now raised over £50,000 in total for the Exeter Hospice in her seven Marathons.

From the Dean : Chapter Bulletin

Welcome to the latest Chapter Bulletin. April's Chapter meeting was a little different as it took place within an 'away day' to focus on the fabric of the Cathedral and its most urgent needs, so the agenda for the meeting was much shorter. Below is a summary for you:

Safeguarding

Chapter welcomed the great progress so far on safeguarding training. All staff and the majority of volunteers have so far completed the training. Everyone, volunteer or staff, has to have completed the first level of training – known as C0 - by the end of July so if you have not booked onto the training, please contact Catherine Escott urgently (Catherine.Escott@exeter-cathedral.org.uk) If you haven't done the training by the end of July, then you will be asked to stand down from your role until it is completed.

The C0 training is online, and can be done at home or if you do not have a computer at home, you can come into the Cathedral offices to do it. Please email Catherine to arrange this.

Our commitment to safeguarding is absolute and having all staff and volunteers undergo training is just one measure of this – we want to ensure that the Cathedral is safe and welcoming to all and that a culture of safeguarding is thoroughly embedded in the worshipping and working life of the Cathedral. Contact information for our Safeguarding Representatives is posted on noticeboards around the Cathedral, or can be found online.

<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding>

Staff update

We are delighted to announce that André de Mendonça has been appointed to the post of Volunteer and Visitor Manager. Most of you will know André from his time here previously. He also has extensive experience in the travel industry and will be a great asset in the role.

Luke Stevenson has also been appointed to the role of Events Assistant, which is part time. He will continue with his part time role on the entry desk. The Cathedral is currently advertising to fill several vacancies – as a handyman, data entry clerk, Finance Manager and Marketing Assistant. In previous bulletins, Chapter affirmed its commitment to rebuilding the team of staff in the Cathedral, having recognised that staffing levels had previously been cut to the bone. These new appointments are part of that recognition, but please be assured they are being made with all due care and attention to our budget!

Fabric and Building

Canon James Mustard has been tasked by Chapter with drafting a Liturgical Plan, to consider the building in the light of the Cathedral's worship. This Plan will inform our decisions about the fabric or any potential re-ordering of the building.

Big LEGO® Build

Now summer has finally arrived, we are hoping that the LEGO project will attract families and visitors. To encourage people to donate, we are offering five bricks for £1 and thirty bricks for each £5 donated. We are always looking for volunteers so if you know anyone who has some time to spend, and enjoys working with families and visitors, do encourage them to volunteer!

Thank you



Thank you to everyone who helped make the IKEA event the huge success it was. Tickets for the films were snapped up and it was great to see the Cathedral lit up inside and furnished so colourfully! I thought you might like to see this phot.

A completely different group of people from those we normally see in the Cathedral came and engaged with the Cathedral building because of the launch. It is part of my vision that we can open up this wonderful building to as many people as possible, particularly those who walk past but never think of coming inside, and events like this are one way of doing that.

Thank you for all you do.

Jonathan Greener

Tales from the Foodbank Information from Mark Richardson, Manager

In a recent week food was given to 131 local clients - almost a third of clients are children. Last year over 5.000 local people were fed.

The Foodbank is a local Christian charity, all Trustees and Management Team are members of local churches. They believe that their work is the most basic of Christian ministries - giving food, support and friendship to a neighbour in need.

The average cost of running a foodbank like the one in Exeter is about £35,000per year.

The Exeter Foodbank Sponsored Walks take place on 23rd June. Please join us – further information is on our website

<https://exeter.foodbank.org.uk/2018/04/05/efb-sponsored-walk-2018/>

In future there will be **TWO** Foodbank collections each month at the Cathedral. This month they will be on **Sunday 20th May and Sunday 27th May** at the 10 o'clock Eucharist. In our city, children are going hungry and parents skipping meals, so please give generously with money or food. If possible, check the list of priorities which will be in the Weekly Sheet, and on the noticeboard in the South Transept.

Thank you.

Felicity Cawthra

Help, please

The garden at Halscombe Farm, Ide EX2 9TQ is opening on the 16th and 17th June under National Gardens Scheme with half the profits going to the Friends Exeter Cathedral. Please note this in your diary. If anyone is able to help for a couple of hours with serving teas or selling tickets please contact jgshayward@tiscali.co.uk or 07708087168

Easter Lilies

The Flower Arrangers are most grateful for your generous donations towards the cost of buying Easter lilies.

It has helped us to have many more than usual. We were able to decorate the High Altar, this year's Altar of Repose, which had several arrangements, as well as everywhere else throughout the Cathedral.

Thank you so very much.

Sylvia Bush, Chairman, Flower Arrangers

News from the Bellringers

Just over forty years ago, HM Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her Silver Jubilee, and here at Exeter Cathedral we marked the event in a very special way - a new treble bell was cast by John Taylors Bellhangers of Loughborough. The addition of this treble created the opportunity for us to ring a lighter peal of bells, which we call "the light ten", or the Jubilee Ten. Often you will hear their bright, clear, sound pealing out for weddings, and on some Sunday mornings; but sometimes, we also rather fittingly ring them to mark special royal occasions.

On Saturday 19th May, HRH Prince Harry will marry Meghan Markle, and so the Cathedral Society of Ringers will be attempting a full peal on the Jubilee Ten on the morning of their wedding day. Being lighter, the bells are slightly easier to ring, and so a full peal attempt will usually only last about three and a half hours – but a perfect way for the city to join in the national celebrations, as bells ring out across the country.

During May there is another full peal attempt, this time on the traditional, heavy twelve. On this occasion, the band will be coming from Cambridge, and are led by Richard Smith. The peal has been specially arranged for the early May Bank Holiday, Monday 7th May, so the Cathedral will be heralding May Day in the most glorious way.

Finally, another addition to the Cathedral ringing diary this year will be a quarter peal rung on Thursday 10 May – marking Ascension Day – so we hope you enjoy all our ringing in this loveliest of early summer months.

Clare Griffiths, Cathedral Bellringers Secretary

News from the Sunday 8am Congregation

The "8 o'clockers" have recently made donations of £50 to both the Tapisers and the Cathedral's Big LEGO® Build.

In past years we have made donations to the Flower Arrangers and the Cloister Club as well as supporting the Organ appeal with three "notes". Previously several "stones" have been donated for building repairs. Donations have also been made to Hospiscare and St Petrocks.

We serve tea and coffee after the 8am Communion service on Sunday mornings in the Cloister Garth room for anyone who would like to come. We are usually joined by clergy, servers and virgers. All are welcome.

Cathedral Community Away-Day: Saturday 14th April 2018: *Cathedral Without Walls*

We set out to Sheldon from Exeter on Saturday morning, not knowing what to expect, but looking forward with anticipation to the experience. It was very misty, but also a delightful journey, and soon the Sheldon Retreat Centre - beautifully converted old farm buildings - appeared in front of us in their amazing setting amid the rolling green Devon hills. We were given a very warm welcome by Canon Becky Totterdell, who had organised the whole event.



Nicola Cowling (left) with Michael and Christine on the terrace at lunchtime

We provided our photographs for Professor Morwenna Ludlow to display on a board, so that we could all get to know each other. We were also made to feel very much at home by the attending members of the Cathedral Community, and of course, the whole event was hosted by the most hospitable and kind members of the Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon (please see their website). They provided a most enjoyable meal for us all at lunchtime, as well as refreshments at other times, and worked very hard for us during the day. A beautiful surprise birthday cake was provided for Pamela, Dean Jonathan's wife, and we all sang 'happy birthday' to her. A big thank you to the Society for their generous hospitality. It was such a lovely sunny day. There were seats outside on the terrace overlooking the lovely views.



Anne Eyre (above) being “dressed”. We have to report that the voluminous skirt fell off while being modelled!



Blanche Kitchen (left) on the catwalk, complete with matching handbag.

The speaker for all sessions during the day was the Reverend David Rowe, a former Warden of Lee Abbey in North Devon, and now Vicar of Christ Church, Winchester. He is shortly to move to the post of Dean of St Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Wellington, New Zealand. To 'break the ice' at first, he involved us all - in groups - in producing outer garments made from newspapers and cello tape! Then a few of us had to parade individually as models back in the main room. Very enjoyable, with lots of laughter!

The Reverend David proved to be a very inspirational speaker, and a wonderful communicator of the Christian faith and life. His theme, in which he drew on the Bible, art and literature as well as his own experiences, concerned the walls which we all build up around ourselves and also around our buildings. Reverend David suggested to us (with contributions from the Cathedral Community), how we can perhaps break these walls down in simple ways to show the love of Christ, in giving selfless service and a warm welcome to all our neighbours, of whatever faith and none, whether they be close by or more distant. Reverend David convinced us that, even though the world's problems were legion, each and every one of us can make a difference, if we have love and friendship in our hearts. He also told us that he had received a text from a friend who had visited Exeter Cathedral recently, that she had expressed to him what a wonderful welcome she had received, and that she had felt the love of Christ in that welcome.

The worship, both at the beginning of the day, and the Eucharist Service (conducted by Reverend David) in the large beautiful Chapel in 'the upper room' at the end of the day, were sacred, calming and peaceful services, enhanced so very much by Andrew Maries and his wonderful music. The prayers and singing to the glory of God were also superb.

We also visited the small Chapel; what an intimate peaceful place. We recorded, in the book provided, the names of some of our friends where prayer is sorely needed at the present time.

The shop was on our list of visits too, and we bought some items. We also tried to find our way into and out of the outdoor meditational stone labyrinth in the grounds. It was fun to try!

Thank you to everyone, including the Reverend David Rowe, who made the day so special and inspiring for us, and the friends we made on the day. We will certainly take away the ideas and thoughts expressed, and try to do more, with God's help, to bring walls down wherever these are a barrier to the love of Christ.

We attend the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in South Street, Exeter. We are
Michael and Christine Whittaker



Focus: Jenny Ellis

Companion of the Order of Bath

Chapter Canon

*'Into your garden you can walk,
And with each plant and flower
talk;
View their glories, from each one
Raise some rare meditation.'*
John Rea's *Flora, Ceres and
Pomona* 1665

Jenny came to Lypstone by train, and it was easy to recognise her from the photograph on the Cathedral's website. We spent the next couple of hours talking together in the conservatory. I had read quite a lot about her beforehand, and it was, certainly for me, a most enjoyable, stimulating and thought-provoking experience. I now need to share that with you.

She was born in a Maternity Home in Launceston, because there was not such a facility in their home town of Camelford.

'I had a very supportive and close, extended family. We were not well off financially, but rich in other things. My father did many jobs, but his working career was ended prematurely by ill health, which culminated, during his 50's, with major heart surgery. Mum worked in a shop. She was a regular churchgoer, so I went with her, and also went to the Sunday School.'

When Jenny was seven, Michael was born.

'I don't think I spoiled him! I did not see much of him during his teenage years, because I was at university in London. He now lives in Hemyock.'

Her primary, and secondary level education, took place in Camelford; the secondary level part was at Sir James Smith's School, which was the first established comprehensive school in Cornwall.

'At my Primary School, I was taught by a teacher who had taught my mother! I hated PE and Games at both!'

Having passed her O and Level exams, Jenny was offered a place to study at King's College in London. Her parents were somewhat concerned about her moving to London, but were very supportive. She graduated in 1977 with a B.A. Honours Degree in History.

'I wanted to become a solicitor, but, after taking my Part 1 exams, and with having the necessity of earning a living so that I could pay for the Part 2 training, I decided, in 1978, to apply to join the Civil Service; I began working in the Official Solicitor's Office.'

However, by 1983, whilst combining studying part-time at Birkbeck College with working in the Judicial Appointments Division of the Lord Chancellor's Department, Jenny obtained her M.Sc. in Policy and Administration; this helped her in future posts when working on policy issues. Between 1990 and 1993, she took on the very demanding role of Principal Private Secretary to the then Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay.

'He was the most Christian man I have ever worked for and with; was absolutely non-judgemental, wouldn't work on a Sunday, and when practising at the Scottish Bar, others knew that if he was appearing in Court on a Monday, discussions would only take place after midnight! It was hugely interesting, because as Lord Chancellor he was a Government Minister, Speaker of the House of Lords and a Judge.'

In 1993, for two years, she went *'Just for a change!'* to the Serious Fraud Office as their Principal Establishment and Financial Officer. But, in 1997, she was re-appointed to the Lord Chancellor's Office as Lord Irvine's Principal Private Secretary.

'New Labour was in power, and a Constitutional Reform Programme was underway. We worked long hours, with Lord Irvine often being in his office from 6am to 8pm! But, it was extremely interesting, and with good, loyal and trustworthy colleagues, who shared a particularly good sense of humour concerning ourselves and others! We met such varied and fascinating people.'

Two years passed by, then over the next six years, Jenny took on the roles of Director of Corporate Services, Director of Finances and Corporate Affairs, and Secretary to the Butterfield Review of Criminal Investigations & Prosecutions conducted by HM Customs & Excise. In 2004, she was appointed the Director of Policy Administration at the Attorney General's Office. In 2008, the then Lord Chancellor, Jack Straw appointed her to the newly created post of Chief Executive of the United Kingdom's Supreme Court.

'Here was the opportunity to start something new, right at the heart of our constitution. I made a point of visiting Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales annually. It was a great job to finish on!'

Before retirement in 2015, through the 2013 Queen's Birthday Honours, Her Majesty the Queen, in recognition of Jenny's services to the administration of justice and for charitable work, made her a Companion of the Order of Bath.

Jenny had met John through her work, and they were married in 1993. They lived at Shortlands, where they attended St. Mary's Church.

'I was persuaded to join the coffee rota, and, to do other things! It wasn't so easy to connect with one church before, as I was moving around quite a bit! I used to go to King's College Chapel when a student.'

Upon retirement they wanted to move out of London and back towards the South West.

'We both needed to have good train linkages to London and elsewhere.'

Very sadly, within a year, John's Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma returned, and heartbreakingly, he died a few weeks after their 23rd wedding anniversary, and seven months after their move.

'It was more than a bit of a roller-coaster of a year! John's sister died later on in the same year.'

However, Jenny has a huge reservoir of wonderful shared memories; of holidays in Venice, where they stayed in an off-the-tourist-route small hotel overlooking a canal, where they could observe the Venetians going about their daily duties; or on river cruises around Europe. They enjoyed visiting art galleries and the Summer Exhibitions.

'Not startling Modern Art!'

They were, and she is a keen watcher of cricket; they were both members of the Middlesex and Surrey CCC, and John was a member of the MCC.

'But I find it difficult to get to matches now!'

Reading she does in plenty, declaring *'I'll read anything, from modern fiction to historical crime novels, Dorothy L. Sayers to Peter Wimsey Books! A recent one I loved was "The Cellist from Sarajevo."* I belong to one of the book groups at Waterstones.'

She enjoys going for walks, especially along the estuary, meeting up with friends, cooking and going to the theatre. Music is important, too. One of her earliest memories is of a performance of The Pearl Fishers, and she loves Mozart's The Magic Flute. Favourite hymns are found amongst traditional Easter and Advent hymns and carols. She too now finds it difficult to sing the hymn Eternal Father Strong to Save. John had selected it for his funeral service, having spent his National Service in the Navy.

There is something very special about a walled garden; it's your own 'Secret Garden'! Jenny has one. She is currently in the midst of laying out a patio, and building raised beds for growing vegetables; just one of the many processes that can be involved with the re-establishment of yourself following the death of a special person in your life.

'I can chill-out in this space!'

I wondered how she became involved with at the Cathedral?

'It's all Canon Mike Williams' fault! We had first met in 2005, when we were two of the first six appointed trustees of The Royal British Legion. We met again when he was helping out at Topsham Church, and John and I were property hunting.

Then in April of 2017, he asked if we could meet and discuss how I might be able to help out at the Cathedral.

So we did, and then I went to see Bishop Robert, and the process commenced. I felt ready to do something new locally.

Apart from helping in whatever way I can at the Cathedral, it was, and is, also, very good for me; it has enabled me to continue on my journey through the state of transition by my retirement, and bereavement.

The Cathedral is a wonderful building and there are lots of good people. It has the capacity to become a really inspiring and positive place.'

Jenny is petite in stature, and delightful in nature, but, you will have gathered she is not 'a mouse'. Thank you, Jenny.

Rosemary Bethell

Christian Aid

Last year people in Devon raised over £230,000 for the work of Christian Aid, with £140,000 of that being given in Christian Aid Week. This month Christian Aid week runs from 13th-19th May and, as well as collections, people are invited to host a Big Brekkie or run other events to raise money to help people affected by natural disasters.

It would be very helpful for the Cathedral Community to have someone who could act as a link with Christian Aid. It would not be an onerous task-just to receive information and newsletters and pass on items of interest via the *Cathedral News* and the *Weekly Sheet*. If you can help in this way, please contact Heather Morgan (hmm53@tiscali.co.uk).

A Red Letter Day!

Well a red leather purse actually, and a white one, containing the newly minted silver coins that make up the gift of the Royal Maundy.

For this year I was honoured to be one of the Maundy recipients at St. George's Chapel Windsor.

It was a day of pageantry a plenty, a day of vibrant colour; the splendid uniforms of the Military Knights of Windsor, and the Yeomen of the Guard, wonderful music with a particularly spine tingling Zadok the Priest, the gloriously beautiful, flower filled St. George's Chapel, with its many heraldic badges in the vaulting, and of course the Queen, stunning in cobalt blue. And it's true what everyone says! She is tiny, she does have a wonderful complexion, her smile does dazzle and she does make you feel as though you are the only person in the room rather than just one of the 92 men and 92 women she gave the purses to!

The service of course was meticulously planned. From the welcome we were given by the Lord High Almoner, the Bishop of Worcester....*"relax, smile and say thank you to Her Majesty when she hands you the gift, enjoy yourselves, the Queen loves this service....."*

to the reception in the state apartments of Windsor Castle, the whole day ran like clockwork.

As to the purses, the red one contains a symbolic allowance for clothing and provisions and the white one as many silver pence as the Sovereign's age. This year the red purse contained a coin commemorating the 100 years since women received the vote. Hooray! The first recorded Maundy ceremony was by King John in 1210.

So, an unforgettable day for me, and for our daughter Mary, who accompanied me. Though I have to confess I still don't really feel old enough, or grown up enough, or indeed deserving enough to have been honoured in this way. That's why I told no-one I had been nominated- I kept expecting to be told it was a mistake!. But no mistake as it turned out, instead a Red letter Day indeed.

Anne Foreman



Anne and Mary, with St George's Chapel, Windsor behind

UPLOAD the fun at the cathedral

Bands, inflatables, a pamper zone, gaming areas and lots more is on offer for young people at this month's UPLOAD event in the Cathedral.

Two years ago 1,500 young people attended the initial event and it is being repeated due to its success.

Co-ordinator of the event James Grier said: "The aim was to get young people thinking about faith in the midst of a fun-packed night. We are aiming to have a night which blows away their preconceptions."

The free event, with the theme 'Sharing your Story' takes place on Saturday 12th May from 7-10pm and is aimed at secondary school students between 13 and 18 years old. If you'd like to know more, or to volunteer, or receive a promotional pack, please contact James Grier on 07825 610288 or visit the Upload website: www.uploadexeter.com

Retirement of Vicky Kernick

It is probably not widely known that Vicky Kernick, who has just retired from the Wednesday Café team, has served the disadvantaged of Exeter since 2002; long before there was any Cathedral outreach to the homeless community. In those days, The Riverdream Church ran a soup kitchen on Wednesday nights, which was financially supported by the Dean & Chapter. Vicky worked with them for several years before I joined her, and when the Riverdream team decided they could no longer cope with the Wednesday operation, Vicky and I suggested to the then Canon Mark Rylands that the Cathedral take it over and with his and Chapter's support we were soon up and running. We had no catering facilities at the Cathedral, so the logistics of this operation were tricky. All the food, drink and kit, which included tables, had to be brought from home to the site where we operated at the top of South St. The menu of baked potatoes, cheese, baked beans, coleslaw, which is still in use today, was devised by Vicky after a few false starts with other dishes. We called our project Soup On A Run (SOAR) and the then Dean Jonathan Meyrick often joked that this was the only soup kitchen in the city which did not serve soup! When Canon Anna Norman Walker took over as line manager, she changed the name to Supper On A Run which made more sense.

As the years rolled on, I took over most of the cooking, with Vicky as relief cook and she took charge of the drinks and cakes.... her iced sponges were legendary! She was a constant charming and efficient presence, and with her nursing background of vital assistance when we had medical emergencies which in those days was quite often. We counted a Wednesday night session as being particularly successful if we had not called out either the Police or the Ambulance Service. Fights involving dogs or humans were commonplace, as were collapses due to drugs or drink. Sister Kernick as I called her, was always in the forefront coping with these incidents.

The amalgamation of the Friday Café and SOAR in 2015 produced the Chapter House based Wednesday Café, which goes from strength to strength under the capable leadership of Penny Harris, but without Vicky's initiative and hard work all those years ago this vital outreach project might never have happened. We will miss her in the Café, but wish her well with her work in the Chaplaincy Service at the R D & E for which she is so admirably suited.

Sheila Miles

Next Month: Please send material for the **June** edition by **Wednesday 23rd May** 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

Cathedral Serving Clerks (Servers)

We are hoping to recruit some more Serving Clerks. Servers play a vital role in worship, carrying the cross and candles in procession, and serving at the altar at the Eucharist. This is a role that is open to men and women of all ages. Training will be given. As with all roles at the Cathedral, Safer Recruitment procedures and DBS checks will be required for any appointments. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact one of us.

James Mustard, Canon Precentor (james.mustard@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

Alan Drew, Head Server (alan.drew@exeter-cathedral.org.uk)

Welcome to Canon Mustard!



Many thanks to Mary Moore and to all the Fellowship Committee, who organised the cheese and wine party to welcome the Canon Precentor on 24TH April. Thanks also to James, who gave an amusing and informative talk about his journey from Exeter as a student, to Exeter as Residentiary Canon, and to Pamela Greener who provided a wonderful musical accompaniment throughout. Over 60 people had a very enjoyable evening, ending with songs round the piano.

Thy Kingdom Come

Churches around Devon are preparing to pray as part of Thy Kingdom Come fitting with our diocesan vision to grow in prayer....

Churches around our diocese are gearing up for this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' when they will join in with the amazing wave of prayer across the UK and around the world – praying that people will come to know Jesus. It's happening between Ascension and Pentecost from 10 May to 20 May.

Last year a wide variety of prayer activities, events and gatherings spanned every mission community with events in churches, GP surgeries, cafes, parks and schools, culminating in a fantastic beacon event in the Cathedral on the Day of Pentecost.

This year's diocesan theme is 'The River of Life' taken from the prophet Ezekiel's vision of the outpouring of God's Spirit for healing and renewal.

As Diocesan Mission Enabler Barry Dugmore explained: *"For Christians, Jesus is the source of our living hope – a hope that can be shared through loving, serving, praying and inviting others to explore the Christian faith. At Pentecost we can celebrate that the promise of the Spirit has become a reality – the life-giving Holy Spirit poured into the lives of all believers to know God personally and personally go for God, and with God, as witnesses of his saving love made known in Jesus."*

As part of the River of Life theme, it is suggested that prayer trees are used as part of the event or prayer space; and leaf and fruit templates will be provided on which people can write their prayers. Please see the Weekly Sheet for details of how the Cathedral Community will mark and prepare for this event, and please do make every effort to attend the celebration on the Evening of Pentecost, when we extend hospitality to people from every part of the Diocese.

On Pentecost Sunday the Cathedral will be hosting a beacon celebration and prayer event at 6.30pm when individuals, parishes and groups are invited to bring their leaf and fruit prayers in a basket or in something that symbolises your community and the on-going work and prayer for God's kingdom across Devon.

From the Friends of the Cathedral

The Friends' have a talk entitled *Exeter Cathedral : A Medieval Flower Garden* by Jonathan Foyle planned for Thursday 17 May at 2pm in the Chapter House and, at the time of writing, there are a few places available. If you would like to attend please call the Friends Office (01392 423931) as soon as possible. Tickets cost £11 for Friends and £15 for non-members.

Pete Privett, Friends' Office Manager

Cathedral Community Committee: 10th April

The Cathedral Community met on 10th April. There was considerable discussion and strong support for the Cathedral Community to play a full part in *Thy Kingdom Come* from Ascension to Pentecost e.g. by having the “prayer leaves” available in good time and, possibly, a prayer tree. It was noted that last year, at the service on Pentecost, the Cathedral was responsible for the St Gabriel’s Chapel. We agreed to assist with hospitality.

The Committee welcomed the news that there would again be the occasional special collection for major disaster appeals, and also that Chapter had approved some new Eucharistic Ministers and Intercessors.

We were told about some new appointments, including Luke Stevenson (part-time Events Assistant) and the Revd Canon John Searle, who is going to work with the Dean to raise funds for educational initiatives.

We expressed warm thanks to André de Mendonça for his hard work in support of members of Cathedral groups, and in particular for ensuring that all received safeguarding and other training.

The Committee has been invited to comment on the experimental seating layouts in the Lady Chapel. The most recent arrangement, with two rows of arched seating around the altar was welcomed. It was suggested that some provision be made those who prefer to kneel.

A vote of thanks was moved to all the clergy for the powerful experience of Holy Week and Easter, and especially to the Dean for his addresses on the Holocaust.

Heather Morgan, Chairman CCC

The Diary in May

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

1 st	<i>Philip & James, Apostles</i>	2.30pm	Cathedral Council Meeting
	5.30pm Solemn Eucharist		
5 th	7pm		Cathedral Choir Concert – <i>Bach Mass in B minor</i>
6 th	4pm		Evensong attended by the Lord Mayor and Exeter City Council
7 th			Full Peal of Bells
9 th	7pm		Concert- Albion Quartet at the Honey mead Festival
10 th	ASCENSION DAY		
	8am		Morning Prayer sung from the North Tower
	9am		Chapter Meeting
	1.30pm		Quarter Peal of Bells
		5.30pm	Solemn Eucharist

- 12th Upload Festival
- 13th 7pm Holy Ground – *Vocation*
- 14th *Matthias the Apostle*
 2.30pm Julian Prayer Group in St John the Baptist Chapel
 5.30pm Solemn Eucharist attended by Retired Clergy in the Diocese
- 15&16th VISTA-AR project scanning the Cathedral
- 19th Full Peal of bells to mark the Royal Wedding
 7.30pm Concert – The Sixteen
- 20th **PENTECOST 6.30pm Thy Kingdom Come**
- 21st Tapisers' AGM
- 22-28th Exhibition - Art Week Exeter *We Built This City*
- 24th Friends' Council Meeting
 7pm Fellowship Committee Meeting
- 25th 12noon Mothers Union Prayers in the Lady Chapel
- 26th 7.30pm Concert for Hospiscare – Brahms *Requiem*
- 31st *Corpus Christi*
 Meeting of the College of Canons
 12noon Solemn Eucharist
 1.30pm Concert *Gaudeamus*

And finally... the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday, with thanks to the Flower Arrangers.

