



Exeter  
Cathedral

## Sunday 16 December The Third Sunday of Advent

- 08.00 Holy Communion *BCP Readings p51*  
President The Revd Canon Dr Chris Palmer - *Chancellor*
- 09.15 Morning Prayer *DP in St Gabriel's Chapel*  
Psalms 12, 14; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
- 10.00 **Choral Eucharist** *CW Order 1*  
President The Revd Canon James Mustard - *Precentor*  
Preacher The Ven Trevor Jones - *Chapter Canon*
- There will be story bags during the Choral Eucharist today in the Chapter House. Please ask a sidesman if you need directions.;
- 15.00 **Service for the Exeter Nativity** *in the Nave*
- 16.15 Evening Prayer *BCP in the Lady Chapel*
- 18.30 **Hospiscare Light up a life service** *in the Nave*
- 19.00 **Sundays@7** *in the Chapter House*  
President The Revd Canon Ian Morter - *Priest Vicar*  
Preacher The Ven David Gunn Johnson - *Priest Vicar*

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**Collect:** O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

**Gospel:** Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

**Post Communion:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**Readings for 10am Choral Eucharist: Sunday 23 December:**

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-45

**Cathedral Community for your prayers:**

**For the sick:** Brian Mooney, Ilya, Ann Barter, Clive, Phyllis Barkell-Schmitz, Benny, Pam Wilkie, Mona Harrison, Jenny Gason, Valerie White

**Rest in peace:** John Enever

**Cathedral Choir CD:** is now on sale from the Cathedral Shop at £10.

**Pastoral Care Contact:** if you wish to contact the clergy about a pastoral need please email [pastoral.care@exeter-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:pastoral.care@exeter-cathedral.org.uk) or call Canon Chris Palmer

**The Exeter Nativity:** Fun presentation of the Christmas story for all ages. Today at 3pm, service in the Cathedral Nave. All are welcome.

**Lunchtime carols:** Monday 17, Thursday 20, Friday 21 and Saturday 22 December at 1pm. Join in some traditional Christmas carol singing. Free admission, no booking required. *The Cathedral Shop will be open.*

**Christmas Wreath Workshop:** Annual workshop on Thursday 20 December from 11.00–15.00. Cost £35 to include all materials. Please bring scissors and/or secateurs if you have them. Lunch is available at a discount in the Cathedral Café. Please book online at [www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/tickets](http://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/tickets) or with the Cathedral Office, Tel: 01392 285983 (Monday - Friday).

**Meet the Real St Nicholas:** Saturday 22 December, 11.00am and 12.00noon. An invitation to children aged 5 and over to meet St Nicholas, hear the story of his life, and receive a gift to inspire creativity. Booking essential – via the Cathedral website

**Crib Service,** Saturday 22 December at 3pm; join us for a special retelling of the Christmas story. This service is perfect for children and families. Why not encourage your little ones to come as their favourite character from the Nativity? Shepherds, Magi, Marys, Josephs and Donkeys all welcome.

**Come and See – Prayer and Spirituality Day:** Saturday 2 Feb, 10.00am – 4.00pm at Exeter Cathedral. A day to explore different ways of praying and growing spiritually, in the context of worship, and with a light lunch provided. £12. More details and booking via the Cathedral website.

## SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

On Monday to Saturday Morning Prayer is said at 08.00 in the Lady Chapel,  
the Eucharist is celebrated at 08.20 on Monday-Saturday.

<b>Monday 17 December</b> <i>O Sapientia</i>	13.00 Prayers for Healing <i>in the Richard Eyre Room</i> 13.00 <b>Lunchtime Carols</b> 17.30 <b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i> Hymn 10 Responses <i>Plainsong</i> Psalm 89 Magnificat Quinti Toni - <i>Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina</i> Nunc Dimittis Tertii Toni - <i>Gregorian Chant</i> Anthem I sing of a maiden - <i>Lennox Berkeley</i>
<b>Tuesday 18 December</b> <i>O Adonai</i>	17.30 <b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i> Hymn 11 Responses <i>Plainsong</i> Psalms 93, 94 Magnificat Tertii Toni - <i>Gregorian Chant</i> Nunc Dimittis Tertii Toni - <i>Tomás Luis da Victoria</i> Anthem Hail, blessed Virgin Mary - <i>arr. Charles Wood</i>
<b>Wednesday 19 December</b> <i>O Radix Jesse</i>	13.15 The Eucharist <i>CW Order 1 in the Lady Chapel</i> 17.30 <b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i> Hymn 12 Responses <i>Plainsong</i> Psalms 98-101 Magnificat Sexti Toni - <i>Orlando di Lasso</i> Nunc Dimittis Tertii Toni - <i>Gregorian Chant</i> Anthem A great and mighty wonder - <i>Michael Praetorius</i>
<b>Thursday 20 December</b> <i>O Clavis David</i>	13.00 <b>Lunchtime Carols</b> 17.30 Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>
<b>Friday 21 December</b> <i>O Oriens</i>	13.00 <b>Lunchtime Carols</b> 17.30 <b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i> Responses <i>Plainsong</i> Psalm 106 Magnificat Tertii Toni - <i>Gregorian Chant</i> Nunc Dimittis Tertii Toni - <i>Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina</i> Anthem Remember, O thou man - <i>Thomas Ravenscroft</i>
<b>Saturday 22 December</b> <i>O Rex Gentium</i>	13.00 <b>Lunchtime Carols</b> 15.00 <b>Crib Service</b> 16.00 Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i>
<b>Sunday 23 December</b> <b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>O Emmanuel</i>	08.00 Holy Communion <i>BCP</i> 09.15 Morning Prayer <i>DP</i> 10.00 <b>Choral Eucharist</b> <i>CW Order 1</i> 16.00 <b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>BCP</i> 19.00 <b>Sundays@7</b> <i>in the Chapter House</i>