



From the Dean:



The Prayer Book Epistle for the Sunday before Lent (Quinquagesima, as it's called - i.e. fifty days before Easter) is St Paul's great hymn to Christian love from his first letter to the Corinthians. It's a passage most of us can recite by rote. But it's offered to us, as we prepare for our Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, to set both the tone and the shape of our Lenten observance. Yes we may fast, but we do so to grow in love - love of Our Lord and of our neighbour. Yes we pray, but our prayer is always for greater empathy and charity. Yes we give alms, but we do so not to satisfy our conscience, nor to parade our

giving before our neighbour; we give alms because we long to respond to the need of neighbour.

Whenever I speak to people about examining their life, perhaps in preparation to make a confession, it is to this passage from St Paul that I turn. For the point of self-examination, and of confession, is not to beat ourselves up; it is to refresh our memory of the possibilities that love can deliver, and to recognise how far short we have fallen. So listen first to the story of what can be achieved, and confess before God how far distant we are from what might have been. I've often quoted from my former boss the Bishop of Truro - he had a great line about marriage and divorce. "What makes a beautiful marriage," he would often say, "is not draconian divorce laws. All they do is to force people to stay together in misery and against their will. No - what makes a beautiful marriage is the example that others set: if you see a beautiful marriage, you want your own relationship to have something of what they have too; and that's how you start to live as well."

Talking of examples, I went recently with a diocesan group to our sister diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux, and was thrilled to visit the Convent where my favourite saint, St Therese of Lisieux, was a nun. We were taken to the infirmary where she died. This extraordinary place brought to mind the account of her last few

days there. Another sister came into the room: “Why aren’t you sleeping?” Therese responded: “I’m busy praying.” So the sister continued: “What are you saying to Jesus?” “Nothing,” replied Therese, “I’m in too much pain to say anything. I’m just loving him.”

My hope and prayer is that we can all use this Lent, and any spiritual disciplines we choose to embrace, to grow in our love for God, and for all his people.

Jonathan Greener

Devon Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride and Stride Day September 2019

£851 RAISED!! Does your memory go back to all the sponsorship money you kindly gave for that day in September, when members of Chapter got on their bikes and cycled around Exeter, and others of us visited many of the City churches in our Deanery? At long last we have been given the final total raised. This delay was no fault of the organisers, who were very apologetic, but there were problems in accessing the money donated online. Never mind the delay, the total was worth waiting for – a truly magnificent sum. Thank you all so much. Half of this money will now come back to the Cathedral, and with our Canon Treasurer’s agreement, will be credited to the Development Fund set up to make the many improvements to our building. **THANK YOU ALL ONCE MORE.**

Diane Coombes

Tales from the Foodbank: The Joseph Rowntree Foundation Annual Report

One in five people in the UK is now living in poverty: working single parents are experiencing the sharpest rise but pensioners and children are also more at risk. More working households are experiencing poverty.

Thank you to all who gave so generously last month. Please keep giving in the Cathedral or to the boxes in the supermarkets. The need is so great.

The next Cathedral Foodbank Collection will take place on **Mothering Sunday, Sunday 22nd March** at the 10 am Service.

Felicity Cawthra

Town Hall Meeting 25th March 2020

The next Town Hall Meeting for volunteers and staff is on 25th March, 11:30 – 13:30. Please put this date in the diary and let the office know you are coming. Town Hall Meetings are a great way to keep in touch with all that is happening in the Cathedral.

Making Christ Known on the Streets of Exeter

Not many of us, I expect, would voluntarily choose to give up the comfort and security of our home one night a month, and instead spend it walking around the streets of Exeter. But I recently met a very inspiring bunch of people who do exactly that.

Earlier in the year, on a very cold, but thankfully dry, winter's night, I joined a group of Exeter Street Pastors. They normally minister from 10pm to 3am each Friday and Saturday night, walking the streets of the city centre in search of the last, the least and the lost; expressing their faith and love of Christ in very practical ways. Working in groups of three, the two teams of Street Pastors spent time talking to, and praying with, people, offering water (and sometimes even flip flops or lollipops!) and, if necessary, signposting people to other services which may be able to help.

The conversations with those we happened across were as diverse and varied as the people we met. Many of them, of course, were out to have fun with friends, and admittedly some were worse for wear, but not many. And though some nights can be challenging for the emergency services, this particular evening was relatively peaceful. I was particularly struck by the sizeable number of young men and women for whom the city's shop doorways had become their semi-permanent home.

And I was struck too, by just how much respect this small band of disciples had around the city. They would often be approached and thanked for the help they had given to someone in the past: acts of loving kindness were not forgotten, but held long in the memory.

Exeter Street Pastors started in 2009. They are Christians of all ages and backgrounds, from a wide variety of churches and denominations. They currently have about 60 volunteers, with over 20 different churches represented, and are always on the look-out for more volunteers. If you think you would like to become involved, then a night observing them in action is a must. I would be happy to talk to anyone who's interested. Alternatively, please contact Exeter Street Pastors through their website:

www.streetpastors.org/locations/exeter

Revd Phil Wales, Distinctive Deacon

Publication Date and Deadline for April 2020

We intend to publish the next edition of the News on 29th March 2020. Please send material by **Monday 23rd March 2020** 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, Jenny Ellis and Catherine Escott.

From the Cathedral Flower Arrangers

By the time this news is printed, Lent will have begun. We strip the Cathedral of all flowers, and we go into a time of thought and individual sacrifice without distractions. Fresh flowers remain in St Gabriel's chapel, where the Host is always kept.

Our next flower arranging will be for the Altar of Repose, where a vigil of prayer is kept until Midnight after the Maundy Thursday evening Eucharist. If you have never attended this service, which is incredibly impressive and very meaningful, do try to be there this year. The flowers and candles are very beautiful.

Holy Saturday will bring the joy of arranging flowers everywhere in the Cathedral, returning our lovely building to its more usual appearance. The Dean has asked for more colour for Easter, so we are hoping that we get the flowers we have ordered.

People often make a donation towards the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. If you would like to do that this year, please put your contribution in an envelope, together with the name of the person you wish to remember, in the Flower Arrangers donation box (in the South Quire Aisle), or hand it to a steward, or a member of ECFA.

Our AGM is on Tuesday 3rd March, and anyone interested in flower arranging with us is very welcome to attend. It is at 2pm in the Pearson Room.

Flick Evans, Exeter Cathedral Flower Arrangers

Devon Parishes Walsingham Pilgrimage Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May 2020

Our annual pilgrimage will depart from Plympton and Exeter on 11th May to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. People come for a variety of reasons: some for spiritual recreation; some for quietness in comfortable accommodation; and some for a holiday. For all of us, it is always a most blessed time.

We stay at the Anglican Shrine on a half-board basis, and travel is by coach. This year, by popular request, our day's outing on Thursday 14th May will be to Sandringham House.

The cost is £350 (I shall require £60 non-returnable deposit for accommodation and travel).

For further details, please contact Jenny Tuckett (01392 498725) philjent@blueyonder.co.uk

What can I do about the Climate Emergency? Part 3

Or... How can we work together to save our life-support system and cherish God's good creation? So far, I've suggested three personal steps: start by calculating your environmental footprint; take a Sabbath from consuming; save energy in your home. The fourth step was to put pressure on the Government to achieve necessary structural change. This month I'm considering the other side of the structural coin.

Put pressure on business

Just as governments are reluctant to do anything without pressure from electors, so are most businesses reluctant to do anything unless it reflects well on them and their bottom line. Educate yourself about ethical business practice: the environmental and social bottom lines as well as the financial. Ask questions like "Is this 'greenwash?'" or "Who profits?", and inoculate yourself against advertising. Why not hold companies that behave badly to account: or boycott them and write to them explaining why; you could highlight bad practice on social media; sign petitions and campaign against e.g. oil companies' sponsorship of the arts. Support social enterprises, local independent businesses and companies that behave well. Praise good practice. Cathedrals, the Church Commissioners and other faith bodies are not exempt. Check out the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility (<https://eccr.org.uk>) whose "vision is to see money used in a way that creates a fairer and more sustainable world."

Put your money where your heart is

This could be one of the biggest differences you can make personally. What are your own financial, environmental and social bottom lines? How ethical is your bank? What about your pension fund or any investments? Are they doing the planet and people good or harm? Is the money in your current and savings accounts being invested in fossil fuels (and landmines and nuclear weapons)? There are more ethical choices and you can find more information at <https://ethicalconsumer.org> and <https://thegoodshoppingguide.com/>.

Clare Bryden

Confirmation Preparation

Would you like to be confirmed? Preparation will begin on 15th March for a Confirmation Service on 17th May. Full details and dates will be in the Weekly Sheet and notices from 9th February. Please contact Canon Chris Palmer for more details at chris.palmer@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

A Sneak Preview from the Company of Tapisers!



The textile group are currently engaged in making a special 'Mayflower' Cope, commissioned by the Dean to help to forge closer links with our American 'family'.

This photograph shows our 'work in progress': the Mayflower ship, using a combination of embroidery and collage skills, is depicted as ploughing through the waves bound for the New World in 1620.

Through the mysterious and wonderful resources within the Internet, material was found printed with dramatic waves: this seemed ideal as the base on which to set our ship! This ship is the foundation for the design on the hood of the new cope. Other symbols – anchor, compass and mayflowers –

are being embroidered for a stole and orphrey.

This is a challenging project and will not be finished for many weeks yet. However, as we work on this cope, we are mindful of the perilous nature of that voyage four hundred years ago: the severe Atlantic storms, disease and bouts of seasickness, the cramped conditions where most could barely stand up, someone being swept overboard, and finally, when in sight of land, almost shipwrecked! This is truly a story of endurance, freedom and hope.

Diana Symes, Chairman of the Company of Tapisers

Thank you!

The Visitors' Office would like to place on record our enormous thanks to each and every volunteer who dedicates so much of their time to the Cathedral. We really appreciate the work you all do in order to help make this place run so smoothly. Whatever your role, seen or unseen, you are making a difference and contributing greatly to the life, work and ministry of this wonderful Cathedral Church.

If you have any problems or questions, we try and operate an open door policy, so please don't hesitate to pop by and see us.



News from the Head of Education

You may have seen our array of knitted owls around the Cathedral during half term?

Visitors loved spotting them.

Thanks again to the Knitters of the Mothers Union.

The Wilton Diptych: Thursday 2nd April 12.30 - 13.30

Canon Ian Morter will talk about his favourite 14th Century work of art

If you appreciate art, history and religious interpretation you will enjoy this talk!

Ian will unlock for you the mysterious symbolism of this personal devotional item of King Richard II.

The painting is one of the great medieval treasures of the National Gallery in London.

Chapter House £5 on door

Book online at www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/events or call 01392 285983

NB This is the correct date for this event

Easter Holiday Activities for Children & Families: Book ahead to secure a place! Monday 30th March – Thursday 9th April (full details on Cathedral website)

Saturday 28th March – Thurs 9th April

Easter Egg Hunt – grab a quiz sheet from the Welcome Desk £1.50 and look out for hidden egg shapes around the Cathedral Claim your prize from the shop.

Wednesday 1st April

Tudor Travellers Workshop 10.30 – 12.30 £8

Saturday 4th April

Becket, Bishops and Blood Tour 10.30 – 11.30 Adults £5 Children £2.50

Monday 6th April

Mini-Lantern Making 10.30-12.30 £8 Pearson Room

Wednesday 8th April –

Forest School Morning 10.30 – 12.30 £8

Thursday 9th April

Modroc Plaster Bandage Model Making 10.30-12.30 £8 Pearson Room

Do you have a memorable ancestor?

Walking around the Cathedral looking at the huge collection of sculptures, etchings, paintings etc., it strikes me how many people I recognise from daily life. See here; steward George Simpson and his uncanny likeness to Redvers Buller, perhaps an ancestor of our George? Let us know if you find your Look-a-Like in the Cathedral!



From the Cathedral Bellringers

This month sees the Exeter Cathedral ringers travelling up to Chester for the National 12 Bell Striking Contest eliminators on Saturday 28th March – a long way to travel, but the most important step towards qualifying for the 12 Bell Final, to be held at Sheffield Cathedral this June. Chester Cathedral boasts a 24cwt ring of twelve bells, so considerably easier to ring than our own bells here at Exeter; however, within the ringing chamber the bells are difficult both to hear and strike consistently, so they will present a challenge to our competition team.

Seven teams will compete in this eliminator stage at Chester, and on the same day a further twelve teams will be at Aston and Walsall. So some 228 ringers from around the country will all be ringing the same set piece of this year's method – Cambridge Surprise Maximus – in the hope of gaining one of the nine places available in the final. Here they will join the home team from Sheffield Cathedral to compete for the Taylor Trophy, which is currently decorating our ringing chamber here at Exeter Cathedral!

A seeding system is in place to ensure that the top teams do not meet each other in the eliminator round, so Exeter are drawn against Bristol (5th last year), Leeds (6th) and Oxford (10th), as well as High Wycombe, Chilcompton and Chester. However, there is no such thing as a guaranteed entry into the final, so it will still be a stressful and demanding day for our team. We wish them all luck, and the results will be in next month's edition of *Cathedral News*.

Clare Griffiths, Secretary to Exeter Cathedral Bellringers

Holy Ground

Sunday 8th March 7pm

**The Currency of Love: Two Sides of the Same Coin
with Mother Katharine Hall SSC**

We seem to discover the face of love in unexpected places. What does living in L'Arche, a community welcoming people with learning disabilities, and living in a contemplative religious community reveal to me about the language and action of Love in our world today?



Mother Katharine encountered the L'Arche community in South London on leaving university, and spent the next 28 years making home with people with learning difficulties in London and India. Her heart was shaped by the love she received in these communities. For four years, on returning from India, she lived in Exeter and studied at the university. In 2014, Katharine journeyed to South Wales to join The Society of the Sacred Cross, an Anglican contemplative community. She writes: "I had known the community for 29 years, and stayed often to recharge the batteries of my heart. I always felt that the two communities were complementary, necessary to one another: two sides of the same coin." In 2019, Katharine made her final profession and was elected Reverend Mother soon after. "We are a small and fragile community just as many of my brothers and sisters in L'Arche were fragile and insignificant in the eyes of the world. Yet it is in this vulnerability that God speaks to the depths of my heart."

Sunday 10th May at 7pm

**The Desert in the City
with Revd Catherine Duce**

Charles de Foucault once famously remarked that if we need to go to the desert to find God, then everyone trying hard to survive in a bustling city would need to have a little strip of desert with them. Drawing upon insights from the Nazareth Community and the HeartEdge network, this evening's Holy Ground will seek to nurture a desert community in the heart of Exeter, where people can discover God's presence continuously in their midst. Together we will experiment with silence, sacrament, scripture, sabbath, sharing and staying with.



Revd Catherine Duce is Assistant Vicar for Partnership Development at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Through HeartEdge, a network of churches, she encourages congregations in London to engage with culture, compassion and commerce. Her appointment has been made possible because St Martin's has been designated a resource church by the Diocese of London. Catherine is also a founding member of the Nazareth Community, an experiment in being with God, with one's neighbour and with oneself in the centre of London.

Catherine served a four year curacy at St Stephen's, Rochester Row in the diocese of London. Before ordination she worked in theological action research at Heythrop College and Ripon College Cuddesdon. She has co-authored two books: *Researching Practice in Ministry and Mission: A companion* and *Talking about God in Practice: Theological Action Research and Practical Theology*.

Sunday 14th June 7pm

Love means Love – the bible and same-sex relationships with the Revd David Runcorn

Love means love is the title of David's latest book and Holy Ground this evening launches its publication.



Our Lent Appeal 2020

At this time of year, we regularly appeal to parishioners to consider your Lenten offering, urging you not to give something *up* but to *do something positive*. Every year we get the much-needed response. Thank-you. *Please* help us again this year.

Will you consider inviting an international student to your home, for a one day (daytime only) or for a weekend? Share a meal, conversation and exchange cultural traditions and views of the world. It is so very rewarding for both host and student guest.

Please consider becoming one of our volunteer hosts. We operate all year round and would very much welcome you to join us.

Information can be found on our website:

www.hostuk.org

Or email us on: info@hostuk.org Or telephone us on:

020 7739 6292

**If you are unable to host but would like to support this cause please send your donation to the Big Give*

<https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/donate/a051r000010byZLAA3>



Lent 2020

Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection at Easter. Initially a period of preparation for those who were to be baptised at Easter, Lent gradually became an observance for the whole Church. The Lenten “disciplines” – acts of discipleship – of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, invite us to a deeper encounter with our forgiving and life-giving God.

Lent Group

Witnesses to the Resurrection
with the Revd Professor Chris Bryan

Five Sundays of Lent:

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March

11.45am – 1.00pm in the Pearson Room

Over five weeks, Chris will guide us in looking at accounts of the Resurrection in St Paul and in the Gospels. A chance as we prepare for Easter to reflect on the storytelling, theology, and challenge of the church’s earliest witnesses to the Resurrection.

Prof Chris Bryan was for many years Professor of New Testament studies at the Sewanee: University of the South, in Tennessee; he has taught and ministered in many parts of the world, and lives and worships in Exeter in retirement.

It would help to know numbers attending this group. Please contact Canon Chris Palmer chris.palmer@exeter-cathedral.org.uk / 07906 249132



Lent Books

The Cathedral Shop will have a display of Lent material and invite you to browse and buy.

- *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio (The Archbishop’s Lent Book) £9.99
- #Lent Booklet £2.45
- *Walking the Way of the Cross* by Stephen Cottrell, Paula Gooder and Philip North £9.99
- *Reflections for Lent 2020* by Steven Croft, Christopher Herbert and Lucy Winkett £5.99

And don’t forget *Why Pray?* by Robert Llewelyn, £7.99, which was reviewed in last month’s *News*.

Exeter Cathedral Lent Lectures 2020

In the Chapter House after Evensong on the first four Sundays of Lent (5pm-6:30pm)

Sunday 1 st March, 2020 (The first Sunday of Lent)	The Rt Rev Nick McKinnel	The Bishop of Plymouth	'Mayflower: Journey of Faith'
Sunday 8 th March, 2020 (The second Sunday of Lent)	The Revd Canon Prof Susan Gillingham	Canon Theologian, Exeter Cathedral; Emerita Professor of the Hebrew Bible, University of Oxford	'Ps. 119: Preparing for Pilgrimage'
Sunday 15 th March, 2020 (The third Sunday of Lent)	Dr David Tollerton	Senior Lecturer in Jewish Studies and Contemporary Religion, University of Exeter	'Holocaust Remembrance and Pilgrimage'
Sunday 22 nd March, 2020 (The fourth Sunday of Lent)	Bishop Martin Shaw		Leading pilgrimages today.



Photo:
Piers Ludlow

The Crucifixion Triptych

Thank you to Hilary Balogh (a member of the Cathedral congregation) for the loan of her *Crucifixion Triptych*. It will be on display in the SS James and Thomas Chapels in the south Quire Aisle during Lent.

This is one of her early works, painted in 1963 soon after she came to Devon. It took almost two years to complete, including the planning and preparation of the panels.

Hilary, who paints under the name Hilary Goddard, has kindly sent us her painting notes:

The figure of Christ is the central axis of the composition balancing the interrelationship between each suspended figure; - although each panel can be viewed as an individual painting separate from the other two works.

The symbolic use of colour does need some explanation, certainly the strong use of scarlet for the body of Christ.

Pure vermillion or scarlet has always been the significant colour for clothing of martyrs in the Christian Church. But here the Bread of Christ and the Blood of Christ are represented, one by the white and the other by the scarlet; red denoting also that whatever the colour of our skin, we share the same colour blood.

The head of Christ is bowed before the Father, the crown of thorns clearly showing in the foreshortened space.

The left hand panel shows the impenitent thief, who is straining in anguish against the pain and humiliation he suffers and in fear of the unknown. Like you and I, he does not want to know the pain of the present situation. The use of blues and purples is very significant in this diminishing figure of man.

The repentant thief is the only figure looking at the spectator – at you and me. He is surrounded by shades and his own shadow.

His enquiring look of ‘why?’ – perhaps indicates some sense of hope and wonder in this confrontational view of the violent Roman method of crucifixion. It is this thief who speaks: ‘Lord, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom.’

David Conway

We were very sorry to hear of the death of David Conway on 18th February. His funeral will be at 2.30pm on 10th March. Next month, we will celebrate David’s immense contribution to the life of the Cathedral over many years. For now, our love and prayers go to Peggy, Trevor and all David’s family.

**Focus: John Endacott,
Chapter Canon and Chairman of the Finance
Committee**



*'The sacred minster bell, it peals or hill and dell,
May Jesus be Christ be praised.
O hark to what it sings, as joyously it rings,
May Jesus Christ be praised!'*

Edward Caswall 1814-1879

There must be many moments, when the words quoted above, will 'echo' to the sounds of our gloriously mellow-toned Cathedral bells in John's and his family's ears, when they are in the comfort of their own home. That must surely engender feelings of timelessness and re-assurance, especially after a difficult day.

For me, on the morning of my conversations with John, it was a lovely warm and smiling welcome I received at his office, after, what had been a rather frustrating wet and windy journey from my home.

John was born in 1967 in Wimbledon, his parents having met each other on the River Hamble. They moved to Truro in Cornwall when John was 5 years old. He has an older brother, Mike, and two sisters, Kerry and Johanna. Both of his parents developed their own businesses, in tourism and property. Sadly, John's father died in 2002.

At age seven, John started at Truro Cathedral School, which took pupils through both primary and secondary phases, and where he enjoyed being until in 1982, his 4th Year, the school closed down, and he transferred to Truro School, which had been founded by the Methodists. But, a year later, having been awarded a 50% Bursary Assisted Place, which included boarding, he went to study at Caterham V1th Form School. This was a United Reform Church Foundation School.

'I liked boarding! I took my A levels in History, Economics and Pure Maths. I'm very numerate but not a mathematician! I became a prefect, and head of a boarding house even though I'm better at communicating with the written, rather than the spoken word! I have no sporting ability. My dad was a very strong man, who boxed, played football, at one time professionally. He was, I think, a wee bit disappointed!'

In 1986, John was off to Cardiff University to study for, and in 1989, obtain, a 2.1 B.Sc. in Economics & Accountancy; also winning the prize in management accounting and financial management.

Those were not the only achievements he obtained! In 1986, whilst working in a wine bar, he met Peggy, a Londoner who was working in Truro Hospital's Laboratory. They fell in love, and married in 1988, going to live together in South Wales whilst John completed his degree. They have three daughters. Sophie, who was born in 1991, is now a Chartered Surveyor. In 1993, Josie was born with holes in her heart, which fortunately healed over, and is now a lawyer. Three years later, in 1996, Katie was born in Bristol, where she is now studying music production.

'All three of them are very creative and energetic people, and keep their parents busy.'

Between the years 1988 to 1993 John worked in a general accountancy firm in South Wales, became a Chartered Accountant, then ten years later, in 2002, was awarded a fellowship. He became an Associate of the Chartered Institute in Taxation in 1993 and their fellowship followed in 2003 upon his completion of a 25,000 word thesis on capital gains tax taper relief. Apart from South Wales, John has worked in Bristol, Exeter, Truro and Newquay. Since 2014, he has been based in Exeter, heading up the taxation practice at PKF Francis Clark. How did John become involved with the Cathedral?

'I'd had a fairly cathedral C of E upbringing, even though my dad was not a church-goer. Peggy and I attended St. George's in Truro, where we together were confirmed. I became a churchwarden and treasurer. But in 2014, we moved back to live and work in Exeter; we needed to get a bit closer to life in the city. One of my partners introduced me to the Finance Committee, and the Exeter Cathedral Preservation Trust, of which I was a Trustee and which has since merged with the Friends of Exeter Cathedral. Jonathan Harris encouraged me to go on to Chapter. I shall complete my three year term in 2020.

'I have found these responsibilities very enjoyable, and with Chapter colleagues it's been satisfying trying to bring solidity and stability in the life of the Cathedral by understanding the issues, and moving forward. I'm reminded of a book written by the late Rab Butler, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, entitled The Art of the Possible.

Two major issues, during my time on Chapter, have been the disconnect that exists between the Cathedral and the general public, and Safeguarding.

The management challenges are huge. We need to invest in more IT, and find a way to generate more income to help balance the books, and get our financial position on a more stable basis for the future.'

This is a very full professional and voluntary working life. How does he find relaxation and restoration beyond that which he obviously has shown that he achieves from being within his family?

'I enjoy reading books, and recently have read "The Bonfire of the Vanities", and Afua Hirsch's "Being British".

We like walking with our dog, Arthur, watching some films and television; James Bond films, and TV dramas such as A Canterbury Tale or What's Up Doc?

I listen to Classic FM, enjoying especially Chopin's Nocturnes and Greig's Piano Concerto.'

In reply to my usual two questions concerning the Cathedral John's replies were:-

'The best is the feeling of permanence; the starting of the day, or a meeting with a prayer in the Lady Chapel or St. Gabriel's. The sense of community is very important...there's definitely something called society.

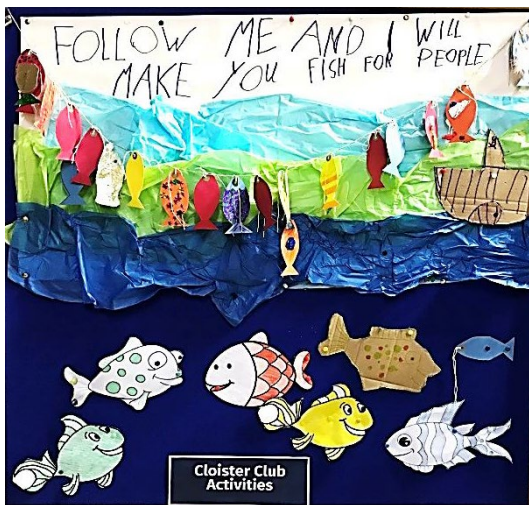
The worst would be to lose sight of God's mission by being over-protective of one's own particular interests. I don't like inequality and separateness. We need to keep contact with those we share the planet with!'

Our time together ended with John wishing to pay tribute to his wife Peggy, for the constant, loving support she has been in his life, and in his endeavours.

'Without her love and steady support I would not be the man that I am today, nor would I have achieved the goals I desired.'

Thank you, John.

Rosemary Bethell



**Thank you,
Cloister Club....**

....for a lovely, colourful collage representing Christ's promise to the disciples that he will make them "Fish for People".

Advent Shoeboxes: Thank you

Chryssa Turner has received the following letter of thanks:

Dear Mrs Turner

Please thank your congregation so much for filling 63 shoeboxes-just wonderful, but even more wonderful it will be for the recipients, old and young! I also acknowledge the cash for the transport of the shoeboxes.

The International Aid Trust sends out about 100,000 shoeboxes throughout the year, and to receive a shoebox is almost certainly the only present most children/adults will have during the year. Quite a thought for those of us who have so much!

Shoeboxes go to many countries-Cuba, Mexico, Sierra Leone, Romania, Moldova, Transylvania etc. and also to refugees in Albania and other countries, but also to some UK families in need.

Thank you for all your kindness, and we hope you enjoyed filling the shoeboxes.

Best wishes to all

June and Adrian Redfern, UK Sponsorship Secretaries, International Aid Trust.

Cathedral Community Committee 11th February

The meeting began with a tribute to Nick Horton, who died in December. The Chair expressed the shock and sadness caused by his loss and our thanks for all that Nick had contributed to the CCC over many years. His love for the Cathedral and its people had shone through his many contributions to debate, and was reflected in his strong and passionate advocacy. We will miss him and were pleased to hear that progress is being made towards developing a new Chapel for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation, a cause very close to Nick's heart.

Other business included

- Entry by donation in Advent & Christmas had seen ten times more visitors to the Cathedral than the same period last year
- Discussion of a role description for Safeguarding Champions in the various groups within the Cathedral Community
- Progress reports on the Welcome Course, Open Sunday, and Contact with Parishes-the latter had already received a positive response
- A welcome card has been drafted for new members of the congregation, and the Pastoral Care Team will make contact with them
- More volunteers have come forward to join the Prison Prayer & Support Group. The Revd Prebendary Nick Martin (formerly Chaplain HM Channings Wood) has been invited to preach on Prisons' Sunday.

- In response to considerable efforts, more Servers have been recruited
- A majority of the Committee present supported no change to the start time of the Grandisson Service/Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve
- There was discussion about reinstating a time of welcome and invitation to silence before the start of the 10am Choral Eucharist.
- It was agreed that a small group would work on a revised CCC Constitution to be ready for the elections later in the year. It was noted that there would also be Deanery and General Synod elections in 2020, for which we must also be prepared.

Heather Morgan. Chair of CCC

The Big Green Event #TBGE



Well over 200 people gathered in the Cathedral on 22nd February to think about how we work and pray to save the world God has given us from our own destructive tendencies.

The lead Bishop for the environment, Nicholas Holtam, gave the keynote address, talking of both the urgency of the task, and the opportunities Christians have to contribute.



A marketplace of organisations, art activities, a panel discussion, and ten workshops in addition made for a full, engaging, and challenging day. But this must not be the end. The responsibility is ours to live in harmony with our world.

**Canon Chris Palmer,
Canon Chancellor**

Christianity Deanery Synod: 5th February 2020

The Synod met at Alphington Parish Church. After a short Act of Worship, the Revd Prebendary Mike Partridge (Rector of Alphington, Ide and Shillingford) introduced his portrait of the life of the mission community by showing a film about the reordering of St Michael's Alphington made possible by a generous legacy from a couple from the church. He then introduced Julia Meadowcroft, who chairs the Alphington Village Forum, who spoke about the Forum's efforts to ameliorate the worst effects of the plan to build 2,500 houses on land in, and adjoining, the village.

Ed Moffatt, Assistant Diocesan Secretary, then spoke on *New Housing in the diocese, particularly around Exeter*. There are proposals for more housing to the east of the city, notably Monkerton, Newcourt, Pinhoe Quarry, Cranbrook and Cullompton, and for some 5,500 dwellings on Marsh Barton and Water Lane, in addition to the existing employment and retail spaces there.

The implications are huge; for schools, transport, social connections, community hubs etc. The challenge for the churches to minister to people in these additional homes with the resources available is considerable, and there was some discussion about how this might be done.

Information was given about the programme for **Joy 2020 : 20th-22nd March** (formerly Bishops in Mission). David Smith reported on the meeting of ONE Exeter and encouraged churches to receive the ONE Exeter mailing. Their next event will be on 14th March, a day conference on *New Housing Hub* – a chance to focus on how the all the churches in Exeter can respond positively to the new housing developments in the city, be a prophetic voice of welcome, and share God's love with every new housing area. For booking and more information see www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/91333542083

The Rural Dean and Lay Chair's report noted areas of encouragement-the development of St Matts as a resource church (formally launched on 4th February), good relations between the Cathedral and the rest of the Deanery, and the appointment of the Lazenby Chaplain at the University. Challenges included how to minister to new housing developments, and the practical difficulties of serving communities when so many church congregations are eclectic.

The Revd Ash Leighton- Plom, deputy chair of CTaX (Christians Together Across Exeter) advertised their next meeting on 12th February at St Matts, which will focus on students.

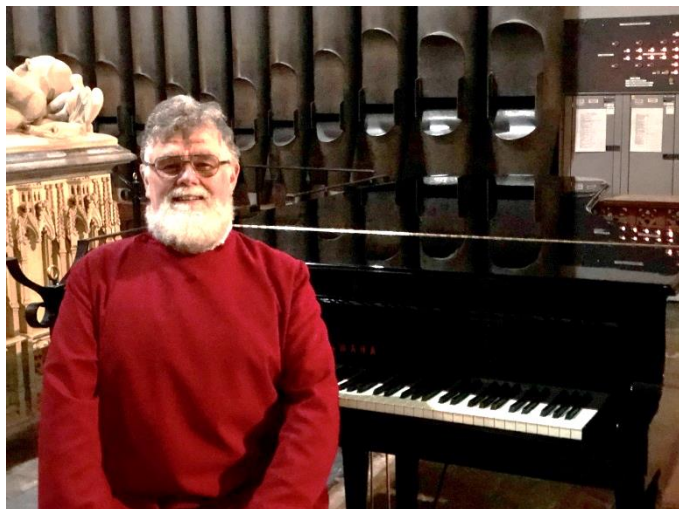
It was announced that the Revd Prebendary Robin Eastoe (Team Rector of Heavitree) will retire in July. **Heather Morgan**

The Diary for March

These are some more of the highlights from the Cathedral Diary for March. For more details, please see the Cathedral website.

- 2nd Cathedral Council Meeting
5th -7th SPACE Light and Sound Show
8th Holy Ground
9th 2pm Contemplative Prayer Group in St John the Baptist Chapel
10th 2.30pm Funeral of David Conway
12th 7.30pm Exeter School Spring Concert: Carl Orff *Carmina Burana*
13th 7.30pm Devon Youth Orchestras *From Sunrise to Jupiter*
14th 7.30pm Exeter Philharmonic Choir Concert: Beethoven *Missa Solemnis*
16th Exeter Cathedral School Governors' Meeting
17th 6.30pm Cathedral Community Committee
18th 2.15pm Exeter School Founders' Day Service
20th Exeter School Charity Concert
21st Preparation of Mothering Sunday flowers - Cathedral Mother's Union
World Poetry Day *Pop-up Poetry in the Cathedral Library*
11am Special Service - *Saying Goodbye*
7.30pm Colyton Grammar School Concert *Mass in Blue*
22nd *Refreshment Sunday (Laetare) and Mothering Sunday*
23rd 6.30pm Book Launch *The Cathedrals of Britain: The Bishop of Wakefield*
25th *The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary*
5.30pm Solemn Eucharist

Mr Pike's Piano has arrived!



After the successful 25th Anniversary Piano Appeal, we are thrilled to reveal the new piano, with Mr Pike checking that all is in order.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Appeal.