



14th September 2025
Holy Cross Day

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Notices

Harvest Supper (20th September)

Hope to see you this Saturday at 7.00 pm.
For those who have signed up, please give payment to Gary Patch.

Fairtrade Ahead

To mark the start of Fairtrade Fortnight 2025, 'Do it Fair', there will be a Fairtrade stall in the hall after the Parish Eucharist next Sunday.

Cathedral 975th Anniversary

Exeter Cathedral invites you to a service of thanksgiving and rededication for the 975th anniversary of its foundation on Sunday 21st September from 4.00 pm. Please note that while all are welcome, it is necessary to book a place (at no cost) via the Cathedral website.

TODAY

11.45 am Pastoral care team meets

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 15th September John 3: 13 – 17

2.00 pm Churchwardens meet

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 16th September Luke 7: 11 – 17

Wed 17th September Luke 7: 31 – 35

12.00 noon Eucharist

Thu 18th September Luke 7: 36 – 50

Fri 19th September Luke 8: 1 – 3

12.00 noon Holy Matrimony (Lady Chapel)

2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 20th September Luke 8: 4 – 15

7.00 pm Harvest Supper

Next Sunday: 21st September

Harvest Thanksgiving

Speaker: Emma Jones (Head of Community Relations at St Petrock's)

John 6: 25 – 35

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

4.00 pm Service of thanksgiving and rededication (Exeter Cathedral)

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Collect

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

10.00 am Music

Music Setting: Inwood et al.

Processional hymn 554

Praise to the Holiest

Offertory hymn 727

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Recessional hymn 389

Lift High the Cross



Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Psalm 22: 23-28

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel. For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; but when they cried to him he heard them. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading: John 3: 13-17

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post-Communion Prayer

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

