



## **How we can all pull together to make a difference**

People value Exeter Cathedral in all sorts of ways:

- as Devon's best building
- as the beating heart of Exeter
- as their place of worship - regular or occasional - with world-class music
- as a venue for concerts and lectures and educational activities
- as an inspirational place to pray and reflect
- as a social hub

But the Coronavirus pandemic means that we have had to close our doors for the first time ever in peace time.

We are working hard to keep in touch in new ways during lockdown, including a varied programme of online worship, prayer, music, and pastoral support.

However, we now need your help to keep it going through this tough time when no one can come in, when our choristers and musicians cannot perform together, and our stalls are empty. We started the year with a balanced budget, but now can expect virtually no commercial income from visitors, events, our cafe or our shop. This is forcing us to review every aspect of cathedral life to see where savings can be made, and is encouraging us to find new income sources, including grants, and a broad appeal across Devon asking people to support their cathedral.

We are looking for 3,000 people to give an £5 per week for the next 12 months, and by Gift Aid wherever possible, so that we can face the future with much greater hope. Clearly not everyone will be able to give, but if we can push ourselves to give whatever we can afford, and encourage our friends and neighbours to do the same, we stand a real chance of surviving what otherwise might become a major catastrophe for Exeter Cathedral.

If you think you can help, please go to our website and complete the form online: <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/support-us/how-to-donate/>

Please don't spend too long thinking about this. If we all act today, it will make a massive difference.

Thank you - from the bottom of our hearts.

**Jonathan Greener, Dean of Exeter**