



Exeter
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The Company of St Boniface Presentation of Awards



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4.00pm

The Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison

Bishop of Exeter

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IN DEVON



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Welcome to the Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St Peter in Exeter, founded in 1050, has been the seat (cathedra) of the Bishops of Exeter, the symbol of their spiritual and teaching authority, for nearly 1000 years. As such the Cathedral is a centre of worship and mission for the whole of Devon. A centuries-old pattern of daily worship continues, sustained by the best of the Anglican choral tradition. The Cathedral is a place of outreach, learning, and spirituality, inviting people into a richer and more engaged discipleship. The Cathedral is a destination for many pilgrims and visitors who come from near and far, drawn by the physical and spiritual heritage of this place. Exeter Cathedral belongs to all the people of Devon, and we warmly welcome you here.

Ministers

Officiant: The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

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Music

Conductor: Michael Stephens-Jones - *Assistant Director of Music*

Organist: Michael D'Avanzo - *Organ Scholar*

Children's Craft Activity

Children are very welcome to join in the St Boniface Crafts at any point in the service. These are located at the back of the nave, near the reception.

The Company of St Boniface

The Company of St Boniface was established in 2019 as a way of honouring those who have made a substantial contribution to the life of the Church in Devon or who have built up our overseas links in our witness to Christ.

Born in Crediton in around the year 675, Wynfrith was an Anglo-Saxon who took the name Boniface when as a young man he entered the monastery in Exeter. An able student, Boniface proved to be a gifted Latin scholar and poet. He was ordained priest when he was thirty. His capacity for leadership was quickly recognized, but in the year 716 he decided to offer himself as a missionary to Frisia in northern Europe, following in the steps of St Willibrord.

Boniface's skill in preaching the Gospel led him to be commissioned by the Pope to work in Hesse and Bavaria, and he was consecrated bishop in the year 722. He courageously felled a sacred oak tree at Geismar and, since the pagan gods did not come to the rescue, widespread conversion to Christianity followed. He founded a string of monasteries across southern Germany and ensured that they became places of learning, so that the work of evangelization was properly rooted in education.

In 732 Boniface was made Archbishop of Mainz and immediately appointed various missionary bishops to take forward the systematic evangelization of central Europe. He worked assiduously for the reform of the Church and managed to ensure that the Rule of St Benedict was adopted in monasteries. In 751, towards the end of his life, he crowned Pepin as King of the Franks. Three years later on 5 June 754, while waiting for some new Christians to arrive to be confirmed by him, he was murdered by a marauding band of pagan mercenaries. Boniface is honoured as the 'Apostle of Germany', and is judged to have had a profound influence on European history and culture. His feast day is 5 June.

In 2019 Devon County Council voted in favour of adopting St Boniface as Patron Saint of Devon.

Medal of St Boniface

The medal of St Boniface is conferred personally by the Bishop of Exeter in recognition of the companions' outstanding service to the Church and wider community. The Bishop seeks to celebrate faithful and sacrificial service, generous self-giving, and imaginative and innovative work in response to the commission to make new disciples. Each companion has demonstrated a commitment to serving Christ and to being a lively example of the call shared by all the baptized to be salt and light in the world, to discover God's kingdom and grow his Church.

The picture on the front cover of this booklet is two panels from the Sacramentary of Fulda in Germany portraying St Boniface baptizing the German people and his martyrdom (11th century manuscript).



New Companions of St Boniface

Becky Britton

Becky Britton is a dedicated churchwarden at St George & St Paul in Tiverton and a devoted mother of two who balances family life with supporting her farmer husband and working locally in alms houses. At just 33, she exemplifies selfless Christian service, living out and sharing the gospel with joy, energy, and authenticity, regularly inviting others to church and encouraging faith in her community. Becky's commitment was powerfully demonstrated during a church event when she saved a man's life by administering CPR for 15 minutes and using a defibrillator multiple times until emergency services arrived, ultimately enabling his full recovery. Her compassion, courage, and unwavering faith, combined with her everyday acts of kindness and leadership, make her an outstanding example of practical Christian witness and service.

Anne Byrne

Anne Byrne is a committed member of St Michael and All Angels Church in Heavitree, Exeter, whose dedication to community outreach has made a lasting impact. In response to the closure of the local public library a decade ago, Anne founded and continues to lead the Heavitree Friendly Library, creating a warm, welcoming, and child-friendly space within the church that serves as both a hub for literacy and a gateway into church life. Through her leadership, the library has become a valued expression of hospitality and mission, offering free access to books, refreshments, and activities while encouraging wider participation in church events. Anne also edits and produces the widely distributed parish magazine, "Our Heavitree," further sharing the message of God's love within the community. Her diligence, generosity, and vision have enabled the library to flourish, earning recognition such as a Warm Spaces grant in 2024, and making her a respected and much-loved figure whose work continues to strengthen both community bonds and spiritual engagement.

Nathan Hill

Nathan Hill is a dedicated evangelist at Exeter Network Church, whose life powerfully reflects the transforming love of Christ. From a difficult past marked by addiction, crime, and instability, Nathan arrived in Exeter from rehab during the pandemic and began rebuilding his life with the support of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and the 12-step programme. Through this journey, he became debt free, came to faith, and found a home at Exeter Network Church. Now living a restored life and reconnecting with his two sons, Nathan has developed a powerful evangelistic ministry. He regularly shares his story on the streets, supports those struggling with addiction, and leads Cocaine Anonymous in Exeter. He has also visited projects in Romania where the gospel is transforming the lives of gypsy communities. A gifted and passionate speaker, he serves as a voluntary evangelist, and his courage, compassion and faith make him an inspiring example of Christian witness in action.

Penelope Hunt

Penelope (Penny) Hunt is a devoted member of the Exeter Cathedral worshipping community. Her life exemplifies the transformational power of the Gospel, and a life lived in God's kingdom on earth. Penny regularly sends cards to those in the community who are unwell or bereaved, ensuring that they feel remembered, supported and held within the life of the church at times when they may need it the most. Penny was also one of the two longest serving members of Exeter Cathedral's voluntary choir, which she was a part of for 25 years. It is Penny's unwavering faithfulness, humility and perseverance which make her an outstanding example of Christian discipleship and serving with joy.

Anne Jerman

Anne Jerman is a dedicated member of Holy Cross, Crediton, whose decades of faithful service have made a lasting impact on both her parish and the wider Deanery. Serving for over thirty-five years in roles including Churchwarden, PCC Secretary, and Deanery Synod Secretary, she has offered steadfast leadership, wisdom, and support, particularly during times of vacancy. Deeply committed to mission, Anne has led and inspired outreach initiatives that have drawn new people into the life of the church, including founding a community singing group. Anne has also established the Great Churchyard Giveaway, which provides refreshments for pupils and parents of the local primary school at the end of each half-term and full-term. This has led to increased engagement with pupils and parents. Despite living with Multiple Sclerosis and using a wheelchair, Anne continues to serve with remarkable energy, joy, and determination.

Alison Pinnock

Alison Pinnock is a dedicated Parish Treasurer at St Mary's Church, Croyde, whose faithful and practical service has played a vital role in sustaining the life of the church. Through her reliability, wisdom, and willingness to serve in many areas, she has helped ensure that St Mary's remains active and outward-looking within the community. Alison is passionate about creation care and wellbeing, demonstrated through establishing a community allotment that brings people together. She also has a heart for children and families, serving as a key leader in the weekly parent and toddler group and supporting children's ministry locally at St George's Church. Her humility, generosity, and consistent service make her an outstanding example of faithful Christian discipleship.

Rachel Carr

Rachel Carr is a devoted Organist and Choir Leader at St Mary's Church, Kentisbeare, whose lifelong commitment to worship has enriched the church community for over 20 years. Having played the organ since the age of 15, she brings decades of musical gifting to her role, using music to inspire and deepen the faith of others. Through her enthusiasm and encouragement, Rachel has welcomed both young people and adults into the choir, fostering a shared experience of worship. She works closely with families for services such as weddings, baptisms, and funerals, and maintains strong links with the local Church of England Primary School, inviting pupils to participate in the life of the church. Rachel's passion for authentic, engaging worship and her encouragement of others make her an outstanding example of faithful and creative Christian service.

Peter Smith

Peter Smith is a dedicated Churchwarden at St Mary the Virgin, Silverton, whose leadership and vision have been instrumental in preserving a significant part of the church's heritage. Over the past five years, he has devoted himself to the conservation of the nationally important historic ceilings discovered in 2020, giving generously of both his time and personal resources. Undaunted by the scale of the task, Peter has developed considerable expertise and brought together a team of professionals and volunteers to carry the project forward. He has coordinated complex plans with energy and optimism, including preparing a major funding application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Peter has been nominated for 'going above and beyond what is expected from a churchwarden' and for serving with joy.

Professor Claire Taylor

Professor Claire Taylor is the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of Plymouth Marjon University, whose faithful and visionary leadership has guided the institution through a period of significant challenge. Claire has remained deeply committed to the university's Church of England foundation, shaping its direction with integrity, prayerfulness, and a passion for the common good. Under her leadership, Marjon has achieved national recognition for teaching quality, student experience, and academic support, while continuing to champion social mobility and support students from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds. As an openly Christian leader, Claire is actively engaged in the Christian life of the university, supporting chaplaincy and modelling faith in her leadership. Her courage, resilience, and sacrificial service, alongside her commitment to justice, compassion, and excellence, make her an inspiring example of Christian leadership in higher education.

Robert Vere

Robert Vere is a devoted lay leader in Morchard Bishop whose decades of faithful service have sustained Christian worship and witness within his rural community. For over forty years, he has played a vital role in maintaining regular, prayerful, and Christ-centred services, particularly during times of clergy shortage and vacancy. Drawing on earlier missionary experience, Robert combines deep faith with practical leadership, preaching, leading worship, and offering sensitive pastoral care. He is trusted across the parish and beyond, contributing to school life through assemblies, supporting families, and working collaboratively with other churches. Known for his humility and steady encouragement of others, he enables the whole church to grow in confidence and service. Robert has been nominated for a St Boniface award because of his unwavering commitment, quiet leadership, and enduring faithfulness, which are outstanding examples of servant-hearted Christian discipleship.

Nicholas White

Nicholas (Nick) White is a dedicated youth leader in Exmouth whose creative and compassionate ministry is transforming the lives of young people and families. With a deep passion for sharing the gospel in accessible ways, he has pioneered initiatives such as “Football 4 All” and co-founded Hygge Church, creating welcoming spaces for those new to faith and community. He has also organised a mission trip for a group of young people to visit Taizé. Nick works tirelessly with young people facing complex challenges, mentoring individuals, supporting families, and building strong connections across the town. His influence extends into schools, churches, and community networks, where he is known for his encouragement, collaboration, and servant-hearted leadership. Through his innovative approach and unwavering belief in God’s grace, Nick continues to draw others into relationship with Jesus.

Order of Service

Welcome from Exeter Cathedral

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*

Hymn

The congregation stands at the entrance of the choir and ministers and sings

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway.
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.**

Words: John Bode (1816-1874)

Tune: Wolvercote, William H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

Welcome and Introduction

The Bishop of Exeter says

Peace be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop introduces the service and leads the following responsory:

For your goodness to us at all times
We praise you, O Lord.

For your blessing on our county and diocese
We praise you, O Lord.

For all whose discipleship we honour today
We praise you, O Lord.

For all who have served here in the past
We praise you, O Lord.

For your summons to fullness of life
We praise you, O Lord.

For the hope to which you call each one of us
We praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
we thank you that through your Son
you have called us into the fellowship
of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry,
each may be an instrument of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

The congregation sits. The choir sings

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my
help.

² My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and
earth.

³ He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee
will not sleep.

⁴ Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy
right hand;

⁶ So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by
night.

⁷ The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

⁸ The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

The congregation stands.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

The congregation sits.

Interview with companions of St Boniface

The First Lesson

James 2.14-17

read by Bob Soutter

Here begins the fourteenth verse of the second Chapter of the book of James.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Interview with companions of St Boniface

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**Here we are giving,
out of our plenty
fruit of thanksgiving,
tribute of love:
hearts overflowing
cannot stand empty,
constantly growing
grace from above.**

**2. Gathered together,
gratitude springing
from one another,
in all we do:
serving and caring,
praying and singing,
building and sharing,
offered to you.**

Words: Ally Barrett (b1975)

Tune: Bunessan, Gaelic melody

The congregation sits.

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The Presentation of the Medals

During the presentation, the choir sings

Exsultate, justi, in Domino; rectos decet collaudatio.

Confitemini Domino in cithara; in psalterio decem chordarum
psallite illi.

Cantate ei canticum novum; bene psallite ei in vociferatione.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.

*Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery, the
instrument of ten strings.*

Sing to him a new canticle, sing well unto him with a loud noise.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.

Words: Psalm 32:1-3

Music: Ludovico da Viadana (1560-1627)

*At the end of the anthem, the Bishop of Crediton says the prayer for St
Boniface*

Everlasting God, grant that the companions of your servant Boniface
may be bold in preaching the gospel
and tireless in their service of others,
that in all things your name may be glorified
and your kingdom be enlarged;
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

*The recipients turn to face the congregation and are greeted with
applause.*

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings

**Lord, you call us to your service,
each in our own way.
Some to caring, loving, healing;
some to preach, or pray;
some to work with quiet learning,
truth discerning,
day by day.**

**Life for us is always changing
in the work we share.
Christian love adds new dimensions
to the way we care.
For we know that you could lead us,
as you need us,
anywhere.**

**Seeing life from your perspective
makes your challenge plain,
as your heart is grieving over
those who live in pain.
Teach us how, by our compassion
you may fashion hope again.**

**Lord, we set our human limits
on the word we do.
Send us your directing Spirit,
pour your power through,
that we may be free in living
and in giving
all for you.**

Words: Marjorie Dobson (b1940)

Music: Angel Voices, E. G. Monk (1819-1900)

The congregation sits.

The Second Lesson

Matthew 25.31-40

read by Grace Davie

Here begins the thirty first verse of the twenty fifth Chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave

you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Address

The Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison - *Bishop of Exeter*

Anthem

The choir sings as the congregation remains seated.

This sanctuary of my soul, unwitting I keep white and whole,
unlatched and lit, if thou should'st care to enter or to tarry there.
With parted lips and outstretched hands,
and listening ears, thy servant stands.
Call thou early, call thou late, to thy great service dedicate.
My soul, keep white and whole.

Words: C.H. Sorley (1895-1915)

Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

The Prayers

led by Danyil Tamisev

The congregation remains seated.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

God of our salvation,
hope of all the ends of the earth,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the world may know Jesus Christ
as the Prince of Peace,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may be one in serving
and proclaiming the gospel,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That we may be bold to speak the word of God
while you stretch out your hand to save,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may be generous in giving,
faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the Church may welcome and support
all whom God calls to faith,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

That the day may come when every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
we pray:

Your kingdom come.

Almighty God,
by your Holy Spirit you have made us one
with your saints in heaven and on earth:
grant that in our earthly pilgrimage
we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer,
and know ourselves surrounded by their witness
to your power and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Saviour has taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Act of Dedication

The congregation stands and the Bishop of Plymouth says

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and the people of this county, saying:

**God of generosity and joy,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and the people of this county
with joy and in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering
and for the praise of your name.**

**Guide us by your Spirit;
Give us wisdom;
Give us courage;
Give us hope;
And keep us faithful
now and always. Amen.**

Hymn

The congregation stands and sings.

**Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, upon thy Guide
Lean, and his mercy will provide;
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**Faint not nor fear, his arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.**

Words: J.S.B. Monsell (1811-1875)

Music: Duke Street, J. Hatton (d.1793)

The Blessing

The Bishop of Exeter says

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and for evermore.

May the true and living God,
who created all things,
lead you with Boniface to proclaim his living Word;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Organ Voluntary

The people respond – “Amen” from Rubrics -
Dan Locklair (b1949)

The choir and ministers depart.
The congregation sits and is invited to listen to the voluntary.
If you need to leave, please leave quietly.

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Companions of St Boniface

‘As God gives us strength, in season and out of season, let us preach to the powerful and powerless alike, to rich and poor alike, to all people of every rank and of whatever age, the saving purposes of God.’

St Boniface

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