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Exeter Cathedral – Past, Present and Future

SATURDAY 24 MAY 2025

9:45am to 1pm (registration and talks)

Gallery 20, Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM), Queen Street, Exeter EX4 3RX

2:15pm to 4:30pm Guided Walks

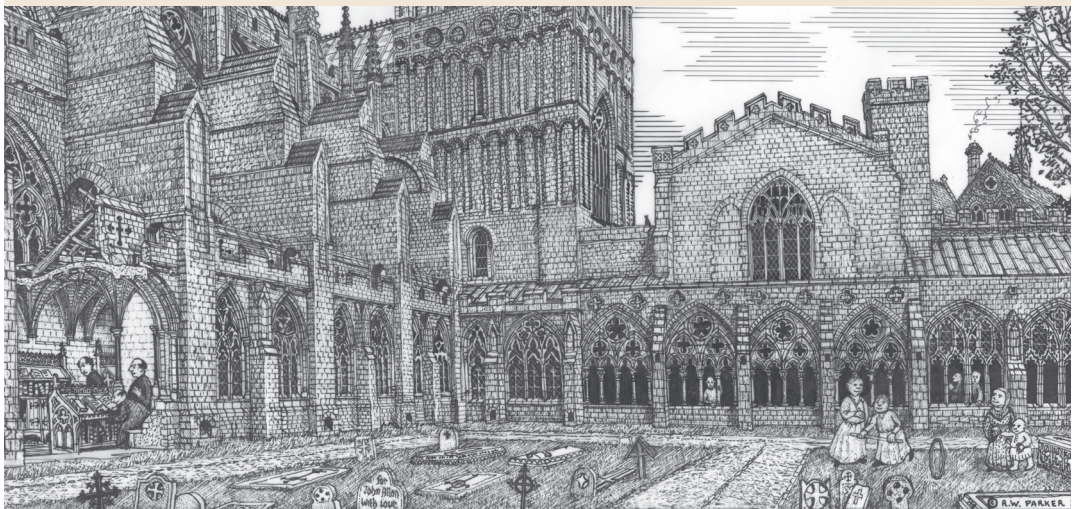
This study day was conceived by The Devonshire Association (charity no. 1209194) and realised in cooperation with the Friends of RAMM. It has been funded by a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and is supported by the UK National Commission for UNESCO.

Exeter Cathedral has long been celebrated as Devon's finest building, and it continues to attract fresh study from scholars from Britain and beyond. Although it appears timeless, it is currently undergoing major changes. After years of planning, two substantial new projects were opened to visitors last year: first its new, and already much-admired, Choir pavement of Devon marbles, and second its handsome new Cloister Gallery, the Cathedral's first new building since the 1880s. Other less visible changes include its programme of masonry renewal, carried out by the cathedral's skilled team of masons, and works below ground. Each of these aspects of the work has brought

new discoveries about the building and its history. This is therefore an exciting moment to visit the Cathedral, both to hear about new discoveries relating to the old building and to see and learn about the recent works.

Our study day is in two halves: a morning of five lectures in the RAM Museum in Queen Street, followed by site visits at the Cathedral in the afternoon. These visits will include insights into lesser known parts of the Cathedral itself, the exterior of the Bishop's Palace, the Deanery and the cathedral archive. The visits will be run in parallel giving participants the opportunity to join two different tours.

Seminar tickets at £25 per person includes coffee



Proposed reconstruction of the Cloisters in 1450, looking east. (Image courtesy of and © Richard Parker.)



Exeter Cathedral West Front.
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Excavation by AC Archaeology in the east Friend's Cloister Gallery.
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The new quire floor.
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View of the Bishop's Palace from the east.
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Morning – ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MUSEUM GALLERY 20

9:45 – 10:15am REGISTRATION & COFFEE

10:15 – 10:20am Welcome

The Very Revd. Jonathan Greener, Dean of Exeter

10:20 – 11: 00am An Introduction to the Architectural History and Archaeology at Exeter Cathedral

John Allan, Exeter Cathedral Archaeologist & Senior Honorary Research Fellow, University of Exeter

11:00 – 11:30am Delivering recent changes at Exeter Cathedral

Camilla Finlay, Exeter Cathedral Architect

11:30 – 12: 00pm The Bishop's Palace

Stuart Blaylock, Consultant Archaeologist & Architectural Historian

12:00 – 12:30pm The Bishop's Throne

Hugh Harrison, Consultant & Contractor in the Conservation of Joinery & Polychromed Timber

12:30 – 1: 00pm Reconstruction Drawings of the Cloisters at Exeter Cathedral

Richard Parker, Freelance Historic Buildings Consultant

1: 00pm LUNCH (*at participants own cost and choice of eateries*)

Afternoon – GUIDED WALKS

2:15 – 4:30pm

'Rotational' guided walks to examine aspects of the Cathedral and its environs including those areas covered in the morning's talks: leaders

John Allan, Camilla Finlay, Hugh Harrison, Stuart Blaylock, Richard Parker, Diane Walker and Jonathan Greener.

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I/We would like to book _____ tickets at £25 each _____ Remittance for £

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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