

Reflection and Prayer

As we pass through this place of academic study, we may be drawn to think about the relationship between learning and faith.

Journeying to and from the Chapel, you may see signs for the Queens building (Art History, Film Studies, English and Modern Languages), the Washington Singer building (Psychology) and the Roborough building (Drama). In the distance, you might spot the tall white Physics building at the top of the hill.

While some of these subjects have more obvious links with Christian spirituality than others, God is in all things, and learning/study in many disciplines can help us understand more about God and the world God created.

A University is not only a place of academic learning, but a place in which students learn through coming into contact with people of different backgrounds, nationalities and faiths.

Renowned artist Walter Thomas Monnington was commissioned to design the ornate ceiling of the chapel. It is said that he maintained that it was difficult to paint angels in the 20th century, but found comfort in the qualities of geometry and light. He visualised the ceiling as webs of light revealing, but also partly veiling the mysteries of space.

It is thought to represent the relationship between reason and spirituality, learning and faith.



**What learning has helped you grow in your faith?
What would you like to learn more about?**

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Amen.

(The Sarum Prayer, trad.)

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St Boniface Way
wander and wonder

STAGE 5

**Mary Harris Chapel, Exeter University
to Exeter Cathedral, Exeter**



May God the Father who created you,
guide your footsteps.

May God the Son who redeemed you,
share your journey.

May God the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you,
lead you on life's pilgrimage.

STAGE 5

Exeter University to Exeter Cathedral



Following your time in the Mary Harris Chapel, head down the path between the trees to Prince of Wales Road.

Turn left and continue up the road for 1/3 mile. This road has a long right-hand bend.

Turn right just before the Cricket Field Court university building and take the footpath signposted to Queen Street.

At the end of the path, after 1/3 mile, turn left into Velwell Road and continue straight until you reach Howell Road.

Turn right onto Howell Road then you will see the entrance to Bury Meadow Park. This is a great spot for a rest, a picnic or for children to play.

Take the diagonal path across the middle, then on the far side, take the path to your left and exit the park.

You will find that you are at a roundabout with Queen Street in front of you and great views of the Cathedral - the end of your journey is in sight.

Follow Queen Street (one o'clock on the roundabout) into the city centre.

At the end of Queen Street, cross over High Street (take care as this is often busy with buses) and into Martin's Lane opposite.

At the end of the lane, you will find yourself at Cathedral Green.

Cross the green diagonally to the front of the Cathedral.

When you enter, be sure to show your Devon Pilgrim passport at the desk to get your stamp, along with free entry.

Take time to reflect on your journey and the encounters you have had along the way.

You might want to use this prayer:

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

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You are invited to join the service of Evensong in the Cathedral. If you are doing this, please do let those welcoming worshippers at the Quire know that you are on pilgrimage, and they will ensure a special welcome is made during the service.

