

EXETER CATHEDRAL – WEDNESDAY 08 JANUARY 2020

On a dull, grey but exceptionally mild morning for early January many people descended on Exeter Cathedral from near and far including Sussex, Shropshire various parts of Devon and other places for the Service of Thanksgiving for Graham Stones. The cathedral was packed to the rafters, a reflection on the respect that many had for Graham.

The service was led by Bishop Robert, assisted by Nick Shutt, Archdeacon of Plymouth with whom Graham trained for ministry many years ago and Prebendary David James with whom Graham worked with in Sidmouth. It was fitting that many clergy were in attendance who had worked with Graham during his ministry at various locations and more recently as Chaplain to Bishop Robert at the Cathedral.

Marion, Debbie and Jenny gave their own reflections together with readings and the address was given by Bishop Robert. Graham had selected the hymns and readings he wished to be part of the service, as organised as ever.

Having worked with Graham at St Michaels, East Teignmouth he was always very organised and forward thinking in both religious and day to day church business matters certainly embracing modern technology to its full potential. Graham was always ready to bring some humour to events and many a dull meeting was enriched by some dry humour.

Graham had a great impression on many throughout his time in ministry and beyond, dedicated faith, great compassion and true professionalism.

Many reading this would have attended the service and hopefully left the Cathedral with fond memories. Graham Stones RIP.

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