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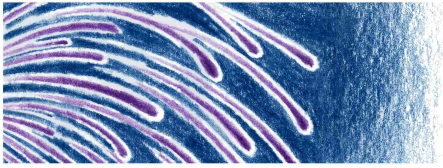
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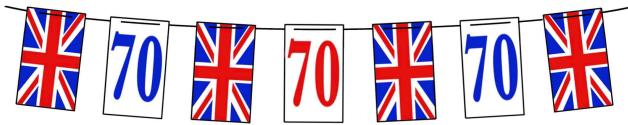
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From the Vicarage

The Platinum Jubilee Celebration



In the Bible a year of Jubilee was an occasion when people would be

freed from slavery, or freed from their debts. But a Royal Jubilee is more of an excuse for a national celebration! And this Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen is certainly a good excuse. As the longest reigning monarch in our history her life is as long as all but our oldest citizens and her reign longer than many of our lives.

Yet this also feels like quite a difficult time to celebrate. The Queen herself is limited in her mobility and we are aware that she is already delegating many of her more active roles to members of her family. But perhaps she can be something of a role model for those who are getting on in years, still as active and involved as she can be, but also acknowledging, and adapting to, her limitations?

And in the world we are witnessing the continuation of a brutal and threatening war in Ukraine and the prospect of many people facing considerable financial hardship and hunger as a result of global price rises and shortages. We need to keep our hearts and minds open to what help we can offer to those who are suffering.

But nevertheless we should continue in thanksgiving for the good things we have - and for what we can share with others. The Queen has given an

extraordinary life of service in a role she didn't chose for herself and throughout it has borne witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ. That is certainly worth our thanksgiving.

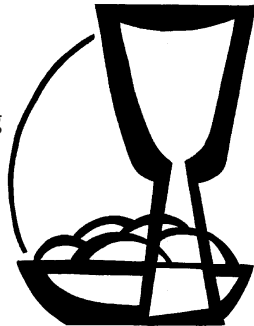
The Churches Open Up

It has been great to get our churches open more during the past few months. In particular we are getting established with our regular Tuesday café at St David's Church from 10.30am to 12 noon. Please come over and enjoy some company and also help to welcome others to what we hope will be a friendly and welcoming event for anyone in the community.

And it has been a great joy to see 'Tea and Toast' get going on Wednesday mornings at St Michael's up to 10am. Ash put in an application for some soft play equipment so there is now some great soft blocks for the pre-school age children who attend with their parents. But this is also open to everyone in the community and several local residents have joined in. Thank you to everyone who has been helping at these two ventures.

The return of the Chalice

Following our recent PCC meeting it was agreed that the chalice should be offered again from the beginning of June at all our services of Holy Communion. I should emphasise that no one is 'expected' to receive from the chalice and you are quite at liberty to continue receiving 'in one kind' (just the bread) if that is how you feel comfortable.



At St Michael's Mass communion will be distributed as before at the altar rails. Please just indicate or step away if you don't wish to receive the wine. At St David's we will continue with a standing station for the distribution at the front of the nave but plan to have two chalices, one on either side, so that those wishing to receive can simply approach the chalice bearer – or not.

Please keep letting us (PCC members) know your thoughts about Covid arrangements. We felt at PCC that it was not quite time to encourage

physical sharing of the Peace at St David's. But we will be clearing some of the chairs away from in front of the servery to make the back of church less congested on a Sunday morning.

Some dates for your diary...

Corpus Christi

This year the feast of Corpus Christi falls on Thursday 16 June and we plan to hold Sung Mass at 7.30pm at St Michael's including our traditional procession around Mount Dinham. Do join us if you can for this celebration of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Keep the Fête Date – 25 June!

Our Parish Fête is booked for Saturday 25 June from 11.30am to 2pm. We hope to have stalls from both churches and a dog show is also planned which should be great fun. Raffle tickets for the Draw are available at both churches in advance. We also look forward to music played and sung by members of Devon Recovery Learning Community courses which meet at St Michael's. So please come along and bring your friends!

Heritage Weekend

On the weekend of 10-11 September we plan to offer great activities and delicious refreshments at St Michael's Church. Please keep the date and come along.

Green Day

We are planning an environmental awareness morning at St David's for 24th September with speakers, stalls and a lunch of 'local produce' being arranged by the Social Committee.

With every blessing,

Nigel



Some thoughts from St Michael's, Mount Dinham

Last week we heard about the city of God, not a geographical entity, but a metaphysical concept allowing us all to be citizens, no matter where we happen to be on the planet. By contrast, today, 22nd May, was Rogation

Sunday, originally asking God's blessing on the planting, growing and care of crops. Later celebrations of Rogation Sunday included praying for the blessing of the harvest from the sea, and more latterly, the work done in towns and cities, both



practical and academic. We walked the loop on Mount Dinham, stopping at three places for prayer to consider the the work of the land, the sea and the city. We are one of the few churches to keep this tradition.

Contrasts, contrasts!

Since we moved from Exeter to Axminster in March, I have become more aware of the differences between city life and life on the edge of a town, once famous for the manufacture of carpets. Covid hit the town hard, but there are very encouraging signs of recovery. Our journey to and from St Michael's is also very different. There are a couple of local jams, but nothing like trying to get into or across the city. After leaving Honiton, we climb towards our new home through green trees with the valley to our left. The panorama is so refreshing and restorative that we are still commenting on its beauty and enjoying our good fortune to be here. Changing seasons will offer new and interesting views.

One of my all-time favourite allegorical frescoes, The Business of Good

Government, is in the Palazzo Pubblico in Siena. It is set in contrast to the Business of Bad Government, painted in the Room of Peace in the 14th century. All aspects of mediaeval daily life are there: agriculture, industry in the form of the smithy, domestic endeavour and education, as well as management of the community. People go about their lives with a happy sense of purpose; they are clean and tidy, the children play peaceably outside in the street or attend lessons in the school, fields yield good harvests, men leave the city on horseback without fear of ambush and all is well. In fact, none of this can be obtained without reference to the Virtues, especially Justice and Concord. Over the city gate, the flag of Safety flies. All this is under the view of wise old man wearing black and white, the colours of Siena. The contrasting wall is ruled by the figure of Tyranny, and though the fresco itself is in poor repair, there is plenty of evidence to show a community destroyed under bad government, with a tyrant presiding. Dealings are shady; education is lacking and households and fields are neglected. Battles rage in the distance and seem to be getting closer. The contrasts could not be clearer, nor could the eternal story that is told be more immediately found in the news footage that we see of the war in Ukraine, where it would appear that Justice and Concord are swamped by tyranny from over the border.

We are facing a time of contrasts, from what 'was', perhaps pre-Covid and lock-down, pre-war in the Baltic area and pre-economic crisis, to what 'is', the 'new normal'. To aid us in these times, we need to rely on God who is our Strength and our Redeemer, who is faithful and loving. We commend you to Him.



**Stephanie
Aplin**



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Readers and Leaders in Prayer for June 2022 at St David's

**Please note the reading from Acts must be used on
Sundays in Easter up to and including Pentecost**

Sunday 5th June (Pentecost) also Queen's Jubilee

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Gospel Reading John 14:8-27
Preacher: Nigel Guthrie Bible Reader: Jenny
Baker
Prayer Leader: Robert Mitchell



Sunday 12th June (Trinity Sunday)

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5
Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15
Preacher: Ash Leighton-Plom Bible Reader: Gina Redman
Prayer Leader: Helen Friend

Sunday 19th June (1st Sunday after Trinity)

1st Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9
2nd Reading: Galatians 3:23-end
Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39
Preacher: Bill Pattinson Bible Reader: Paula Lawford
Prayer Leader: Richard Johnson

Sunday 26th June (2nd Sunday after Trinity)

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:5-16, 19-end
2nd Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-end
Preacher: Howard Friend Bible Reader: Sue Wilson
Leader in Prayer: David James

Sunday 3rd July (Thomas the Apostle)

1st Reading: Habakkuk 2:1-4

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:19-end
Gospel Reading: John 20:24-29
Preacher: Belinda Speed-Andrews Bible Reader: Keith Postlethwaite
Leader in Prayer: Alistair Macintosh



*Come Holy Spirit,
ignite in us
your Holy Fire
strengthen our Faith,
increase in us
your Gift of Love,
and revive
your Church
to live out
your message
of Love and Hope.*

Services & Events for St. Michael's - June 2022

Our thanks to all who have joined us in worship at St. Michael's during the month of May – especially over the continuation of Eastertide, Rogation Day and Ascensiontide - and many thanks to our visiting clergy (Fr. Dominic Cyrus and Fr. Robin Eastoe). I guess now the lovely Easter Garden, kindly provided by Connie Cannon and Paula Lewis, will be put away and that area of the Church returned to normal; and I suppose the next change there will be the “building” of the Stable! How the time flies and the year rolls on. This month sees the celebration of Pentecost or Whitsuntide on Sunday 5th and the beginning of the period of Trinity the following Sunday. Also, the Festival of Corpus Christi, as well as the Platinum Jubilee of the reign of our Queen and the longest period of daylight and Midsummer Day! The continued success of the Bountiful Table on the first Sunday of the month is due to the organisation of both Stephanie Aplin and Elizabeth Hughes and to those that support them in cooking and providing goods as well as those who buy them! Thanks, also, to Barry Mather for the organisation of the newspaper collections. The bookstall, organised by Vivien, is also worth a mention – I have purchased several books worth reading! The lecture on 11th May by Professor Richard Seaford was, I understand, well received. Please continue to support these ventures.

At time of writing Oliver Nicholson is working on a lecture for June. If you would like further information and to join the lectures mailing list, please send an “e-pistle” to: **mountdinhamlectures@gmail.com**

Below are our regular patterns of worship in Church and on-line:-

Sundays 11am Sung Mass & Sermon, in Church only.

First Sunday in the month – 6pm Evensong & Benediction (check regular notices for variations)

Wednesdays Matins at 9.30am and Low Mass at 10.00am, the latter is also broadcast to (and viewable later)

<https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsmtdinhamexeter>

Plainsong Vespers led by Dr. Richard Parker on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm is public worship, also broadcast to

<https://facebook.com/groups/2227703237>

Friends of St. Michael's Facebook Group website is
<https://www.stmichaelsmountdinham.org.uk>

St. David's Facebook page <https://facebook.com/stdavidschurchexeter> will "stream" their 9.30am Sunday Eucharist and Morning Prayers on Thursday and Friday.

The weekly Parish Notices and pew sheets will keep you informed. Our thanks to Oliver Nicholson for typing these and sending them out by e-mail each week.

Choir rehearsal – this takes place immediately after Vespers on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Tasha Goldsworth – Musical Director or speak to a choir member.

Services and events for June are:

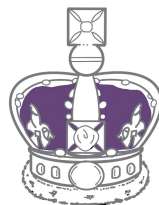
Wednesday 1st June

9.30am Matins

10.00am Low Mass

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June

Bank Holidays to mark the Platinum Jubilee of the reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II



Saturday 4th June

Petroc – Abbot of Padstow & remember Pope John XXIII (1881-1963)

Sunday 5th June – Whit Sunday/Pentecost

Also remember St. Boniface of Crediton (c. 675 – 754)

11am – Sung Mass

Setting: Mass in F – *Harris*

Motet: View me Lord – *Lloyd*

6pm Evensong and Benediction

Responses: *Byrd* Canticles: *Walmisley in D Minor*

Motet: Listen Sweet Dove – *Ives*

Wednesday 8th June – Bishop Thomas Ken (1637 – 1711)

9.30am Matins

10.00am Low Mass

Thursday 9th June – St. Columba of Iona (c. 521 – 597)

Saturday 11th June – St. Barnabas, Apostle

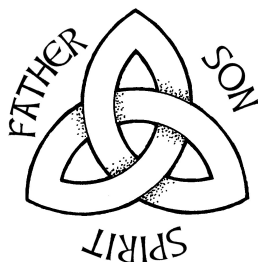
Sunday 12th June – Trinity Sunday – Also Music

Sunday

11.00am – Sung Mass

Setting: Little Organ Mass – *Haydn*

Motet: Greater love hath no man - *Ireland*



Wednesday 15th June

9.30am Matins

10.00am Low Mass

Thursday 16th June – Corpus Christi

Also remember Richard of Chichester (1197 – 1253)

7.30pm Sung Mass & Procession

Setting: Missa Brevissima – *Cascolini*

Motet: Ave Verum - *Byrd*

Sunday 19th June – First Sunday after Trinity

11.00am – Sung Mass

Setting: Mass in C and F – *Stanford*

Motet: Exultate Justi - *Viadana*

Wednesday 22nd June

9.30am Matins

10.00 Low Mass

Friday 24th June – Birth of John the Baptist

Sunday 26th June – Second Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Sung Mass

Setting: Missa Ave Maris Stella – *Victoria*

Motet: Blessed are those - *Tallis*

Wednesday 29th June – St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

9.30am Matins

10.00am Low Mass

A further development of outreach is the move of Tuesday mornings “Tea and Toast” to “Breakfast” on a Wednesday morning prior to the mid-week services. This regular event warmly welcomes local parents from our neighbouring primary school as well as local residents.

I am reminded that the DRC Courses continue during the remainder of the Summer Term:

Tuesday Noon - 2pm Ukulele for Your Recovery

3pm – 5pm Taking Your Recovery Further

Thursday 10am – Noon Yes, You Can Sing!

1pm – 3pm Introduction to Rhythms for Recovery with Djembe Drumming

3.30pm – 5.30pm Taking Recovery Further with African Djembe Drumming

Booklets about the DRC Courses are to be found in St. Michael’s Church or you can find out more by looking on the website: www.devonric.co.uk or simply telephone EXETER (01392) 677067 (between 10am and 2pm Monday to Thursday).



Anthony Pugh – 21. V. 2022



Living & Telling at All Souls

by Rico Tice

One of my great joys and responsibilities as an evangelist at All Souls Church in central London, is to equip God's people for works of service (Ephesians 4:11-12). I don't just want to do the work of evangelism myself; I want my church family to have the confidence to share their faith with the people God has put in their lives.

Some of our wonderful church family members work or have worked in the past for Agapé UK and a couple of them serve faithfully to help lead our Christianity Explored courses. It was fantastic to learn one of them was using Agapé UK's video-led Living & Telling course with a young woman she had begun to mentor following Discipleship Explored. It was clear that this was having a really positive impact on the young lady's confidence to explain the gospel and talk about her faith.

My colleague and I were already planning a one-off evangelism training evening, online in November 2020, to inspire and encourage people to share the hope of Jesus in the midst of the pandemic. It occurred to us that Living & Telling would be a great follow-up to offer for people to get more thoroughly equipped, so we approached Agapé UK for help to get the ball rolling and promote it during that training evening.

We ran the course on Zoom, and it really was the highlight of my week! We are incredibly thankful for the material itself that has been developed over many years. I am the first to acknowledge that it is not easy to develop evangelism training and course material to such a high standard. This material is so well thought through, theologically grounded and wonderfully practical. We really appreciated Agapé UK's intention for the course to build-up and disciple the believer to go deeper in their love and dependence on God as well as equip them to communicate with others. As one participant put it, "It both enables you to look inward at your own relationship with God and at the same time reach outward."

One of the things that helps make Living & Telling so helpful is that it is

broken down into bite-sized sessions that you do each week, so the church family can internalise it and go out and practice it. Going through the course in pairs is great too, it means the church family has fellowship throughout the course and they can pray and grow together. We are already planning to run it again at All Souls.

Rico Tice is the Senior Minister (Evangelism) at All Souls, Langham Place in London. He also developed the Christianity Explored course.

The Living & Telling course is running at St David's Church Exeter, each Sunday at 4pm, until the end of July.



SUNDAYS 4 - 5:30PM

22 May – 31 July



Father's Day is June 19th

Mission to South America

Hello Parish of St David's! For those of you that I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting: I'm Jemima and I'm a student from London. I've been a regular attendee of St David's church since I started my degree at Exeter University in 2020 where I study Spanish and Portuguese; two languages which I mostly love but frequently get confused between! I also have been very grateful for the privilege to be part of the choir and orchestra at St David's which is often the highlight of my week. 😊

Anyway, I could go on and on about me, about how much I love Disney films and how doughnuts are absolutely the key to my heart, but I'll spare you all that and focus on what's most important.

As many of you know, In August I will be going on an exciting mission to South America. I am going with Latin Link, a Christian charity that enables Christians from the UK to serve the church Latin America and vice versa. I will first be spending 6 months in Brazil where I will be working for a charity that serves about 400 children in north-eastern Brazil, helping to lead bible studies, English lessons, serving meals and extending God's welcome to local families. I have also agreed to teach beginners recorder lessons which I admittedly haven't played since the days of piping out "Away in a Manger" as a young child in my home church's yearly Christingle service, but I like to think that the ground work is all there really.

I will then be moving on to Bolivia for three months where I will be working for a Brazilian Church in the city of Santa Cruz. Here I will assist in children's groups as well as student ministry as the church has a big population of Brazil students living away from home for the first time. Though I study Modern Languages, the idea of working in Portuguese in a Spanish-speaking country does burst my linguistic brain just a *little* bit. Hopefully I will come back with proficiency in both languages, or perhaps speaking my own hybrid language of Españuguese – who knows!

I would really like to share this journey with all of you and invite you to support me as I go. Given the charity nature of the work I'll be doing, I have to raise virtually all my costs for travel, accommodation, and daily living. I would like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who attended my fundraiser concert in May to help me raise some of this money. There is still

the opportunity to support me financially. I have a fundraising page, where you can make a one-off donation as well as commit to sponsoring me monthly while I'm there. You can access it here:

<https://latinlink.org.uk/fundraiser-profile/jemima-firman/>

Alternatively, if you just search my name into Google it should be one of the first things that come up. Ignore all the ancestry sites, I don't know why they all think I died in 1885.

I would be very grateful for any donations, as well as prayer support. Please be praying that I might be able to raise all the money that I need and that I might be filled with God's peace as I make all the preparations to take this step. Pray that I may be emboldened to step outside my comfort zone and dedicate my time, energy, and gifts to fulfil the plans he has for me while I'm there.

I'm very excited to share my journey with you and I hope to send video updates while I'm out there to let you know all that I've been up to, but for now, God bless you, and see you all soon. 😊



Jemima Firman



Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain (published 2013)

I am part way through this book as I write and for the second time in my life, have been greeting every page with a smile or a 'yes!' (the first being the weekend Myers-Briggs course long ago when I first discovered I was heavily 'I' and it was okay to be so). It is all about something fundamental within each of us which determines so much of how we live our lives and that is whether we are essentially introverts or extroverts.

Cain starts with the incident on 1 December 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama, when Rosa Parks quietly refused to give up her seat on the bus, and where that led. She moves on to the value system we currently live in that she terms the 'Extrovert Ideal.' With the move from the countryside to towns, apparently we also moved from a 'Culture of Character' to a 'Culture of Personality', from working with friends and neighbours whom we knew to having to sell ourselves in the anonymity of the city. But with that move, being an introvert has become a sort of second-class personality trait, often confused with shyness (which is not at all the same thing) and actively seen as a disadvantage. She also demonstrates how dangerous it can be as shown in one play of the Subarctic Survival Situation game at Harvard in which the ideas and experience of one of the group which would have ensured its survival were dismissed by the extroverts because they had been expressed too quietly. She then moves on to studies of Harvard Business School and its relentless upbeat outgoingness and then to the massive Saddleback church of California (average weekly attendance 22,000). She goes on to examine the leadership of major companies, how some are, as you might expect, headed up by extroverts but others, equally successfully, are led by introverts.

Some of what she talks about covers similar ground to Malcolm Gladwell in *Outliers* but from a slightly different angle. Cain talks about 'Dedicated Practice' and the thousands of hours of it requires in order to perfect a skill (again talked about in *Outliers*) whether in music, electronics, athletics or anything else you care to name. It can only be done in isolation. She looks

at people who have relentlessly honed their skills not in teams or brainstorming sessions but in isolation in their bedrooms, garages or laboratories but for whom connections became possible through the screens of their computers, the introverts who have largely created our current online world such as Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and others. She explains how the idea of online collaboration has been seized on and transmuted into the modern notion of the open-plan office and everyone working in teams, with the attendant noise and interruptions which are anathema to the introvert. The same has happened in schools with desks not in rows but in groups.

And that set me thinking about the last couple of years, and whether they have in a strange way been a gift to the introverts among us (likely to be 40-50% of the population). And maybe that is why so many people say they would rather work from home (unless of course they are home-schooling their children and trying to work all on one laptop!). Maybe people will return to offices only when they are redesigned again so that everyone has their own personal space in which to concentrate and work quietly, as well as places in which to meet and collaborate.

Lockdowns suited us in many ways and I don't think we were alone in that. Zoom worked for me. I could go to meetings and lectures without ever leaving home and could move around when I became uncomfortable. I also cut my carbon footprint massively. And these are gains I do not want to lose. Extroverts thrive on social interaction in a way that many introverts find exhausting. But the church has been inventive and I do not want to lose some of what we have done. I love the online Morning Prayer – and was somewhat dismayed when I mentioned this to one of our more extrovert types who said 'oh, is that still going?' as though it was now not necessary. Several people have said that online PCC meetings were much more focused and shorter. And I also hope we will keep the mixed-media APCM. It enabled people who do not want to drive at night, who might be unwell but still want to take part and those who want to keep their carbon footprint down (after all, we are supposed to be 'greening' our church) to be present while enabling others who want the social contact to have their needs met too.

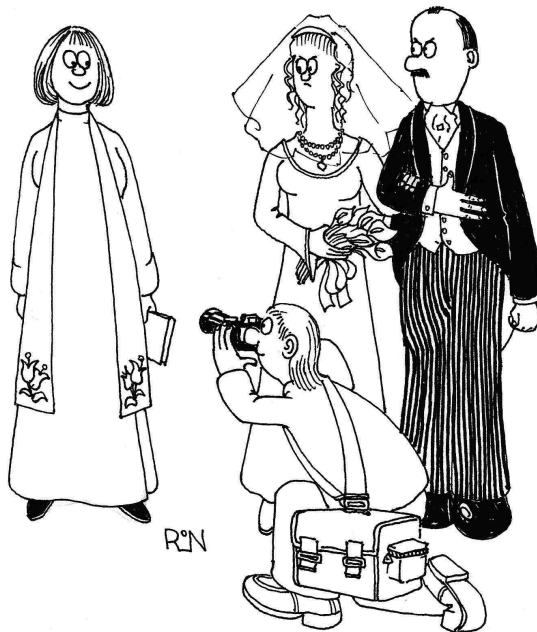
One final thought: she says: "A senior priest at another church confesses online that he has advised parishes recruiting a new rector to ask what his or

her Myers-Briggs score is. 'If the first letter isn't an 'E' [for extrovert]," he tells them, 'think twice ... I'm sure our Lord was [an extrovert].'" But was he? Or was he in fact an introvert who developed his ministry and his relationship with the Father in the years we know so little about? An introvert who changed the world? What do you think? And whether introvert or extrovert, please read the book!



Hilary Todd

16.04.2022



*Heather looked radiant in white, the details
picked out subtly in gold...*

The Gender of Priests

May I offer a brief response to the invitation on page 10 of the May issue of New Leaves.

I don't see how a church can be unitive if its members insist on having an all-male priesthood where women never celebrate Mass. On the theoretical side, gender arguments have been less than watertight but, if ordaining women is wrong, why do we see ordained women who excel in their ministry? These evidential ministries persuade me that the Christian priesthood should be open to both men and women. In a nutshell "the tree is known by its fruit"



Charles Argall



The problem with women priests

I'd like to briefly respond personally to Stephanie's article in the May issue of New Leaves. The title above is itself offensive to many I suspect. Why are women any more of a problem than men?

At the meeting in November with the Archdeacon when he laid out the four proposals, the ordination of women and appointment of a woman as incumbent were central to the discussion with several speakers putting their views, from both St Michael's and St David's. As Stephanie said, there are deep disagreements with the views that only men can be recognised as priests including some worshippers at St Michael's who disagree with this too. Effectively, allowing a permanent veto on appointing a woman incumbent to the Parish is not viable and is the cause of much frustration from those of us who welcome the ministry of both male and female priests.

The historical case for only male priests seems weak to me. There is evidence that women played central roles and probably also served as clergy (see Researcher: Artifacts show that early church women served as clergy –

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/theology/researcher-artifacts-show-early-church-women-served-clergy>).

The New Daylight (Bible Reading Fellowship) notes for Saturday 14 May by Lucy Moore are on St. Mark's account (3:13-19) of Jesus appointing the apostles. She comments that the exclusively male list would not have raised eyebrows at that time but does today. The gospels mention female disciples several times but none were appointed here. She conjectures that Jesus knew that he had to work within the constraints of his culture whilst paving the way for a more inclusive plan. He deliberately limited himself to what that society could handle, one step at a time. The steps have lead us to where we are today. It is time for us to take the next step at St David's and St Michael's.



Clive Wilson

17 May 2022

“The Farmer and the Cowman should be Friends”

(*Oklahoma*, on stage 1943, on screen 1955)

This should be played to the entire congregation, and clergy, before any meeting. In case you have forgotten it, you can see and hear it here:-
<https://youtu.be/8RpxTlr4x6o>

I have two very dear friends in New York, for whom I have great affection and respect. We have, for 30 years, argued in person and enjoyed it. They are stepsisters and very close. We were neighbours. We are still, for 10 more years, corresponding regularly across the Atlantic.

For years I did not tell them I attended church, just said I was busy on Sunday. Until quite recently, I have done the same with friends and family in the UK. It takes some fortitude to face the eye-rolling...

The sisters and I say we are keeping our brains working, by challenging our own convictions and those of each other. Sometimes we just agree to disagree, sometimes we think again. Their new “religions” are not mine. I also have friends, neighbours and acquaintances, as many of us do, who attend different places of worship.

I find it sad, that within the Church of England, with its currently various levels of worship, that just one parish with two churches seems to find it hard to offer both kinds of worship, whilst sharing various social events and retaining respect for each other. Whether or not we want to push a plough or chase a cow, we are still “territory folks”....



Vivien Finnigan



All my neighbours

Last year I came across the following prayer in a USPG collection:

Lord Jesus,

I am happy you made my neighbour different from me:

With a different coloured skin,

From a different tribe,

From a different island,

With a different face,

Male and female,

A different way of worshipping you;

I need all my neighbours to teach me about you

for my neighbour knows many things I do not know;

Help me to love my neighbour as I love myself.

In reading it, the West Indies or the islands of the Pacific may come first to mind, but I think it has far wider applicability. I thought of it in response to the article by Stephanie Aplin in the May edition of the magazine. The link between St David's and St Michael's is a positive one, and I shall be disappointed if it is weakened in the future.

The Anglican Parish system in its present form no longer works very well. One defect is that church attendance is no longer constrained by distance. As is illustrated by our parish, regular worshippers are able and willing to travel quite long distances to attend the services which are most congenial to them. A particular objection is that whole parishes have to declare for or against female ordination. That is not too much of a problem in a place with a lot of parishes, like Exeter. It is entirely wrong in smaller places that have only one Anglican church. Great Torrington in North Devon is one example.

If we go back far enough there was no difference in the division of the country for ecclesiastical and secular purposes. That is the reason why any elector within a Parish may attend the Annual Vestry meeting to elect church wardens. Yet this is pretty meaningless when parish boundaries are no longer expressed in terms of local government boundaries. Bringing them back into line has much to commend it.

Defining ecclesiastical boundaries in terms of civil government boundaries

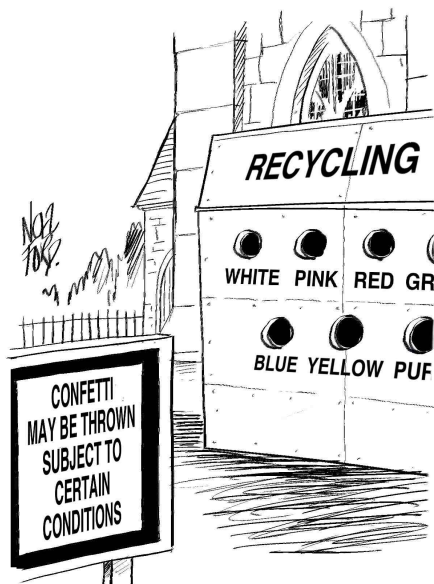
could make them subject to fairly frequent change. But this is not a bad thing. Changes induced by population changes are thus automatically accounted for. More importantly, relations with other organisations - church and secular - are on a more uniform and better understood basis.

Of necessity Anglican organisation on this basis would have to embrace areas of varying size. But the Anglican hierarchy is able to accommodate this, with choice available in leadership from bishops through to rural deans. The principle should be that within each parish replacement unit, there should be equality of rights, clerical and lay. Less messing about with permissions to marry outside one's home church or for clergy to function in a neighbouring area. And to return to my starting point, in most parts of the country I would expect each unit to be able to offer a comprehensive range of styles of worship and tradition. Some might see that as entrenching existing divisions, but within a single organisation there would surely be more scope for Anglicans of different traditions coming together from time to time on special occasions. It might help ecumenical relations too.



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Green Matters – local and global

All the fruit trees in the churchyard have taken and are in leaf after blossoming. We will need to make sure that they don't dry out if there is a prolonged drought, not unusual nowadays even in the wetter south-west. In the Autumn the trees will need some light pruning to establish a good shape but it is very encouraging so far.

There will be a stall by the Green Team at the summer fete to promote our green initiatives and discussion. We also hope to have children's activities such as making bug hotels from old canes.

The World Meteorological Organisation published its “**State of the Global Climate 2021**” report in May. This complements and updates the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report which included data up to 2019. The key messages are:

Carbon dioxide concentration measured at Muana Lao, Hawaii reached a new high in May 2021

The global annual mean temperature in 2021 was around 1.11 ± 0.13 °C above the 1850-1900 pre-industrial average, less warm than some recent years owing to cooling La Niña conditions at the start and end of the year. The most recent seven years, 2015 to 2021, are the seven warmest years on record.

The heat in the ocean was a record high. The upper 2km of the ocean continues to warm and this change is irreversible on centennial to millennial time scales.

The oceans are becoming more acidic as they absorb about 23% of the carbon dioxide released by human activity. The increased acidity threatens organisms and ecosystems and food security. As the ocean becomes more acidic it is less able to absorb the carbon dioxide.

Global mean sea level reached a new record high in 2021, rising an average of 4.5 mm per year over the period 2013–2021. This is over twice the rate from 1993 to 2002 and is mainly due to increased ice loss from ice sheets.

Prof. Petteri Taalas, the WMO General Secretary, notes in his forward to the report that these key indicators shows the climate continues to change.

Although fossil fuel emissions of CO₂ declined by 5.6% in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic the growth rate of atmospheric CO₂ was still higher than the average rate over the last decade. Stabilizing global mean temperature at 1.5 °C to 2 °C above pre-industrial (1850–1900) levels by the end of this century will require an ambitious reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, which must accelerate during this decade.

This sobering report shows how the progress established through COP26 needs to continue apace.

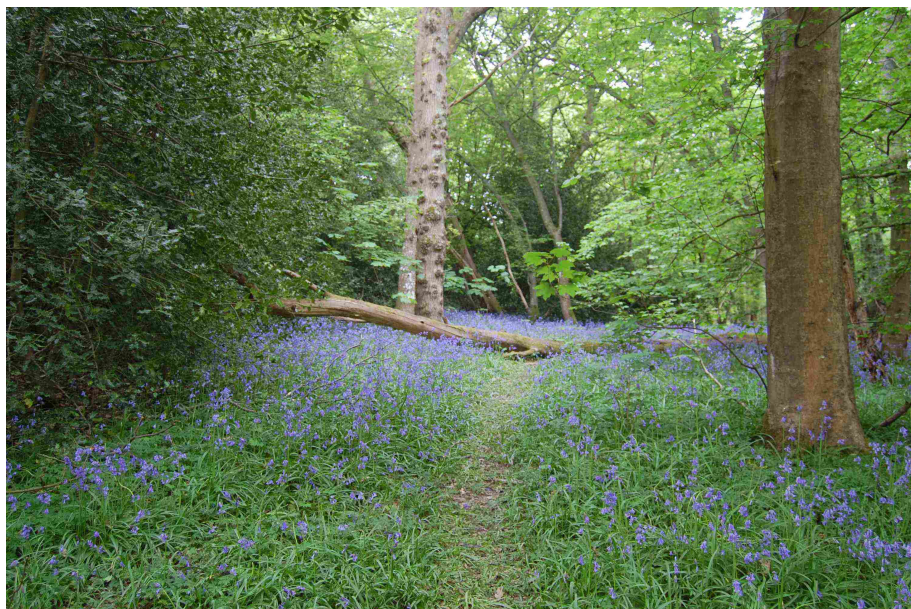


Clive Wilson

23 May 22

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/press-office/news/weather-and-climate/2022/key-climate-change-indicators-break-records-in-2021>

<https://wmo.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e35fa2254c2a4394f75d43308&id=f0b54c03dd&e=94e9b7a40c>



Bluebell woods, East Sussex

Upcoming Green Events and Links

* Alastair McIntosh (not ours!) talking at St Stephen's Wed June 8th at 6pm. Alastair is a well-known author, poet and campaigner. His most recent book, *Riders on the Storm: Climate Crisis and the Survival of Being*, was published in 2020.

<https://www.parishofcentralexeter.co.uk/listings/alastair-mcintosh-talk/>

* Learn to identify and record wildflowers and plants. A free, friendly and informal session for the complete beginner and those who want to brush up their skills. Kenn Churchyard Wed 8th June 1.30-3.30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/320687674467>

* World Ocean Day. June 8th **<https://www.WorldOceanDay.org>**

* Love Your Burial Grounds Week 4-12 June

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk>

* Exeter Respect Festival's 25th Anniversary Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June in Belmont Park. This year's theme is Environmental Justice.

<https://exeter-respect.org> Exeter Churches Green Network are running a stall and need volunteers for two hour slots. Please contact Sue Wilson if you are able to help.

* Churches Count on Nature 4th-12th June. This is a nature count run jointly by A Rocha UK, Caring for God's Acre, The Church of England and The Church in Wales, and includes free webinars.

<https://arocha.org.uk/event/churches-count-on-nature-2022/>

* Exeter Community Alliance have been given charity status and are looking to set up a Climate Emergency Centre in an empty shop/property in Exeter. They are always looking for member organisations as well as individual volunteers who might want to help get this project off the ground. If you know of anyone who would be interested or know of suitable properties please get in touch with them **<https://exetercommunityalliance.net/>**.

* And finally, for gifts with a difference see **<https://www.arocha.org>**

Beyond Self Christian Retreats

My name is Abigail and I am an accredited local preacher with the Methodist Church of Great Britain and a qualified counsellor and psychotherapist registered with the BACP (www.abigailhardiman-counselling.co.uk). I was inspired to start Beyond Self a few years ago when, as part of my growing self-awareness that comes with training as a therapist, I came to the realisation that whilst I 'do' a lot of things for God and the Church I often don't allow enough time to simply 'be' with God. Even my prayer life can often be centred around what I am doing, rather than purely connecting with God.

I also recognised that whilst we are called by Jesus to love God with all our heart, mind and soul (or in the Old Testament with our heart, soul, strength and mind), there were significant parts of who I am that didn't feel as connected to my faith. With this new understanding I began to explore how I could experience and express my relationship with God differently, more holistically. This included exploring ancient ideas from Celtic Christianity, modern takes on mindfulness that blend traditions from the East and the West as well as concepts from transpersonal psychotherapy as part of my own training as a counsellor and psychotherapist. All of these different traditions emphasise our connections, with ourselves, with others, with creation and with God, hence the name 'Beyond Self'.

Embracing these connections has given me a sense of peace, power, hope and wholeness, even in the midst of a world that feels very broken. I wanted to share that with you by creating retreats that allow us to bring all of ourselves, just as we are and whatever we might be needing or struggling with. The advert for our July retreat is overleaf. Whether you're simply in need of a rest, or struggling with a difficult decision or life event, this wholeness and wellbeing day retreat offers a chance to replenish your resources and connect with ourselves and with God, mind, body and soul. There will be quiet moments of guided meditation, time for creative artistic expression (no artistic talent required!) and shared fellowship as we spend time together.



'Heart, soul, mind and strength'
Wholeness and Wellbeing Day Retreat



A day of Christian mindfulness, guided meditation and
creative spirituality

10am – 4pm on Saturday 9th July 2022

Whitestone Parish Hall

£60 including vegetarian lunch and refreshments

(a limited number of reduced cost spaces are available for those on low incomes;
please contact Abigail to discuss)



Beyond self retreats are led by Abigail Hardiman, a
qualified counsellor and accredited local (lay)
preacher with the Methodist Church.

To book your place or for more information contact Abigail on
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us on Facebook or at [abigailhardiman6.wixsite.com/beyondselfretreats](https://www.wixsite.com/beyondselfretreats)

Letter from Edinburgh

I may have been silent for a few months, but I have been keeping a weather eye on the good things going on at St Michael's and St David's from far away Edinburgh via Twitter & Facebook. I knew Exeter to Edinburgh was 440 miles by road, but was surprised to find it is only 360 miles as the crow flies. It is good to be surprised occasionally.

Here at St Peter's we finally got back to monthly Choral Evensong in mid May. And what a joyful return, with 20 musicians and 20 in the congregation. Evensong is Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's 16th century mash-up of Vespers and Compline. Its format and familiar phrases - miserable offenders, that both our hearts, lighten our darkness, in quires and places - have stood the test of time. It may well be the most said and sung service in the Anglican Church.

Our Evensong was a splendid feast of music, with Ayleward Responses from C17, Psalm 96, Stanford's Mag & Nunc in C, and Balfour Gardiner's exciting setting of the Evening Hymn *Te lucis ante terminum*, To The before the end of day. "There's light at the end of the tunnel" might be a good mistranslation.

The lively word-painting of Psalms & Canticles can enhance the experience for singer and active listener.

This June Magazine should be out before the end of May, just time to mention the Visitation of the Virgin Mary to her kinswoman Elizabeth, celebrated on 31st May.

The Apse behind the High Altar at St Peter's is lit by 5 tall windows, each with 4 scenes from the Gospel stories of Jesus.

The first one depicts the Annunciation, Nativity, Childhood of Jesus, and lower left the Visitation.

Only told in Luke's Gospel, chapter 1: 39-56, this event is the source of the Cantic or Song we call the Magnificat, My soul doth magnify the Lord, used in Vespers and Evensong.

There is a tendency among some these days to make Mary a poor girl from a poor family, oppressed, uneducated, rebelling with a manifesto to scatter the proud and cast down the mighty.

For me, there's not much evidence for this view in Luke's account. Mary is

related to Elizabeth, wife of a Temple priest. Not wealthy, but not in poverty either, Mary has freedom and resources to travel in early pregnancy to visit her older cousin soon to give birth to John the Baptist. They clearly know their Hebrew Scriptures; the words they pray are based on the Song of Hannah in 1 Samuel 2.

The structure of Mary's Magnificat is similar to many Psalms too. Praise of God, assessment of one's own situation, complaints about social injustice, and awareness of their heritage and the faithfulness of God.

This continuity with the Psalms is probably why the Magnificat was taken into Christian worship from early times.

Have you noticed the tenses used by Mary/Luke? The only future tense is 'henceforth all generations will call me blessed'.

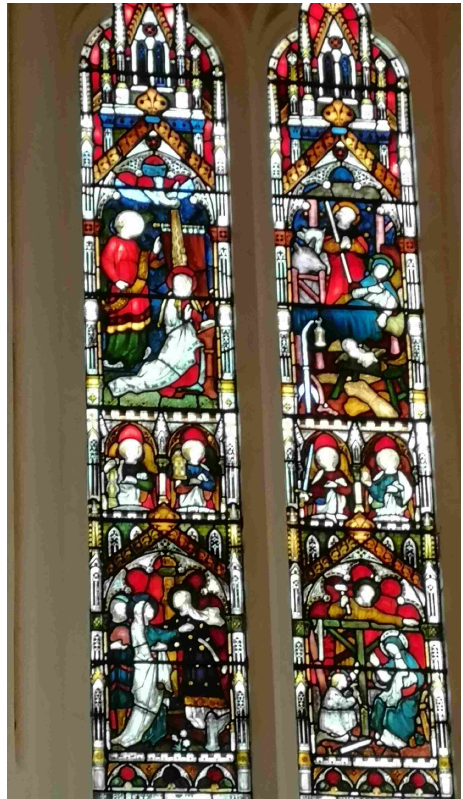
Mary's echo of the age-old call for justice in an unfair world - He hath scattered the proud, He hath put down the mighty, He hath filled the hungry, He hath sent the rich empty away – are all past tense.

I wonder why? Perhaps as usual Mary wants to point away from herself towards her promised Son. Only through Jesus can these hopes be fulfilled.

Mary may not be a rebel, but she and Elizabeth are strong, confident women, whose lives will know joy and pain.

When John the Baptist speaks truth to power, he gets it in the neck from Herod.

Jesus and his followers pick up the thread of social justice as part of their



ministry. And however imperfectly, Churches down the ages have mostly tried to do the same, turning love into justice and prayer into action. Many good causes and movements that are now mainstream were started by Christians.

I believe it is also the duty of churches and their leaders, if they have any political influence, to speak truth to power, as part of their witness to the reconciling love of God in Jesus.



Richard Barnes – 22/05/22.



Counting the calories...

He, or she (just to show equality) couldn't fight his/her way out of a paper bag. Well, with age, I have begun to find I can't fight my way in one, or rather usually a plastic one. I suspect that I am not alone in finding that my muscles (what muscles?) have become somewhat weaker, though, thankfully, not my brain, I hope. My main problems are my wrists. Therefore, my fingers, too. It can, on occasion, take almost twenty minutes to open biscuits, cakes, etc. The other day I treated myself to one of Mrs Gills cakes, decorated with nuts and cherries. I had to resort to scissors and a sharp knife. My little grey cells began to whirr albeit slowly. Is this a government plot, assisted by food manufacturers to make us eat less? Thus going a long way to curing the obesity problem. Suggesting that swapping a Belgian praline for a stick of celery or a chocolate eclair for Ryvita rarely works. Calorie counting on menus does not seem to stop us from ordering pizza with all the toppings or Pavlova.

Exercise doesn't always win over a good book by the fire on a cold, wet winter's day. So, is the answer when we have an urge to have a naughty snack, to make it so exhausting that we give up and make a pot of tea (tea bags don't need opening)?

Obviously I could be wrong and we should be grateful to the makers of our goodies. A carrot or chocolate is preferable to a stick and we should be made nervous by reading articles about the bad effect of practically everything we eat or drink. Any thoughts?



Eileen Jarman

18/4/2022

PS I am **not** a chocoholic, I just like it rather a lot.

THE TREASURES OF ROMANIA.

Monday 19th - Wednesday 28th September 2022

Bishop Martin and Elspeth Shaw invite you to join them on a journey into the landscape, history, spirituality and resilience of a nation in its traditions and development. From the vibrancy of Bucharest, through rural Marmures' ancient villages; wooden churches; staying at an Orthodox Convent, we will move across the Carpathian Mountains to the famous World Heritage [UNESCO] Bucovina monastery churches. Via Moldavia, We will come to the mysterious culture of Transylvania, staying at the historic mansion of Szekerland. Our journey will be completed by a visit to a Children's Hospice, cared for by an Orthodox priest. This journey is a pilgrimage into the heart of the Orthodox tradition.

We'll have a daily Eucharist and time to enjoy new as well as deepen friendship.

Cost: £1695 [which includes a deposit of £200]

If you are interested to receive more information and a booking form, please get in touch with Bishop Martin: 07801 549615 or

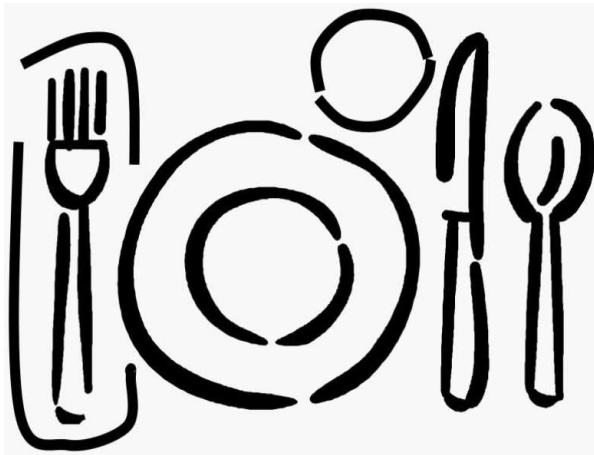
The Pilgrimage company is: Worldwide Christian Travel, 36, Coldharbour Road, Bristol BS6 7NA. Email: Website: **www.christian-travel.com**

Parish Lunch Club Date- Summer 2022

Our next monthly Parish Lunch at @34 Restaurant, Exeter College is on Thursday June 9th at 12 noon

Do join us for a tasty and reasonably priced meal with friends from St David's and St Michael's.

Details and booking sheets can be found at the back of both churches. Please sign-up by Sunday 5th June. Any queries including the College's Covid safety measures please contact Sue Wilson on 01392 437571.





Summer Fête & Fun Dog Show

Saturday 25 June, 11.30-14.00
at St. David's Church, Exeter

(opposite Exeter College, Hele Road)

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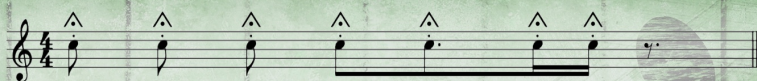
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Exeter Forum programme – April to June 2022

The weekly programme of Exeter Forum talks from Wednesday 27 April to Wednesday 29 June is listed here. Meetings take place in the Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street, Exeter, EX4 3AT.

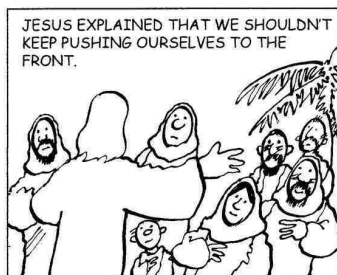
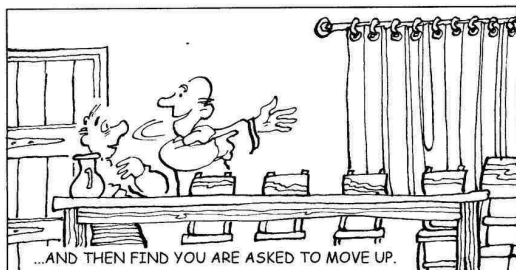
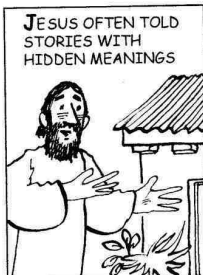
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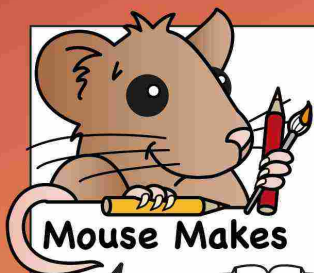
Any programme changes are always updated on the Exeter Forum website.

Date	Speaker	Title
Wednesday 20 April	No meeting	Easter holiday break
Wednesday 27 April	Dr Julia Neville	Exeter and the Trams 1882-1931 Julia will describe the establishment of a horse-drawn tram service in Devon and the change in the early 1900s to an electrically powered system. Her talk will highlight the benefits of the trams to the city of Exeter and some of the people who work on them, and finally take the audience on a tram ride from Heavitree to Exeter City Centre.
Wednesday 4 May	Dr Clare Maudling	'Be Bold, Courageous and Wise': Building an Exeter for the future from 1942 to the present. Special talk to mark the 80th anniversary of the Exeter Blitz The story of Exeter's blitz is well known, but the process of rebuilding the city remains hidden behind misconceptions and myths. This talk will uncover the hidden story of Exeter's rise from the destruction of the blitz, through the post-war struggle to rebuild, to the shaping of the modern city.
Wednesday 11 May	Brenda Parsons	The Civil War in Exeter – 1642 to 1646 – An eyewitness report! Brenda will provide an illustrated eye-witness account about the effects of the English Civil War on the City of Exeter. <i>This short talk will be followed by the Exeter Forum AGM</i>
Wednesday 18 May	Michael Parrott	The Polish 307 Squadron – The Eagle Owls In this second special talk to mark the 80 th anniversary of the Exeter Blitz, Michael will tell the story of the Polish 307 Squadron night fighters. The Eagle Owls helped defend Great Britain from enemy bombers during the Second World War. For two years the squadron was based at Exeter Airport and prevented the total destruction of Exeter during the blitz in May 1942.
Wednesday 25 May	Ian Johnston	The work of the Devon and Somerset Fire Rescue Service (DSFRS) and fire safety in the home. This talk will look at the various roles of the Devon and Fire Rescue Service and how it responds to the demands it has to face. It will also cover the importance of fire safety in the home with some practical advice.
Wednesday 1 June	No meeting	Spring Bank Holiday week break
Wednesday 8 June	Kalkidan Legesse	Ethical Consumption and Fashion using Sanchos as a case study Kalkidan will tell the story of Sanchos in Fore Street, Exeter which was founded in 2015, with the aim of making sustainable fashion accessible on the

		high street and beyond. She will explain her mission to support the growth of a fair, safe and equitable fashion industry around the world. Kalkidan's story and its development in Exeter was recently featured on BBC ONE in the documentary series 'Bossing it'.
Wednesday 15 June	Brian Freeland	The view from the Wings A slightly saucy talk about the theatre from a stage manager's view. Brian will draw on his own experience from variety (Butlin's Holiday Camps and the London Palladium) to the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre, Scottish Opera and Sadler's Wells Ballet.
Wednesday 22 June	Richard Parker	Victorian Architecture in Exeter Exeter is often noted for its Mediaeval and Georgian buildings, but the city also has many examples of fine Victorian architecture. Historic Buildings Consultant Richard Parker will look at examples of Nineteenth Century buildings in the City, and why they are so important and worth celebrating.
Wednesday 29 June	Mark Richardson	The Exeter Food Bank and the challenges of recent months Mark will describe the current work of the Exeter Food Bank which is based alongside the Mint Methodist Church. He will look at the challenges of Covid, the cost-of-living crisis and other uncertainties, and how the food bank has responded.







It was the **festival** of **Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**.

The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound**

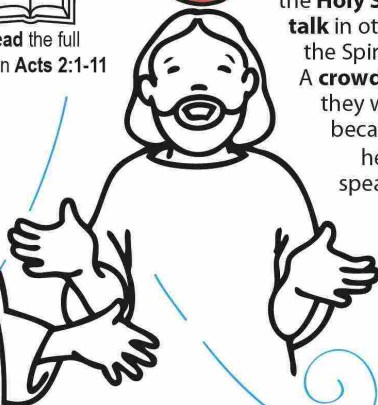
like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues** of **fire** which spread out and **touched** each person.

All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**



Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11



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language about the great things **God** had done.

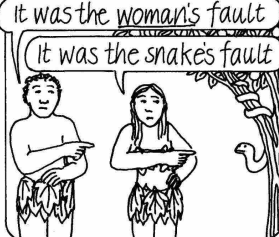
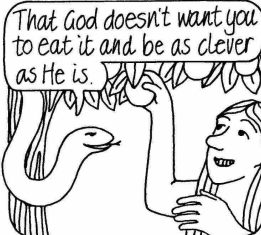
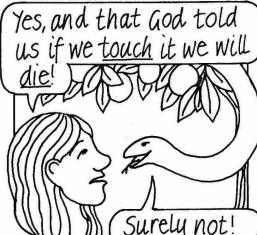
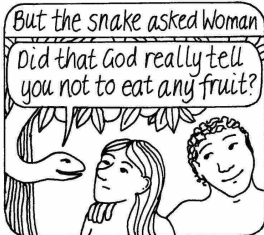
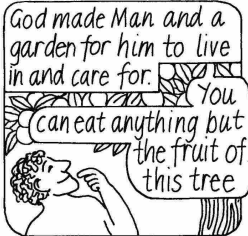
About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 2:4-9, 15-25 and ch. 3

This story is about the wonderful start to the world, and the first mistake...



Smilelines

Be sticky

Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.

Maths lesson

The only place where you can buy 64 watermelons without anyone wondering why.

Raise needed

I told my boss that three companies were after me and therefore I wanted a raise from him. My boss asked what companies wanted me. "Gas, water and electricity."

Judgement

The poster read: Where will you be on judgement day?

The graffiti below read: Still waiting for the Stafford bus.

Miscellaneous observations on life

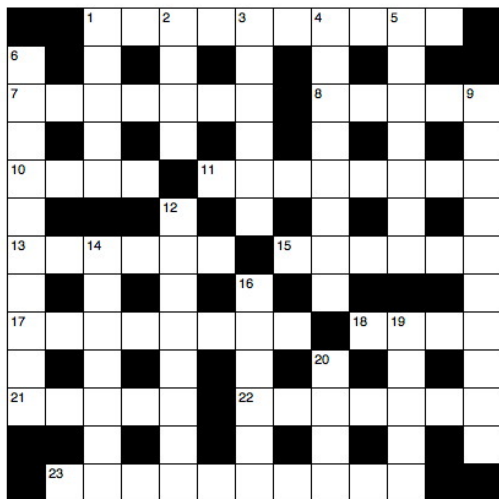
One who boasts of being a self-made person relieves the Lord of a lot of responsibility.

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

As long as there are exams, there will be prayer in schools.

Don't fool me

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."



Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians 4:8) (4)
 11 Fraud (2Corinthians 6:8) (8)
 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25) (4)
 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
 22 Or I live (anag.) (7)
 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4) (10)

Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
- 14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)
- 16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!'(Revelation19:7)(4)

Sudoku - Medium

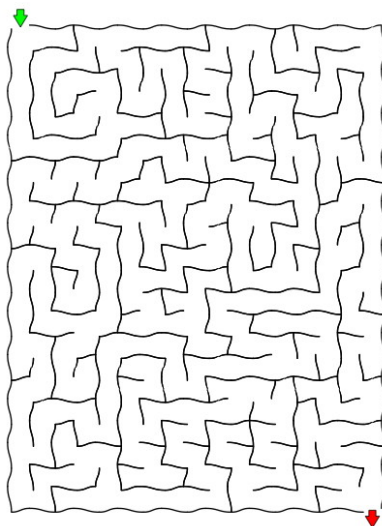
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Maze



Days of Note - June

1st June Justin Martyr

Justin Martyr (c. 100 – 165AD), is regarded as the first ever Christian philosopher. He was born at Nablus, Samaria, to parents of Greek origin, and was well educated in rhetoric, poetry and history before he turned to philosophy. He studied at Ephesus and Alexandria and tried the schools of the Stoics, the Pythagoreans, and the Platonists. Then in about 130AD Justin became a Christian, and never looked back. His long search for truth was satisfied by the Bible, and above all by Christ, the Word of God.

This apologist and martyr is known as the most important early 'apologist'. He went on to offer a reasoned defence for Christianity, explaining that it was the fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies. Justin's aim was evangelism: he thought that pagans would turn to Christianity if they were made aware of Christian doctrine and practice. Justin's martyrdom took

place in the reign of Marcus Aurelius, along with six other believers. At his trial, whose authentic record survives, he clearly confessed his Christian beliefs, refused to sacrifice to the gods, and accepted suffering and death. As he had previously said to the emperor: "You can kill us, but not hurt us."

5th June Fire of Pentecost

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

We all get tired and battle weary sometimes. The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

For us today, many of us have felt emotionally drained with the uncertainties caused by Covid 19, the worry of prices rising at an alarming rate, and now the pain and uncertainty of what will happen in the war in Ukraine.

So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us.

9th June Columba of Iona, missionary to the UK

In 563 AD St Columba sailed from Ireland to Iona – a tiny island off Mull, in the Western Highlands. He brought Christianity with him.

Columba (c. 521 -97) was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and he

trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. But in 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada.

Why would a monk in his mid-40s go into such voluntary exile? Various explanations include going into voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland. Whatever the reason, Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. Able, ardent, and sometimes harsh, Columba seems to have mellowed with age.

As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Columba had great skill as a scribe, and an example of this can be seen in the Cathach of Columba, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish majuscule writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books.

Columba's death was apparently foreseen by his community, and even, it seems, sensed by his favourite horse. He died in the church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

12th June Without the Trinity, there is no Christianity

The Trinity is easier to say than to explain. Christians believe in one God, made up of three equal Persons. It is fundamental to the Nicene Creed, which sets out the definitive doctrine of the Trinity for more than two billion Christians worldwide, including all Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians and Reformed Christians.

The theologian Ian Paul, writing on the Book of Revelation, points out that

chapter five has a wonderful depiction of the Trinity in action. He writes: "... another figure appears in the drama, the lion who looks like a lamb. ... Here is the one who fulfils the hopes of God's people Israel, as the promised anointed Davidic king who was to come. Here is one who is fierce and powerful enough to conquer their enemies, and tear them apart.

"And yet when John sees Him, He is like a weak and vulnerable lamb who has been slaughtered, just as the Passover lamb eaten by the people, the suffering servant who was 'wounded for our transgressions' and the lamb offered as an atoning sacrifice. He is the one who *was* slain, but *now* stands, and shares the throne with God, and with Him sends the Spirit to enact His will on earth. Here we have the most explicit (and perhaps the most complex) Trinitarian statement in the whole New Testament."

From the Revd Dr Ian Paul's excellent blog at: <https://www.psephizo.com/revelation/what-does-rev-4-5-tell-us-about-the-trinity/> (dated May 17, 2017)

15th June Who was Evelyn Underhill?

Evelyn Underhill was an English Anglo-Catholic writer, poet and novelist. She is known for her numerous writings on religion and spiritual practice. Underhill was born in Wolverhampton in 1875, and during her lifetime published 39 books and more than 350 articles and reviews.

She married Hubert Stuart in 1907. Together they travelled regularly to Switzerland, France and Italy, where she pursued her interests in art and Catholicism and visited numerous churches and monasteries. She pursued a daily routine that included writing, research, worship, prayer and meditation.

During the First World War Underhill worked at the Admiralty in the naval intelligence (Africa) department. In 1921 she became an Anglican and later changed her views about conflicts and in 1939 she became a Christian pacifist.

From 1924 she became widely respected as the creator of Anglican retreat

houses in the UK. Her first was at Pleshey, a small village in Essex. These were havens of peace and prayer where many drew closer to God; sought His will for their lives and found renewed strength on their return home. Underhill also believed that retreat attendees should be warm, comfortable and well-fed as their physical well-being was just as important as their spiritual needs.

In her 50s, her writings became more focused on the Holy Spirit, and she became a prominent figure as a lay spiritual director, guest speaker, radio lecturer and a proponent of contemplative prayer.

Underhill died in Hampstead, North London, on 15th June 1941, aged 65 years.

16th June Richard of Chichester, wanting God more clearly, dearly and nearly

Ever wonder where the prayer ... *'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day'* comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call

to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3rd April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full: "Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."

24th June John the Baptist, preparing the way for the Messiah

John the Baptist is famous for baptising Jesus, and for losing his head to a woman. He was born to Zechariah, a Temple priest, and Elizabeth, who was a cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. John was born when his mother was advanced in years, and after the foretelling of his birth and the choice of his name by an angel, we hear nothing more of him until he began his mission of preaching and baptising in the river Jordan c27.

John was a lot like an Old Testament prophet: he lived simply on locusts and honey in the wilderness, and his message was one of repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom. He went on to baptise Jesus, at Jesus' firm request. When John went on to denounce the incestuous union of Herod Antipas with his niece and brother's wife, Herodias, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded at the demand of Salome, Herodias' daughter.

John is the only saint to be remembered three times in the Christian calendar, in commemoration of his conception, his birth (June 24), and his martyrdom. When John saw Jesus he said that Jesus was the "Lamb of God", and he is the only person to use this expression of Jesus. In art John is often depicted carrying a lamb, or with a lamb near him.

29th June Feast of SS Peter & Paul, the two most famous apostles

St Peter, 'the Rock'

The two most famous apostles are remembered this month, for they share a feast day.

St Peter (d. c. 64AD), originally called Simon, was a married fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He met Jesus through his brother, Andrew. Jesus gave him the name of Cephas (Peter) which means rock. Peter is always named first in the list of apostles. He was one of the three apostles who were privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the Agony in the Garden.

When Peter made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus recognised it as being the result of a revelation from the Father. He in turn told Peter that he would be the rock on which His Church would be built, that the 'gates of hell' would never prevail against it. Peter and the apostles would have the power of 'binding and loosing', but Peter would be personally given 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus also forewarned Peter of his betrayal and subsequent strengthening of the other apostles. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter before the other apostles, and later entrusted him with the mission to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock.

Peter played a big part in the early Church, and he is mentioned many times in the Book of Acts, where in the early chapters he organised the choice of Judas' successor, preached with stirring authority at Pentecost; and was the very first apostle to work a miracle. Peter went on to defend the apostles' right to teach at the Sanhedrin, and to condemn Ananias and Sapphira. It was Peter who first realised that Christianity was also for the Gentiles, after his meeting with Cornelius. Later he took a prominent part in the council at Jerusalem and went on to clash with St Paul at Antioch for hesitating about eating with Gentiles.

Early tradition links Peter with an apostolate and martyrdom at Rome. The New Testament does not tell us either way, but Peter being in Rome would make sense, especially as Peter's first epistle refers to 'Babylon', which was usually identified with Rome. Peter's presence in Rome is mentioned by early church fathers such as Clement of Rome and Irenaeus. Tradition also tells us that Peter suffered under Nero and was crucified head-downwards. There is no conclusive proof either way that St Peter's relics are at the Vatican, but it is significant that Rome is the only city that ever claimed to be Peter's place of death.

St Peter was a major influence on Mark when writing his gospel, and the First Epistle of Peter was very probably his. (Many scholars believe that the Second Epistle was written at a later date.)

From very early times Peter was invoked by Christians as a universal saint. He was the heavenly doorkeeper, the patron of the Church and the papacy, a saint both powerful and accessible.

29th June St Paul, apostle to the Gentiles

Like Peter, Paul (d. c. 65) also started life with another name: Saul. This great apostle to the Gentiles was a Jew born in Tarsus and brought up by Gamaliel as a Pharisee. So keen was he to defend the god of his fathers that he became a persecutor of Christianity, and even took part in the stoning of Stephen. He hunted Christians down and imprisoned them, and it was while on his way to persecute more Christians in Damascus that he was suddenly given his vision of Christ.

It was the decisive moment of Paul's life – Paul suddenly realised that Jesus was truly the Messiah, and the Son of God, and that He was calling Paul to bring the Christian faith to the Gentiles. Paul was then healed of his temporary blindness, baptised, and retired to Arabia for about three years of prayer and solitude, before returning to Damascus.

From then on Paul seems to have lived a life full of hazard and hardship. He made many Jewish enemies, who stoned him, and wanted to kill him. Nevertheless, Paul made three great missionary journeys, first to Cyprus, then to Asia Minor and eastern Greece, and lastly to Ephesus, where he wrote 1 Corinthians, then to Macedonia and Achaia, where he wrote Romans, before returning to Jerusalem.

After stonings, beatings and imprisonment in Jerusalem he was sent to Rome for trial as a Roman citizen. On the way he was shipwrecked at Malta; when he finally reached Rome he was put under house-arrest for two years, during which time he wrote the four 'captivity' epistles. Later Paul may have revisited Ephesus and even have reached Spain. Tradition tells he was eventually martyred at Rome during the persecution of Nero, being

beheaded (as a Roman citizen) at Tre Fontane and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands.

The belief that Peter and Paul died on the same day was caused by their sharing the same feast day.

Paul was not only a tireless missionary, but a great thinker. His epistles played a major part in the later development of Christian theology. Paul's key ideas include that Redemption is only through faith in Christ, who abrogated the old Law and began the era of the Spirit; that Christ is not just the Messiah, but the eternal, pre-existent Son of God, exalted after the Resurrection to God's right-hand; that the Church is the (mystical) body of Christ; that the believers live in Christ and will eventually be transformed by the final resurrection.

It is difficult to overemphasise the influence of Paul on Christian thought and history: he had a major effect on Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Luther, Calvin and others. In art, Paul is depicted as small in stature, bald and bandy-legged, with a long face, long nose and eyebrows meeting over deep-set eyes. His usual emblems are a sword and a book. In England he was never as popular as St Peter, and ancient English churches dedicated to him alone number only 43.

The history of the relics of Peter and Paul is not very clear. Tradition says that Peter was buried at the Vatican and Paul on the Ostian Way under his basilica. Certainly, both apostles were venerated from very early times both in the Liturgy and in private prayers, as testified by Greek and Latin graffiti in the catacombs of the early 3rd century.

Puzzle solutions

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