

Welcome to St David's on Sunday 26 May

6th Sunday of Easter

Celebrant, Preacher Nigel Guthrie, David James
Readers Gina Redman, Helen Friend
Prayers Sarah Black
6pm Evening Prayer Nigel Guthrie



Hymns today: 667, 236, 454, 748

Traidcraft Stall after the service today

Collect: Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father

Acts 16.9-15: During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Revelation 21.10,22-22.5: And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

John 5.1-9: After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Post Communion Prayer: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Please keep in your prayers: Claude Harbord; James and Katy Tyler; Elizabeth Hewitt; Janine; Amy Francis; Chris Aplin; Paula Morrish; give thanks that baby Wilbur is home now and so much better; Maurice Wright; the Youth Offenders Service

We commend to the Peace of God: Gary Morrish; Catherine Smedley.

Gary's funeral will be on Wednesday 5 June at 12noon at St David's

Please take this service-sheet away with you

Notices:

Bishop Martin will be coming to dedicate the new rooms at the back of church at 9:30 on Sunday 9 June

Tickets available today for Call my Bluff social evening 7pm on Friday 14 June. THIS IS FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, ALSO YOUR NON-CHURCH FRIENDS. Why not remind yourself about how the game works by looking at some clips on YouTube? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oyjfhtr9N0>

Parish Fete 29 June 11:30-14:30. The Fete is a great opportunity to come together with the wider St David's community, and our biggest fundraiser. This year we are having a dog show! We need help so please sign up to help with stalls etc. The Grand Draw will also take place and we give £5 of draw tickets to everyone to buy/sell (you can always take more!). Local businesses donate the bulk of the prizes. If you have contacts with any local business who might want the publicity of giving prizes, then let Sam Wellbelove know

The Bishop of Crediton will come to lead a confirmation service on Sunday 17 November at 9:30am. Come and talk to me. NG

June Parish Lunch at Exeter College's @34 Restaurant on Thursday 6 June at 12 noon. Menus available in both churches now. Please sign up with your choices by 2 June. During the summer when the college is closed we will be meeting at the Farmers' Union, on 4 July, 1 August and 5 September, all Thursdays and all at 12 noon. Menus nearer the time

Heritage lectures at St David's: Tuesday 4 June 7:30pm "YMCA Exeter, 173 years of Christian history, told in authentic voices" Dr Tom Browne; Tuesday 18 June 7:30pm "Can we blame the weather & climate for the church cracks?" Dr Clive Wilson

Some dates for you:

Sunday 9 June	Edibles
Sunday 16 June	Family Communion
Sunday 23 June	Traidcraft

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