

## St David's with St Michael's and All Angels, Mount Dinham, Exeter Newsletter for the Second Sunday of Epiphany, 16 January 2022

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this week's newsletter for the Second Sunday of Epiphany. Welcome back to those returning for the new University term.

Today we hear the account of Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana of Galilee and we celebrate his power to transform us and to bring new life and hope in many situations.

At St David's at 9.30am today we welcome Doug Owen who coordinates the Secondary School work of the Ice Charitable Trust in Exeter.

In view of the continued Covid restrictions we encourage you to wear face-coverings in church unless you are exempt, to maintain social distancing and to use hand sanitizer on entering the building. We have suspended the offering of refreshments after services for the time being, but otherwise we plan to go ahead with our services as advertised. Please be patient, kind and respect the personal space of other people if they don't wish to get too close!

### **Our services today are:**

9.30am Morning Praise at St David's (no celebration of Holy Communion) led by Nigel Guthrie with talk by Doug Owen speaking about the work of ICE Charitable Trust in Exeter Schools. (live streamed on St David's Exeter Facebook page)

11am Sung Mass at St Michael's with celebrant and preacher, Robin Eastoe

4pm Thrive – on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88685738289?pwd=WEh1dlNCY3NRQTlCcXFjK2ZlejR0UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 8573 8289      Passcode: 159821

6pm Evening Prayer at St David's Church led by Bill Pattinson

### **Services in church and online this week**

**Tuesday 18 January, 9.30 – 9.55am Morning Prayer on Zoom.**

Please join us on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6602261392?pwd=VzdOaU1XUFBjWk9jV0xvMDZWajZBQT09>

Meeting ID: 660 226 1392

Passcode: 196651

6pm Sung Vespers at St Michael's (live streamed on Friends of St Michael's Facebook Page)

**Wednesday 19 January**, St Wulfstan, Bishop, 9.30am Mattins and Mass at St Michael's

**Thursday 20 January**, 10.30am Holy Communion at St David's Church

6pm Sung Vespers at St Michael's Church (live streamed on Friends of St Michael's Facebook Page)

**Friday 21 January**, 9.30 Morning Prayer in St David's Lady Chapel and live streamed on St David's Facebook Page

### **Sunday 23 January – Epiphany 3**

9.30am Parish Communion at St David's Church with celebrant, Nigel Guthrie and preacher Steve Santry from Mint Methodist Church (pulpit exchange). (live streamed on St David's Exeter Facebook page)

11am Sung Mass at St Michael's with celebrant and preacher Nigel Guthrie

4pm Thrive – on Zoom

7pm United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Wonford Methodist Church. An invitation to gather with Christians from across the city to pray for the work of the Church in our communities.

### **Covid-19 Safe for Public Worship**

**At St David's** we encourage people to wear face coverings to come forward to receive Holy Communion and then to consume the host after moving away from the altar rail.

**At St Michael's** the priest will distribute Holy Communion to people in their seats. Seating will be distanced to approximately 2 metres. Please sit on the seats where service books are placed.

**Please mingle with care before and after services** and be mindful not only of your own wellbeing but also of your neighbours' safety and make sure that you are not sitting directly behind other people especially if you would like to sing.

***Please do not attend church if you are feeling ill or are shielding. Although we will do all we can to make the church safe, you attend at your own risk.***

### **Knit and Natter**

Knit and Natter will meet on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at St David's Church from 10.30am until 12noon. All are welcome to knit, natter or learn. Tea and coffee available.

### **Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's Breakfast will be next Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10am at the Farmers' Union. Please contact Nigel if you would like to be on a mailing list reminder for this.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Next Sunday we welcome the Rev Steve Santry from the Mint Methodist Church as our preacher at St David's.

There are two particular initiatives which we are invited to attend:

Exeter Prays: Collective city-wide prayer, around the week of prayer for Christian Unity. From 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 we will have 14 leaders guiding a daily devotional video prayer being distributed online and through social media, such as Exeter Prays on YouTube and Facebook.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 7pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity United Service at Wonford Methodist Church. This is a prayer evening to mark the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Gather with Christians from across the city to pray for the work of the Church in our communities.

### **Funeral for John Darch**

John sadly died at the end of last year and his funeral will be on Friday 4 February at 2pm at St Michael's Church. John was involved at St Michael's Church for nearly 80 years and served as Chapel Warden and on our PCC. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Monica and their family.

### **NRSV bibles for St David's**

Do you have an NRSV version of the bible at home which you don't use? If so we would be delighted to give it a home at St David's Church. We would like to have a few copies at the back of church for those who would like to follow the readings which will be written up on the white board at the back of church. Thank you.

### **Appeal for light-weight Folding Tables**

Thank you to everyone who responded to my further appeal! We are pretty well there and should be able to order the tables shortly.

### **PCC**

PCC meets this Thursday at 7.30pm on Zoom. Please check your emails for agendas and Zoom link.

### **Thank you from Louise Tulloh**

Dear friends at St David's

I would like to say a big **thank you** to you all for your welcome, kindness, hospitality and support during my placement with you.

I quickly felt settled and embraced into the life of the Church, both in person and on-line with Thrive, and am very thankful to have met so many lovely, inspiring people who help to make St David's the warm and welcoming Church community that it is.

With love and best wishes to you all, Louise

### **Green Team**

Don't miss the **Big Garden Birdwatch** run by the RSPB which is on 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> January this year. You just have to:

1. Watch the birds around you for one hour
2. Count how many of each species of bird lands on your patch
3. Go online and tell the RSPB what you saw

The event helps to produce an accurate survey of British Birds which is invaluable for conservation planning.

There will be a **Churchyard Morning** at St David's on Saturday 5 February from 10am until 12noon to: work on wild flower areas; remove unwanted saplings; plant the remaining fruit trees. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be provided.

### **Phone Network and Home Communion**

If you would like to be phoned by someone from the church community or know someone who would appreciate Communion at home, please let Nigel know at [nigel.guthrie1@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.guthrie1@gmail.com) or by ringing him on 01392 660226 or Ash on 07855305519.

### **St Michael's services and prayers**

If you would like to access the service details and prayer list for St Michael's please contact Oliver Nicholson at [virtualsaintmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:virtualsaintmichaels@gmail.com) and he can add you to that weekly mailing.

### **Your Prayers are asked for...**

**Please remember those who are suffering**

**Please remember those who have died recently including:**

John Darch, Liz Searle

In the **Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Our Licensed Ministry Team - Nigel, Belinda, Ash, Bill, Charlotte, Howard and Ian

**Today we give thanks for 200 years of the Coastguard Service** and pray for those who keep our coastal waters safe including those who serve with the RNLI

**Please also pray for:**

the work of the ICE Charitable Trust in sharing faith and promoting wellbeing in Exeter schools;

purposeful follow-up from the COP26 conference;

those worried about the rising costs of energy and housing in this country;

for integrity and good leadership in our national life;

the people of Tonga affected by the tsunami;

those suffering in Afghanistan through lack of food and medical facilities;

the people and animals of East Africa (N Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia) suffering from prolonged drought;

the worldwide Covid vaccination programme, and the roll-out of booster vaccines;

those working in care homes, hospitals and hospices;

those suffering from Covid around the world.

With every blessing,

Nigel Guthrie

## **Prayers and Readings for Epiphany 2, 16 January 2022**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading – Isaiah 62: 1-5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

### **Gospel Reading – John 2: 1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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