

**St David's with St Michael's and All Angels, Mount Dinham, Exeter
Newsletter for Sunday 24 October 2021 – Last Sunday after Trinity**

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Today at St David's Church we will be receiving Deborah Leighton Plom into the Church of England. This will take place around the saying of the creed at the 9.30am service.

We will keep next Sunday, 31 October, as the Sunday of All Saints. At St David's we will give an opportunity for reflection on how the continuing pandemic has affected us and what we have learnt from it for the future. If you would like to use a prayer card for this purpose they will be available today (and next Sunday morning).

Please note that our Parish Meeting with Archdeacon Andrew is now on Saturday 6th November from 10am to 12noon at St Michael's.

On Sunday 7th November we will hold a Requiem for All Soulstide at St Michael's at 6pm. If you would like someone remembered at the service please let Oliver Nicholson know

In view of the high incidence of Covid infections We are keeping our current guidance about social distancing and face coverings at the moment. So please wear a face covering in church if you can and be mindful of keeping a safe distance from others indoors. Please 'mingle' outside church after the service rather than inside. Please be mindful not only of your own wellbeing (especially if you're not vaccinated) 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 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 Parish Communion at St David's with reception in to the Church of England
(live streamed on St David's Church Exeter Facebook Page) with celebrant, Nigel Guthrie and preacher, Belinda Speed-Andrews

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

3pm Baptism and Renewal of Marriage Vows taken by Nigel Guthrie

4pm Thrive Alpha Course - On Zoom – please see notice below

Alpha at Thrive is attracting new members, both from church and new people entirely. We'd love to see you at 4pm on Zoom. You don't have to have seen the earlier videos, but if you want, you can catch them here:

Session 1: <https://vimeo.com/184825483>

Session 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtTnSMNtE44>

This week: Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 886 8573 8289 Passcode: 159821

6pm Evening Prayer in St David's Lady Chapel led by Louise Tulloh

Services in church and online this week

Tuesday 26 October, Sorry, no Zoom Morning Prayer this week

Tuesday 26 October, 6pm Sung Vespers at St Michael's

Wednesday 27 October, 9.30am Mattins and 10 Mass at St Michael's

Thursday 28 October, St Simon and St Jude, Apostles, 10.30am Holy Communion at St David's Church followed by coffee

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

Friday 29 October, 9.30 Morning Prayer at St David's Church (live streamed on St David's Facebook Page)

Sunday 31 October – Sunday of All Saints

9.30am Parish Communion at St David's with celebrant, Belinda Speed-Andrews and preacher, Nigel Guthrie (live streamed on St David's Exeter Facebook page)

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

4pm Thrive – Alpha Course - on Zoom

6pm Evening Prayer (said) at St David's

Covid-19 Safe for Public Worship

Please use hand sanitizer on entering and leaving church.

Please wear a face covering in church unless you are exempt.

At St David's we are encouraging 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 do not sit too close to your neighbour unless invited to do so.

Services should be 'no longer than necessary'.

Please avoid mingling inside church before or after services.

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.

St David's Brunch Sunday 31 October 2021

We are planning a brunch after the 9.30am service on 31 October. Do stay behind and join in if you are able and get to know someone new! Thank you for your kind offers to provide food, we now have everything we need and thank you to Mollie for coordinating your offers.

Food for the Vulnerably housed in Exeter

Working through St Petrock's we are providing 16 packed suppers each week for people who are in transitional accommodation at the Crescent. Thank you to the small team which has convened to buy and make them. We don't need any additional support at the moment as there is a significant amount in our 'Soup Evening' kitty which can fund this for the time being.

Visit of Archdeacon for a consultation about the future patterns of ministry in Exeter City Centre - PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

We have had to change the date as Archdeacon Andrew Beane cannot now join us on 16th October. The new date is **Saturday 6 November from 10am to 12 noon**. It would be good to have as many people as possible from both churches at that meeting when Andrew will outline possibilities for the future organisation of ministry in Exeter city and listen to our hopes and plans. You can discover the plans for the Diocese of Exeter by googling 'Diocese of Exeter – Next Steps'.

Saint Michael's Lecture Wednesday 27th October, 7.30pm

There will be a lecture this week at St Michael's entitled 'New Llantony Abbey: Father Ignatius's Monastery at Capel-y-ffin' given by Hugh Allen. Father Ignatius (1837-1908) was one of those who revived monastic life within the Anglican church in the nineteenth century. All are welcome. Admission is free but generous donations are welcome!

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 30th October at 10am at the Farmers' Union. Please contact Nigel if you would like to be on a mailing list reminder for this.

Shoe Boxes for Moldova (advanced notice)

We will be sending Christmas Boxes to Moldova again this year. Things are extremely difficult there at the moment, and anything we can do to brighten life is greatly appreciated. The boxes need to be ready for collection from the church by **Sunday November 21st**. All being well Hugh Skudder from Christian Response to Eastern Europe will be with us for the morning service on that day. Any questions, please speak to Ann Watts .

Coffee after Church

As long as the Covid situation remains stable we are hoping to reinstate refreshments after church before too long. At St David's we would like to start

coffee after church in November. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered. We would still like a few more volunteers to help spread the load. If you would be willing to help with this ministry of hospitality please contact Jenny Baker.

Safeguarding News from Exeter Diocese

The following link was provided in the Safeguarding Team update this week. It links to an informative piece from the BBC about the work being done by police to combat the County Lines network of drug dealing which targets Exeter, amongst other rural hubs. <https://anglican.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=543e9623f7379d75d88235209&id=f920aaf23a&e=2ebbf0f02f>

Parent and Toddler Group

We are looking at the possibility of setting up a weekly drop-in session at St Michael's Church for parents and toddlers associated with St David's School. If you could help regularly or on a more occasional basis please have a word with Ash. It would be great to open up St Michael's and welcome families associated with our parish school. Thank you for considering this.

Help with Churchwarden tasks

Often Churchwardens pick up tasks which could be done by others. We have already had some kind offers but there are a number of jobs which we will advertise in the coming weeks.

Would you be willing to help with one of these, please, even if you can't do every week?

Opening and closing the church on Sunday (weekly)

Clearing up (if needed) the churchyard on Sunday mornings before the service (equipment provided). Thank you!

Help with Stained Glass

The lovely stained glass panels in the south transept are usually changed with the season and John Wakley would like to instruct a few people on how to change them round safely. Please have a word with Nigel if you'd be willing to learn.

Hospiscare 'Marathon in a month' challenge

Roger and Hilary have taken up the Hospiscare 'Marathon in a Month' challenge – which we will walk! We hope to complete more than one as we are endeavouring to walk every day, and would very much appreciate your support in this venture. If you

would like to sponsor us, Team Todber has a Justgiving page at: www.justgiving.com/Margaret-Hilary-Todd. Wish us luck!

Green Team

Thank you to those who have filled in the Survey on sustainable forms of transport. The results are now published and displayed on a board at the back of St David's Church.

Thank you also to everyone who has sponsored a fruit tree for St David's Churchyard. These are being ordered and we hope to plant them on the morning of November 27th.

Exeter Wildlife Gardening Award

Could you contribute to biodiversity in Exeter by taking part in this award? There are many simple things we can do to give nature a better foothold in our city. Why not have a look at the award and see if you can adapt your garden?

<https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/take-action/garden-wildlife/exeter-wildlife-gardening-award>

Parish Magazine – New Leaves

The magazine for October is now available for collection and distribution. Thank you to our dedicated magazine team for their hard work.

Phone Networks

If you would like to be phoned by someone from the church community or would just like to talk, please let Nigel know at 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 and he can add you to that weekly mailing.

Your Prayers are asked for...

Please remember those who have died recently including:

Ian Watt, David Amess MP

In the **Parish Cycle of Prayer**: Local doctors, district nurses and mental health support counsellors; Age UK services in the Parish

Please also pray for:

YMCA Exeter;

those helping to provide affordable homes in Exeter and Devon;

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

our Members of Parliament and those who work to keep them safe;

those seeking to make social media platforms safer and more respectful places;

the people of Afghanistan, especially girls being denied their right to schooling;

the refugees from Afghanistan staying in Exmouth and Exeter;

the people of Ethiopia facing severe food shortages due to the conflict there;

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

those working in care homes, hospitals and hospices;

those suffering from Covid around the world;

those working towards a more sustainable future;

the forthcoming COP26 conference.

With every blessing,

Nigel Guthrie

Prayers, Readings and address for the Last Sunday after Trinity, 24 October 2021

Collect

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them

that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,

we may embrace and for ever hold fast

the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading – Hebrews 7: 23-end

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

Gospel Reading – Mark 10: 46-end

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Address for 24 October is not available at time of publication – but we look forward to it tomorrow!

Closing Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Do join us next week for our services in church and online!

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