

The Parish of St David, Exeter

Parish Newsletter for Sunday, 13 April 2025

Our services this week at St David's:

Sunday, 13 April 2025 – Palm Sunday

9.30am Parish Communion with celebrant, Sarah Cumming

6 pm Evening Prayer led by Robert Mitchell

Tuesday of Holy Week, 15 April, 9.00-9.30 am Zoom Morning Prayer. Please join us using this link (usual):

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77269635517?pwd=Lb4OHa9TejMxaaXMc7XrFokjutLaZ1.1>

Meeting ID: 772 6963 5517

Passcode: 0q5ZR4

7pm Holy Communion with reflection led by Mike Clark

Maundy Thursday, 17 April, 10.30am Holy Communion led by Mike Clark

7pm Holy Communion, foot washing and vigil led by Sarah Cumming

Good Friday, 18 April

10 am CTAX Good Friday United Service, Exeter Cathedral and afterwards on Cathedral Green – all welcome

2pm reflection/meditation led by David Blundell

Easter Sunday, 20 April 2025

9.30am Parish Communion with celebrant and preacher, Mike Clark

to be followed by an Easter Egg hunt in the church

6 pm Evening Prayer led by Ian Cartwright

For services this week at St Michael's and All Angels CD, please see:

<https://www.stmichaelsmountdinhams.org.uk/worship/>

Message from the Vicar and Churchwardens

1. Thank you – a very big ‘thank you’ to everyone who came to help with the church and churchyard spruce-up yesterday. We got a lot done in the couple of hours we had. Many thanks indeed.

2. Services during Holy Week – do please take note of all the services on offer this week including Tuesday evening as well as the two on Maundy Thursday, the reflection on Good Friday and of course our celebration on Easter Sunday. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at these services as we approach Easter.

3. Welcome to our new Administrator - we have said farewell and thanks to our parish administrator, Jo, who has decided to move on. We are delighted to say that we have appointed Doree Moretti to this part-time post and she started last Tuesday.

4. Parish lunch – Thursday, 24 April, 12 noon

The next parish lunch will be on Thursday, 24 April at the Mulberry Tree Café, St David's Hill. There's a sign-up sheet at the back of the church and a group will be going from church at 11.45. Thanks, Sue Wilson and Jenny Baker

5. Ukrainian Service, Saturday, 19 April – please note this service will now be taking place at St Michael's, not St David's.

6. Final call for entry onto the new Electoral Roll! - Anyone who wishes to be on the new Electoral Roll has until Easter Sunday, next week, to complete a form. Please hand completed forms to Sue Wilson or Alice Francis.

Visiting and home Communion

If you would like to be visited or phoned by someone from the church community, please let Howard Friend know by ringing him on 07733 739453; for Communion at home, either for yourself or someone you know, please contact Ian Cartwright on 07813 795616.

Parish Magazine – Don't forget to pick up a copy. Many thanks to the editorial team. The copy date for the next issue is today, *Sunday, 13 April*. Please note the new email address: newleaves@stdavidschurchexeter.org.uk

Consultations

Many thanks for all the responses to the questions so far, and to Maggie for gathering and collating the responses. If you have had further thoughts about any of the questions so far, do please email Mike.

Tuesday Friendship Café

St David's Church is normally open on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon as a drop-in for people to find a Christian welcome and company. All welcome.

Wednesday Walks

Wednesday walkers meet and enjoy convivial conversation, gentle strolls, the changing of the seasons and a coffee together. Would you like to join us? We'd make you very welcome! We meet at 9am at the door at the west end of St David's and we leave promptly. If you'd like to join us please just turn up, or speak to Helena in church.

Knit and Natter

Please see Glynis for details of future meetings.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be advised shortly. Please contact Alan Baker if you would like a reminder alan.baker1963@outlook.com

Garden of the Bishop's Palace open this Sunday, 13 April, 2-4 pm

The garden of the Bishop's Palace covers three acres and is one of the most ancient in Devon. Bounded by the old Roman bank and city wall to the east and by the Cathedral to the west, it is a haven of peace in the middle of the city. Guided Tree Tours: 2.15, 3.00 pm, 3.45 pm. Tea, coffee and hot cross buns served in the palace porch. More info: devonhistoricchurches.co.uk. £5 suggested donation. Please note: the garden does not have suitable access for wheelchairs or mobility scooters.

Green Matters

Great Spring Clean 21 March – 6 April -[Great British Spring Clean 2025 - Clean Devon](#)

World Earth Day 22nd April

Stop Food Waste Day 30th April

Your Prayers are asked for...

those who are suffering including:

Caroline Speed-Andrews; Ann Barnet, Libby Clapham; Andrew Francis; Hazel Gowland; Eileen Jarman, Avril Pattinson; Anne Smith; Helena Walker, Sarah Wood; Clive and Jeanie; Beth; Charlotte, Paul and Grace; Will, Dave

those who have died recently

Peter Allsop (funeral to be at Sandford Church, 11 am, Thursday, 24 April)

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer please pray for:

Local cafés, coffee shops and pubs; all who work in hospitality in the parish

Please also pray for:

Our church

Our country and its leaders, both political and religious;

Our world, for wisdom for its leaders and a wish for peace not war, trade or otherwise

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,

who in your tender love towards the human race

sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

to take upon him our flesh

and to suffer death upon the cross:

grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,

and also be made partakers of his resurrection;

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.

1st reading - Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Palm Gospel Reading - Luke 19.28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

‘Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!’
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’
He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

This will be followed later in the service by a dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel according to Luke. This will take the place of the sermon this week.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

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at notices@stdavidschurhexeter.org.uk

Please send notices/content/prayer requests or amendments to Hilary
on todd.stdandm@gmail.com)

(All readings can be found via Oremus Bible Browser: <https://bible.oremus.org/> in the
New Revised Standard Version (anglicized edition))