

The Parish of St David, Exeter

Parish Newsletter for 17 November 2024 - 2nd Sunday before Advent/Safeguarding Sunday

From the Churchwardens: in the light of the momentous events of this week with the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and as the Bishops' representatives in the parish, we put before you the message from our bishops, Mike, Jackie and James:

Like everyone who has read the Makin Review we are disturbed and saddened by the details it contains, and its conclusion that the victims of John Smyth were failed by the Church in multiple ways over a number of decades.

Safeguarding is at the heart of our mission to love our neighbour and protect the vulnerable. As bishops, we are committed to creating a safe and healthy culture for all in our churches and church schools, where power is not abused, crimes are not hidden, people feel able to speak-up, victims are heard, and action is taken.

As bishops we will work with the senior leadership of the Church of England, as well as organisations like 31:8, and through initiatives like the INEQE audit, to ensure our safeguarding structures and procedures are fit for purpose.

With news of Archbishop Justin's resignation we are thankful to Archbishop Justin for his ministry, mission and leadership over the past 11 years. He has chosen to take personal responsibility for safeguarding failures. We hold him, his wife Caroline and their children in our prayers.

If you have been affected by the Makin Review and would like confidential, independent, support, please contact the Safe Spaces helpline.

If you would like to report a safeguarding concern, please contact the Diocese of Exeter Safeguarding Team: Diocese of Exeter Safeguarding Team

Bishop Mike, Bishop Jackie and Bishop James

Our services this week:

Sunday, 17 November 2024 - 2nd Sunday before Advent/Safeguarding Sunday

9.30am Parish Communion at St David's Church with celebrant and preacher, David James (with Banns)

6 pm Evening Prayer at St David's led by Ian Cartwright

Services in church and online this week

Tuesday 19 November (Hilda, abbess, 680; Mechtild, beguine, mystic, 1280) 9.00-9.30 am Zoom Morning Prayer. Please join us using this link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75330401184?pwd=MIUTonKQK9bgFKV6lpn9rMbQUdYl8H.1>

Meeting ID: 753 3040 1184

Passcode: 5RWhXs

Thursday 21 November 10.30 Holy Communion at St David's led by Sarah Cumming

6pm Sung Vespers at St Michael's Church (live-streamed via Facebook [facebook.com/stmichaelsmtdinhamexeter](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsmtdinhamexeter))

Sunday, 24 November 2024 - Christ the King/Sunday next before Advent

9.30am Parish Communion at St David's Church with celebrant and preacher, Mike Clark (with Banns)

6 pm Evening Prayer at St David's led by Charlotte Townsend

Services this week at St Michael's and All Angels CD

Sunday, 17 November 2024 - 2nd Sunday before Advent/Safeguarding Sunday

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

Tuesday: 6pm Sung Vespers at St Michael's Church (live-streamed via Facebook [facebook.com/stmichaelsmtdinhamexeter](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsmtdinhamexeter))

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Message from the Vicar and Churchwardens

1. Christmas Shoebox Appeal - deadline this Sunday, 17 November - If you are supporting this appeal, please don't forget to bring your box on or before this Sunday. The boxes will be blessed during the service prior to being collected for shipping.

2. The parish magazine is now available – don't forget to pick up your copy. The copy deadline for the bumper December/January edition will be *Sunday, 24 November*. Many thanks indeed to the editorial team and all our contributors.

3. Parish Lunch - Thursday, 21 November, 12 noon

The next parish lunch will be on Thursday, 21 November, at the College restaurant, @34. The Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday, 10 December, only 15 places with a cancellation fee. All welcome. Sign-up sheets in church from this Sunday. Sue Wilson and Jenny Baker

4. Posada again this year? Last year, for the first time, we offered a Posada (Spanish for 'an inn') as part of our Advent. Shall we do it again this year, and would someone be willing to organise it? If so, please see Sarah or Mike or the Churchwardens.

5. Early notice of proposed Services this Christmas at St David's

Tuesday, 3 December - Women's Advent Reflection, 6.00 pm

This will be followed by the women's Christmas dinner at the Dinosaur. Details coming soon. Please speak with Glynis or Helena if you have any questions.

Sunday, 15 December - Carol Service, 6.00 pm

Tuesday, 24 December, Christmas Eve - Christingle, 4 pm

Tuesday, 24 December - Bethlehem Mass, 9.00 pm. This Christmas, many of our singers and musicians are away with family, so as there will be Midnight Mass at the Cathedral and at St

Michael's, we will be opting for a service earlier in the evening, without choir.

Wednesday, 25 December, Christmas Day – Holy Communion, 9.30 am

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.

Craft Day - Saturday 23 November 2024, - *has been cancelled*

It is hoped to run one next year instead.

Please see Glynis Harflett for more details 07775 752815 or bissom@icloud.com.

Knit and Natter - Tuesday, 17 December, 4 pm at The Imperial

The date for the Christmas Knit and Natter is Tuesday, 17 December at 4pm at the Imperial. All welcome for the natter or meal from 5.30. Please see Glynis for more details.

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.

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.

"Missing People" Volunteering Opportunity G4 Christmas Concert -

28 November 2024, Exeter Cathedral

The choral band G4 (from X Factor) are having a Christmas Concert on 28th November, at Exeter Cathedral. The band allows "Missing People" to fundraise at their Christmas concerts due to a personal connection with the missing cause. They are looking for volunteers of all ages including families to help usher and fundraise for Missing People on the evening. The ushering is only needed during the breaks and at the start/end, so volunteers get to watch the show for free as well. The tour raised £16,000 across all the concerts last year towards services for missing people and their loved ones. Have a look at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3JHDkj79eg> or to sign up go to <https://www.missingpeople.org.uk/support-missing-people/volunteer/g4-christmas-concert-usher> .

Men's Worship in Exeter

Ben Greenwood (of Belmont Chapel) is looking to set up a city wide men's worship evening. If you might be interested, please let us know: wardens@stdavidschurchexeter.org.uk.

Adult Literacy and Numeracy ("ALaN")

Could you help support adults seeking to improve their basic reading and arithmetic? The ALaN Club meets at The Mint on Thursday afternoons. If you might be interested, speak to Robert M., or see flyer at back of church.

Skylarks a cappella singers - Sunday, 22 December, 4 pm, St Stephen's

A concert of Christmas songs old and new in aid of St Petrock's. Suggested donation £10.

Your Prayers are asked for...

those who are suffering including:

Caroline Speed-Andrews; Maggs Bedford; Delia Bloom; Libby Clapham; Andrew Francis; Hazel Gowland; Roger Luscombe; Anne Smith; Sarah Wood; Clive and Jeanie; Beth; Charlotte, Paul and Grace; Will, Dave

those who have died recently including:

George Hexter

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer please pray for:

Youth Sunday; Exeter College staff and students; our parish and diocesan safeguarding teams – Safeguarding Sunday

Please also pray for:

Our church following the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury and all who will be affected by that, including our own new bishop, Mike Harrison, and Bishops Jackie and James, and all of us charged with responsibility for safeguarding

Our country and its leaders, both political and religious

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

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Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

1st reading - Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a

single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.[And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds’,

he also adds,

‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Gospel Reading - Mark 13.1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and

kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,

in this holy sacrament

you give substance to our hope:

bring us at the last

to that fullness of life for which we long;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

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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))