

St David with St Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham, Exeter

Parish Newsletter for 22 September 2024 - 17th Sunday after Trinity

If you attend **St Michael's**, please see special message below about the

Special Parochial Church Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, 25 September.

Our services this week:

Sunday 22 September 2024 - 17th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion at St David's Church with celebrant and preacher, Mike Clark, his first full Sunday with us, to be followed by cake and coffee.

11am Sung Mass at St Michael's church with celebrant and preacher, Sue Astbury

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

Services in church and online this week

Tuesday 24 September 9.00-9.30 am Zoom Morning Prayer. Please join us using this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75330401184?pwd=MIUTonKQK9bgFKV6lpn9rMbQUDyI8H.1>

Meeting ID: 753 3040 1184

Passcode: 5RWhXs

We use this app for our prayers - details here or via a phone:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>

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

Thursday 26 September (Wilson Carlile, found of the Church Army) 10.30 Holy Communion at St David's

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

Sunday 29 September 2024 - St Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas)

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

11am Sung Mass at St Michael's church with celebrant and preacher, David Gunn-Johnson

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

St Michael's Special Parochial Church Meeting, Wednesday, 25 September

Important Notice to all who attend St Michael's and are currently on the electoral roll

Dear Friends,

In preparation for establishing St Michael's as a Conventional District Church, we need to hold elections for Church Wardens, Deanery Synod Rep, and other important officers and members of the new Parochial Church Council.

A Special Parochial Council Meeting (chaired by Mike Clark, our new Interim Minister) has been called for next Wednesday, 25th September at 7pm at St Michael's, in order that you may vote for these officers and in this way, help to shape the future of our Church.

We warmly encourage you to attend.

Laura and Richard

Chapel Wardens of St Michael's, Mount Dinham

Message from the Vicar and Churchwardens

1. This Sunday, we (finally!) give a proper and hearty welcome to Mike as our Interim Vicar, and we hope as many of you as can will stay for cake and coffee after the service.

As mentioned last Sunday, we are also looking forward to Sarah Cumming joining the team part-time, in October.

2. Update on our parish – It is a truly momentous week in the life of our parish. As well as welcoming Mike and looking forward to Sarah joining us, the Conventional District (CD) is due to come into being this Wednesday, 25 September,

with the holding of the first APCM for St Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham, that evening, the creation of its own PCC and election of its Churchwardens. Mike will be the incumbent for the parish within which the CD sits, and arrangements for priestly and pastoral oversight are being worked on with Archdeacon Andrew. The new CD will then be celebrated at Michaelmas, the patronal festival, next Sunday, 29 September. Our thanks go to everyone who has been involved in making this all happen. There is a little way to go, but we are nearly there for the first stage of our parish re-organisation.

There will also be the **final PCC meeting for St David's with St Michael and All Angels** on Tuesday, 24 September at 7.30 at St David's.

3. We need a Parish Administrator! We are looking for a person who is a flexible self-starter with good communication and administrative skills to support the work of St David's church in central Exeter. This flexible 10-14 hour a week post has three key strands: Parish administration, Administration of our Safeguarding records and a Website and communications role.

For more information about this varied and interesting role, please contact: wardens@stdavidschurchexeter.org.uk. Completed applications should be sent to the same email address by Friday 11 October 2024. We hope to interview in the week of 14 October.

4. Parish Lunch - this Thursday, 26 September, 12 noon - at the College's restaurant, @34. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church today as we are asked to give choices in advance. A party will walk over from St David's at 11.45. We do hope you can join us. Sue Wilson and Jenny Baker

5. Christmas Shoebox Appeal – one or two people have asked whether we are supporting the Appeal this year, and the answer is definitely yes! Gina Redman has kindly agreed to act as coordinator again, and sheets with details of what can be included in the boxes are at the back of church (do photograph one rather than taking it if you can). The intention is that the boxes will be blessed in church on *Sunday, 17 November* so they can be shipped in time.

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.

Covid - there's a lot of it about! So please, if you have cold-like symptoms/Covid, for the sake of your fellow parishioners, please do not come to church!

Safeguarding

Date for your diary: Tuesday, 8 October 2024 - There will be an in person Safeguarding training session at St David's church on Tuesday 8 October at 1.30pm. More information to follow.

Knit and Natter - Wednesday, 25 September, 4-6 pm, The Imperial

We will be meeting at the Imperial on Wednesday, 25 September, 4-6pm and then staying on for a meal together. Please let Glynis know if you would like to come or just turn up on the day.

Early notice that our harvest festival will be on Sunday, 20 October – and we hope to be holding a parish supper on Friday, 18 October, further details to follow.

Parish magazine

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the September edition. The deadline for the October edition is today, *Sunday, 22 September*.

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.

Men's Breakfast

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

Green Team

From Sue Wilson, a reminder of some of the 'green' activities coming up:

Great British Beach Clean (Sept 20-29): A nationwide event that sees thousands of volunteers heading to the coast to remove litter and record data. Join coastal clean-ups and help collect data that influences policies to protect marine environments. [Get involved here.](#)

World Rivers Day (Sept 22): Celebrate our Devon rivers. From river clean-ups to educational events and citizen science, this day shines a spotlight on the importance of healthy rivers. [Get involved!](#)

Second-Hand September (All Month): A month-long challenge that encourages people to avoid buying new clothing and opt for pre-loved items. Embrace second-hand clothing shops, host clothes swaps, upcycling workshops, and promote sustainable fashion. [Find out more here.](#)

Parish of Central Exeter Prayer Around the Cross - dates for 2024

During 2024, Prayer around the Cross will be held in St. Pancras Church, Guildhall Shopping Centre, at 7.00 pm, on the following Friday: 15 November.

Your Prayers are asked for...

those who are suffering including:

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

those who have died recently including:

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer please pray for:

Devon Farmers and St David's Vets

Please also pray for:

Our parish and its re-organisation as the Conventional District comes into being, for Mike Clark as he begins his ministry with us, and the PCC on 24 September. Also for all starting the new academic year at schools, colleges and universities

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

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 - James 3.13 - 4.3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Gospel Reading - Mark 9.30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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