

## The Parish of St David, Exeter

### Parish Newsletter for 27 October 2024 - Last Sunday after Trinity

**DON'T FORGET: the clocks go BACK one hour Saturday night/Sunday**

#### Our services this week:

#### Sunday 27 October 2024 - Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion at St David's Church with celebrant, Sarah Cumming and preacher, Ian Cartwright

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

6 pm Evening Prayer at St David's led by Robert Mitchell

#### Services in church and online this week

**Tuesday 29 October** (James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885) 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

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

**Thursday 31 October** (Martin Luther, reformer, 1546) 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 3 November 2024 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent

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

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

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

6 pm Evensong & Benediction at St Michael's led by Nigel Mason

### **Message from the Vicar and Churchwardens**

- 1. A big thank you for the generous Harvest Festival gifts of food.** The Esther Community was delighted.
- 2. Saturday, 2 November will be busy:**

**9am, The Imperial - Men's Breakfast** - please see Alan Baker for details

**10am-12noon Churchyard Working Party** - if the weather is kind, we would like to do some tidying up. If you have a strimmer, do please bring it or any other tools you feel might be helpful. Led by Di Jacob.

Do please come to either/both if you can.

**3. Angel Tree retiring collection next Sunday, 3 November** - the charity gives parents in prison the opportunity to send a Christmas present to their children. In 2023, 5,172 gifts were sent. Once again, we will be holding a retiring collection for Angel Tree after the service next week. Please see Margaret Grimsey for more details.

### **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.

### **Christmas Shoebox Appeal - deadline 17 November**

Gina has been given some 50 pairs of socks for the boxes, sized from tiny to adult so do see her and choose some for your box! 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.

### **CRAFT DAY - Saturday 23 November 2024, 10am-4pm, St David's Church**

St David's Church and Hospiscare invite you to a (fun) day of fabric, thread & wool crafting with demonstrations, cost: £45 (takings will be shared between St David's Church and Hospiscare)

Refreshments and simple lunch included. Come and learn, share and create. All levels of ability welcome. Please see Glynis Harflett for more details 07775 752815  
bissom@icloud.com

### **A plea from the Buildings Team - please be gentle with our toilets!**

Please do not yank the handle! The cisterns are fed by a small header tank (there's not room for a bigger one) with very little pressure because the drop is also small, so they take a long time to fill. Yanked, the handle jams or breaks and has to be fixed! So please be patient.

### **Knit and Natter**

The next Knit and Natter meeting will be in December, date TBC.

### **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.

### **Parish Lunch - Thursday, 28 November, 12 noon**

The next parish lunch will be 28 November, at the College restaurant, @34. The Christmas lunch has been booked for 19 November. All welcome. Sue Wilson and Jenny Baker

### **YMCA Wellbeing service appeal - October 2024**

The YMCA is looking to raise £35,000 *during October* to keep its Wellbeing service going. Gareth (joint CEO) writes: 'Right now, children and young people in Devon are waiting on average 127 days to get mental health support. Our free service is inundated with referrals. Last year in a 6-month period, YMCA Exeter received over 140 referrals. The good news is between now and mid-October, every £1 you give will be doubled to £2, meaning double the impact from every gift. If you would like to give, please visit our JustGiving page:

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/ymcawellbeing](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ymcawellbeing)'

### **"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@stdavidschurhexeter.org.uk](mailto:wardens@stdavidschurhexeter.org.uk).

### **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.

### **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.

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

#### **those who are suffering including:**

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

#### **those who have died recently including:**

#### **In our Parish Cycle of Prayer please pray for:**

Our MPs and all City and County Councillors

#### **Please also pray for:**

Our parish and its re-organisation as the Conventional District comes into being and for Mike Clark as he begins his ministry with us.

Our country and its leaders, both political and religious

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

### **Sunday 27 October 2024 - Last Sunday before Advent**

#### **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.

### **1st reading - Hebrews 7.23-28**

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 10.46-52**

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.

### **Post Communion**

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.

**Amen**

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<https://bible.oremus.org/> in the New Revised Standard Version  
(anglicized edition))