

The Parish of St David, Exeter

Parish Newsletter for Sunday, 9 February 2025

Our services this week at St David's:

Sunday, 9 February 2025 – 4th Sunday before Lent

9.30am Parish Communion with celebrant and preacher, Sarah Cumming

6 pm Evening Prayer led by Robert Mitchell

Tuesday, 11 February, 9.00-9.30 am Zoom Morning Prayer. Please join us using this link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77269635517?pwd=Lb40Ha9TejMxaaXMc7XrFokjutLaZ1.1>

Meeting ID: 772 6963 5517

Passcode: 0q5ZR4

Thursday, 12 February, 10.30am Holy Communion led by Sarah Cumming

Sunday, 16 February 2025 – 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Parish Communion with celebrant, Mike Clark and preacher, Brigit Kiyaga from the Diocesan Giving Team

6 pm Evening Prayer led by Sarah Cumming

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

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

Message from the Vicar and Churchwardens

1. Lent Course

Based on the book 'The Final Days' by Mark Rawle, this course explores the four Gospels' differing accounts of Jesus' Passion, offering a fuller picture of his suffering, death and resurrection.

Howard and Helen Friend have kindly offered to host a group at their home on Thursday afternoons in Lent. We are also looking at providing another group at a different time if there is demand. Please contact Mike Clark to register your interest or ask any questions. mike.clark@exeter.anglican.org

2. St David's Primary School – request for our help

St David's Primary School are compiling a list of hymns for the pupils to learn and have asked for our help! Do you have a favourite hymn which you could suggest? Any seasonal classics which could be included? If there is a specific reason for your choice, please include it. Send your suggestions to Sarah at rev.sarahcumming@gmail.com by Saturday, 22 February.

3. Covid & flu: sensible precautions

With Covid and flu very much about, a gentle reminder that if you are coughing/sneezing and/or feeling unwell, out of consideration for others, please refrain from attending church, and where possible, join us via the live-stream.

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 – this is out so do pick up a copy. Many thanks to the Editorial team. *The deadline for the next edition is Sunday 16 February. Please note there is a new email address: newleaves@stdavidschurhexeter.org.uk*

Date for your diary – Parish Quiz Night, Saturday, 22 March 2025

Do come and enjoy this very popular event. Tickets will be on sale shortly and will include a Ploughman's Supper. Would you like to make up a team?

Compilation of a New Electoral Roll

This is another gentle reminder of the need for everyone who wishes to to complete an Electoral Roll form. Many thanks to those who have already done so. *Forms are on the table at the back of the church. Please hand completed forms to Sue Wilson or Alice Francis, or speak to them if you would like to know more.*

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

The next Men's Breakfast will be advised advertised early in 2025. Please contact Alan Baker if you would like a reminder alan.baker1963@outlook.com

Parish lunch

The next parish lunch will be on Thursday, 27 February at Exeter College's @34 restaurant at 12 noon. A group will be walking over from the church at 11.45, for anyone who doesn't know the way. Thanks, Sue Wilson and Jenny Baker

Your Prayers are asked for...

those who are suffering including:

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

those who have died recently

Maggs Bedford (long-time and much-loved member of our congregation. No further details as yet)

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer please pray for:

The Dales and Barton Place Nursing Homes

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, for the peace process in Gaza

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Collect

O God,

you know us to be set

in the midst of so many and great dangers,

that by reason of the frailty of our nature

we cannot always stand upright:

grant to us such strength and protection

as may support us in all dangers

and carry us through all temptations;

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 6.1-8[9-13]

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

[And he said, 'Go and say to this people:
"Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand."
Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.'
Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said:
'Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.
Even if a tenth part remains in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.'
The holy seed is its stump.]

Gospel Reading - Luke 5.1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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))