

## **St David with St Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham, Exeter Parish Newsletter for 24 March 2024 – Palm Sunday**

This morning, Palm Sunday, we are delighted to be welcoming our bishop, Jackie Searle, who will be both presiding and preaching at our two churches. We look forward to making her very welcome.

### **Our services this week:**

#### **Sunday 24 March 2024 – Palm Sunday**

9.30am Parish Communion at St David's Church with celebrant and preacher, Bishop Jackie Searle

11am Sung Mass at St Michael's Church with celebrant and preacher, Bishop Jackie Searle

4pm Thrive led by Ash Leighton Plom

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

### **Services in church and online this week**

**Tuesday 26 March** (Tuesday of Holy Week) 9:30-10 am Morning Prayer on Zoom. Please join us using this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75330401184?pwd=MIUTonKQK9bgFKV6lpn9rMbQUdYl8H.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) )

**Wednesday 27 March** 6 pm Spy Wednesday at St Michael's led by Sarah Cumming

**Maundy Thursday 28 March**, 10.30am Holy Communion at St David's Church led by Ash Leighton Plom

7pm Holy Communion, foot washing and vigil at St David's led by Sue Astbury

7pm Holy Communion, foot washing and vigil at St Michael's led by Nigel Mason

**Good Friday, 29 March**, 10 am St Michael's with Sue Astbury

10 am Christians together Across Exeter, Exeter Cathedral, with Ash Leighton Plom and Hannah Alderson

2pm reflection/meditation at St David's led by Sue Astbury

8pm Tenebrae at St Michael's led by Ian Cartwright

**Holy Saturday, 30 March**, 8 pm Easter Vigil – the Service of Light and First Mass at St Michael's led by David Gunn-Johnson

**Sunday 31 March 2024 – Easter Day**

9.30am Parish Communion at St David's Church with celebrant Jonathan Draper and preacher, Hannah Alderson

11am Sung Mass with the Blessing of the Easter Garden at St Michael's with celebrant Nigel Mason and preacher, Hannah Alderson

4pm Thrive led by Ash Leighton Plom

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

### **Message from the Churchwardens:**

**1. Update from the PCC:** At our PCC meeting on Thursday, it was agreed that, on the grounds of both financial and resource issues, the pattern of worship at St Michael's will need to be reduced so that services are offered only on major Festival occasions, such as Michaelmas, Advent Procession, Tenebrae to name but a few.

Additional regular services would be offered at St David's in Anglo-Catholic form but without incense, for example at 12 noon on Sundays, to enable parishioners to continue to worship in the parish in the tradition they currently follow.

Robert and I will be working with members of both congregations to establish the best ways of doing this and would greatly appreciate your constructive support in achieving a good outcome for all concerned. There is a lot to be thought about and we will need your help with that.

It is going to be very difficult for people at St Michael's who have worked hard to maintain all that they currently do, and much goodwill and prayer from all will be needed going forward.

At the s11 meeting, also that evening, approval was given to the parish profile, subject to some minor amendments. Our representatives on the interview panel will be us as churchwardens.

**2. The APCM will be on Thursday, 25 April, at St David's.** In advance of that, the Electoral Roll is being revised. If you have been worshipping regularly at either church for at least six months, and would like to be on the Roll, please speak with Sue Wilson or Paula Lewis before 28 March. There are some forms at the back of church at St David's or contact Paula Lewis at St Michael's.

**3. Fairtrade Stall:** Please collect your Easter eggs today!

### **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.

### **Dates for your diary**

Thursday, 25 April - APCM

Sunday, 12 May – proposed date for Christian Aid Week brunch

Saturday, Saturday, 22 June – Parish fete – much help needed

### **Thrive – Sundays @4 at St David's Church**

As well as music and food, we are doing the Romans Course. Get intrigued, here: [www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-romans-course](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-romans-course)

### **Tuesday Friendship Café**

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

### **Knit and Natter**

Knit and Natter will be changing its day of operation after Easter, as we will share time with the Tuesday cafe once a month. Dates are 16 April and 14 May.

### **Wednesday Walks**

Wednesday walkers have met all but two or three times during the past year and have enjoyed 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! Why not make Wednesday mornings with friends your new year's resolution? 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**

Our next parish lunch is likely to be the last Thursday in April but Sue will confirm nearer the time. If you would like to come to the lunches, please let Sue Wilson know, either by email at [susan.mwilson@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.mwilson@btinternet.com). A group of us walk over from St David's to the College at 11.45, if you would like to join us.

### **Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's breakfast will be announced shortly. Please contact Alan Baker if you would like a reminder [alan.baker1963@outlook.com](mailto:alan.baker1963@outlook.com)

### **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 Fridays: 29th March (Good Friday), 17th May, 19th July, 13th September and 15th November.

Prayer around the Cross comes from an Eastern European tradition and forms a regular part of the worship of the ecumenical Taizé Community in France. In the adapted form we use at St Pancras, it consists of readings, prayers, meditations and silence, interspersed with songs and chants from Taizé and elsewhere. All are welcome

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

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

Margaret Roberts, Caroline Speed-Andrews; Maggs Bedford, Nan Biles, Delia Bloom, Lois Draper, Andrew Francis, Phoebe Goldsworth, Hazel Gowland, Eileen Jarman, Roger Luscombe, Anne Smith; Pam Smith, Tony Whitear, Sarah Wood; Clive and Jeanie; Beth; Danbi, Charlotte, Paul and Grace; Will, Jasmine.

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

Marjorie Latham (recently moved from London; funeral St David's, 11 am, 25 March, congregants welcome), Grace Tointon (Pennie and John Hartopp and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers over the last couple of years, much appreciated)

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

Bellringers; lay leaders of worship

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

Our parish as we seek a positive vision for the future, and this week especially for the changes that will affect St Michael's and St David's

Our country and its leaders, both political and religious

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

### **Sunday, 24 March 2024, Palm Sunday**

#### **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 - Philippians 2.5–11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **Gospel Reading - Mark 11.1–11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door,

outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

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**

Robert Mitchell and Hilary Todd

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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))