

St David with St Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham, Exeter Parish Newsletter for 31 March 2024 – Easter Day

NB: the clocks go *forward* one hour tonight!

THE LORD IS RISEN - HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Our services this week:

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

Services in church and online this week

Tuesday 2 April (Tuesday of Easter 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))

Thursday 4 April (Thursday of Easter Week) 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 7 April 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

11am Sung Mass with celebrant and preacher, Sue Astbury

4pm Thrive TBC

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

Message from the Churchwardens:

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter!

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

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. 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

St Michael's: a number of you have recently seen posts on social media concerning decisions of the last PCC meeting affecting St Michael's, some of which sadly contain inaccuracies and misinformation. After Easter, steps will be taken to clarify positions and to seek positive ways forward.

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: 17th May, 19th July, 13th September and 15th November.

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; Tony Whitear, Sarah Wood; Clive and Jeanie; Beth; Danbi, Charlotte, Paul and Grace; Will, Jasmine.

those who have died recently including:

Grace Tointon (Pennie and John Hartopp and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers over the last couple of years, much appreciated); Lilian Lovell, Pam Smith

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer please pray for:

Joy as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ

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, 31 March 2024, Easter Day

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death

to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

1st reading - Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading - John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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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))