

# Crediton Rural Ministry Hub

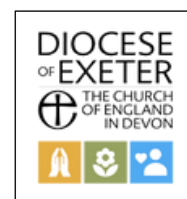
## Post

Churches joyfully working together with a generous spirit reaching out to the churches, communities, villages and hamlets around Crediton

**April 2025**



**The Diocese of Exeter**  
**Pray - Grow – Serve**





# Welcome to the 25th edition of the Hub Post

## Thought for the month

In the Greek Orthodox Church, on the Monday after Easter the faithful come together to exchange jokes. The custom lies in the belief that Easter Sunday brought about the greatest “joke” in history: Jesus' resurrection, a divine triumph over death. Behind each joke, no matter how appalling and unfunny, lies an important truth for these Christians. That love has won the day.

[Joke] Jesus said to Jonny, “Come forth, and you shall receive eternal life,” but Jonny came fifth and received a toaster.

Sorry, that's the best I've got.

Easter traditions are found all over the globe. In certain regions of Mexico, Easter is marked with the ancient "Dance of the Flyers," where performers climb a tall pole, tie themselves to ropes, and spin downward in a breathtaking display of devotion and tradition. In Poland, "Śmigus-Dyngus," is celebrated with a water fight! Buckets, water guns, and anything that can hold water are fair game. There's also 'Butter Lambs' in Russia, 'Easter Bilbies' in Australia, light whipping in Slovakia, egg cracking in Greece, and kite flying in Bermuda. Amazing!

Of all the traditions around the world I really like the Greek Orthodox affinity for laughing. It shows that like the Christmas season, Easter is the experience of joyfully knowing and coming to believe in, the unexpected God. Who shows us, in His great goodness that through the most unexpected ending we are more loved and treasured than we could possibly imagine. The truth that nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:35) not even death, is the greatest punchline in human history, and more than that, a source of such deep and abundant joy that you and I can experience this new life today.

Now, we have our own traditions in the UK. Hot cross buns, (although that's strictly Good Friday), Morris dancing, baking eating simnel cake with 11 marzipan balls on top, and of course, Easter Eggs, hunts, and egg rolling.

I'm sure you've not missed the vast range of Easter Eggs in our supermarkets. There is standard and luxury, small and enormous, wrapped, boxed, free-from, vegan, themed, you name it, you can find it.

Out of all of these, my favourite Easter Eggs are the boring ones with nothing inside. At first you feel a bit shortchanged, but this is the tradition that all Christians belong to, subscribe to, and are compelled to keep to. That the tomb, the symbol of life which the eggs are designed to remind us of, was indeed empty. 'Why do you seek the living among the dead?' said the messengers to the women at the tomb. 'He is not here, he is risen!'

So, rejoice in your empty Easter egg! And may the empty tomb be the joy that sustains, keeps, blesses, encourages, and inspires you this day, and each day to come. May the God of all joy, be your joy this Eastertide.

Revd Jeremy Putnam



## What's on

**Take a look at what is happening this Easter!**

**No Messy Church at St. Matthew's, Cheriton Fitzpaine this month**

**Deadline for articles for the May edition - 25th April**

### Coffee Mornings

Cheriton Fitzpaine

Saturday 26th April 2025 -

St. Matthew's church 10am-12pm

Sandford

Wednesday mornings @ 10:30-12

**Are you planning an event in your Parish?**

Email: [northcreedy1@gmail.com](mailto:northcreedy1@gmail.com) to let us know and we'll add it into the What's On List.

**Please send posters in either Word, PDF, png or jpeg format.**

St Swithun's Sandford

join us every Friday at

10.30am for

Contemplative Quiet

Time

Make space in your week

for half an hour and

enhance your well being.

### St Swithun's Sandford

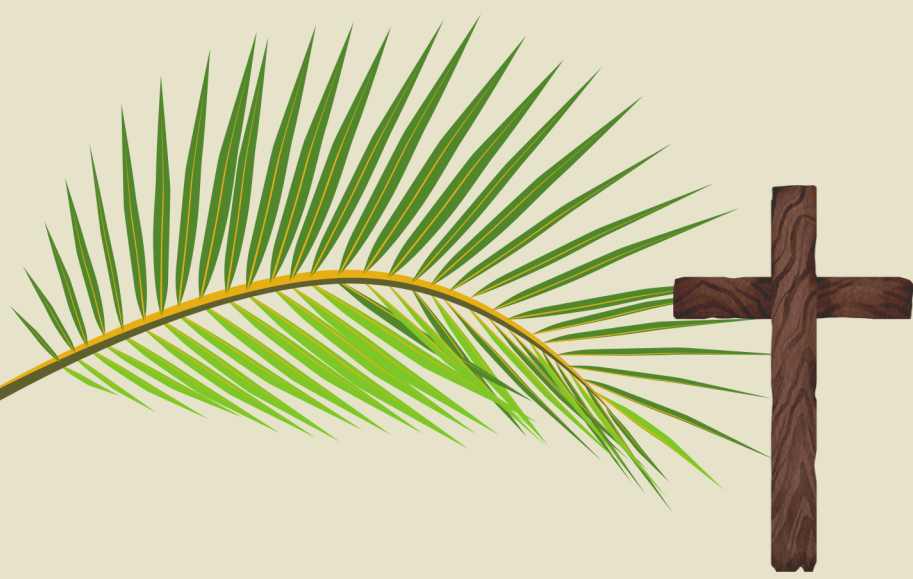
Join us every Wednesday at

10.30am for

Coffee, Cake and Company

all welcome





# Palm Sunday Donkey Praise

Sunday 13th April 9:30am

St. Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine



Join us on Palm  
Sunday for a morning  
of creative activity and  
fun worship



Refreshments will be served

# **HOLY WEEK**

## **IN NORTH CREEDY**

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY (17TH)**

**Sandford at 7.30pm – Eucharist with Washing  
of Feet & Stripping of Altar**

**Down St. Mary at 7pm – Eucharist followed  
by Vigil**

### **GOOD FRIDAY (18TH)**

**Cheriton Fitzpaine at 12noon – Stations of  
the Cross**

**Sandford at 2pm – Good Friday Reflective  
Service**

**Lapford at 2.30pm – Stations of the Cross**

**Colebrooke at 10.30am – Good Friday  
Reflective Service Morchard Bishop at 10am  
– Walk of Witness**

**Coldridge at 11:30am - Good Friday  
Reflection**

**As we journey through Holy Week, let's take  
time to pray, reflect, and find peace in our faith.  
Wishing you a meaningful and blessed week.**





# HOLY WEEK

AT HOLY CROSS, CREDITON

## Palm Sunday

*Services as normal at 8am, 9:30am and 6pm*

## Holy Monday

*devotional address and compline at 7:30pm*

## Holy Tuesday

*devotional address and compline at 7:30pm*

## Holy Wednesday

*devotional address and compline at 7:30pm*

## Maundy Thursday

*Eucharist of the Last Supper and Foot Washing at 7:30pm*

## Good Friday

*Walk of Witness, starting at 10am at the St Boniface Roman Catholic Church*

## Easter Eve

*Easter Vigil with blessing of the new fire, renewal of baptismal vows and communion  
at 8pm*

## Easter Sunday

*Celebrate the resurrection at 8am, 9:30am and 6pm*



# THE WELL

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CREDITON

BE REFRESHED AND ENERGISED FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

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WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER I GIVE WILL  
NEVER THIRST-IT WILL BECOME A SPRING OF  
ETERNAL LIFE WITHIN THEM

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COME TO THE WELL AND FIND

A SPACE TO WORSHIP & WONDER  
A SPACE TO EXPERIENCE THE POWER  
AND PRESENCE OF GOD

TIME: 7.30-9PM

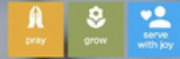
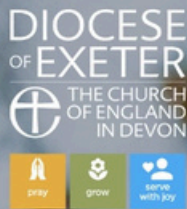
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DATES: WEDS 26TH FEB, WEDS 26TH MARCH,  
WEDS APRIL 23, WEDS MAY 21ST, WEDS JUNE 25TH

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THE WELL  
- THOSE OF US WITH LOTS OF FAITH,  
THOSE OF US WITH LITTLE, AND  
THOSE OF US WHO ARE LOOKING TO  
GROW IN FAITH AND HOPE





# Stay curious. Try Alpha.

Alpha

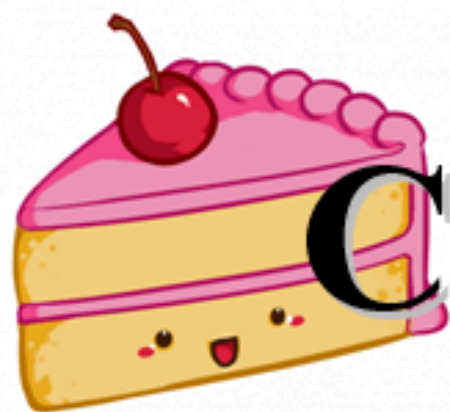
**Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone's welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited.**

## **It's free.**

Each of the 6 sessions includes a meal together, with refreshments provided. Please let us know you are coming by emailing our course leader (Jeremy) at [jeremy.putnam@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:jeremy.putnam@exeter.anglican.org)

The course starts on Wed 30th April 2025 at 7.30pm until 9pm, and meets each Wednesday for 6 weeks at the St Boniface Centre in Crediton. If you would like to know more about the course please contact Revd Jeremy Putnam on 07889 523766





# COFFEE MORNING

**CAKE, PRODUCE AND**  
**BOOK SALE**

**SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**APRIL**

**10.00 – 12.00**



**ST MATTHEW'S**  
**CHURCH**  
**Cheriton Fitzpaine**

**SPACE AVAILABLE TO SELL  
YOUR OWN GOODS AND  
PRODUCE  
(FOR A SMALL DONATION TO  
CHURCH FUNDS)**

**CONTACT HAZEL FOR  
DETAILS**

**01363 866232**





# EASTER CRAFT FAIR

**SATURDAY 5 APRIL**

**10.00am to 1.00pm**

**BONIFACE CENTRE**

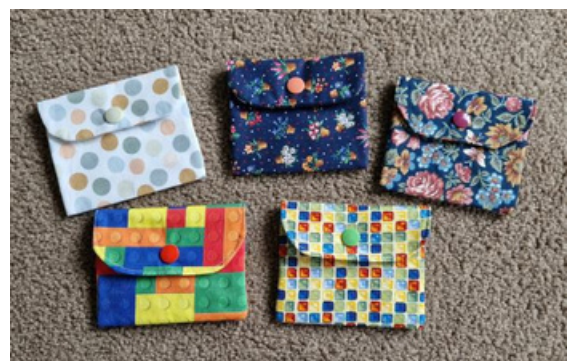


Come and  
support over 20  
local crafters  
selling a wide  
variety of items

Refreshments available throughout

Free parking &  
Accessible venue

Do Come Along!



## **Lent lunches**

Cadbury Deanery are supporting Colleagues in the **Diocese of Jerusalem**, by **holding lunches** in aid of, St George's College, The Anglican Centre for Pilgrimage, Education, Hospitality and Reconciliation, in East Jerusalem.

**Archbishop Hosam** is calling on the **Anglicans worldwide**.

**“my diocese is bleeding at this time”**

and he has appealed to Anglicans from around the world to offer prayers and practical support

These lunches will be held around the Deanery on Thursdays at 12:30pm - 2pm throughout Lent.



13th March - 20 Iler Park, Bow, Crediton,  
EX17 6BY

20th March - Boniface Centre, Crediton

27th March - The Bridge Centre, Stoke Canon

3rd April - St. Matthew's church Cheriton  
Fitzpaine

These lunches are free but we ask for a donation that will go towards the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem



**St George's College, Jerusalem is, The Anglican Centre for Pilgrimage, Education, Hospitality and Reconciliation.**

**Alongside St George's Anglican Cathedral, in East Jerusalem, which is situated on occupied Palestinian Land.**

Pilgrims from all faiths and none have been welcomed for some 60 plus years to experience and gain more understanding, not only of the Holy sites of Biblical times, but also of the complexity of living in such a volatile area in today's world.

The Diocese of Jerusalem is currently led by Archbishop Hosam Naoum, which is responsible for Palestine, Israel, Syria, Jordan & Lebanon.

Much of the work throughout the Diocese is to look after not only 33 churches, but maintain, run and solely fund 34 institutions such as schools, hospitals and clinics. These include, The Princess Basma Centre for Disabled Children and their families, and the,

Al Ahli Hospital in Northern Gaza, both of which the generous people of Crediton have supported for the last couple of years.

Since the current War the College has had to close thus no funds coming in from the visit of pilgrims. Archbishop Hosam is crying out for help, it is vital that the work there continues. **They are very grateful to the Cadbury Deanery for helping with these Lent Lunches. Please give what you can.**

In 2022 I had the privilege of spending time at the College, on return I was asked where I had met God there, it was walking through the Aida Refugee Camp in the West Bank, giving high fives to innocent children playing football. Sandra Collier [sandracollier57@gmail.com](mailto:sandracollier57@gmail.com) Contact me anytime





# St Matthew's MESSY CHURCH

faith friendship fun food

**No Messy Church  
In April  
4pm-5.30pm  
'LOVE'**

No need to book-  
just turn up or  
ring Alice for more info  
**07484 704777**

PCC OF CHERITON FITZPAINE WITH STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH

# **April Services**

## **St. Matthew's Cheriton Fitzpaine**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 11.15am**

Communion

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am**

Palm Sunday Donkey Praise

**Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 12 Noon**

Stations of the Cross

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 11.15am**

Easter Day Communion

## **St. Mary's Stockleigh English**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am**

Easter Day Communion

# **St. Swithun's**

## **Sandford**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am**  
**Communion**

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Communion**

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**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm**  
**Maundy Thursday Communion**

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**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2pm**  
**Good Friday Reflection**

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am**  
**Easter Day**  
**Communion**

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am**  
**Communion**

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**Wednesday mornings 10:30-12**  
**Coffee & Company**

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**Friday mornings 10:30-11**  
**Contemplative prayer**

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# PLANT SALE



AND



## COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 10am-12pm

at St. Swithun's, Sandford

PLANT STALLS

CAKE STALLS



SPECTACULAR EASTER FLOWER  
ARRANGEMENTS



COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS

Proceeds towards PAVING THE WAY, the Community Churchyard Path Fund



# *Easter Coffee Morning*

## *In Puddington Village Hall*

**Saturday**  
**19<sup>th</sup> April**

**at 10.30**



**£3 ENTRANCE INCLUDES TEA/COFFEE & A HOT CROSS BUN**

**RAFFLE.**

**In aid of Church funds.**



**Saturday 24th May**  
**St Matthew's Church**  
**Coldridge**

## **Edward V Window Re-dedication & his links to Coldridge**

**11am The Tudor Lady - Rosemary Griggs**

**11.30am John Dike**

**12.30pm Lunch\* on the Green**  
**(accompanied by music of the era**  
**with Ian Churchward)**

**BBQ & pasties**

**Homemade cakes**

**Bar**

**2pm Philippa Langley MBE**

**Tickets £15**

**\*Food & beverages not incl. in ticket price**



**THE CHURCH OF  
ST MATTHEW  
COLDRIDGE**



*You are invited to*  
***Held Together***

**An accessible service  
for older people & carers**

**followed by tea, coffee  
cake, biscuits & chat**

**Boniface Centre**

**10.30 to 11.30 a.m.**

**On the third  
MONDAY of  
each month**

**Led by Anna Chaplains:  
Eileen Brassington &  
Caroline Smith**



**Anna Chaplains  
offering spiritual care to older people**



**The Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison**  
**Bishop of Exeter**

The Palace Gatehouse  
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To clergy and treasurers, or churchwardens in the absence of a treasurer

March 2025

Dear Friends,

“Give and it shall be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over” Luke 6.38

We want to thank everyone across the Diocese for your gracious generosity, hard work and creativity, undergirded by persistent prayer, and we thank God that our collective efforts have continued to enable the funding of mission and ministry in 2024. You have raised £8.3m in Common Fund and we give thanks for the generosity of so many in economically challenging times. Common fund contributions go principally to providing stipends for clergy and without everyone’s contribution we would not be able to sustain our stipendiary clergy numbers. We are delighted that many of our parishes met their full contribution and three parishes paid over their request to support those unable to meet their commitments.

We appreciate that for many parishes, benefices and Mission Communities, the last few years may have left your financial situation weakened and our Mission Resources team are here to help and support you as we continue to adapt and change. New ways of giving help future proof the giving to parishes and we recommend that, if you have not already done so, you explore introducing the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), contactless devices, QR codes or on-line possibilities. Please contact the team at [mission.resources@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:mission.resources@exeter.anglican.org) for any questions. If you are undertaking a stewardship campaign and you would like one of the bishops to speak at a particular service or event then, diary willing, we would be delighted to help.

Please share this letter with your PCCs, to all those who have given so generously and more broadly. If you would also like a thank you/acknowledgement that you can display in your church showing the amount that your parish has contributed against the request made for 2024, then please contact Sharon Deacon (Email: [accounts.department@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:accounts.department@exeter.anglican.org)) and she will arrange for one to be sent to you.


Once again, our grateful thanks for your continued and generous support for the mission, ministry and work with which we are together engaged. Our prayers are with you for all that you are continuing to do as we support one another through these challenging times.

*Mike Exon*


*+ James Plymouth*

# Discipleship Academy for 15 - 19 year olds

SWYM is launching a brand-new online discipleship academy for **15–19-year-olds** who want to **go deeper in their faith, character, and leadership**, to become “**pioneers of change**”.



The programme consists of **online teaching sessions with great speakers** (Rachel Green, Keira Phyo, Tim Alford, Jeronne Rudder & Bishop James Grier), **practical challenges and mentoring as part of their local church life**.



The **5 sessions** will take place over **Zoom** from **7.30-9pm** between **February and June 2025**.



**For more information:**

**<https://swym.org.uk/event/tagpioneers> or get in contact with our Youth Advocate, Jonny ([jonny.schnarr@swym.org.uk](mailto:jonny.schnarr@swym.org.uk)).**

**St.Andrew's Church**  
**Colebrooke EX17 5JH**

**HANDBELL CONCERT**

**FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

**AT 7.30P.M.**

**BY A WELL KNOWN**

**DORSET HAND BELL TEAM**

**"CLAPPER CHAOS"**

**Tickets £10**

**To include wine and nibbles**





# Coffee and chat mornings Poughill Village Hall

**First Wednesday of the month**

**10:00 to 11:30**

**For a social get-together with coffee and cakes  
A warm welcome awaits**

Proceeds to Poughill church

We continue to pray for the situation in the Holy Land.

**A Prayer for the Holy Land from Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem:**

O God of all justice and peace,  
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of  
violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we  
pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and  
for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the  
establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice  
and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where  
all people are treated with dignity and honour as your  
children - for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.

**We also continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and other  
places where there is war.**

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace  
proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of  
peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those  
who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in  
tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled  
with the knowledge of your love; 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.

Amen





# FOUNDATIONS



The Foundations Course is designed to help people in Devon grow in their discipleship, and flourish as part of the Church. It includes an introduction to the Bible, theology, spirituality and mission, delivered in an accessible way.

Teaching is a mixture of in-person group sessions and online learning. The course will run in the following locations:

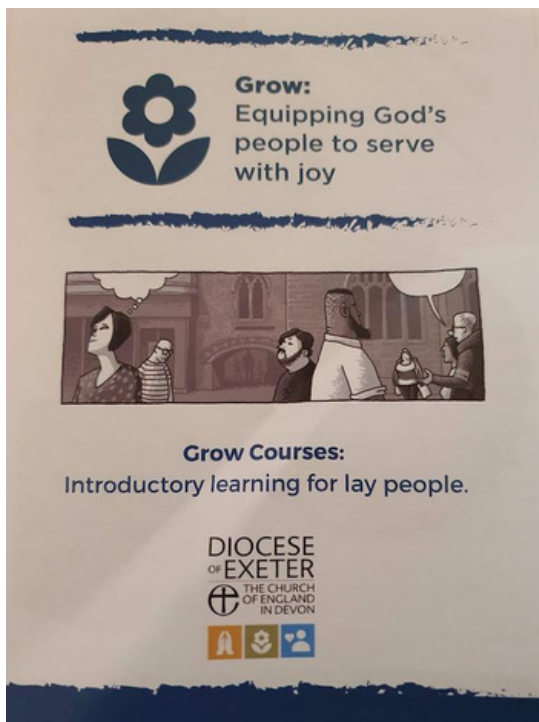
**Plymouth:** Oct '24 – Mar '25

**North Devon:** Jan – May '25

**Exeter:** Jan – May '25

To register, or for more info:  
[exeter.anglican.org/foundations](https://exeter.anglican.org/foundations)





**GROW COURSES** offer introductory learning opportunities for a wide range of roles over Zoom. Primarily for lay people, these courses can be accessed by anyone and may be used as part of their discernment process or as learning for a current or future role. This project aims to help our church members to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy through practical and specific learning.

Courses are certificated and can be undertaken without prior learning. Some participants join before or after undertaking Foundations in Christian Ministry, but these courses stand alone. Public recognition of this learning is really valuable, so we'd encourage all churches to acknowledge those who complete Grow courses. These courses can also be arranged as in-person training, if we have enough people to run a course in the Deanery.

Current courses include Digital Ministry, Prayer, Sharing our Faith, Children, Youth & Schools, Leading from the Front, Carbon Literacy, Creation Care, Pastoral Care, Social Action, Administration, Preaching, Small Group Leadership and more. These are always being added to and suggestions of new subjects are welcome.

Jon Curtis is Lay Leadership Project Manager for the Diocese of Exeter and can be contacted via email at [jon.curtis@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:jon.curtis@exeter.anglican.org)

If you are interested in doing one of these courses, please speak to Janet May or Laura Armstrong.

To advertise in the Hub Post, please contact Revd Janet May on [janetmay69@gmail.com](mailto:janetmay69@gmail.com)

# Church Services Across the Hub

| SUNDAY SERVICES<br>ROTA<br>April 2025            | 6th April<br>Lent 5       | 13th April<br>Palm Sunday              | 20th April<br>Easter Day | 27th April<br>Easter 2 |
|--|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Cheriton Fitzpaine</b><br>St. Matthew's       | Communion<br>11:15am      | Palm Sunday Donkey<br>Praise<br>9:30am | Communion<br>11:15am     |                        |
| <b>Kennerleigh</b><br>John the Baptist           | Evensong<br>6:30pm        |  | Communion<br>11:15am     |                        |
| <b>New Buildings</b><br>Beacon                   | Communion<br>8:30am       |  | Sunrise Service<br>6am   |                        |
| <b>Poughill</b><br>St. Michael & All Angels      |                           |  | Communion<br>9:30am      |                        |
| <b>Puddington</b><br>St. Thomas A Becket         |                           |  | Communion<br>11:15am     |                        |
| <b>Sandford</b><br>St. Swithun's                 | Communion<br>9:30am       | Communion<br>9:30am                    | Communion<br>9:30am      | Communion<br>9:30am    |
| <b>Stockleigh English</b><br>St. Mary the Virgin |                           |  | Communion<br>9:30am      |                        |
| <b>Stockleigh Pomeroy</b><br>St. Mary the Virgin |                           |  | Communion<br>9:30am      |                        |
| <b>Upton Hellions</b><br>St. Mary's              |                           |  |                          |                        |
| <b>Washford Pyne</b><br>St. Peter's              |                           | Communion<br>11:15am                   | Communion<br>11:15am     | Matins<br>11:15am      |
| <b>Woolfardisworthy</b><br>(Woolsery) St. Mary's |                           |  | Communion<br>9:30am      |                        |
| <b>Bow</b>                                       | Morning Praise<br>10:30am |  | Communion<br>10:30am     |                        |
| <b>Clannaborough</b>                             |                           |  | Communion<br>9am         | Baptism<br>11am        |

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| Coldridge                             |   | Morning Prayer<br>10:30am  | Communion<br>10:30am   |   |
| Colebrooke                            | Communion<br>11am   |  | Communion<br>11am  | Morning Prayer<br>9:30am  |
| Down St. Mary                         | Evensong<br>4pm   | Communion<br>9am   | Communion<br>9:30am  | Morning prayer<br>10am  |
| Knowle                                | Communion<br>10am   |  | Communion<br>11am  |   |
| Lapford                               | Morning Prayer<br>9:30am  | Morning Prayer<br>9:30am   | Communion<br>9:30am  | Morning Prayer<br>9:30am  |
| Morchard Bishop                       | Morning Prayer<br>10:30am   | Communion<br>10:30am   | Communion<br>11:15am   | Morning Worship<br>10:30am  |
| Nymet Rowland                         |   |  | BCP Communion<br>9am   |   |
| Zeal Monachorum                       | Family Service<br>10am  | Communion<br>6:30pm  | Communion<br>9:30am  | Evensong<br>3pm   |
| Shobrooke                             |   | Palm Sunday<br>Procession<br>11am  | Communion<br>11am  |   |
| Yeoford                               |   | Communion<br>9:30am  | Family Communion<br>9:30am   |   |
| Posbury                               | BCP Communion<br>11am   |  | BCP Communion<br>11am  |   |
| Crediton                              | BCP Communion - 8am<br>Celebrate at the centre<br>- 9:30am<br>Choral Evensong - 6pm | BCP Communion - 8am<br>Parish Communion -<br>9:30am<br><b>ST LAWRENCE<br/>CHAPEL</b><br>- Evensong - 6pm | BCP Communion -<br>8am<br>Parish Communion -<br>9:30am<br>Sacred Space - 6pm | BCP Communion -<br>8am<br>Parish Communion -<br>9:30am<br>Sung Compline - 6pm |

**Key to abbreviations on the service rota – HC=** Holy Communion (Common Worship), **BCP HC=**Book of Common Prayer 1662 Communion, **MP=**Morning Prayer, **ES=**Evensong, **MW=**Morning Worship, **FS=**Family Service, **MC=**Mission Community



# News from around the Team

## St. Mary's Church Morchard Bishop

### Notice

**A Public Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7:30p.m. to form a Society to be called 'St Mary's Friends' With the object of maintaining the fabric, fitting, ornaments & monuments of the Church.**

The Parochial Church Council hope that all those living in our lovely village and who have enjoyed using our Church will attend the meeting and give this society a successful start. Everyone is welcome.

Refreshments will be served.

### **Shobrooke Easter Services**

#### **Palm Sunday**

13th April at 11am - Palm Sunday Procession with Blessing of Palms

Meet at the War Memorial at 11am to then continue celebrations in the church.

#### **Easter day**

20 April at 11am - Easter family Communion with Easter Egg Hunt

### **St Lawrence Chapel**

#### **Palm Sunday**

13th April at 6pm - Palm Sunday Evening Prayer

Tuesday 29th April at 7pm - Tony Gale, Local Historian will be giving a talk on the history of the Chapel

### **Stockleigh Pomeroy**

It was with sadness that we learnt that Gloria Brinicombe had died peacefully at home and has been laid to rest in the churchyard at Stockleigh Pomeroy. Gloria had been a member of the church choir for many years and she and Denis have given a lot of their time supporting and fundraising for the church. Gloria will be greatly missed.

### **Puddington**

Spring is here and the hedgerows are filled with primroses, celandine and new growth. Daffodils are coming into bloom in the churchyard.

There will be a service in the church on Easter Sunday at 11.15am led by Reverend Michael Hall. All are welcome to join us for this special service.

On Saturday 19th April we are holding an Easter coffee morning in the village hall at 10.30am (see poster for details) We hope you can come and join us for coffee/tea and hot cross buns.

### **Cheriton Fitzpaine**

#### **Easter Lilies**

Easter Sunday is on April 20th and we hope to have Easter Lilies decorating St Matthews, Cheriton Fitzpaine, as usual.

The lilies each cost in the region of £2.50 each and in the past people have made a contribution towards the cost of the lilies in memory of a loved one/ones.

If you would like to contribute, Please add the names to the list on the table inside of St Matthews church and give your donation to Jacquie Bausch or Linda Tonkin. If you are a taxpayer, please consider putting your donation in a Gift Aid envelope so that we can also reclaim the tax.

### **Sad news from Woolsey**

The community of Woolsey has been so saddened by the death of Colin Andrews. Until recent ill health has prevented him from getting out much, followed by a move to a home, he was a regular member of the congregation and so much loved for the gentleman that he was. There was a lighted candle at his funeral, close to where he usually sat, to help show how much we miss him.

Our Easter Sunday Service which will be at 9.30am will be a family service with Communion. Do join us to celebrate our Living Lord.

Nigel Marshall



THE CHURCH OF  
**ST MATTHEW**  
COLDRIDGE

## ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, COLDRIDGE

We have a true cornucopia of sacred and secular delights in store for April and May. Everyone here has been incredibly busy, coming up with fresh ideas for community events in our ancient yet forward-looking church, whilst at the same time planning and providing reflective and accessible opportunities for Christian worship.

Not only that, but our Church Fabric Teams have been very busy working on many aspects of preserving, maintaining and improving the structure and comfort of the building. A new floor has been constructed and installed in the tower (the old one had almost rotted away). It was a joy to witness a churchwarden, the vergers and a couple of congregational members actually jumping up and down on the new floor last Sunday, with nary a squeak or a creak! Solid as a rock! Well Done, Team!

Other work has included Video and Audio preparations in readiness for the Re-Dedication of our famous Edward V stained glass window on 24th May. Please make a note of this date and look out for news of how and where to buy tickets for the historical talks which will follow the service.

So, hoping that I have managed to include everything, here are our Services and Events for April 2025:

**Wednesday, 2nd: 10.00am: CHURCH SPRING CLEANING (with free Hot Drinks and Pasties):** Bring your own (feather) duster and, maybe, a Hoover! Yes, it's work, but not as you know it...it's a fun social occasion.

**Monday, 7th: 2.30pm: CHURCH CAFÉ:** It's FREE, it's in the church but it is open to everyone. Please join us to have a friendly chat about absolutely anything that takes your fancy, from Trump to Terpsichore, from Putin to Primulas, etc..

**Palm Sunday, 13th: 10.30am: MORNING PRAYER (Lay-Led):** Distribution of Palm Crosses. Followed by Refreshments and Fellowship

**Good Friday, 18th: 11.30am:** Service and Liturgy of Reflection for Good Friday. A few moments of calm and quiet to reflect on Christ's sacrifice and on the turmoil presently in our world. We will hold a short period of prayerful silence at 12.00noon. This will be lay-led.

**EASTER SUNDAY, 20th: 10.30am:** Holy Communion for Easter Day, led by Rev. Preb. Peter Rapsey. We invite everyone to join in with our long-established Coldridge Easter tradition of dressing appropriately, with Easter hats/bonnets for the ladies and seasonal buttonholes for the gentlemen! This is the greatest day in our Church's year. We aim to celebrate it.

### **Thursday, 24th April: A busy and exciting Day in Coldridge!**

We start with our monthly **Edward V Tours and Talks**, at 11.00am and again at 2.00pm. **The Coldridge Café** is open in the Village Hall for hot lunches between 12.00 and 2.00pm and for Teas, Coffees, Cakes, etc. between 10.30am and 3.30pm. Please book via our website for the Church Tours & Talks.

By popular demand, at **7.30pm**, we are truly delighted to welcome the return of **The Moon Jazz Club Band** led by resident maestro, Jonny Monument, to play their second "**JAZZ IN THE NAVE**" concert in the church. This was a HUGE and popular success last autumn and we look forward to an even bigger event this time. Our lovely old church really lends itself, architecturally and acoustically to this musical genre. It is an experience not to be missed. As an added bonus, we will have a Licenced Bar at the back of the church. All profits will go to our Bell Restoration Fund.

As always, St Matthew's welcomes everyone, from anywhere, to join us for our worship and for our social events.

**John W Smith (Churchwarden)**





## **News from Holy Cross, Crediton - April 2025**

Churches across the Hub will be getting ready for their Easter services. I just wanted to highlight some services taking place at Holy Cross which may not be available elsewhere. Each evening at 7.30pm from Monday 14 to Wednesday 16 April, there is a devotional address and compline.

On Thursday 17 April at 7.30pm, there is the Eucharist of the Last Supper and Foot Washing. We join with all the other churches in the town for the Walk of Witness, starting at 10am at the St Boniface Roman Catholic Church and ending with refreshments at the Congregational Church. On Easter Eve Saturday 19 April at 8.00pm, there is the Easter Vigil with blessing of the new fire, renewal of baptismal vows and communion. Everyone is welcome at any of these services.

Either side of Easter, there are social and music events taking place. On Saturday 5 April from 10am to 1pm in the Boniface Centre, 20 local crafters will be selling a wide variety of items at a wide variety of prices at our Easter Craft Fair. There will be lots to browse and choose from – jewelry, ceramics, sewn and knitted items, soft toys, greetings cards, pictures and photographs, pet beds and home décor. On Saturday 26 April from 10am to 12noon in the Boniface Centre, there is a Plant Sale and Coffee Morning with gardening books and items and a bric-a-brac stall. There are refreshments served at both these events with proceeds going to the work of Holy Cross.

Musically, on Saturday 12 April at 4pm in Holy Cross, Sarah Baillie (accompanied by Jonathan Rawles, Director of Music at Holy Cross) will sing well-known songs and arias in English. Tickets £10 on the door in church and the price includes tea and cake in the Boniface Centre afterwards. Proceeds to the Crediton Music Endowment Fund. And if you enjoy singing but don't want to join a choir, come along and give Going for a Sing a try from 10.30am to 12noon on Friday 25 April. There is no charge for this informal singing group followed by refreshments.

It would be lovely to see you at any of these services or events! If you want any more information, contact Anne Jerman on 01363 772865.

# B O W

## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH



### Services

Sunday 6 April (first Sunday) at 10:30am.

A lay led service of Morning Prayer

### EASTER EUCHARIST

Sunday 20 April (third Sunday) at 10:30am.

Rev'd Preb. Anthony Geering will lead the Easter Eucharist

Everyone is warmly welcome

Sunday 4 May (first Sunday) at 10:30am.

A lay led service of Morning Prayer

*Join us for tea or coffee and biscuits after services*



### From the Registers

#### Baptism

2 March, Evelyn Victoria, baby daughter of Lucy Bailey and Ashley Lang.

A good size congregation almost filled St Bartholomew's Church, as parents, godparents, family and friends witnessed baby Evelyn's baptism. She was beautifully behaved throughout her special service. As she takes her first baby steps, she is welcomed into the fellowship of faith.

Rev'd Janet May was the officiant.

#### Funeral

David Job. David passed peacefully on 21 January, aged 80 years. David had lived his younger life at Bow and remained a worshipper at St Bartholomew's Church. He was a devoted husband to Sheila and will be missed by many. The funeral service, on 6 March, was held at Holy Cross Crediton, followed by a private interment. Rev'd Preb. Anthony Geering was the officiant.

#### Bow Ringers

Bow Ringers were awarded a very respectable fourth place certificate in the North Devon Eight Bell competition, held at St Michael and All Angels Torrington, on 1 February. Bow ringers were L Steer, I Avery, E Kackzanow, J Steer, A Steer, D Hulme, L Avery and J Crotty. Well done Bow Ringers!

#### 200 Club

If you haven't yet purchased your number, at just £6.00 per number for the whole year, for St Bartholomew's 200 Club, now is the time to do so.

It's a hassle-free, simple, way to support Bow Church (and you may win a prize!).

Just contact your usual collector or Doreen May on Bow 82620.

*Brenda Ware*

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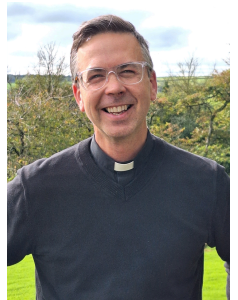
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## **SAFEGUARDING** The North Creedy East with Sandford Mission

Community is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer(s), PSOs.

If you have a concern about the safety of someone or the actions of someone working with children or vulnerable adults, please speak to someone.

North Creedy East Mission Community Safeguarding Officer –

Mrs Linda Tonkin - 01363 866857

or The Diocesan Safeguarding Team

- <https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/safeguarding-team/>

If you are a young person and you feel unhappy about something happening to you, you can call Childline on 0800 1111

Other useful phone numbers are:

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

Devon Rape Crisis 01392 204174

Dear God,

Help us to be a church that  
loves, welcomes, protects,  
listens, learns, serves,  
repents, restores, transforms,  
values, cares, believes.

God of justice and compassion, hear our  
prayer.

Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.

In Jesus' name.

Amen