

## THE RALEIGH MISSION COMMUNITY

OUR VISION: "To know and worship God, to show his love by reaching out into the community and welcoming all into his church."



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### **Important Health & Safety message concerning St Peter's Church**

**Until further notice please do not park or linger in the carpark turning circle. As a result of storm Darrah a number of tiles have fallen from the roof and loosened others which could fall. We are currently working with our insurers to resolve the problem, in the mean time please do not move the cones.**

### **Sunday 12th January – The Baptism of Christ**

This week we thank Rev'd Jean Burrows who will preside at the 8am and 10am in St. Peter's & Archdeacon Trevor who will preside at All Saints at 9.30am and St. Michael's at 11.00.

Also this week for Choral Evensong we are delighted to welcome Archdeacon Andrew Beane

### **Thought for Today: New Year Calendar of Memories Yet to Come**

Bishop Jackie shares a New Year Message for 2025 as she begins her final month as Bishop of Crediton before retiring: For the last few years my husband has made a calendar, featuring photos from the past year, as a Christmas gift for family. Each month reveals a happy reminder from the previous year – a family wedding, a beautiful walk, a sunny holiday. What it can't do is look ahead – this is where you will be in the coming year! That's just not possible.

As I approach retirement, I have regularly been asked the same two questions: Are you looking forward to it? And what are you going to do? They're questions we could all ask at the start of the New Year. There may be events ahead we look forward to – a baby expected, a holiday booked, a new course of study – but we can't actually know what is to come. And with the world as it is, and depending on our circumstances, they can be daunting questions to answer. A friend recently reminded me of a song we used to sing in church when I was a child. It has these words: 'I do not know what lies ahead, the way I cannot see; yet one stands near to be my guide, he'll show the way to me.'

On the special silver cross that I was given to wear when I was made a Bishop, these words from Psalm 23 are inscribed: 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. They are a constant reminder to me that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who cares for each of us and walks with us through life.

In answer to the questions – yes, I am looking forward to it, but with mixed feelings as I leave a role and place I have loved. And what comes next is an open question – there is spaciousness and possibility. And if at times that is daunting: 'One stands near to be my guide; he'll show the way to me.'

The Good Shepherd will do the same for each of us, if we let him, as we enter 2025. I wish you a joyful, blessed, and peaceful New Year.

*The Rt. Rev'd Jackie Searle, Bishop of Crediton*

**Support St Petrock's this Christmas:** For people living on the streets, comfort and joy can be in short supply at Christmas, as loneliness the struggle to keep warm are heightened. St Petrock's, a charity that supports those who are homeless in Exeter, is aiming to raise £40,000 this Christmas to support people over the festive season and into the new year.

Throughout the year, St Petrock's provides fresh clothing, hot showers, hot food and drinks, sleeping bags, a place of refuge from city sleeping, a friendly face to listen and help to find them a home.

If you are able to support the work of St Petrock's, please [click here](#) to make a donation.

**We offer prayers for:** Rosie Smith, Joseph Dixon, Alice Barrett, Jackie & Max Clemo, Bryan Power, Rosey, Melanie Hayward, Andrew Allan, Malcolm Dobbins, Mandy & Frank, Hamilton Cameron, Tony Bennett.

**We also pray for all those suffering from a terminal illness or undergoing invasive treatments.**

**Recently Deceased:**

**Lydia Greenaway:** A funeral service will take place at St Michael's Otterton on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 @ 14.30.

**David Hassell** A thanksgiving service will be held for David at St Peter's on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 commencing at 13.30

**Steve Richardson:** Funeral Service at St Peter's on 31<sup>st</sup> January at 14.00

**Annual Remembrance:** Frederick Harris, Roger Davis, Lucy Gooding, Henry Kay, Leonard Casey, William Godfrey, Roger Davis, Gwendoline Needham

**Significant Birthdays:** The wonderful Pat Rogers will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday

**The Prayer for Sunday is Bishop Mike's New Year Prayer for 2025**

Lord Jesus we ask in this New Year that; by your grace flowing into our hearts you enable us to be lights in the dark places of this world. By your love flowing into our hearts you enable us to pursue ever more energetically the flourishing, safety and security of all your children. By your joy flowing into our hearts you enable us to witness your truth and grow in your image and likeness. In Your name we pray, Amen.

**Dates for your diary**

<b>Mothers Union</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Mothers Union New Year Lunch</b>
<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Tickets from Malcolm Jones</b>
<b>Solos Lunch 2025</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Tickets from Christine Channon</b>
<b>Loaves &amp; Fishers</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Tickets from Mary Jones</b>

**Pastoral care Team Meeting:** A meeting of the team will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January between 2.30 & 4.30 in the Peter hall. Please let Jenny Steele know if you are unable to attend.

**Mothers' Union: Mothers Union New Year Lunch - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 12.45pm.** Tickets available from Sue Low £14.00, cash only please. 2 course meal including juice and coffee. Wine available to buy and raffle.

**Christingle thank you: A big thank you to everyone who helped make all our Christingle services such a success.** Over 250 Christingles were disturbed over three services. From those who bought oranges, sweets, etc to the Christingle constructors, (at least one thousand cocktail sticks prepared with sweets!), to those (the elves) who helped distribute and light them in the service. Thanks also to those who came to the service bringing young children or other family members/friends with them, the musicians who played on the day and the light switchers I couldn't have done it without all of you. Jean Burrows

**Collect:** Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**First Reading: Isaiah 43. 1-7**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

### **Second Reading: Acts 8.14-17**

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 3.15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'<sup>[b]</sup>

### **St Peter's Budleigh Salterton**

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion Hymns: Hymns: 589 580 698 702 Setting: Mass of St Thomas - David Thorne Anthem: Lord when the Wise Men came - Trad. French arr. E. Routley Voluntary: Ouverture from Triptyque - Denis Bédard	10.00
	Choral Evensong Hymns: 280 120 150 Introit: A Boy was born - Benjamin Britten CC 1 Responses: Michael Gibson Psalm: 47 Canticles: Ley in A minor Anthem: On this day earth shall ring - H.C.Stewart	18.00
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	9.30
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion	10.00

### **All Saints, East Budleigh**

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Holy Communion	9.30
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	9.30

## St Michael's Otterton

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Holy Communion	11.00
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	11.00

**New Electoral Role.** 2025 is the year (in the 6-year cycle) that all Parishes in the C.ofE. have to renew their electoral roles under the church representation rules, the renewal has to be completed in good time for our three annual parochial meetings which normally take place during May. During February every person who is on the existing role in each of the three churches will be invited to join the new role. Renewal forms will be available in each church during February with a request to be complete and returned to their Electoral Role Officer (ERO) by the end of the month. If you are not on the existing role but would like to be on the new one please complete a renewal form and return it to your ERO. The New Role will be published (names only) at the back of each church by the end of April.

**Parking Permits 2025.** St Peter's Church Parking Permits for next year are now available in the RMC Office for the bargain price of £80 for the year. Application forms can be found at the back of the church & payment can be made by the Dona machine (preferred) cheque payable to St Peters PCC or cash.

**Seachange cost of living support this winter.** Please see posters at the back of the church for more information.

- 1.- Healthy Cooking on a Budget a 6-week course starting 29<sup>th</sup> Jan ( There is a £18 charge for the whole 6 weeks for those that can afford it, this can be reduced or waived for those that can't.) Booking is essential.
2. Cost of Living Fair held at Brixington Church 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2-4
3. Winter fund to purchase items to help with energy saving items.

### **Community lunch & a warm space:**

Dear all, just a quick reminder, in this cold and depressing weather that twice a month there are community lunches in the Peter Hall which will warm the cockles of your heart. Both these events are open to all irrespective of your place of worship.

Loaves and Fishes takes place on the second Thursday of the month and tickets for the bargain price of £10 will buy you an excellent 2 course lunch. This monthly event is led by Mary Jones who with her wonderful team of helpers will make you feel most welcome. For more information do see Mary on a Sunday or contact Fran in the RMC Office

Solos Lunch: Led by Christine Channon also provides a hearty 2 course lunch for £10 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Originally, as the name infers, this event was set up for anyone on their own and whilst many of the current guests do come by themselves should you wish to bring a relative you won't be turned away. For further information do see Christine or contact Fran in the church office.

Booking for both lunches is essential. Look forward to seeing you there.