

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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Sunday 19th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

This week we thank Rev'd Jean Burrows who will preside at St Peter's at the 8.00 & 10.00 Holy Communion Services & Archdeacon Trevor who will lead the worship at All Saints & East Budleigh & at Choral Evensong at St Peter's @ 18.00.

Vacancy Prayer: God of the journey, in this time of change for our mission community help us to remember your love is constant. We bring to you all who are involved in the process of appointing a new vicar. Guide them with your wisdom, courage and discernment. Strengthen our churchwardens, PCC members, clergy, lay ministers and all who have extra responsibilities during this time. Help all of us to listen carefully for your direction, be open to new challenges and to serve you faithfully, so your kingdom will grow among us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Thought for the Day:

Receiving Holy Communion: 'Important Guidance from the Bishop of Exeter

The clergy have had a letter from Bishop Mike about the use of the common cup.

'As a Senior Staff team, it has come to our attention that that since Covid, there continues to be a wide diversity of practice around the use of the common cup within Eucharistic services in our diocese. I do recognise the nervousness for some around the resumption of the common cup, especially where there are a significant number of people with health issues in the congregation. Given that we are now six years on from the beginning of the Covid pandemic, I would now ask that the practice of offering the common cup resumes across the diocese.

We should not be offering individual cups as this is not our practice (though I am aware that some have) and where intinction is offered (the priest dipping wafer into wine before distribution or individuals dipping for themselves), this should now be replaced with the common cup. Please be aware that to receive in 'one kind' is perfectly acceptable if that is the communicant's preference (bread or wafer only). To do so is still to receive communion in full, even where wine is not consumed. This means that it is perfectly in order for communicants to receive only bread and decline the cup temporarily if they are feeling unwell. Where it is not happening, I would ask that the common cup resumes as soon as possible.'

We offer prayers for: Alice Barrett, Andrew Allan, Matthew Allan, Mandy & Frank, Kay Hassell, Mary Leat, Anne Grieve, Alison Wootton, Ken Parry, Mary Morris. **We also pray for all those suffering from a terminal illness or undergoing invasive treatments.**

Annual Remembrance: Kathleen Cooper, Norman Moss, Elizabeth Attewell, Patience Morwood, John Lynn, Ronald Green, Dorothy Teed

Historical Note: The Third Sunday of Easter marks a shift in the liturgical season from the immediate shock of the Resurrection to the period where the risen Jesus prepares his disciples for their future mission. It emphasizes eyewitness testimony to the resurrection and the restoration of key leaders.

The Prayer for Today: May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made, and praise you for your mighty acts. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Dates for your diary 2026

Peacemaker Festival	24th April 15, 16, 17th May	All Saints East Budleigh & East Budleigh Church hall.
Solos	26th April	Tickets from Christine Channon
A Tanzania Presentation	28th April	2 pm in Temple Methodist Church foyer
St Peters Spring Supper	2nd May	Tickets from Tony Gray & RMC Office.
Mothers Union	12th May	See below for details
Loaves & Fishes	14th May	Tickets from Judith Stewart Young or the church office
Otterton Summer Salad	9th June	Tickets from Anne Radcliffe @ 10.00.Otterton Village Hall
Scarecrow Festival	13th/ 14th June	All around East Budleigh!

Our Mothers' Union: This month's meeting was held on April 14th, a very wet day but a good number arrived to listen to the Exeter diocesan president, Nikki Sweatman. She gave us a good insight into how our subscriptions were used and plenty of practical advice as to how we can move forward. We are very fortunate to have her as a councillor and listening ear living in our area. Next month the warden of the Otter Estuary and Pebblebed reserve will be coming to explain the work that has been done to improve the habitat of the Otter estuary. Alison Newson

WHY IS ROGER CONANT FAMOUS? A TALK BY IAN BLACKWELL arranged by the Friends of All Saints on FRIDAY 24 APRIL 7.30pm in ALL SAINTS CHURCH: Everything you need to know about the life of Roger Conant in New England, explaining the link between East Budleigh and Salem, USA and his role as a peacemaker, ahead of the Peacemaker Festival 15-17 May 2026 and Twinning Celebrations 12 June 2026. Tickets £5/Friends £4 on the door. Contact: Maria 0777 321 8582

THE PEACEMAKER FESTIVAL MAY 2026 in EAST BUDLEIGH: In conjunction with the Roger Conant Group and the East Budleigh History Society, All Saints will be holding a Peacemaker Festival on the 15, 16 and 17th May 2026 in honour of local lad Roger Conant born in East Budleigh (1592) and the 400th anniversary of his founding the city of Salem, Massachusetts, USA in 1626.

On Saturday morning 16th May at 11am there will be an historic walk around East Budleigh led by the Otter Valley Association, ending at the Sir Walter Raleigh public house.

On Saturday evening there will be a formal peace-themed classical music concert, organised in conjunction with the Budleigh Music Festival, and addressed by the Bishop of Exeter, the Right Reverend Mike Harrison.

On Sunday afternoon at 3pm there will be a Village Music concert featuring local musicians. If you would like to participate, please contact Maria by text or phone on 0777 321 8582.

Friends of St Peter's event: Spring Supper on Saturday 2nd May Peter Hall, 18.30 for 19.00. The menu will be salmon fillet with fresh asparagus and watercress sauce, followed by a selection of homemade desserts, and we shall finish with tea and coffee and mints. There will be entertainment from local musicians Kate and Steve Grant, who will play popular tunes on flutes and saxophones. There will be drinks available from Tony's Bar, and the cost of the evening will be £20 per person. We look forward to seeing many people there, at our inaugural event! Tickets are available from Fran in the office on Wednesday and Friday mornings, and from Tony Gray on Sundays after the 10 am service. If you would like to reserve a table for 6 or 8 people for a group, please mention that to Fran or Tony when you buy your tickets.

PCC Secretary needed for St Michael's Otterton. No previous experience needed, a desire to work with others helpful, a sense of humour essential. For more info. contact Anne Radcliffe 01395 568059

A Tanzania Presentation: I'll be showing pictures and talking about my trip to Tanzania last summer at the Temple Men's Fellowship (but women are welcome and sometimes outnumber the men) Tuesday 28 April at 2 pm in Temple Methodist Church foyer followed by refreshments and open discussion in Wesley's. You are all welcome to come along, it will be the first time I've shown pictures from last year's visit. Jean Burrows

Exmouth Foodbank: Exmouth Food Bank is very much run by the community for the community and relies totally on food and financial donations to function. However, our donors are also struggling with the cost of living themselves and donations have understandably begun to decline. At the same time, during the past 6 months staple items that we purchase for our food parcels such as beans, tinned meat meals and pasta sauce have risen in price by 11%. Currently it costs us a £1,000 per week to feed those in need. Anything you can do to support us would be much appreciated such as offering to do some fundraising on our behalf or making a financial/food donation. More information about donating to the Food Bank can be found on our website at: exmouthfoodbank.org.uk/donate/.

Collect: Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading: Acts 2. 14a, 36-41: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore, let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Second Reading: 1. Peter 1 17-23: If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24. 13-35: Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the

people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

St Peter's, Budleigh Salterton

Sunday 19 th April 2026	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion: Hymns: 703 143 36 252 Setting: St Mary's Mass - Anthony Caesar Anthem: Christ the Lord hath risen - arr. G.R.Woodward Voluntary: Paraphrase on a chorus from Judas Mabbabaeus	10.00
	Choral Evensong	18.00
Wednesday 22 nd	Holy Communion	9.30
Sunday 26 th	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion	10.00

All Saints, East Budleigh

Sunday 19 th April	Holy Communion	9.30
Tuesday 21 st	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 26 th	Holy Communion	9.30

St Michael's Otterton

Sunday 19 th April	Holy Communion	11.00
Thursday 23 rd	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 26 th	Holy Communion	11.00



We are very grateful to all our supporters for the wonderful help in so many ways for the work of cr2ee in Moldova and Ukraine. We were able to achieve even more than ever before in 2025 because of the generous donations of money and aid goods, the hard work sorting and loading of aid by our volunteers, and the many other helps we receive from our supporters. THANK YOU. For a review of 2025 see notice boards. With best wishes & grateful thanks, Andrew, Hugh & Richard T'tees

The Electoral roll is due for revision in APRIL. If you wish to be a member of your church, and are not already on the roll (PLEASE CHECK!) Please complete an application form and return it by 29th APRIL as follows: For St Peter's, Forms at the back of the Church to be returned to Barry Laver's pigeon hole. Tel 445588. ST MICHAELS & ALL SAINTS, readily available.