

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 25th July – James the Apostle.

We took advantage of the option to keep this saint's day on this Sunday rather than transfer it. This gave me the ability to choose some particularly rousing hymns on our first "singing Sunday" for a year. I am presiding at both services at St. Peter's and Reverend Margaret Scrivener is presiding at All Saints and St. Michael's.

Thought for the Day.

We enter a brave new world of unlocking the covid restrictions this week. I attended a Diocesan Q&A session last Thursday on what this entails for us in Exeter Diocese and of course it mirrors Government instructions that nothing is mandatory anymore and everything is governed by personal responsibility. Of course, in practical terms I know there are a mix of attitudes that range from the gung-ho to the extremely nervous and to try and balance those two extremes and everyone else in the cautious centre, I think it would be wise to follow the following guidelines.

Social distancing: There is no legal need to do so any longer but as I am not aware that it has impacted our capacity at any of our churches (we haven't turned anyone away) I think we can safely continue to do so for a short while at least.

Hygiene: Again, no legal need to do so but the hand sanitisers will remain for the present and people will be encouraged to use them at least for the present.

Facemasks: No legal need to wear one now in church so many will be thrilled but some a little nervous so in my view, if in doubt, consider wearing one just out of consideration to those who are very cautious. No-one should make anyone else feel uncomfortable because of the choice they make!

Track and Trace: There is no legal compulsion to get people to give their contact details any longer so they can quite reasonably refuse if asked to do so. Even so we are "strongly encouraged" to keep track of who is attending worship. So that's clear then!?

Singing: no restrictions at all so from Sunday 25th July we will be singing the hymns.

Communion will continue to be in one kind only as it is now until we receive further guidance. In regard to the very nervous I will continue to sanitise my hands before communion and wear a facemask when distributing the host at least for now.

The peace: To safeguard people who are very nervous, be thoughtful and polite and I think the current practice (bowing and waving) is perfectly fine to be getting on with and in fact means we can share the peace with lots of people at the same time. Just be mindful that however keen you may be to share a handshake or hug, the recipient may not be as keen to receive it!

Above all, Let us all be loving and considerate to each other as we negotiate this transition.

We offer prayers for: Rosie Smith, David Beagley, John Heavens, Philip Ringrose, Glenys Callaghan, Gillian Andrews, The Reverend Karen Young, Peter Price, Deborah, Keith Baker, Di Bagshawe, Margaret Bown, Brian Shackleton.

Recently deceased: Sam Horne

Annual Remembrance: Jim Millverton, Alan Humphreys, Rev'd David Cheverton, Reginald Wood, Amanda Humphreys, Adrian Martin, Perc Coulthard.

First Reading: Jeremiah 45. 1-5: The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, 'Woe is me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.' Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the Lord; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.'

Jeremiah prophesies disaster for the Jewish people because of their inability to represent God's love and justice in the land. That raises an interesting point of whether God actively "breaks down and plucks up" or simply withdraws his protection of the Jewish people from the attentions of powerful and malign nations. The Hebrew scriptures strongly suggest the former. The Christian revelation says that while God is involved at every level of pain, suffering and disaster, free will dictates that there are lines and constraints that cannot be transgressed in this life, even for God.

Second Reading: Acts 11.27 – 12.2: At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

This reading mentions the murder of James almost in passing by King Herod who must have been feeling very threatened by this new movement that followed another "King of the Jews". A famine is also predicted and as I have said before, while we have no control over what happens to us we have choices over how we react. The churches subsequently and effectively rallied around to support the impoverished churches in the Holy Land where the church was born.

Gospel Reading: Matt 20. 20-28:

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

We'll never know whether this was the sole action of a proud and pushy mother or whether James and John put her up to it. Jesus' reaction to the brothers suggest the latter and anyway it provides a wonderful introduction for Jesus to express the nature of true Christian ministry which is one of service and not lording it over the church. "Servant leadership" as it is known in the church is however a difficult balancing act to achieve convincingly.

The Prayer for Today is from the church in Wales

Infinite Lord and eternal God, rouse your church in this land,
restore your people's sense of mission.

And revive your work in holiness and strength.

By your spirit, teach us to give our energy, our time, our money, our service and our prayer,
That your kingdom may be advanced here and in all the world.
I the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vicarage Garden Party – This Saturday 24th at 3.30pm : Well, the compostable plates, cups and cutlery are here, the Marquee goes up on Thursday, tables in the Marquee on Friday afternoon. Just a few pointers: Parking. Please be sensible. Parking will be available on our driveway (the new vicarage), Chris and Jane's next door (Acer house) and at Gerry and Jenny's (The Old Vicarage) but not the other driveway between Acer house and the Old Vicarage – and of course anywhere legal in the village.

What if it is raining? Well, still come! We have the Marquee, where the food and drink will be, and we can all go indoors of course if we have a few spots of rain – I'll Hoover the carpets especially!

Our Garden is a carefully crafted Wilderness and wildlife garden. Pandas are thought to inhabit our Bamboo Forest and sightings will be rewarded (photographic evidence required). The butterfly sanctuary is not recommended to enter but if any of the fruit on the bushes and trees are ripe you can pick those, but I think we'll have plenty of food without having to resort to that.

And finally, this is just to relax and chat and listen to Mike playing a bit of Jazz. No pressure, and a chance for the three churches to mix together and get to know each other.



The Children's Hospice South West is seeking donations of good quality clothing for all ages. No appointment needed to drop off donations, just pop in and you will receive a friendly & appreciative welcome. The shop in Budleigh Salterton High street is open from 9.00 – 5.00 most days. Many many thanks.

Jane's Jams and Chris's Paperback Book Stalls

Please come and support us on Sunday, 1st August 2.00-4.00 on Otterton Village Green, to raise funds for Otterton Church. If raining, the sale will be rearranged for Sunday, 15th August.

PS. No more books required but please save them for our next village fete.

This year Superdrug is collecting blister packs for their annual charity and importantly they will be recycled. We are happy to collect and deliver to Exeter. Will you collect your EMPTY blister packs and bring them to church? There will be 2 labelled bins, one at the SW door and the other at the disabled door, from the beginning of July I've now read we could also collect toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes. Also bras! Anyone else happy to do this? A good way to encourage non church goers to have a look inside our Church? Many thanks Pat and Sally Rogers. 446304





Dear Friends of the Exmouth FoodBank, In June we delivered 153 parcels and fed 306 people. Although numbers are reducing we are still serving three times as many people as we were prior to the

pandemic. Monthly graphs are available on the statistics page of our website, which you may find interesting. We are trialing a new idea which we are calling 'out of hours boxes.' We have made up some emergency food boxes and plan to deliver these to a number of designated collection points, such as local churches, schools and community halls. This means if we get an emergency call for food and the request is outside of our normal operating hours, we can arrange for the client to pick up the box. The box will provide enough food to last them until we are open again and can help with their ongoing needs.. If you are able to donate food, this month we are in need of: Tinned Vegetables (eg carrots, peas, sweetcorn, mushrooms) Tinned Tomatoes Tinned Fruit (eg fruit cocktail, pineapple, peaches) Tinned Rice Pudding Tins & Packets of Custard Jars of Pasta Sauce

News Flash: Solos lunch cancelled this month - tickets can be used for August date (22.8.21)

St Peter's Prayer Group

1st Tuesday of the month @ 9.30 in the Lady Chapel St Peter's Church – all welcome.



St Peter's Budleigh Salterton

Sunday 25 th July	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion. Hymns 191, 14, 844, 581 Setting Mass of St Thomas – Thorne Anthem: Holy is the light - Harris Voluntary: Sortie in E flat – Lefebure – Wely	10.00
Wed. 28 th July.	Holy Communion	9.30
Sunday 1 st August	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion	10.00



All Saints, East Budleigh

Sunday 25 th July	Holy Communion	9.30
Tuesday 27 th July	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 1 st August	Holy Communion	9.30



St Michaels, Otterton

Sunday 25 th July	Morning Prayer	11.00
Thursday 29 th July	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 1 st August	Holy Communion	11.00

Dates for your diary

St Peter's Prayer Group	Tuesday 3 rd August	In the Lady Chapel St Peter's Church
Solos Lunch	Sunday 22 nd August	Tickets from Christine Channon or the RMC office
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