

## 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 31st May 2026 – Trinity Sunday

This week we thank & welcome Rev'd Chis Cant who will officiate at St Peter's at 8.00 & Rev'd Sarah Mounoury who will officiate at 10.00. We also thank Rev'd Jean Burrows who will lead the worship at All Saints at 9.30 & St Michael's at 11.00.

### Thought for the day: Trinity Sunday

**Safe Lives Strong Communities Plan to Tackle Violence and Abuse:** The Diocese of Exeter is part of a new Devon-wide multi-agency strategy to tackle gender-based violence. [Safe Lives Strong Communities](#) started in April and will run for four years. It is based on the idea that instances of violence and abuse will only be reduced if there is collective action between organisations. It also emphasises that everyone has a role to play in reducing harm to women and girls. The strategy has been shaped through close collaboration between the police, county council, social services, schools, charities and community organisations. The plan has been guided by people with lived experience of violence and abuse.

Costa Nassaris, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, said "We are pleased to be part of Safe Lives Strong Communities as it aligns with our mission to put safeguarding and care for the vulnerable at the heart of church life in Devon, and help everyone to play their part in making our communities safe for all. A significant proportion of the referrals into the Diocesan safeguarding Team relate to Sexual Abuse or Domestic Abuse. As a Church we are working to raise awareness of gender-based violence and have introduced mandatory training for all staff and volunteers. We are committed to providing victims and survivors with a supportive and compassionate service."

The Diocese of Exeter is implementing **Safe Lives Strong Communities** by mandating the national church training in Domestic Abuse Awareness for all Church Officers who work with children and families. The Safeguarding Team also encourages people to engage in training offered by the local authority or specialist charities. Any concerns about Domestic Abuse that involve a Church Officer should be reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team (DST).

If you would like to know more or have ideas about how churches can help contribute to a reduction in violence against women and girls, please contact the [Diocese Safeguarding Team](#).

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

**Recently deceased: Mike Dickens: Funeral St Michael's Otterton 8<sup>th</sup> June @ 11.00**

**Anne Grieve: Funeral St Peter's 8<sup>th</sup> June @ 13.00**

**Anita Knowles: Funeral St Peter's Church 11<sup>th</sup> June @ 11.30**

**Annual Remembrance: George Leyman, Peter Parris, Edna Simmonds, David Joselin**

**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.

## Dates for your diary 2026

<b>Otterton Summer Salad</b>	16th June	Tickets from Anne Radcliffe @ 19.00 Otterton Village Hall
<b>Scarecrow Festival</b>	13th/ 14th June	All around East Budleigh!
<b>Mothers Union</b>	9th June	See below for details
<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b>	11th June	Tickets from Judith Stewart Young or the church office
<b>Men's breakfast</b>	June	Contact Malcolm Jones for details.

**Pudding Night Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May. 18.00 in the Peter Hall.** If you are willing to provide a pudding please sign the list at the back of St Peter's church. Thank you.

**Gala Week Songs of Praise:** A big thank you to everyone who came to Songs of Praise last Sunday evening. All the feedback said it was a great event. We had fantastic weather so we could sing outside, at least one hundred people and lovely hospitality from Temple. Thank you also to Stephen for playing for us and to all cake providers. Jean Burrows

**Gala Week Family Funday:** Another great event with many families and older people coming along. Thank you to anyone who helped in any way from donating materials for junk modelling, setting up, helping on the day with the crafts, in the kitchen or just being there. With both our Gala Week events so many people appreciated all the churches working together. Jean Burrows

**Experience Church:** Experience Church for St Peter's School begins on Tuesday. Please note that Holy Communion on Wednesday will be in the Peter Hall. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help, over thirty from four different churches. I still need volunteers for All Saints' East Budleigh on Monday afternoon 8 June (1 pm – 2.30 pm) and St Michael's Otterton (12.30 – [3.15.pm](#)) on Tuesday afternoon 9 June. Please contact me if you are able to help [jeanburrows@jeanius.me.uk](mailto:jeanburrows@jeanius.me.uk) 07498 073665. Please pray for this event, for all who will experience church through it, adults as well as children, that all would go well with no mishaps. Thank you. Jean Burrows

**Mother's Union:** Our next meeting is Tuesday 9 June when our own Jenny Steele is speaking about her life as a Registrar. We will also be discussing future plans, please bring any ideas. Our May meeting was very enjoyable when Rick Lockwood told us about his work as Warden of the Lower Otter illustrated with beautiful photos and videos

**Bishop Moira's Living Stones Tour:** Last week Bishop Moira stopped off at St Michael's Otterton as part of her Living Stones Tour where she met churchwarden Anne Radcliffe. There is now a photo of Anne with Bishop Moira and a picture of St Michael's Church on Roots and Shoots, the weekly diocesan mailing available on line and well worth receiving every week to know what's happening in the diocese. Jean Burrows

**Collect:** Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading: Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end:** Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**Isaiah 40:12–17 and 27–31** is a powerful Old Testament scripture passage traditionally read on **Trinity Sunday**. It contrasts the limitless, incomprehensible greatness of God with human weakness, ultimately offering deep comfort and strength to those who are struggling.

**Second Reading: 2. Corinthians 13. 11-end:** Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**2 Corinthians 13:11-14** is the closing passage of the Apostle Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth, containing final exhortations, communal greetings, and a famous Trinitarian benediction

**Gospel Reading: Matt 28. 16-end:** Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Following his resurrection, Jesus meets the eleven disciples in Galilee on a specific mountain, where they worship him despite some initial doubt. Jesus declares his universal authority and charges them to make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He instructs them to teach obedience to his commands and promises to be with them always.

**Receiving Holy Communion: 'Important Guidance from the Bishop of Exeter:** 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. Please be aware that to receive in 'one kind' is perfectly acceptable if that is the 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.'

**East Budleigh SCARECROW FESTIVAL: Saturday 13th -Sunday 14th June 2026 11am-4pm**

Scarecrows on display in the village. Refreshments, stalls, entertainment and activities around the Village Hall. East Devon Rock choir Saturday. Church tower tours both days and bell ringing tasters. Knitting display. Dog show Sunday at noon. Rally and classic cars at East Budleigh Garage on Sunday. Closing with Songs of Praise. More info at

<https://www.raleighmissioncommunity.org.uk/friends-of-all-saints.html>

## St Peter's, Budleigh Salterton

Sunday 31st May	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion. Hymns: 310 767 172 777 Setting: St Mary's Mass - Anthony Caesar Anthem: Mighty, glorious is God the Father - J.S.Bach Voluntary: March on "Lift up your heads" - Alexandre Guilmant	10.00
Wednesday 3rd June	Holy Communion <b>to be held in the Peter Hall</b>	9.30
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion	8.00
	Holy Communion	10.00

**Used Stamps.** We will be supporting Oxfam in future with these. Please remember to save any stamps you may receive, remove from the envelope leaving a margin around the stamps. The collection box is at the back of St Peter's church adjacent to the card reader machine. Thank you.

## All Saints, East Budleigh

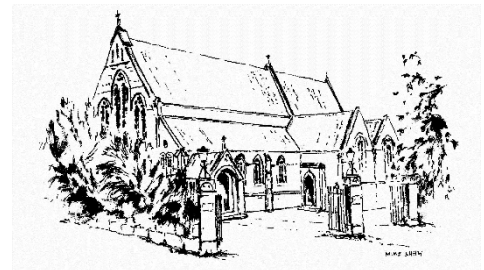
Sunday 31st May	Holy Communion	9.30
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion	9.30

## St Michael's Otterton

Sunday 31st May	Holy Communion	11.00
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning Prayer	9.30
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion	11.00

## Sundays at SIX: Music at St. Peter's Church

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May Organ Recital Stephen Tanner  
 Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June Organ Recital Andrew Millington  
 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June Choral Evensong



East Budleigh Scarecrow Festival  
 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June  
 11am – 4.00pm

Otterton Summer Salad 16<sup>th</sup> June @ Otterton Village Hall  
 Tickets from Anne Radcliffe 01395 568059