

Around the Parishes
Awliscombe - Buckerell - Combe Raleigh
Cotleigh - Gittisham and Honiton
March 2023.



As the servers's strike entered its third week, the Armu was called in.



I am writing this on Ash Wednesday, with Lent stretching out before us and the distant prospect of Easter to come. I like the opportunities that Lent encourages you to take, perhaps to turn inward a little.

Michelle has ordered the Dust and Glory books for those who wanted them, so do remember to pick one up from her if you have asked for one, and enjoy, together or alone, the daily sessions they provide.

The Curry Guys come to Awliscombe

Seen from here, the inaugural Curry Night, Allison's vision to replace our trusty Soup 'n' Puds February lunch, seems like a pre-Lent carnival, even though it was on 28th January. Lighting, drapes and music transformed the Village Hall into a magical and atmospheric space with fairy-lit trees, big tables of 10, and the eponymous Guys, like kitchen ninjas, juggling vast quantities of rice and three different home-made curries, taking our orders at the table and whisking them out to us: no straggling hatch queues here!

Kevin Coxon master-minded a smokey soundtrack on the recently-installed Bluetooth sound system and the 70 or so diners were completely charmed by the whole event. With the bar and the raffle we raised over £900, which was split between St Michael's and Unicef's Ukraine appeal. If you see Allison, make sure you encourage her to run it again next year. The first time is always the hardest - the template has been forged now!

Friends of St Michael's AGM

We've had the launch Open Day at St Michael's, we've had the ideas evening, and we've built a group who enjoy running the Friends. On 30th January we held the first AGM of the Friends. The first committee, including a new chair, Sian Dalrymple, was formally elected, we received the latest membership numbers (24) and money raised to date (£3,343.57), and ran through a 'wish list' of fabric items for the church. Top of the list was a toilet. The research done by the committee indicates that our best chance of achieving this is to erect a new, insulated wooden building on the site of the mower shed and to install a composting loo. Total cost estimated at around £12,000.

The first performance event organised by the Friends will be a Jim Causley concert in St Michael's on 11th March (see below).

Return to Communion in two kinds

We look forward to Easter for many reasons. One more, this year, is that from Easter we as a Mission Community will return to the taking of Communion with both bread and wine. Intinction (the dipping of the bread in the wine) remains off limits.

Upcoming events

Sunday Services continue on first (Eucharist) and third (Lay led) Sundays of each month. We will have a lay-led service for Mothering Sunday on 19th March. There will be a Eucharist on Easter Sunday (9th April) in addition to the usual first and third Sundays that month

Saturday 11th March at 7.30pm in St Michael's: spend an evening with the renowned Devon folk singer Jim Causley. Organised by Friends of St Michael's. Tickets £12 or £10 for Friends and U18s. There will be a cash bar selling wine, beer and soft drinks. To book your seats contact the Friends secretary, Kath Empson, on stmichaelfriends@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM ST MARY AND ST GILES ,BUCKERELL

In February our village service for Christingle with Candlemas was an effective combination of two events in the church year, the first being Christingle ,which is a 1960s adaptation of a Moravian custom ,and the second one a very old ceremony marking the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth . Both elements of our service were meaningful and enjoyable .

Next we come to the time of Lent , a very different and contemplative period leading to Easter . Very kindly, Sue and Ian Tucker are offering to lead and host a Lent group for those who would like this opportunity .The group starts on Wednesday March 8 and all are welcome , from other villages and churches as well. However , the maximum number of participants is 10, so please get in touch with the Tuckers soon on

Tuckers99@outlook.com if you would like to take part .

We hope to see many of you at our church service for Mothering Sunday on March 19.At this time we show our appreciation for all those mothers , carers and others who help or helped us to grow and thrive.

In the countryside now we are noticing signs of spring starting all around us. Let's hope Spring really arrives with the Spring Equinox on March 20, without more wintry weather .The clocks are scheduled to go forward overnight for March 26 , always a hopeful sign - don't be late for our church service that Sunday morning !

SERVICES FOR MARCH AT St MARY AND St GILES

Sunday March 5	1000	Village Service for Lent
Sunday March 19	1000	Mothering Sunday Family Eucharist
Sunday March 26	1115	Parish Eucharist

Please note :

April 9 Easter Day Family Eucharist is at 1000 a.m.

PM



Here is our contribution for Cotleigh - Pauline Gordon

Good morning to you all

There will be a Holy Communion Service At St Michael's Church

On Sunday 5th March At 9.30 am



200 Club DRAW

FEBRUARY

No 88 Caroline Dare £15 and No 46 Janet Godfrey £10

MARCH

No 40 Matt Broom £15 and No 2 Sheila Dare £10

APRIL

No 50 Oliver Broom £15 and No 18 Ruth Woolcott £10

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY COTLEIGH BINGO

This will be held in the Village Hall **On SATURDAY 25th MARCH** Doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7.30 pm 'eyes down'

Many raffle prizes to win, including money prizes and Easter eggs but any additional raffle prizes always gratefully received.

All proceeds to go to the NSPCC.

Thank you - Pam Lane

MOTHERING SUNDAY

19th March 2023

Mothering Sunday started back in the 16th century. At that time, on Mothering Sunday people used to return to the church where they were baptised or the local parish church. This was known as their 'mother church' the essence of this practise was that people remained in touch with the community they had grown up. The actual service took place on the 4th Sunday of Lent and symbolised the coming together of families.

In modern times Mothering Sunday has become a recognition of the role very much of the mother in contemporary society.

Mrs Pam Lane would like to thank Cotleigh PCC for the presentation to her of a beautiful cut glass goblet engraved with St Michael's Church and her 23 years of service as Church Warden, a bouquet of flowers and a garden voucher. She would like to wish John Chapman every success in his new role as Church Warden.



St Nicholas', Combe Raleigh

Although the weather in February is often cold and unpredictable we were immensely grateful for the relative warmth and sunshine on 19 th when we held our annual Snowdrop Tea. The snowdrops in the churchyard were at their best – it's certainly amazing how they spread – and nearby there were bunches of these heralds of Spring waiting for new homes.



Soon the interior of the church was filled with chatter and laughter as friends met up to exchange news and to comment, as always happens, on how quickly the weeks are passing. Music is always a good addition to a gathering and Charles' organ playing provided just the right atmosphere for the afternoon.

Meanwhile bunches of snowdrop plants were fast disappearing, as were the home-made cakes – our volunteers were certainly kept busy!

Of course an event like this couldn't happen without visitors so many thanks to everyone who supported us as we recorded our best drop Tea result ever – over £1000



Snow-

As we enter the period of Lent chancel flowers will be replaced by a Lenten Cross. Made from the trunk of a Christmas tree it will remind us of God's love given to us through the birth of Jesus. Throughout Lent symbols will be added to the cross until Easter Sunday when flowers will transform it from a symbol of death into a symbol of new life.

Don't forget our Come and Sing at 3.00pm on Sunday 5 th . Favourite hymns followed by tea. Services in March are on 12th (Eucharist) and 26 th (Lay-led). We offer a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us.

Rosemary Mapleston

YOU ARE INVITED TO A THURSDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP.

A new daytime small group is planned to start after Easter. We will meet fortnightly in the Chapel at St. Paul's from 10.00am until approx. 11.45am on a Thursday. It will be an informal time for fellowship, prayer and bible study, and is open to all who belong to the St. Paul's Mission Community. The first meeting is planned for April 13th . Please see Duncan and Jan if you would like to join us.

Traidcraft Update

Many of you may already be aware that at the end of January Traidcraft PLC sadly went into administration. Trading ethically within a system that is unjust must always be a challenge but the last few years have been exceptionally hard for them due to the covid pandemic and more recently to rising fuel and transport costs. But their pioneering work for trade justice will continue.

Transform Trade (the charity) is not affected by the administration. They will continue to support small producer groups by finding new markets, upskilling workers, and developing products as well as campaigning for change to the entire trading system. by

We still hold a stock of Traidcraft items so the monthly stalls at St Paul's will continue for the time being and we will look for other ways to support Transform Trade. The next Traidcraft stall will be after morning worship on Sunday 26th March.

ST Paul's News

Despite the combination of weather and seasonal flu, St Pauls has continued to be busy during February with services, events, coffee mornings etc. Lent began with our Ash Wednesday service, concentrating our thoughts towards Easter and its meaning for us all, followed by our Lent lunch which raised £100.00 to Water Aid.

During the month Reverend Sue challenged us to approach Lent with the idea of adding something to our Church life, rather than giving something up. There has been a very positive response to this. Father Robert will lead a service of Compline every Wednesday evening during Lent starting at 6 pm. The Mothers Union are committed to making contact with members of the Church family who have "dropped off the radar" in the last few months, (more about this in the MU article) An additional coffee morning on Thursdays will be held to offer warmth, company and refreshment. There will also be a litter picking event organised by Beth Green with helpers, to go to 3 green spaces near the church to spend an hour clearing up for everyone's enjoyment. Details of this plus a signup sheet can be found on the table in St Pauls.

Pam

Among our Christian Aid committee members, as much as anywhere in our churches, we are saddened by the news that Traidcraft has gone into administration, so that Richard and Kate Pryor are left wondering how it may still be possible to provide regular supplies of fairly traded goods from Africa and Asia. The cause of fair trade is dear to Christian Aid's heart, and we do hope that a fairtrade stall will continue to feature in our local church life. We value the partnership that has developed.

We also value the partnership between Honiton Methodist Church and St Paul's to work for Christian Aid, especially when it comes to urgent appeals for people in our town to respond to major emergencies, wherever in the world they may occur. In February, the massive earthquake in Turkey and Syria has been a huge reason for us to appeal again, and we're able to report that over £800 has already been given in response, with further collections still to be completed. We are so grateful for the regular generosity of many a church member, as well as for freely offered notes and coins dropped into our familiar red bucket at the edge of St Paul's churchyard. Well done, David and Felicity and Val for being so quick off the mark on the first Saturday, when I was up in Leeds; and well done, Edna Simpson for doing a stint with us on the second Saturday. Of course we don't know who any of them are, but well done too to all local people who have donated directly, online or at their bank:

There's a lot of discreet compassion in our town, and we're very conscious that our Christian Aid facilities are just one route among others for donations to reach the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), of which Christian Aid is just one member among thirteen.

There are daunting images and statistics of losses coming out of Turkey and Syria, and great challenges now, to protect and care for the many survivors who have lost everything; but the accumulating generosity from whole nations like ours who are able to help is hugely encouraging, "the Lord being our helper".

Now that our Christian Aid committee has suddenly stirred its stumps, after a couple of months of hibernation, we must soon have our first meeting of this year, to start making plans for Christian Aid Week in May (actually, from Saturday 13th to Saturday 20th May).

There's quite a bit to think about, and every year we are always curious as to which particular Christian Aid project overseas will be the focus for the week, to feature in the advertising, in a video or two, and in the worship material for a Christian Aid Week Service. Would you believe, the flyer that we recently received is whetting our appetites for "some very special peas in Malawi"! No doubt we shall learn more in due course. One effect of the Covid years which is still with us in our church life is that we do not yet feel able to resume passing The Peace, hand to hand, during the Sunday eucharist. Perhaps in Christian Aid Week this year we may find ourselves passing the peas instead! Funnier things have happened in church, believe me. And when the worst things in the world have happened, as they have in Turkey and Syria, the Lord may smile to himself when we who make serious responses in his name can find gentle ways to lighten up, as we need to.

"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians, Chapter 9, verse 7

Worship at Home

This Order of Service follows, as closely as possible, the worship that we are offering in church.

Preparation

In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

You might like to sing a hymn

Prayers of Penitence **to be said until the Saturday after the 4th Sunday of Lent**

The Sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord who is full of compassion and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

From the Fifth Sunday of lent until the Wednesday of Holy Week

God shows his love for us In that , while we still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him By confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, though our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins, For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name, Amen.

5th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,

that they may return to the way of righteousness:

grant to all those who are admitted

into the fellowship of Christ's religion,

that they may reject those things

that are contrary to their profession,

and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

12th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,

whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:

mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;

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.

19th March 4th Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

God of compassion,

whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,

shared the life of a home in Nazareth,

and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:

strengthen us in our daily living

that in joy and in sorrow

we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal;

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.



20th March Joseph of Nazareth

God our Father,

who from the family of your servant David

raised up Joseph the carpenter

to be the guardian of your incarnate Son

and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

give us grace to follow him

in faithful obedience to your commands;

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.



25th March The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

We beseech you, O Lord,
pour your grace into our hearts,
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the mes-
sage of an angel,
so by his cross and passion
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
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.

26th March 5th Sunday in Lent (Passiontide begins)

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.

Readings

5th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

Rom. 4. 1-5, 13-17 John 3. 1-17.

12th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

Rom. 5. 1-11. John 4. 5-42

19th March 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Exod. 2. 1 -10. Luke 2. 33-35.

20th March St. Joseph of Nazareth

Rom 4. 13-18 Matt 1. 18-end

25th March The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Heb. 10. 4-10 Luke 1. 26-38

26th March 5th Sunday of Lent Rom. 8. 6-11 John 11. 1-45

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father the almighty, maker of heaven and earth. Of all that is, seen and unseen. I believe in Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man, For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again; in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the world to come Amen.

The Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father , you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Robert our Bishop and all your Church in the service of Christ that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Bless and guide Charles our King ; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may serve Christ in one another ,and love as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind ,or spirit...; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ...; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, [St. N] and all your saints ,we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

These responses may be used

Lord in your mercy— Hear our Prayer **(or)** Lord hear us—Lord, graciously hear us

And at the end.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen.

The Lord's Prayer,

The Grace **from Ash Wednesday until the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Christ give me grace to grow in holiness, to deny myself take up my cross and follow him and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Evermore. Amen.



From the Fifth Sunday of lent until the Wednesday of Holy Week

May Christ crucified draw me to himself to find in him a sure ground for faith a firm support for hope and the assurance of sins forgiven, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Evermore. Amen.





BIBLE MOTHERS

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?

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Genesis 4:1-2

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?

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Genesis 17:19

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?

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1 Samuel 1:20

Who was Ruth's Mother-in-Law?

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Ruth 1:1-5

Eunice was Timothy's mother, but who was her mother?

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2 Timothy 1:5

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

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Exodus 6:20

Look up the Bible verses and find out who the Bible mothers are.



M ___ _ _ _ _
Matt 1:16

O ___ _ _ _ _
2 Tim 1:5

T ___ _ _ _ _
1 Kings 1:11

H ___ _ _ _ _
1 Sam 1:20

E ___ _ _ _ _
Gen 34:1

R ___ _ _ _ _
Gen 30:22

WHO IS MY MOTHER?



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| CAIN | ELIZABETH |
| ISAAC | HANNAH |
| JESUS | RACHEL |
| JACOB | REBEKAH |
| TIMOTHY | EVE |
| JOSEPH | MARY |
| SAMUEL | SARAH |
| JOHN | EUNICE |



How many other words can you make from:
MOTHERING SUNDAY



Look up the Bible verses then find the answers and the names below in the word search

- REBEKAH
- ELIZABETH
- EUNICE
- RUTH
- MARY
- RACHEL
- LEAH
- ZIPLAH
- MOTHER
- MUM



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Easy puzzle

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Medium puzzle

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It is Goodbye from Me, and a welcome back to
Rev. SUE .

I am pleased to announce that Rev. Sue. Feels well enough to take back and produce this magazine. Please continue to forward your news, parish items to Rev Sue via the Parish Office. It has been a pleasure taking over this publication during Rev Sue's illness, I have enjoyed doing the work but it is more fitting that Rev Sue takes up the reins again being the Team Rector.