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Praying and Growing in Christian discipleship and
Serving the people of Devon with joy

Welcome to our churches Sunday 16th March 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

God's Covenant with Abram

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates'.

Philippians 3. 17 - 4. 1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13. 31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Collect

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. **Amen**

Post Communion Collect

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help
ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and
hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Requests to Guide Your Prayers

(Please contact clergy for inclusion)

- Our Annual Parochial Church Meetings
- Rev Paul's Quiet Day

Residential home: Landscore House

The healing and wholeness of:

David Wright (St Michael's), Rebecca Davis,
Sheila Chadwick and Di Caine.

Circle of Care: Andy Dyson, Maggie Halford,
Janet Paget, Max Guy, Marion Delaney, John
Wibberley, Cynthia Mosely, Chris Newton,
Nicholas Brixton, Len Parkyn, Andy Harding,
Nobby Bray and Verity Langley.

The recently departed and their family and

friends: Geoff McAllister, Margaret Baxter,
Anthony Butt, Mike Hurst, Giles Taylor, Robert
Simmonds, John Hall and Elaine Buckley.

Upcoming Funerals:

Margaret Baxter – 17th March, 12pm – St Michael's
Elaine Buckley – 25th March, 11.30am - St James
Giles Taylor – 27th March, 12.30pm - St Michael's
Mike Hurst – 31st March, 11.30am - St John's

Services During the week

Tues 18th 9.30am - St Michael's: Holy Communion
Thurs 20th 9.30am – St Peter's: Morning Prayer

Services Next Sunday 23rd March

Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am – St James: Holy Communion
9.30am – St John's, Bishop: Family Church
with Holy Communion
9.30am - St Michael: Holy Communion
9.30am - St Nicholas: Matins
11.00am – St James: Holy Communion
11.00am – St Peter's: Holy Communion

Future events open to everyone across the Mission Community

Dorcas Group will be meeting on **18th March**
when Tina Barratt from Citizens Advice will be
talking about scams and fraud. This will be
followed by lunch. Speak to Chris Marsh if you
will be attending for Lunch. Coffee at 11am.
(01626 772561).

Franciscan Quiet Day. Would you like to
deepen your life of faith and understand
spirituality in the Franciscan way? Rev Paul
Smedley is leading a Quiet day on **22nd March**
at St Michaels. There is a sign-up sheet in your
church to help with lunch numbers. This is
provided with a small donation. Please see
poster in Churches. All welcome.

Annual Church Meetings (APCM)

- St James 6th April after the service
- St Peters 11.45 SATURDAY 12th April
- St John's Bishop 27th April after service.

New Electoral Rolls are being prepared, please
ensure you have completed your form. See
information in your church. Please support
your churches by praying for and attending the
meetings.

Rev Carol's Sabbatical. Carol has been a
priest for 20 years and for the first time is taking
a 3 month sabbatical from 28th April. She is
using this time to relax, refresh and resource
her ministry. She'll be back in early August.

Pewsheets submissions by 10am please on Thurs
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