

Together, serving the communities of Teignmouth, Bishopsteignton, Ideford, Luton, Ashcombe, Shaldon and Ringmore

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

Welcome to our churches Sunday 6th April 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43. 16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3. 4b -14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings

by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing towards the Goal

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12. 1-8

Mary Anoints Jesus

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Collect

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. Amen

Post Communion Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and
sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen

Requests to Guide Your Prayers

(Please contact clergy for inclusion)

- Our Annual Parochial Church Meetings.
- Preparations for our ministry in schools and with young people in Lent and for Easter

Residential home: Bishopsteignton House

The healing and wholeness of:

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

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: Mike Hurst, Giles Taylor, John Hall, Elaine Buckley and Malcolm Henshaw.

Services During the week

Tues 8th 9.30am - St Michael's: Holy Communion Thurs 10th 9.30am - St Peter's: Holy Communion

Services 13th April: Palm Sunday

8.00am – St James: Holy Communion 9.30am – St. John's: Family Church 10.00am – St Nicholas: Liturgy of Palms processing for 10.30am to St Peter's with dramatised Passion Reading and Holy Communion

10.00am – St James liturgy of the Palms and procession to St Michael's 10.30am for dramatic reading of passion narrative and Holy Communion

Some Additional Services in Holy

Week (Full details on website)

Tues 15th – 6pm St Peters: Stations of the Cross Wed 16th – 6pm St Michael's: Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thurs – 7pm Bishop: Watch Service 7pm St Peter's lay lead prayers 7.30 St Michael's HC, foot washing and Watch Good Friday - 9am St Peters: Reserved Sacrament

2-3 - St James and St Michael's services see website

Holy Saturday - 8pm St Michael's Vigil Service

Future events open to everyone across the Mission Community

Annual Church Meetings (APCM)

- 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. Please support your churches by attending the meetings.

Rev Carol will be having a Team service on 27th April at 4.30pm at St James before heading off on her sabbatical. Please do come and attend to pray for Carol, Dave, the other clergy, ministers and Lay leaders who are supporting her and your churches especially in this time.

Thursday 10th April Holy Communion at St Peters at 9.30am with coffee and cake afterwards. Rev Carol will preside marking 20 years of her ordination as a priest. All welcome.

Seder Meal Maundy Thursday 17th April. St Michael's 5.30 for 5.45 come and learn about the ancient traditions of the Jews which formed Jesus' ministry. Lamb hotpot and desert included. Finishing by 7.15 for the solemn Watch and Liturgy. Sign-up sheets in churches.

Dorcas are holding 2 events in April. 15th is a coffee morning and raffle. 29th is a Quiz in the Upper Narthex starting at 2.30pm. There will be a non-refundable charge of £3 for this with refreshments available. Please contact Chris Marsh on 772561 if you would like to go.

Pewsheet submissions by 10am please on Thurs to office at office@haldonteam.org.uk or call 07494 222848

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