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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 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

**First Sunday after Trinity**

### **Isaiah 65. 1-9.**

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"

to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities

together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps

full payment for their actions.

Thus says the Lord:

As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say,

"Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,

and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;

my chosen shall inherit it,

and my servants shall settle there.

### **Galatians 3. 23-29**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

### **Luke 8. 26-39**

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

## Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Requests to Guide Your Prayers

(Please contact clergy for inclusion)

## Residential Home: Bishopsteignton House

### The healing and wholeness of:

David Wright (St Michael's), Rebecca Davis, Alan Wooderson, Di Caine, Faith from Imprezza in Kenya, Maggie Halford, Joe-Ann Martin, Anne Harding, Val Hammond, Tom Haines and Michael Bailey.

**Circle of Care:** Andy Dyson, Janet Paget, Max Guy, Marion Delaney, Cynthia Mosely, Chris Newton, Nicholas Brixton, Andy Harding, Nobby Bray and Eric Crocker.

**The recently departed and their family and friends:** Thelma Sharland, Marie Edmunds, Preb. Philip Luff, Tony Groves, Ian Thomas, Alan Jones, Michael Evans and Liz McHugh.

### Upcoming Funerals:

**Ian Thomas** – St James': 25<sup>th</sup> June, 11am

**Alan Jones** – St Peter's: 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2pm

**Liz McHugh** – St Michael's: 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2pm

**Michael Evans** – St James': 4<sup>th</sup> July, 11am

## Services During the week

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am - St Michael's: Holy Communion

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am - St Peter's: Morning Prayer

## Services Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June Second Sunday after Trinity

8.00am – St James: Holy Communion

9.30am – St John's: Holy Communion

9.30am - St Michael's: Holy Communion

11.00am – St Peter's: Holy Communion

11.00am – St James: Holy Communion

6.30pm - St Michael's: Songs of Praise

## Future events open to everyone across the Mission Community:

We welcome **Rev Jenny Weigel** who is taking our morning service today in Bishop. Jenny is with us as a training placement for the month and has been serving her curacy in the Ashburton & Moorland Mission Community. She is also the coauthor of the Curious Curates podcast. She looks forward to meeting many of you in the next weeks.

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## St Michael's Flower festival 2025

*'A Potpourri of Poetry'*

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

The Church will be open daily from 10am until late

A full music programme and poetry recitals

Admission free Refreshments - Gift and Craft stalls

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## Dorcas Group:

**Tuesday 1st July** outing to **Darts Farm and**

**Exmouth**, cost £21. Meet at Seaview diner at

9:45am. All welcome. Please contact Chris Marsh on 01626772561 to book your place.

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**Caroline and her family** thank people from across the Mission Community who came to Philip's funeral and helped to make it such a splendid event. A special thanks to all who took part or worked behind the scenes. It was just as we had wanted and would have given Philip enormous delight. Thank you too for all your love and support now and in past months and years.

Pewsheets submissions by 10am please on Thurs to Sarah:

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