

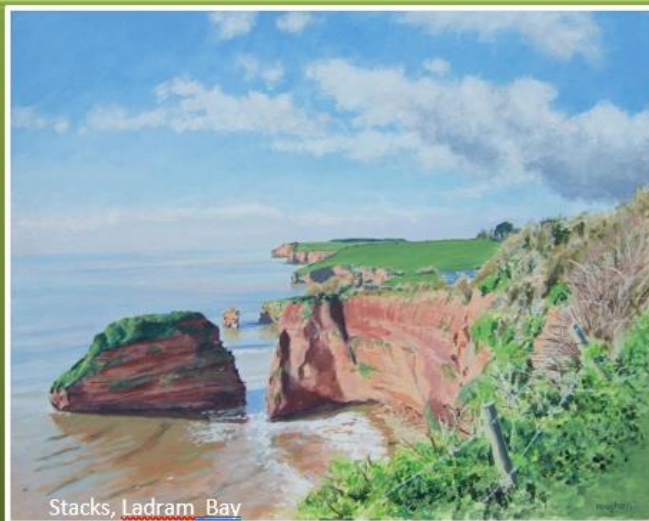


# The Net

September 2025

**Blessed be he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord:  
we have wished you good luck,  
ye that are of the house of the Lord.  
Psalm 118, v. 26**

**The Mission Community of Littleham, Holy Trinity, Exmouth, & Lypstone**



## OPEN DOOR PARENT HUB

Open Door is going to reopen soon and I need to replenish stock for the baby bank we use at the Parent Hub.

All the clothes that we had were destroyed following the leak so we are literally starting again from scratch?

*Liz Biggs*  
Family Support Lead

OPEN DOOR  
Parent Hub



Baby and children's clothes urgently needed.  
Contact Liz Biggs to arrange  
delivery/collection on 07933331620  
Thank you!

*Living  
& Telling*

Sharing your faith with others can seem daunting. Living & Telling, by Agapé UK, is an amazing course which aims to equip ordinary Christians with simple tools to help them share their faith naturally and helpfully.

Reverend Steven Jones of Exmouth invites you to come and join him on this course, which runs over three Saturdays in September.

**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.45 am to 4.00 pm

**Clyst St George Parish Hall**  
EX3 0RE

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.45 am to 2.30 pm

**Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth**  
EX8 2AB

Bring a packed lunch.

The price is £10 for all 3 sessions, which covers the cost of course materials.

If you would like to attend, please register your interest by emailing or calling Holy Trinity office:

office@exmouthcoastalchurches.org.uk

tel: 01395 263681



As part of **national retreat week**, come to  
**Lypstone Parish Church**  
for a

## Quiet Morning

on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
from 10.00am till 1.00pm

*We will share some worship, reflections and music,  
with plenty of time for your own silent prayers*

**Everyone Welcome**

Do drop in for all, or just part, of the morning  
Refreshments will be available throughout  
Donations invited

Contact Demelza Henderson (01395) 272243 for more details

# MISSION COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## CHURCH SERVICES

### HOLY TRINITY

Every Sunday  
10.00am Sung Eucharist

Except on 14 September  
At 10.00am Family Communion

### St. MARGARET & St. ANDREW LITTLEHAM

Open to God see Link for details.

Sunday 7 September - Trinity 12  
10.00 am Awake Church

Sunday 14 September - Trinity 13  
10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 21 September - St Matthew  
10.00 am Awake Church

Sunday 28 September - Trinity 15  
10.00 am Sung Eucharist

### LYMPSTONE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 7 September - Trinity 12  
8.00 am Morning Prayer  
9.30 am Journey

Sunday 14 September - Trinity 13  
8.00 am Morning Prayer  
9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 21 September - St Matthew  
8.00 am Said Eucharist  
9.30 am Journey

Sunday 28 September - Trinity 15  
8.00 am Morning Prayer  
9.30 am Sung Eucharist

### MID WEEK SERVICES at 11.30 am

3 September - Littleham BCP

10 September - Holy Trinity CW

17 September - Lympstone CW

24 September - Holy Trinity BCP

## CLERGY — READERS — STAFF

Clergy				Day Off
The Revd Steven Jones	Team Rector	263681	Office	Friday
The Revd Benedict Cambridge	Team Vicar	263681	hours	Thurs
The Revd Shaun Tipton	Assistant Curate	263681		
The Revd Heidi Budden	Aaaistant Curate	263681		Friday

### A NEW HOME FOR FLAGS & COPY DATES

Sadly, at the moment we are unable to fly any  
flagsat Holy Trinity

### DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER NET

is Friday 12 September

It will be published on Sunday 27 September

Articles and pictures to Tony Mortimer  
e - mail: [neteditors@gmail.com](mailto:neteditors@gmail.com)

*Readers and Clergy who also play an active role in  
the Mission Community*

**Readers:** Demelza Henderson, Di West  
**Clergy:** The Ven. Canon Dr Trevor Jones,  
Reverends. Ian Blyde, Jim Gosling,  
Peter Nickols Rawle,  
Canon John Philpott, & Canon Ian Pusey

*all of whom can be contacted via the  
Mission Community Office*





**Adam (with his family is part of the Hygge Church)**

**He  
writes  
about  
Hygge  
Church**

Hygge Church - is part of the worship in Holy Trinity Church Exmouth

With so many time pressures pulling at families these days, Hygge Church seems to hit just the right spot on a Sunday. It offers a calm, welcoming pause in the week, bringing us back to what really matters: simplicity, connection, and community. For us, it's often been tricky to juggle church with the kids' weekend sports commitments. That's why the 4pm Hygge gathering felt like a gift, an opportunity we simply couldn't pass up.

What's really special is how Hygge Church is set up for children. They get to explore and learn in a hands on, multi-sensory way, while also being part of a warm, multigenerational church family. It's a beautiful way for them to grow up feeling grounded in both faith and community. From a family perspective, the down-to-earth, grassroots feel of Hygge Church makes a real difference. It's not about perfection, it's about being together, as we are. When asking my eldest and youngest what they enjoy the most, it's meeting new people through the interactions of activities and, of course kids being kids, food! I should also say it has not gone unnoticed the hard work and dedication that the Church team have put into making Hygge Church happen.

It has struck me thinking about the above, over the past three or four decades, I've often visited Finland, one of the Nordic countries where community and simplicity are deeply valued. Although Hygge is famously Danish, I remember a visit to Finland back in 2006 (nineteen years ago now) that made me pause and think. I came across a new housing estate being developed, and right at its heart stood a brand new community church - Viikki Church, Helsinki. What struck me wasn't just its beautifully simple

architecture, but the fact that it was intentionally designed as the centrepiece of the community. It wasn't hidden away or on the fringes; it was a hub—a place that invited people in.

Looking back, I find myself wondering: what is their community like today? Do they gather around that church in a way that feels similar to how we're now rediscovering community through Hygge Church? Could they have their own version of a 'Hygge Church' without even calling it that? It makes me curious how these simple, shared spaces of belonging quietly shape lives, across countries, cultures, and years.

As a final note, our eldest has a residential school trip to London this autumn. Who knows, although it's not on the itinerary it would be lovely if they had the chance to visit the Finnish or Norwegian community church near where they're staying?

Viikki Church (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland is a national church of Finland)

From the architect -

<https://jkmm.fi/work/viikki-church/>

From the Church -

<https://www.helsinginseurakunnat.fi/en/artikkelit/q3xqwkqv9>

London (Next door to each other)

Finnish Seamen's Mission 150 years in London (besides the church on site, you can book rooms to stay + sauna and food shop / cafe) - <https://britannia.merimieskirkko.fi/en/>

Norwegian church (Sadly, site not in English) - <https://www.sjomannskirken.no/london/>





## HOLY TRINITY WARDENS NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER



### THE SOUTH AISLE PROJECT – AN UPDATE

As many of you will know, we can't undertake repairs to the organ at Holy Trinity until we have sorted the roof and associated leaks.

So, has anything been happening?

Yes, work has been going on behind the scenes. Investigations have been led by our architect, Marcus Chantrey. He has provided a comprehensive report along with drawings and photos required for Diocesan approval applications. He has also helped us with a rainwater flow study, aiding us in understanding whether the current drainpipes etc... are fit for purpose.

The first part of the work, for which the treasurer says we have sufficient funds! Is to repair some leadwork on the south aisle work. Quotes for this work have been obtained and an application made to the diocese, as we need their approval. Approval has been granted by the Archdeacon, and the work was due to be undertaken in the first week of August. Unfortunately, the contractor, Mike White Ltd., has been delayed and this will now (hopefully) take place at the end of August.

Meanwhile, quotes have been sought for the second part of the work, which is to shorten some downpipes to ensure they line up properly with the hoppers and carry out associated tasks (e.g. overflow spouts, hoppers and sumps). The Buildings and Finance committee will consider this second stage at the next meeting (September).

When will the organ be repaired?

That's a very good question! The insurance company, quite sensibly, would not even look at it until we had made progress with the roof. Once these first two stages of the work have been done, we can then look at working with our insurers and Michael Farley (Organ builder) to repair the organ. Of course, we will have to ensure we can pay for each stage of this project as we come to it!

Thank you all for your patience while we work our way through this project.

Paul Stock

### SMART CAR

A clergy friend of mine bought a new car that sported an on-board computer. On Sunday morning he got into the car to drive to church, and the digital display lit up. Glancing at the readout, he chuckled at the announcement: "Time for service."

### DEANERY BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION SERVICE

On Wednesday 24 September, at 7.00 pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth, Bishop James Grier will be leading a Baptism and Confirmation service for the Deanery. Our Exmouth Mission Community's confirmation service preparation sessions will take place at Holy Trinity Church, as follows:

Sessions 3 and 4 Tuesday 9 September at  
6.30 pm to 9.00 pm (both sessions) **or** Monday  
15 September 6.30 pm to  
9.00 pm (both sessions)

*Even if you missed the first two session and would like to find out more about becoming a full member of the Church of England please camom along on Tuesday 9 September*

### THANK YOU MARY



On 8 August Holy Trinity Choir assembled at Mark and Barbara Williamson's house to say **Thank You** to long-standing choir member Mary Tuckett, now in Dove Lodge Care Home. After the buffet followed by hymns chosen by members of the choir Musical Director Paul gave a fulsome and amusing tribute to this stalwart of Holy Trinity of over 30 years. Her involvement in so many aspects of church life was endless – sacristan, the altar linen, verger, Flower Guild, Brownies and of course her beloved choir.

Friend and fellow choir member Fran Winton (with input from former choir member Paul Kershaw who was unable to be present) spoke warmly of Mary, having known her from their days at St. Andrew's and unveiled her many hidden talents – an excellent cook who catered for church events and funerals, conducting services at Fernihurst and other care homes, using her nursing skills when a member of the congregation collapsed and above all being a loving and caring friend to others. Fran's final words spoke for everyone –

**'Mary you are a true Christian. You are Holy Trinity'**

Mark Williamson

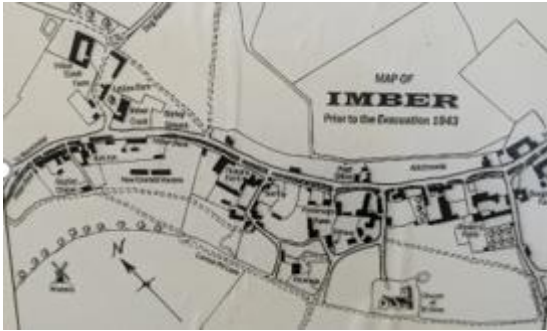


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## A DAY OUT ON SALISBURY PLAIN!!

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My adventure started on a bright sunny morning. What could be better than a trip across Salisbury Plain, as many of you will be aware this is a restricted MOD (Ministry of Defence) training area.



Well on Saturday 16 August an opportunity to visit the lost (or Ghost) village of IMBER was possible by bus!! It was the annual IMBERBUS day. Since 2009 a group of industry professionals have achieved their ambition to run a bus service from Warminster to Imber, deep in Salisbury Plain.

The British Army had been using sparsely populated areas of the plain since 1870's, but in 1898 it purchased its first parcel of land, 41,000 acres. Now it owns almost all the farms in the area, with some worked as farms and others off limits, save Imber village which is open to the public on a handful of days a year, including IMBERBUS day, but only for bus passengers.



Although most of the old village buildings have now gone, replaced by purpose built training shells of buildings, it still has a Church – St Giles (Built mid 12 century) and conserved by the Churches Conservation trust and looked after locally by the friends of St Giles, (incidentally the Flagpole atop St Giles, was installed using monies donated on past IMBERBUS days) there is also a Baptist Chapel you can visit, but the rest of the village is out of bounds.

Imber's population (100) was given just 47 days to leave by 17 December 1943, although this seems harsh, a war had been happening since September 1939 as the village land was owned by the British Army, some people had already drifted away, live fire training was happening all around Imber, with only a 1,000-yard protected area around the village. What they were not told was that military planners needed an exercise to demonstrate the firepower of RAF fighters (Spitfires & Hurricanes) against

enemy troops and transport. The demonstration to a large party of military top brass (VIPs) was arranged in the hills around Imber, using 3 of each type of planes.

All was going splendidly with 5 successful encounters, with the VIPs encouraged by what they witnessed, but the 6<sup>th</sup> aircraft, a Hurricane, was low in the sky, got disorientated and instead attacked the military compound, killing 25 including a Brigadier and injuring 71. Three days later Churchill attended a similar exercise in the Imber training area which passed off without incident. During this time the villagers carried on, apparently unperturbed, but Imber's cards were marked and the military authorities considered village life was incompatible with preparations for war.

Although the villagers were told they could return after the war, circumstances and the state of the world, with constant unrest and local wars, meant the authorities did not allow their return. They believed and continue to believe that they were lied to, deceived and fobbed off, to this very day!

Meanwhile on IMBERBUS day you could travel from Warminster across Salisbury Plain, by up to 40 Routemasters and other buses old and new, view bygone



day transport, including a L&NW Rly Charabanc from the London Transport Museum, see Garrison Artillery Volunteers demonstrations, hear Bretton Silver Band, watch Morris Dancing, eat Cream Tea(s), Visit Chitterne, Tilshead, New Zealand Farm Camp, Brazen Bottom & The Lavingtons. All whilst travelling on Open Top Buses, London Routemasters and some brand-new electric buses, all day for £10, which was given to charity. In 2024 some £35,000 was given to charity from ticket sales, plus all the money raised by local village halls selling refreshments and the Cream Teas at Imber Church, meaning it was a good day out and raised lots of money for local causes!!



## World climate and environmental crisis:

### Recent News items:

Fires in Los Angeles in Jan 2025; many homes raised to the ground, and 30 people died.

In Australia hundreds have died and millions of acres devastated as a result of bushfires.

Holiday destinations were ablaze in 2025 e.g. Greece.

By April 2025 more of UK was burnt by wildfires than any in other year in more than a decade.

Extreme weather hits farmers, throughout the world.

### Network Rail: Clay Soil has Shrunk!

Extreme weather and climate hits everyone, everywhere. Network Rail (like the C of E) is one of the UKs biggest landowners, and the effect of climate change on the land is having dramatic and far-reaching consequences. At the time of writing, drastic changes (with effect from 11 August 2025) are being made to our local Exeter to Waterloo services, due to climate change – and there's no known end-time! In short, we are on course for the driest summer in 200 years (i.e. before the Victorians built our rail infrastructure).

Much of Southern England is clay soil, and track beds and embankments have dried so much that the clay has contracted and trains can only run safely at slow speeds and at half the frequency. Quick fixes are not viable. Winter rains may offer some respite and a time for some remedial action. However, to re-engineer all affected tracks in Southern England would cost billions of pounds and take decades.

We note that many homes, roads, buildings (churches!) have been built on clay soils....

**Climate Change is hitting poorer countries more than ourselves.**

Christian Aid said, "2024 has been a year of climate extremes. From deadly floods in China and Brazil to devastating

droughts in Zambia and record-breaking hurricanes in the Americas, the impacts of climate change have been impossible to ignore".

In East Africa, the threats to bee populations are particularly acute due to habitat loss, pesticide use, monoculture farming, and the climate crisis. These problems don't only affect bees. When bee populations collapse, crop yields and farmer incomes suffer as well. For smallholders who depend on agriculture to feed their families and communities, the collapse of pollinator populations is a direct threat to their survival.

**We can't ignore it. Climate Change is definitely happening throughout the world. Look after yourself, so that you can help vulnerable people around you.**

**Read about ways to keep cool in heatwaves.**

**Plan ways to make your home and garden more adaptable to hot weather**

**Support Eco and EcoChurch in everything we do in our Mission Community and beyond.**

**Put Climate Change in your prayers.**

Loving God, we thank you for the beauty of your creation, especially the gifts of summer. We ask for the wisdom and strength to be good stewards of this earth, to protect its resources, and to live in harmony with nature. May our actions this summer reflect our gratitude for your creation.

Amen.

Sue & Roger Moseley

## MISSION COMMUNITY OFFICIALS & CONTACT DETAILS

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Facebook page: [exmouth coastal churches](https://www.facebook.com/exmouthcoastalchurches)

## REMEMBERING ENID HAYWARD (member of Holy Trinity congregation)

Enid Constance Collins was born in Birmingham in 1932. She was an only child. She recalled seeing Birmingham bombed and once a Heinkel bomber flew so low down her street that she waved to the pilot! She witnessed the blitz on Coventry and said "all the skyline was aglow". As a child, she was excited by the war



and "not scared at all". She was evacuated to Catshill near Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, in 1941, which she thoroughly enjoyed as it was in the countryside and she loved horses and animals. Her father owned a garage which sparked her lifetime interest in cars.

Enid joined the Women's Junior Air Cadets aged 14, she always wanted to learn to fly. She started work in a pharmacy. She later met Michael, a scientist, and they married in 1953. They lived with Enid's parents for 4 years, saved money and bought a house in Solihull. Frances, their onlychild, was born in 1957. Enid worked for West Midlands Gas Board where she met Rosanne Mansell, the then young wife of Nigel Mansell, the famous racing driver. They remained friends for many years and Enid and her second husband were entertained at the Woodbury Park Hotel on more than one occasion.

Michael died in 1975 and Enid remarried in 1976 to Gordon Hayward. He was a close, long time, family friend and a decorated WW2 Bomber Command Pilot. He had two sons, Andrew and Jeremy. Enid and Gordon moved to Bournemouth and stayed there for 40 years. Both had part time jobs. They joined St. Mary's Church, West Moors and were active members.

Enid's hobbies were animals, particularly dogs and donkeys, cooking, gardening and travelling abroad. She was fascinated by flying and aviation and she spent hours outside Birmingham airport as a child, watching the aircraft. She celebrated her 80 th birthday by flying a vintage Tiger Moth aeroplane at Compton Abbas airfield! Her special love was stylish fast cars! She and Gordon had the latest Ford Capris and a Porsche 911SC.

Gordon Hayward died in 2021 and Enid moved to Exmouth in December 2022 to be near her daughter, Frances, and son-in-law, Bill Bradley. She joined Holy Trinity early in 2023. She loved the welcome and friendship she received at the church. Frances, sadly, died after a short battle with cancer in April 2024 and Enid, at 92, found it difficult to come to terms with her loss.

Enid was very happy in Dove Lodge Care Home (previously Summerleaze) and especially with the friendship of Trevor Knight who moved into the Home last year. They were table companions and enjoyed lively discussions over their meals. Enid felt that God had brought her to Exmouth at the right time in her life. She loved the beach and estuary and particularly coming to church at Holy Trinity every Sunday morning. Enid leaves grandchildren Lisa, Miles and James, great grandson William, son-in-law Bill, stepson Andrew Hayward and his wife Mary, step- daughter-in-law Catherine.

*Margaret Elms from Littleham writes:*

"Enid Hayward came to the attention of the Littleham Church Handbell Ringers because we used to watch her walking around the car park at Summerleaze whilst we were practising in the summerhouse there. Then one or two of us noticed her in the congregation at HT when we were there for a joint service. Short conversations followed and she came sometimes to hear us when we rang tunes for them in the Dining Room. She had not come to the last performance or two and she didn't seem

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### FROM THE EDITOR

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For all the many years I have been involved in the production and now editing parish magazines I have been reluctant to include obituaries for fear that the magazine would be full of them. Having heard a good many eulogies at funerals, some predictable and boring but some absolutely fascinating. I am glad that I decided that Enid's should be included and am so grateful to Val Lambirth for being instrumental in getting the above article.

### FROM THE EDITOR

My memory of Enid was of the elderly ladies at Holy Trinity, whose picture I took for the Net. Wow, she was so much more than that.

This is why I have tried to encourage you, our readers to submit articles about Your Former life. Much better to let our readers know that you were young once so they can share the wonderful memories you have. Don't leave them for a Eulogy that only the congregation at your funeral will hear!

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## IT IS 1700 YEARS SINCE THE NICENE CREED WAS COMPOSED

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**You are warmly invited to join a free series of meetings to explore central Christian beliefs held on five Wednesday evenings starting on 8 October 2025.**



This year is a special anniversary of the Nicene Creed, written to summarise what Christians believe, and said countless times since it was composed exactly 1700 years ago. Richard Scott and Peter Watsham will be leading a series of group discussions exploring the Creed, discovering why it isn't just a collection of words but a series of statements written to inspire, reassure and encourage us. Whatever your knowledge of the Christian faith this is for you.

### **When and Where?**

7.00pm to 8.30pm on Wednesdays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of October and 5<sup>th</sup> November in Lymestone Church.

### **What do I need to bring?**

Nothing. It's free and everything required will be provided including a hot drink and cake.

### **What happens at the evenings?**

Brief introductory talks, prompts for group discussion, music, bible readings and short prayers.

### **Do I need to attend all the sessions?**

No. Inevitably some people will not be able to make every evening due to other commitments. Please attend as many of the five evenings as you can, but please don't feel by coming to the first of the evenings that you need to attend the others – but we hope you will want to!

### **Is it limited to attendees of Lymestone Church?**

No. It is open to everyone, whether you attend church or not, and people from other churches are welcome including those worshipping elsewhere in the Mission Community. However, we hope many members of Lymestone Church's Family will take the opportunity to come to encourage one another by exploring our faith together.

**If you plan to come or have any questions please contact  
Richard Scott on  
[rosandrichard@btinternet.com](mailto:rosandrichard@btinternet.com)**

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## MEMORY CAFÉ

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The Memory Café has been running for 8 years and many people with dementia or memory loss have come and gone. We have loved making new friends and giving them an enjoyable time. However, over the past year our numbers have dwindled and we now only have 4 regular visitors plus two carers.

It seems the right time to metamorphose into the **Thursday Group** and invite a wider range of people to join us. We will continue to welcome anybody with dementia and their carers but if you feel sad or lonely please come and see what we do. We offer a listening ear, coffee/tea and homemade cake plus an interesting variety of crafts, games and other activities, something for everyone we hope.

We will continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Hall upstairs in Holy Trinity Church from 10.30 am – 1 pm. Some car parking is available within the church grounds and special one-day parking permits will be issued. We will make no charge for this Group but ask for donations to cover costs.

We would like to invite anyone from our Mission Community family and friends to join us and look forward to welcoming you.

Val Lambirth and Volunteer Team  
Any queries to the church office

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## HYGGE TEAM BARBEQUE

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On Saturday the 9 August the Rector hosted a BBQ at the Rectory for the Hygge Church Ministry Team. This event was to thank the Team for their hard work during the last year, but also to practice the core beliefs of Hygge Church which include authentic fellowship, good food, honest prayer and relevant teaching.

The prize for best fancy dress of the day went to Ros Pedrick who came as Minnie Mouse! Yes, Christians can have fun!





# Mission Focus for September is on CMJ



THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY AMONG JEWISH PEOPLE

## MISSION FOCUS

Since our last update to you all in February 2025 we have been busy expanding our ministry:

**Engagement** – our three Engagers set up an information stand at one of the biggest New Age Fairs in London over the May Bank Holidays and had over 60 conversations about faith with many Jewish people. Pray for the event we are attending in Birmingham in November.



**Education** – our online resource Torah Plus is being subscribed to by many folk and new resources are added weekly. Pray it will continue to grow and those generating the content will be blessed in the sharing online.

We delivered 14 Passovers, one to over 270, and have bookings for next year.

We will be touring Scotland in September sharing Torah Plus and Bible Comes to Life exhibition in many churches.

**Encouragement and Support** – there is a growing demand for our stand against anti-Semitism. We have written to every synagogue in the UK and been encouraged by the responses back.

We have set up an online group "Asaph" for messianic Jews to engage and explore their identity in Christ and in the local church.

Our annual Conference in July was attended by 370+ folk, 50 were below 18 in age. 155 rebooked for next year when Lois Tverberg will be our speaker. Please book before it sells out.

Aaron and his son, Micah, were invited to share about CMJ UK and their experience in Israel on Revelation TV. Watch Here - <https://bit.ly/479DI8r>

We are just back from 3 weeks at Keswick Convention where we generated over 120 contacts.



### SUPPORT & STAY IN TOUCH

If you would like to connect with us for a weekly email please scan below



*Thank you for your prayers & support!*

[www.cmj.org.uk](http://www.cmj.org.uk)

Please do hold us in your prayers.

If you'd like to receive our Weekly News Update via email, we'd love to hear from you ([office@cmj.org.uk](mailto:office@cmj.org.uk)).



CHARITY NUMBER 1153457



# CELEBRATIONS AND

## CONGRATULATIONS



To Richard and Gill Martin who recently shared their 50th Wedding Anniversary with HTs congregation



## FIRST SERMON @ HT



For Heidi who recently preached at Holy Trinity.

## A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to Jim and Maggie Beed's granddaughter Yasmin who has graduated from University College Oxford with a 2.1 in history.



# MORE CELEBRATIONS

## PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?



I'm Sarah and support the mission community with safeguarding! I am hoping you can support my son with a 'please can you help' request

My son Jasper has qualified as a chef, and after a successful placement has been offered a position at the Luca restaurant in Farringdon central London.

Do you know of anyone who may be able to offer a room to support him getting started, he will pay rent and does a great dinner! Thank you for your prayers and any connections with accommodation you may have!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



To Muriel Hiney ,  
whose birthday was  
marked recently  
with music and  
applause  
at HT.

## FRIENDS OF LITTLEHAM CHURCHYARD



# TIDY UP DAY

**SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER**  
**10.00am - 11.30am**

**Come and help care for your  
historic churchyard. Have a fun  
day learning about the churchyard  
while we battle the brambles.  
Please join us for coffee, cake and  
chat after in the NND room  
Please come and help!**



Please contact  
**Debbie Frost 07928813576**  
**littlehamcw1@exmouthcoastalchurches.**  
**org.uk**

## HOLY TRINITY HARVEST LUNCH

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October 12(noon) for 12.30pm**

*(Fellowship will be in Church Nave After Service)*



### MENU

HAM or Cheese Ploughmans  
Apple Crumble & Custard  
Soft Drink & Tea/Coffee

### COST £12

Tickets limited to 50 available from Jane Goom, Coffee Bar  
Or Karen (Mission Community Office @ Holy Trinity)

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## TAIZE TRIP

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The Exmouth Lighthouse NextGen youth ministry, an Exmouth Coastal Churches youth Group run by the excellent and enthusiastic Nick White and the Rev. Kara Maylor from Withycombe, is taking a group of teenagers between 15 and 17 years of age to Taizé, in Burgundy, France next Summer half-term (24-31 May 2026), which will include Pentecost.

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic community in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of about one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, who originate from about thirty countries around the world. It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz, a Reformed Protestant.

Taizé has become one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage, attracting over 100,000 young people each year for prayer, Bible study, communal work, and shared reflection. Central to its contemplative atmosphere are simple, meditative chants that support prayer and silence.

The trip is open to any young person in the Lymington and Exmouth area. The likely cost will be £450 per young person.

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## REVIVAL

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This is the front page of the Sunday Express newspaper on the 27 July. It speaks of a quiet revival in the area of Christian faith among young people. In fact the Bible Society reports that through a recent survey

the data shows that in the UK church attendance has in fact grown by 50% in the last six years. In the 16-24 year old age category, between 2018 and 2024 young people's reported attendance at church (of at least once a month) rose from 4% to 16%. It seems as though the swing away from the Christian faith in society may have reached its zenith, and that once again people may be turning back to God. That might not be surprising in a time of global conflict, instability and uncertainty. Please pray for people searching for God in these days and our churches as they seek to make Him known to all.

Steve Jones

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## NEWS FROM LITTLEHAM

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### Cream tea and Family fun afternoon

This proved to be a blessed and glorious afternoon full of laughter, chat and fellowship. It was a joy to see so many local families joining us and faces who we don't usually see at our normal church services. How wonderful to hear and see the children running around outside enjoying the games which Nick and his team organised and a big "Thank you" to John Elms for providing another coconut shy which was very popular. Whenever I am involved in organising an event like this I hold my breath and wonder what the local reaction will be. I wasn't disappointed and was greatly encouraged that the Holy Spirit was at work.

As always we have "Team Littleham" to thank for making this such a success, so many, many thanks to everyone who helped to organise, prepare, to serve the teas, to clear up afterwards and to those too who so generously contributed scones, jam or cream. Each and every one of you is valued and essential, we couldn't do it without you!!



We were pleased to welcome the new Mayor of Exmouth, Cllr. Graham Deasey who attended to give his support for the work of the parish in the community.

### Rakes and Cakes 2025

We had glorious blue skies and sunshine for our annual "Rakes and Cakes" event. Shaun and his team had decided to try a different cutting approach this year, rotating the cutting areas in 3 sections. So, not quite such a large area to cover and the recent hot weather had done a great job of drying out the hay after cutting. The copse in the Natural Burial Area was covered too which is usually done in the autumn. We had no shortage of willing volunteers both from our church family and from



the local community some of whom regard it as an annual event which they enjoy getting involved in. 35 large bags of hay were collected and delicious homemade cakes, scones and biscuits were enjoyed by some very hot and thirsty workers. Thank you to everyone who got involved and as always a big "Thank You" to Shaun our hard-working sexton for his diligence and passion for the churchyard.

We will be having some more "Friends of Littleham Churchyard" volunteer mornings before the end of the year including some hedge planting in November. Our next volunteer morning will be on Saturday 27 September please come and join us then.

Debbie Frost



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(Jeremiah 6, 16)



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## Gladys Aylward: Away Day in China Part 4

Still on the mountainside, the situation was still dangerous, so Gladys decided to investigate before returning to Yangcheng with her party. She found the city filled with dead bodies, and the town gate was open. Meeting the Mandarin, he explained what had happened. The dead were buried, and Gladys decided to return to Bei-Chai-Chuang, where she improvised a hospital in a cave for ten patients.

While sheltering in a cave, Gladys syringed wounds with permanganate, and only one person died. By 1939, she was no longer inspecting feet. Returning to the Inn of Eight Happinesses, there was sparse mule traffic, and Yeng had gone. Gladys's mother sent her small money orders, which lasted for months. Her ministry continued in villages between Bei-Chai-Chuang and Yangcheng, but the inhabitants there had also been advised to take to the mountains.

Ai-weh-deh was surprised to be invited by the Mandarin to a feast with all the dignitaries of Yangcheng, who placed her next to himself. She began to realize that the feast was in her honour. The Mandarin made a speech in which he thanked Ai-weh-deh for all she had done for the poor, the sick, the imprisoned, and all the good the new Christian religion had brought them. Finally, turning to Ai-weh-deh, he declared his wish to embrace her faith and become a Christian. After the feast honouring her, she was asked to advise the prison governor of Yangcheng on what to do with the convicts. 'They should,' she said, 'be put into the charge of their relatives or friends and 90 cents paid for each inmate as a token of good faith.' The advice was taken, though Gladys had to bail out a couple.

On her return to Chin Shui, a messenger reported the Japanese had re-entered Yangcheng and soon would be in Chin Shui. The Mission there was holding about 200 refugees, and Gladys was asked to help. In anticipation of her parents' concern for her, she wrote to them avowing that she was committed to the Chinese and that they were not to seek her return to England. She had to guide the mission refugees to safety over the mountains. The first two miles would be dangerous, and after 300 yards, she decided to return after hearing gunfire. They reached another village, and Gladys arranged a nursing home. More refugees soon joined the party. In her mind, she heard, ***'My grace is sufficient for you because my strength is made perfect in your weakness.'*** The Japanese had turned back down the valley and did not return.

Although the Japanese occupied Tsechow, Gladys decided to visit the Davises at their Mission. Upon arrival, David Davis informed her that they were not treated badly. The Mission held over a hundred orphans, refugee children, and adults. Though the Japanese liked children, to celebrate their victory they attacked the women's quarters and when Gladys was seen racing into the courtyard she was struck by a rifle butt to the jaw and body. David Davis called on the women to pray even though a soldier intended to shoot him with a revolver. It only clicked; instead, Davis received a blow across the mouth. An officer ordered the soldiers out of the courtyard. Although in pain, Gladys continued to visit

Christian communities in Yangcheng and surrounding villages.

With heavy fighting around Tsechow, Gladys was visited by four men from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Intelligence Service. Mission Stations were supposed to be neutral, so Gladys would not let them in. She was told the Mission was an excellent defensive position to defend China. Gladys offered to help as far as her conscience would allow. The General and his staff then set up their headquarters while Nationalist forces surrounded the city. Their spokesman, named Linnan, requested that troops might be allowed to attend church services. He wanted to get to know Ai-weh-deh/Gladys. Agreeing to report what she knew of the Japanese whereabouts, they also discussed what they saw as a noble future for China. Her faith had found a new purpose.

David Davis knew she had worked hard and advised her to rest at Lingchuang. On the way, she witnessed the bombing of the city, which left the Mission undamaged, and while trying to sleep, she decided to leave early for the mountains before the Japanese arrived, but the gates were locked. First in the queue, she slept by the gates. When Gladys awoke, a large crowd was waiting to leave. On the plains, the people were caught in a Japanese air attack. Overcoming her desire to flee, she, with a young doctor, ordered families to move into the mountains. Not until the Nationalists took over the carnage did the doctor and Gladys join the refugees.

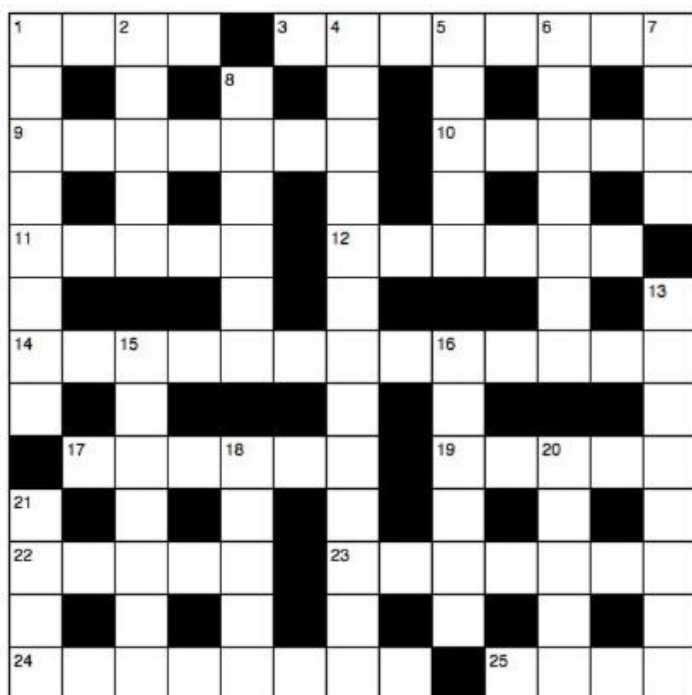
They found a cave in the mountains, to shelter from a storm and lived there for six weeks, though the Japanese failed to take Lingchuang. A boy of 15 or 16 arrived one day at the cave selling eggs. Suspected of being a spy for bandits or Communist forces, Gladys thought it wise to move on, but the refugees were reluctant, so she went on alone. Seeing a line of horsemen below, she returned to the cave to advise the refugees to go in another direction. Striding boldly towards the horsemen, she discovered they were the Nationalists led by Linnan. Gladys returned to the cave just in time before the refugees moved on. Linnan arranged to report when it was safe to return to Tsechow, where food would be brought to them. However, the Japanese ignored her, and Gladys continued to travel alone while noting their movements. Linnan and Gladys occasionally met and even discussed marriage, but she could see no future until the war ended.

The Mission at Tsechow was responsible for 200 orphans. While Madame Chiang Kai-shek had opened a fund for war orphans sent to Sian, the ancient capital of Shaanxi, Gladys wrote to Changking asking for help. A month later, she received a reply that said if she brought the orphans to Sian, they would be looked after. Half of them were sent there at once over the mountains and across the Yellow River, but the group leader, on his return, was captured and shot. Gladys, though invited to join the retreating Nationalists, wanted to lead the remaining orphans. She replied that Christians never retreated. The General ordered her to leave Tsechow at once, and made her understand that a price of 100 dollars had been put on her head for her capture with two others, the Mandarin and a well-known businessman.





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### Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)  
 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)  
 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)  
 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)  
 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th-century Methodist, Donald — (5)  
 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)  
 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)  
 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)

- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)  
 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)  
 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)  
 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)  
 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

### Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)  
 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)  
 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)  
 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)  
 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)  
 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)  
 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)  
 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)  
 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)  
 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27-28) (6)  
 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)  
 20 Episcopal headwear (5)  
 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

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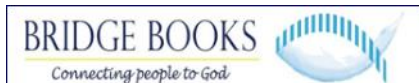
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Paul sent four letters to the Corinthian church: one mentioned in 1 Cor. 5:9; 1 Corinthians; a 'severe' letter mentioned in 2 Cor. 2:3-4; and 2 Corinthians sent around AD 55 around a year after 1 Corinthians. Paul had a number of reasons for writing this letter:

To express the joy he felt at their response to his painful letter (1:3-4; 7:8-9, 12-13).

To share his troubles in Asia (1:8-11) and why he changed his travel plans (1:12-2:4).

To ask them to forgive those who had offended him (2:5-11).

To warn them not to be "yoked together with unbelievers" (6:14-7:1).

To explain the true nature of Christian ministry (2:14-7:4).

To encourage them in giving and completing the collection for the Jerusalem Christians (chs. 8-9).

To deal with the opposition (chs. 10-13) and prepare for his coming visit (12:14; 13:1-3, 10).

In this very personal letter Paul defends his leadership against accusations of inconsistencies in motives and credentials. A major theme concerns the relationship between suffering and the power of the Spirit. His opponents argued that Paul *suffered too much* to be a Spirit-filled apostle.

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T 2	Churchsuite Project Mtg	Holy Trinity	2 pm
W 3	Quiet Prayer	Lympstone	11.30 am
Th 4	Community Prayer Mtg	Lympstone	4 – 5 pm
	Sea Baptism	RNLI Stn.	6 pm
F 5	Beacon School	HT	9 – 9.30 am
	Tick Tock	Lympstone	9 – 11 am
	0 – 5's	HT Hall	10 – 11.30 am
	Lympstone School	Lympstone	1.15 pm
	Blackmore Theatre Rhsal	HT Hall	7 – 9.30 pm
Sa 6	Prayer Gathering	Holy Trinity	7 – 9 pm
Su 7	HYGGE Hangout	HT Hall	4 – 5 pm
M 8	Prayer Meeting	Coffee Bar	9 am
	Rainbows	HT Hall	5.30 – 7 pm
T 9	0-5s	HT Hall	10 – 11.30 am
	Good Afternoon Choir	HT Hall	12.30 – 2.30 pm
	Kingdom Club	Lympstone	3.30 – 4.30 pm
	Brownies	HT Hall	5.30 – 7.15 pm
	Confirmation Prep	Coffee Bar	6.30 – 9 pm
W 10	Quiet Prayer	Lympstone	11.30 am
	Signing Babies	HT Hall	11.30 – 12.30
Th 11	Thursday Group	HT Hall	10.30 am – 1 pm
	Enid Hayward Funeral	Holy Trinity	2 pm
	<i>(followed by reception in the Hall)</i>		
	Community Prayer Meeting	Lympstone	4 – 5 pm
F 12	Beacon School	Holy Trinity	9 – 9.30 am
	Tick Tock	Lympstone	9 – 11 am
	0 – 5's	HT Hall	10 – 11.30 am
	Lympstone School	Lympstone	1.15 pm
	Blackmore Theatre Rsal		7 – 9.30 pm
Sa 13	Living & Telling (1)	Clyst St Gge	9.45 am – 4 pm
	Devon Historic Churches Trust Day (tbc)		
Su 14	Mission Cty River Cruise	Exmouth Quay	3 pm
M 15	Prayer Meeting	Coffee Bar	9 am
	Unity Meeting	Coffee Bar	2 pm
	Rainbows	HT Hall	5.30 – 7 pm
	Confirmation Prep	Coffee Bar	6.30 – 9 pm
T 16	0-5s	HT Hall	10 – 11.30 am
	Good Afternoon Choir	HT Hall	12.30 – 2.30 pm
	Kingdom Club	Lympstone	3.30 – 4.30 pm
	Brownies	HT Hall	5.30 – 7.15 pm
W 17	Signing Babies	HT Hall	11.30 – 12.30
	LcE PCC Meeting	HT Hall	7 pm
Th 18	Julian Group	Lady Chapel	11 – 11.30 am
	Mother's Union	Coffee Bar	2 – 4 pm
	Community Prayer Meeting	Lympstone	4 – 5 pm
F 19	Beacon School	Holy Trinity	9 – 9.30 am
	Tick Tock	Lympstone	9 – 11 am
	0 – 5's	HT Hall	10 – 11.30 am
	Lympstone School	Lympstone	1.15 pm
Sa 20	Living & Telling (2 )	Clyst St Gg	9.45 am – 4 pm
Su 21	Beach Labyrinth	RNLI Station	12.30 onwds
	HYGGE Home Church	Holy Trinity	4 – 5.30 pm
M 22	Prayer Meeting	Coffee Bar	9 am
	Rainbows	HT Hall	5.30 – 7 pm
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	Good Afternoon Choir	HT Hall	12.30 – 2.30 pm
	Kingdom Club	Lympstone	3.30 – 4.30 pm
	Brownies	HT Hall	5.30 – 7.15 pm
W 24	Quiet Morning	Lympstone	10 am – 1 pm
	Signing Babies	HT Hall	11.30 – 12.30
	Baptism and Confirmation	a Holy Trinity	7 pm
Th 25	Community Prayer Meeting	Lympstone	4 – 5 pm

## TO HELP YOU PRAY IN SEPTEMBER



M 1	Giles of Provence, Hermit, c710	Church Schools
T 2	The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea	Barnabas
W 3	Gregory the Great, Bp of Rome, 604	
		Peace in the World
Th 4	Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester, 650	
		Open Door, Exmouth
Fri 5		Our Flower Arrangers
Sat 6	Allen Gardiner, Missionary, 1851	
		Aylesbeare Deanery
Su 7	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Our PCCs
M 8	The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	MAF
T 9	Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880	CMS
W 10		Peace in the Holy Land
Th 11		RNLI
F 12		Christian fellowship in Exmouth
Sa 13	John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople	
		The Wave Church, Littleham
Su 14	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>Holy Cross Day</b>
M 15	Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, 258	Mothers' Union
T 16	Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, c.432	Pastoral Links at HT
W 17	Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, 1179	
		Care Homes in Exmouth
Th 18		Lifeguards
F 19	Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop, 690	Churchwardens
Sa 20	John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop, 1871	
		Exmouth Community College
Su 21	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	<b>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b>	
M 22		Exmouth Town Council
T 23		Health visitors
W 24		Devon Air Ambulance
Th 25	Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop, 1626	Peacemakers
F 26	Wilson Carlile, Founder of Church Army 1942	CMJ
Sa 27	Vincent de Paul, Founder of Lazarists, 1660	
F 26	Beacon School	Holy Trinity 9 – 9.30 am
	Tick Tock	Lympstone 9 – 11 am
	0 – 5's	HT Hall 10 – 11.30 am
	Lympstone School	Lympstone 1.15 pm
	Living & Telling (3)	HT Hall 9.45 am – 2.30 pm
	Lympstone Academy Band	
M 29	Prayer Meeting	HT Coffee Bar 9 am
	Rainbows	HT Hall 5.30 – 7 pm
T 30	0-5s	HT Hall 10 – 11.30 am
	Good Afternoon Choir	HT Hall 12.30 – 2.30 pm
	Greater Chapter Exeter Deanery	HT Coffee Bar 2 pm
	Kingdom Club	Lympstone 3.30 – 4.30 pm

# National week of Prayer.

## Exmouth Gathering

🕒 7 pm

📅 6th September 2025

📍 Holy Trinity,  
2 Rolle Rd, Exmouth, EX8 2AB  
[office@exmouthcoastalchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@exmouthcoastalchurches.org.uk)

*Jesus looked at them and said,  
"With man this is impossible,  
but with God all things are  
possible." Matthew 19:26*

## Beach Outreach 2025

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September

12.30pm onwards

(come from 12pm to dig - bring a spade!)

On the beach between Hangtime  
and the RNLI station

Join with Christians across Exmouth to help  
dig and dedicate a labyrinth - then walk it!  
Bring your own picnic, chat to the Beach  
Chaplains, and join in with reflective worship  
as the tide comes in.



## LADIES !!!

### YOU ARE INVITED TO

### A COFFEE MORNING

### at Littleham Church

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

### 10.00 for 10.30am

Enjoy a morning of coffee & chat  
with a little spiritual encouragement.

Please contact

Debbie Frost on 07928813576 or

Di West on 07766347262 for more  
information



## A Charity Concert

with  
Special  
Guests



## The Exmouth Shanty Men

Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ★ Rolle Road ★ Exmouth

— Plus singers from the —

*Tickets*

**good**afternoon **CHOIRS**

# £15

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