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Community

# PEWS NEWS

All Saints - Axminster – Axmouth – Chardstock  
Combyne - Holy Cross – Membury - Uplyme

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord**

### Lent: Learning to Listen Again

We live in a noisy world. Not just noisy with sounds, but noisy with information, opinions, demands, and expectations. There is always something to respond to, something to decide, something pulling at our attention. Even when it's quiet, our minds often aren't.

Lent offers us a different rhythm. In the Christian story, it begins with Jesus stepping away from the crowds and the noise into a place of stillness and testing.

Again and again in the Gospels, Jesus takes time to be quiet, to pray, to listen — before he speaks or acts. It's as if listening is not a pause in the work, but part of the work itself. Most of us don't struggle to find things to say. We struggle to find space to listen. To listen to God. To listen to one another. And sometimes, to listen to what is really going on inside our own hearts.

Lent invites us to practice that kind of listening again. Not in complicated or impressive ways, but in small, human ones: a few moments of silence in the day, a prayer spoken slowly, a walk without headphones, a conversation where we don't rush to fix or reply.

Listening can also mean noticing what we're carrying, what we're avoiding, and what we might be being gently nudged to face.

In the Bible, God is rarely found in the loud or dramatic moments. More often, God's voice is described as quiet, easily missed, needing attention rather than hurry.

Learning to listen is, in many ways, learning to trust that God is already present and already speaking — even if we have to slow down to notice.

Lent is not about getting everything right. It's about making space. Space to listen. Space to be honest. Space to be changed.

In a world that is often loud and hurried, choosing to listen is a quiet act of trust. And it may be that, in that stillness, we begin to notice that God has been with us all along, speaking not in pressure or noise, but in patience, mercy, and love.

Rev Leisa Potter

IN CHURCH

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

|         |                 |             |
|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| 9.30am  | Holy Communion  | Holy Cross  |
| 10am    | Holy Communion  | Axmouth     |
| 10am    | Holy Communion  | Chardstock  |
| 10am    | Morning Worship | Uplyme      |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion  | The Minster |
| 11am    | Holy Communion  | All Saints  |
| 11am    | Morning Worship | Membury     |

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer | The Minster |
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### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

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| 10am | Holy Communion | The Minster |
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ON-LINE

### **Grab a coffee and join in!**

Morning Prayer every Monday and Friday on zoom at 8.30am

*With the exception of Bank Holidays and Rev Nicky's annual leave*

Everyone is welcome and invited to join us. Just log in to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88612973911?pwd=OFIjWDVIR2VTN3Qyem5qUEdTdmNoZz09>

or Meeting ID: **886 1297 3911**

Passcode: **061396**

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Bible readings in the Minster:**

1<sup>st</sup> reading

Genesis 2. 5-17 3.1-7 Page 4 OT

2<sup>nd</sup> reading

Romans 5. 12 - 19. Page 119 NT



### **Please pray for:**

**Maggie Gordon, Pat Powell, Val Warner,  
Paul Avis, Jennifer Palmer, Sue Taylor, Karen Wilkes**  
and all those in need of our prayers.



### **Please pray for the Family and Friends of the Departed:**

**Terry Barratt, Don Draper, Mike Jenkins, John Dimond, Jeanne Allen, Bert Doble**  
and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March

|         |                     |             |
|---------|---------------------|-------------|
| 9.30am  | Morning Worship     | Holy Cross  |
| 10am    | Morning Worship     | Axmouth     |
| 10am    | Holy Communion      | Combyne     |
| 10am    | Holy Communion      | Uplyme      |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion      | The Minster |
| 11am    | Morning Worship     | All Saints  |
| 11am    | Holy Communion      | Membury     |
| 6pm     | Healing & Wholeness | Uplyme      |
| 7pm     | Informal Worship    | The Minster |

## Gregorian Chanting

We are having a second practice of plainsong (or Gregorian Chanting) in this month of February. We will meet once more in the Church Rooms, close to the Minster.

This session will be on  
**Wednesday February 25th**  
at **2pm**

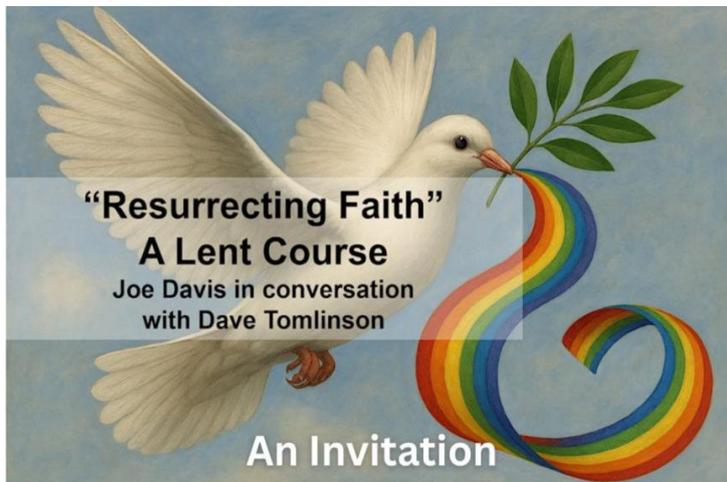
Plainsong is a peaceful and gentle way of singing, and it can give us a time of peace, away from our everyday worries.



All are welcome to come along, learn simple chants and sing with us.



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### “Resurrecting Faith”

#### A Lent Course

Joe Davis in conversation  
with Dave Tomlinson

### An Invitation

Jo & Rob Smith are hosting a watch-together of this **6 week Lent Zoom course** at their home in **Lyme Regis** on Wednesday evenings 7.30 - 8.30pm commencing 18 February

Jo Davis in conversation with Dave Tomlinson intend to explore what Christian Faith can look like if it's **honest, open and relevant to the world we're living in** - without offering easy answers, and making space for **questions, curiosity and hope**

If that sounds like it might serve you this Lent whether your **faith feels steady, stretching, or full of questions**, you'd be very welcome.

To join, please contact Jo for address/details

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Starts **Wed 18 Feb** (6 sessions).

Join us for any session(s) you can.

## Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one to be included in the Easter display in the Minster



**£4 per stem**

**orders to be in by 20<sup>th</sup> March**

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily please contact Louise in the office we will take your order and the name of your loved one along with details of how to pay.

**[axevalleymc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:axevalleymc@hotmail.co.uk)**

### Ash Wednesday • Sharing in Worship

Week 1 • Sharing in Prayer

Week 2 • Sharing the Scriptures

Week 3 • Sharing Communion

Week 4 • Sharing in Service

Week 5 • Sharing the Good News

Holy Week • Sharing in Holy Week

Easter Day • Sharing in Resurrection



UPLYME CHURCH



Community Event



# WINTER WARMERS

Music • Spoken • Sung

**28 FEBRUARY 2026 @ 7PM**

Arrive Promptly - Doors Open from 6.30pm

**ADULT TICKET £15**

Under 16's £5

Including Soup & Pudding

Tickets available from the Village Store or the Church

Uplyme Church Reg Charity No 1131962



**Axminster  
MEMORY  
CAFÉ**

We meet at Pippins Community Centre.  
The 2nd Monday of the month 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Come along for fun, activities, music, raffle, companionship and refreshments.  
We are a social place for people living in the community with dementia and their family and friends.

For more information, please call our Coordinator Emma on 07507836875 or email [axminstermemorycafe@outlook.com](mailto:axminstermemorycafe@outlook.com)

Search for 'Axminster Memory Café' on Facebook




**Devon  
Memory Café  
Consortium**




**Roots &  
Shoots**  
CofE Devon  
Community News

Roots and Shoots is a weekly mail bulletin from the Diocese of Exeter with the latest guidance, news and events from the Church of England in Devon.

To register to receive this go to the link below and input your email address.

<https://exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/email-bulletin/>

**The funeral of the late Jeanne Allen will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2pm in Uplyme church  
The funeral of the late Bert Doble will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10.30am in Seaton cemetery**

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