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SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026

Readings: **Acts 2 v14a, 36-41**

Luke 24 v13-35 (Pages 860-1)

09.30 Holy Communion, Westleigh

11.00 Morning Praise & Sunday Club, Fremington

18.00 Note new time Taize service, All Saints Chapel, Instow

MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2026

09.15 Babies & Toddlers, St Peter's Church Hall, Fremington

10.30 Community 'Drop in', All Saints Chapel, Instow

11.00 Bumps and babies, St Peter's Church Hall, Fremington

13.30 Ministry Team, Rectory

TUESDAY 21ST APRIL MARCH 2026

WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL 2026

09.00 Rector leads school assembly, Instow

10.00 Holy Communion, Fremington

Readings: **Acts 8 v1b-8**

John 6 v35-40

14.00 Internment of Ashes Anne Rhodes, Instow

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL 2026

12.00 Funeral of Marion Spencer, Instow

14.00 Bell ringing practice, Fremington

19.30 Home group, Home Farm Road

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2026

15.00 PCC, Westleigh

No Spirit and Sound (choir practice) until May

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 2026

Readings: **Acts 2 v42-end**

John 10 v1-10 (page 872)

09.30 Holy Communion, Instow

11.00 Holy Communion, Fremington

13.40 Rev Chris. blesses Instow ferries

18.00 Prayer and Praise Service, Fremington

Eastertide

We now enter the season of Eastertide, which culminates in Pentecost at the end of May. We are a church in full-blown party mood. Flowers appear in church again, we sign 'Alleluias' and the 'Gloria' (silent through Lent). The Communion service is more energetic and joyous and we stand for the Communion prayer. Those leading prayers please note the Easter response
(Lord of glory: **hear our prayer.**)

During Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, we pray for all those living with bowel cancer, and their families and friends. We pray that in their pain, they would know the love you have for them. We give thanks for organisations working to discover new ways to prevent and treat bowel cancer.

MISSION COMMUNITY PRAYERS

During Eastertide, we also pray for:

- The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
- God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care
- Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ
- Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection
- Prisoners and captives

This SUNDAY we pray for:

- Those who work for reconciliation
- Those working in family counselling, adoption and fostering services
- For the people, especially civilians, caught up in combat around Iran
- The peoples of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Iran and Sudan

Please also pray for:

Bruce Bennett, Jane Lush, Ruth White, Gordon Coulter, Jeanette Brown, Sandra Michaelson, the Grigg family, Elaine Ellacott, Rhys Jones

We especially pray for the recently bereaved families of:

John Allen, Alan Macree, Marion Spencer, Joyce Bedworth



Alun & Debbie Burt newsletter

“Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices. My body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.”
(Psalm 16 v9-10, Acts 2 v26-27)

Please pray for:

Our Exploring Christianity team as we train and pray on the 19th April. Again, we are hoping to be able to reach visitors from the Easter services, as well as other newcomers at church this year. Pray for the team of leaders to be well prepared and eager to point people to Jesus.

Congratulations to Mark Ansell, who as well as being Treasurer of Westleigh church, is now also High Sheriff of Devon for the next year. Mark was inaugurated in South Molton on Saturday 11th April 2026, shown here with his Chaplain. If you want to know more about the work of High Sheriff, please see highsheriffs.com.



Annual Parochial Church Meetings

With Easter, these now come into view and our preparations begin in earnest. While not the most exciting part of church life, they are legally required. Please note the date and attend a (short) meeting (held immediately after the service, with coffee). As well as voting for Churchwardens and members of the PCC, it's a chance to show appreciation for those who do so much for our churches unseen. We also need to elect (and re-elect) reps to sit on our Deanery Synod (which only meets each term) - the Rural Dean would love your support!

Sunday 3 rd May	10:30am Westleigh
Sunday 10 th May	10.30am Instow
Sunday 17 th May	12.30pm Fremington

Electoral Roll

These will appear in the church porches soon. Please let us know if your name is missing. These rolls DO NOT affect the amount we pay the diocese (Common Fund).

Dates for your diary

Thursday 14th May 2026

Outdoor service for Ascension Day (venue tbc)

Sunday 31st May 2026

Sea Sunday service, Fremington Quay

Friday 19th June – Sunday 21st June 2026
North Devon Music Festival

We are inviting local musicians to play and sing in our churches. Presently, we'll release details - in the meantime please keep the dates free, and let others know.

Saturday 27th June 2026

Priesting of Rev. James Moore (Exeter)

Sunday 28th June 2026

Rev. James, first celebration of Holy Communion