



The Parish of St David, Exeter

Worship and Weekly Notices for Sunday, 14 June 2026

Sunday, 14 June – 2nd after Trinity

- 9.30am Parish Communion led by Mike Clark with preacher Ian Cartwright
- 6pm Evening Prayer led by Charlotte Townsend

Tuesday, 16 June - 9.00-9.30am - Zoom Morning Prayer

[Zoom Morning Prayer](#)

[Meeting Chat Link](#)

Meeting ID: 761 7655 5759

Passcode: 7QRBBE

Please note - we use the Church of England Daily Prayer app, follow this link to download: [Church of England Daily Prayer](#)

Thursday, 18 June

10.30am Holy Communion led by David James

Sunday, 21 June – 3rd after Trinity

- 9.30am Parish Communion led by Sarah Cumming with preacher Mike Clark
- 6pm Evening Prayer led by Bill Pattinson

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Key Messages and Notices from Clergy and the Churchwardens

Celebration – Ian Cartwright marks 55 years of ministry as a Reader/ Licensed Lay Minister! Please stay after the service if you can.

Clergy away – Mike, Sarah and Suki are at the Diocesan conference next week.

Collection – Contributions welcome for Suki's ordination.

Upcoming Highlights

Summer Celebration – Sunday 28 June, 2.30pm. Come along to our Summer Celebration as we celebrate Suki's ordination. Enjoy a fundraising Devon Cream

Tea, Pimm's stall, tombola, and cake stall. Last orders will be at 4:15pm, followed by Choral Evensong at 4:30pm. If you can bake scones or cakes, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church—all help is greatly appreciated!

Churchyard tidy up – Saturday 20 June, 10am. Join us to help prepare the church yard for the Summer Celebration. Bring your gardening gloves and tools (we also have some at church). Come for as long as you are able as all help is appreciated. Many thanks in advance. Di Jacob.

Safeguarding evening – Wednesday 24 June, 7pm. The Safeguarding Team would like to invite all Activities' Team Leaders to a discussion evening in church. We would very much like as many team leaders to attend as possible.

Community and Events

Proposed Churchyard Picnics during the Summer Holiday - during the school holidays families often struggle to find free, local activities. One way we can support our community is to offer our churchyard as a picnic venue from 12-2pm on these Thursdays - **30 July, 6, 13 and 20 of August**. Families bring their own picnic, and we'll provide picnic rugs and chairs, a few toys and a cuppa or lolly. If you would like to get involved or to find out more, please see Sarah.

Church Parish lunch – Thursday 25 June, 12 noon, The Farmers' Union. A menu and sign-up sheet are available on the round table at the back of church. Please could you let me have your menu choices no later than Sunday, 21 June. As usual, a group will be walking across from the church, leaving at 11.45 am.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 4 July, 9am. The Boston Tea Party. If you would like a reminder please [email Alan Baker](#).

Tuesday Friendship Café – the next 'Try It Out Tuesday' is on **7 July**. This event is run in partnership with Exeter College Community and Partnerships. All are welcome - [book your place here](#).

Flamenco Show from Spain – Sunday 21 June. With prize-winning artists Rebeca Ortega, an elegant, accomplished and internationally acclaimed dancer based in Seville, Maestro composer and guitarist Ramon Ruiz from Granada who trained in Seville, and Carlos Lobo, renowned puro flamenco (pure flamenco) singer from Jerez de la Frontera, now based in Seville. An opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Andalusia, with traditional and modern flamenco artistry. Concert times 7-8:30pm. [Follow to buy tickets](#).

Other Notices

Call for Volunteers, Sunday Coffee Rota - can you spare just six Sundays a year to help serve coffee and tea after the service? It's a great way to meet people. Full training is provided! If you'd like to join the team, please [email Jenny Baker](#).

New Leaves – the June edition is available. [Read online](#) or purchase a hard copy in church.

Dementia Awareness Talk – we're delighted to welcome Home Instead who will be giving a talk on **Tuesday 28 July, 7pm** on how people can continue to live well, and how we can all play a part in supporting those affected by this condition. Do come along.

Visiting and Home Communion – if you would like to be visited or phoned by someone from the church community, please let Mike Clark know on 07889 570159 or by [email](#). For Communion at home, either for yourself or someone you know, please contact Ian Cartwright on 07813 795616.

Wednesday Walks – if you enjoy convivial conversation, gentle strolls, the changing of the seasons and a coffee please join us at 9am at the door at the west end of St David's when we leave promptly. Please just turn up or speak to Helena in church.

Welcome – we are still looking for another couple of people to join the Welcome team. This is a vital part of our ministry, and an important role so please do think about it. If you might be interested, please see Sue Wilson or the Churchwardens.

Covid/colds and flu – if you're feeling under the weather, please prioritise your rest and join us from home to keep our community healthy!

In Roots and Shoots:

Archbishop of Canterbury's House of Lords debate on the human impact of Artificial Intelligence

The Archbishop of Canterbury recently spoke in the House of Lords about the growing impact of artificial intelligence on society, highlighting the importance of ensuring new technologies serve human dignity, compassion and the common good. [Archbishop's full speech here](#).

Your Prayers are asked for...

Those who are suffering including:

Caroline Speed-Andrews; Ann Barnet, Libby Clapham; Andrew Francis; Hazel Gowland; Eileen Jarman; Anne Smith; Beth; Charlotte, Paul and Grace; Will, Dave, John Sampson and Michael Gray.

Those who have died recently:

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer please pray for:

The Co-op shop and all shop workers

Please also pray for:

Our church

Our country and its leaders, both political and religious;

Our world, for wisdom for its leaders and a wish for peace not war.

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Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

1st Reading – Romans 5:1-8

Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 9:35 - 10:23

The Harvest Is Great, the Labourers Few

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’

The Twelve Apostles

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

Coming Persecutions

‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over

to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Post Communion

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please [email us](#).

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(All readings can be found via [Bible Gateway](#) in the New Revised Standard Version (anglicized edition)).

Last week's sermon – by Suki Coe

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

God calls the unlikely Abram, Mary, Matthew and Paul (to name just a few – I am sure you can all think of others) most importantly God calls you and me. As we think about the heroes in the bible, hear again what Jesus says 'he has not come for the righteous but for the sinners'. What does this mean for us – well firstly let's put to one side any thoughts that we need to be more sinful! No this is not what Jesus is saying!

All the heroes in the bible that are called by God; all have one thing in common: they are faithful to God.

I recall throughout my ordination discernment process I felt so unworthy of the privilege of Ordained Ministry, now as my Ordination to the Priesthood is just a few days away, I still feel that imposter syndrome. I think we all struggle to think we are 'good enough' and our readings this morning remind us that being good enough is not relevant to God's call on our lives. God is calling on us and our lives today just as we see recorded throughout the bible again and again, and I find this reassuring and affirming. Only Jesus Christ is perfect, and through our own journey of change, transformation, and faith can we respond to the call of God on our lives and grow day by day into the people we are called to be. Sometimes you hear the phrase to grow to be evermore 'Christ-like'.

So we can read that Faith is what we need. But what to do with faith?

The Gospel passage asks a lot of questions – I think these reveal the fundamental change Jesus embodies and asks of us. Taking a look at the healing narratives from this morning's Gospel, the spiritual leaders of the time were busy keeping themselves separate, at a distance from the people, keeping the purity laws, while logical from a public health perspective, led them to be set apart, to be detached, to lack action and to appear irrelevant to the day to day issues and struggles of the people they led. If you like, we might expect a doctor to take precautions to avoid infection but if that keeps them from examining and helping the patient, what is the point of being a doctor.

The story of the healing of the women with the haemorrhages and raising of the child of the leader of the synagogue, show us the power of faith when put into action. In the case of the women who had suffered for so long, with such shame – think about the laws adopted for women when they menstruated, these women could not: enter the temple or synagogue, be seen in public, they were considered unclean, so for this women whose bleeding was constant for 12 years, she felt locked out, excluded from her God, from her faith, we probably can all remember how it felt during Covid when we could not gather together as a community to worship. Thank the Lord for Zoom as we could gather virtually. We were all in the same situation, imagine, if all your family, friends, could worship freely, but you could not. Jesus allows the taboo to be broken and the women's faith in Jesus makes her well, she takes some action and Jesus affirms her healing. **Take heart, daughter; your faith** has made you well.' These words are full of grace and generosity. Restoring her not only

physically, but her place in society and showing that her faith cannot be diminished. She can return to worship within the community, no longer isolated.

Jesus proceeds to even more clearly break the purity taboos by touching a dead child and raises her from the dead. Jesus gets close to her, touches her, breaks the purity rules, he takes action to build on faith, to make it real, not just for the girl and her family, but for the wider community both then and now.

Faith kept in a box under the bed is of little use to God or you. Faith in God and the power of the spirit is within us all. Remember Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is here with us for a purpose. Jesus says that he has come to be with all people, sinners, the sick, the poor and the lame. Even the Tax collectors like Matthew! **Those who are well have no need of a physician**, but those who are sick they need a doctor. Jesus is a symbol of change of turning the world upside down, bringing the Kingdom of God into the lives of people who are open and receptive, who have the capacity to change. Jesus is telling us that God is not detached, distant and unapproachable, but is prepared to roll up his or her sleeves and get stuck in where needed, where invited, where welcomed.

What does this tell us about our lived out Christian lives? Coming to worship on a Sunday is of course important, to restore, feed and sustain us in our faith, but what do we do with that. Does faith in God just sit in our hearts and slowly dissipate during the week or do we use it for spreading the good news of the gospel, spreading the light of the risen Christ. If you like our worship, reading of scripture and prayer life are the necessary precautions to allow us to maintain a healthy faith. We are also called to action. Now I am not going to instruct you to hold a placard on Cathedral Green proclaiming that all should turn to Christ, but if you feel moved to do so, please don't let me stop you!

I believe that we are called to be people of faith and action, being a Christian is not a passive or private faith, it is for sharing, for living openly, to be a guide for others to access this precious gift. So, I have to overcome my imposter syndrome, be brave, put on the armour of Christ and follow the call that God has made on my life. We are one faith, in one body, in one community. I wonder what will you do this week with your faith?

Let us pray:

Lord God, we thank you for calling us to be disciples of your Son. Stir up in us, we pray, the many gifts of your Spirit, that through all our actions and all our

words we would reflect your love to the world, and through our characters and our lives others would be drawn to hunger for the truth of the Gospel for themselves, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.