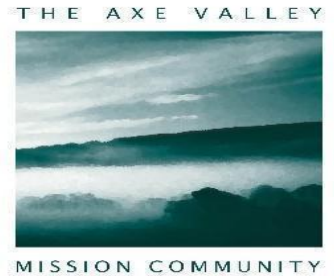


Pews News

from the churches of
The Axe Valley Mission Community



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10th May 2020

Christian Aid Week, 10 – 16 May

Love never fails. Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all.

A Prayer for Christian Aid Week

Welcoming God,

We long to hear your words of invitation:

‘Let everyone who is thirsty and guilty, come

Let everyone who is hungry and hurting, come

Let everyone who is scarred and scared, come

Let everyone who is lost and lonely, come

Let everyone who is poor and rich, come

Let everything that has breath, come

Come and drink from the deep wells of grace
and go overflowing with the generosity known.

So that all may come to know life in fullness
here and now.’

In your life-giving name we pray.

Let it be so.

Christian Aid ‘Zoom’ Quiz Night – Saturday 16 May 7.00-8.30pm

An evening of fun for anyone to join. Please tell anyone and join in at 7.00.

All Welcome

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86884149926>

Pews News

Please actively seek out information – visit websites, phone people and ask for updates and share the Pews News as widely as you can.

Please note – all items to Peter Parshall by Wed. 17.00 (or via the Rector)

‘Just Giving’ page for Christian Aid Axminster 2020.

This year there will of course be no door to door collection for this wonderful charity – but our local organiser, Louise Collard, has arranged that donations can be made through this link

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christianaidaxminster2020>

She is also going to run 19 miles (on a treadmill) over the course of Christian Aid week and will post my progress (photos of the treadmill screen!) each day. Please support this generously. It is needed more this year than ever. Thank you.

Together at 11.00 Special Service for Rogation Sunday 17th May

Join us as we gather, virtually, to give thanks and ask God’s blessings on the fruits of the earth, and the labours of those who produce our food in our Mission Community. We may not be able to gather together this year, but it is still important that, as a church, we acknowledge the communities we live in and those who work the land in them.

Join Zoom Meeting on the normal Sunday Zoom address :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/71885450686>

We would love folk from all our churches to join us for this special service. If you are not sure about using Zoom, or want to find out more please contact Tracey Voysey on 01297 33426 or traceyavoysey@gmail.com

Coffee and Cake – 15.00 Wednesdays on Zoom

A fun meeting to chat and keep up to date with each other. Just put the address into your web browser and join in. (Bring your own coffee and cake!). Everyone welcome. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2682097645>

Light a Candle of Hope – Sundays at 19.00

Light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.

Telephone Tree

Thank you to **Maureen Arnold** for putting together our telephone contact tree. If you can help or would like to be called contact Mrs Maureen Arnold on **01297 32922** (after 10.00).

Call someone – don’t wait for them to call you !

Please pray for...

Home Communicants: Beryl Grayer, Molly & Janet Pike, Janet Leech, June Lock. *All who live in Tudor Cottage, Silverleigh, Oak House, Pinhay House, Magnolia House, Little Haddon, Check House and Elmwood.*

The Sick: Clare, Matthew, John, Roy, Peter, Kay, Laura, Karen, Stella Brown, Sue, Eric Gordon, Ron Badger, Tara and all known to us personally in need of our prayers.

The Departed: Barrie Swift (Priest), David Warner, Eileen Trott, Sylvia Spiller, David Johnson, Gerald Marsh, Margaret Smith and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Ideas and Activities to join in with.

As it seems we will be maintaining the protections of social distancing and isolation for some time to come we are seeking opportunities to engage with one another.

On-line/Telephone Book Club

We are starting a virtual book club...starting with a favourite story of 65 year-old Harold who goes to post a letter in Kingsbridge, Devon, and finds he can't stop walking! ***The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*** by Rachel Joyce.

A lovely way for us to go for a walk without leaving home. 😊

Hopefully you can get yourself a copy and, in a few weeks, we will put up a few questions to start our discussion – here and by Zoom. *Shuna*

A Local Response to the Virus

Many of our communities have developed a local response to the present difficulties – either formal or informal. **Thank you** for the care and support you are offering and accepting.

ACER (Axminster Community Emergency Response) **contact number 01297 35550**. The Rector and Churches Together are very much involved in, and support, this community initiative.

Food Bank and Hamper Collections

The foodbanks are vital at present. Please consider donating– in particular money at the present time. For details of how to donate contact the Rector, Clive, or the ACER number. Thank you. *Nicola Barden*

Services to join in with

Sunday 11.00 – AVMC ‘Zoom’ Service.

A Service of music, prayer and praise led by local church members. It will be an uplifting opportunity for fellowship and worship.

Just click on and follow this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/71885450686>

This week we have **Dr Ted Steiner** and **Roger Grose** speaking.

Friday at 10.30– telephone service

Call **0330 606 0403** a couple of minutes before 10.30 and give the access code **484444#**.



before 10.30 and give the

Give it a try and worship with those you

know.

Local YouTube Services

Uplyme church is recording services for each Sunday which can be accessed at any time on **YouTube**. Just use this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcIQWLSAS49TN4ACnJTeFIQ>

Resources for Worship

Although our churches remain closed for worship at present there are now many opportunities to share in worship and fellowship.

The BBC Services - Sunday Worship 08.10 each Sunday

Exeter Cathedral Live Sunday Service 10.00 each Sunday

on Exeter Cathedral Facebook Page.

Facebook

For those on Facebook here are some sources of local church information and support:

Axe Valley Mission Community page

Uplyme Church page

Axmouth Community page

Uplyme Church group

The Minster Church@ministerchurch

Honiton Deanery page

Diocese of Exeter page

These are really good resources – give them a try.

Why not write your own prayers and poems and send them in to be shared? We would love to produce our own local book of prayers and poems. Thanks to those who have sent in prayers so far.

The Rector

Axe Valley Mission Community Website : www.axevmc.com

Please visit the site regularly where you will find lots of new items.

Items for the website should be passed to Clive.

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