

AXE VALLEY MISSION COMMUNITY  
**PEWS NEWS**

SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In our moving gospel passage we hear Jesus using the metaphor of the vine as a way of explaining to his disciples how they/we are to be deeply entwined with him on our journeys of faith so we can 'bear much fruit.'



**'I am the vine, you are branches... abide in me...'**

What beautiful words.

A vine is a remarkable thing. As it grows it develops very thick winding stems and it can be hard to determine which is the original branch? When Jesus says, 'I am' (God's own name, given to Moses) in relation to the vine, we know that he speaks from his divine nature. He, Jesus-as-God, is the vine.

The vine and the wine which comes from it, are symbols of love, his love in the form of his blood shed for us and given to us as the sacramental wine at communion. He is the visible source of love in his ministry on earth and he invites us to become a part of that vine, a part of that love.

Of course, how we do that will be unique to each one of us. Even though vine branches at first glance may look alike, no two are exactly the same. They may weave and curl in similar ways, they may produce similar fruit but each is unique. And this is symbolic of Jesus' call to each one of us. As we reflect on the unique nature of every vine branch, we can know that he calls us in our uniqueness to be joined with him in a similar purpose, that of spreading the love of God wherever we are.

We are integrally united with the original stem. Whether or not we are fruitful vines depends upon us.

*Rev Nicky Davies*

IN CHURCH

## COME AND WORSHIP WITH US IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY

9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	HOLY CROSS
10am	MORNING WORSHIP	AXMOUTH
10am	MORNING WORSHIP	CHARDSTOCK
10am	HOLY COMMUNION	UPLYME
10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	THE MINSTER
11am	HOLY COMMUNION	ALL SAINTS
11am	MORNING WORSHIP	MEMBURY

ON - LINE

## WORSHIP ON LINE THIS WEEK

**MORNING PRAYER EVERY WEEKDAY on zoom @ 8.30am**

Zoom ID: **884 0997 0704** Password: **149718**

**ZOOM CHAT ON SUNDAY @ 11.30am**

A chance to meet and talk for a while – use link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81020110380>

**LIVE STREAM FROM AXMOUTH ON SUNDAY @ 10am**

<https://www.facebook.com/Axmouth/>

BY TELEPHONE

## TELEPHONE SERVICE SUNDAY @ 4PM

Roger Grose will be leading our phone service this Sunday.  
Rev Nicky Davies will be speaking, Hilary Harron, David Jones and  
Graham Sheargold will also be taking part.

A few minutes before 4pm call **0333 011 0616**.

When asked for the access code dial in **723 9782** followed by the hash key #

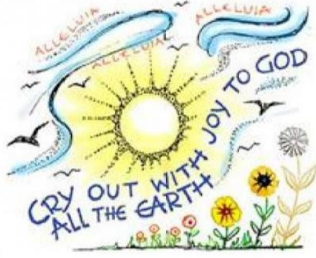
**EVERY Friday at 10.30 – telephone service**

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

*These services are free to those who have a package which includes free 03 calls [most do] but you may be charged at normal call rates if not.  
Do check with your service provider*

## SERVICES IN CHURCH NEXT WEEK 9<sup>th</sup> MAY – ROGATION SUNDAY

9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	HOLY CROSS
10am	HOLY COMMUNION	COMBPYNE
10am	HOLY COMMUNION	AXMOUTH
10am	MORNING WORSHIP	UPLYME
10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	THE MINSTER
3.30pm	ROGATION SERVICE	ALL SAINTS



## Rogation Praise Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May

All Saints' Parish Churchyard

You are warmly invited to bring a chair, a thermos and piece of cake to All Saints' Parish Churchyard, at 3.30pm for fellowship time together.  
At 4.15pm we will then have 'Rogation Praise' where we can sing and ask God's blessing on farms and those who work the land.

Social distancing regulations must be kept to on the day.

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

George Pye, Olive Owen, Molly Pike  
and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.



### Prayer Lists in the Pews News

Prayer is an essential aspect of our faith and relationship with God. Each week in the Pews News we publish the names of those people who are known to be in need of particular prayer. Whilst we publish the full names of the recently deceased, we have limited the majority of those listed for prayer to the publication of first names only.

We are aware that some people prefer to know the full names of those for whom they are asked to pray so that they can be more specific in those prayers.

For this reason, from the beginning of May, we will publish the full names of those who give permission for their surnames to be included in the Pews News prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for up to 6 weeks, and can then be reviewed should individuals wish to continue to be listed.

**We would therefore ask you to submit names for prayer having ascertained that the individual's consent for their full name to be included.**

**Please do pass names for prayer to Louise in the office, or to members of the Ministry Team.**

(If anyone has a strong preference to be listed only by first name, that will also remain possible).

### CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

**ALL SAINTS**  
SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY  
10am – 4pm

**CHARDSTOCK**  
SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY  
10am – 3pm

**COMBPYNE**  
SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY  
10am – 4pm

**HOLY CROSS**  
By arrangement with the  
church wardens

**THE MINSTER**  
(revised) TUESDAY AND  
THURSDAY 10am – 3pm

**MEMBURY**  
SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY  
9.30am – 4pm

**UPLYME**  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
10am – 4pm

**AXMOUTH**  
Although the church is closed except for services everyone is welcome to come along and use the prayer tree and the churchyard it is in to take some time for personal prayer and reflection

## CREATION CARE COURSE

As part of our continuing engagement with the care of God's Creation, we commend to you the HeartEdge upcoming 4-week course on 'Creation Care'.

**It takes place online on Thursdays 4pm – 5.30pm and runs for 4 weeks from 17<sup>th</sup> June until 8<sup>th</sup> July.**

The course gives opportunities to learn more about climate change, the theology, science, the impact on Melanesia, & church responses. Its principal contributor is Marie Schlenker a PhD candidate, researching climate change impacts in Solomon Islands. Marie conducts her research in close collaboration with the Anglican Church of Melanesia and the Melanesian Mission UK.

For more information see Diocese of Exeter website  
<https://exeter.anglican.org/events/4-week-creation-care-course/>

HeartEdge is an initiative coming out of St Martin in the Field's in London, and you can register for course here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/4-week-creation-care-course-tickets-145829458837>

Did you know we have our own Axe Valley Mission Community Facebook page?



Use the link below to access our page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/axevalleymissioncommunity>

If you click 'not now' when it asks you to sign up for an account you will still be able to see our page. It is updated daily with 'Lockdown Thoughts'

During this third lockdown we are relaunching some **lockdown 'light bites' at 2pm on Tuesdays.**

Do tune in to watch live as one of the ministry team share a thought, a prayer, an activity or something else to lighten this difficult time.

We look forward to sharing with you.

If you are watching as we go live you can get involved by sending us your comments or emojis

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Big Church Picnic  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July**



@ Pecorama  
10.30am till 4.15pm

The AVMC team office is open Mon-Wed & Friday from 9am – noon and on Thursdays from 12.30 - 3.30pm  
[axevalleymc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:axevalleymc@hotmail.co.uk) or call 01297 441986

**Axe Valley Mission Community Website:** [www.axevmc.com](http://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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