

## Introduction of Focal Ministry Across the Axe Valley Mission Community



AVMC is blessed with a valued and experienced Ministry Team of 5 clergy and 5 Readers, supported by able and talented clergy with Permission to Officiate (PtO) and individuals with outstanding lay leadership experience and abilities.

Working with the Archdeacon of Exeter, and at the request of the Diocese we have been considering an approach to ministry across our eight churches which will provide successful and personal links to church and community.

We propose that **each church will have a 'focal minister'** who will develop a particular link and relationship with that church team and community. We look forward to formally implementing this system from Advent Sunday, 28 November 2021.

**'Focal Ministry'** is perhaps a new term for an approach which has been around for a good while since the number of churches grouped together has been increasing. It has been adopted by the Diocese of Sheffield as fundamental to their diocesan structure: it has been in place on a smaller scale in other areas of the country, and not just for rural ministry.

The Focal Ministers for each church and community will be:

<b>All Saints</b>	<b>Rev'd Tracey Voysey, Tony Nixon,</b>
<b>Axmouth</b>	<b>Rev'd Nicky Davies, Hilary Harron, Lesley Gubbins</b>
<b>The Minster</b>	<b>Rev'd Clive Sedgewick, Rev'd Shuna George, Su Clark</b>
<b>Chardstock</b>	<b>Rev'd Clive Sedgewick,</b>
<b>Combpyne</b>	<b>Rev'd Nicky Davies, Hilary Harron, Lesley Gubbins</b>
<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Rev'd Cate Edmonds</b>
<b>Membury</b>	<b>Rev'd Clive Sedgewick, Tony Nixon</b>
<b>Uplyme</b>	<b>Rev'd Nicky Davies, Roger Grose</b>

Lead ministers will seek to build stronger relationships in these places and to :

- **be the first point of call** for the Churchwardens and PCC in dealing with the running of the church.
- **be present at key festivals and events** in the life of the church and wider community where possible.
- **be a point of contact for pastoral issues** within the church and wider community.
- **be the link and initial point of contact for the Mission Community Administrator** in responding to Life Events in that community.
- **be available** and spend time in the church and community
- **encourage the ministry of all**
- **hold that church and community in prayer** and respond prayerfully to individuals, groups and community

We will of course continue to be grateful for the support and continuing ministry of our retired PtO Clergy and lay leaders and we hope they will work closely with the 'Focal Ministers' to maintain the effectiveness of services and ministry in all of our churches.

We intend that this 'focal' approach will evolve to enhance the work and experience of all within the Axe Valley Mission Community.



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# PEWS NEWS

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

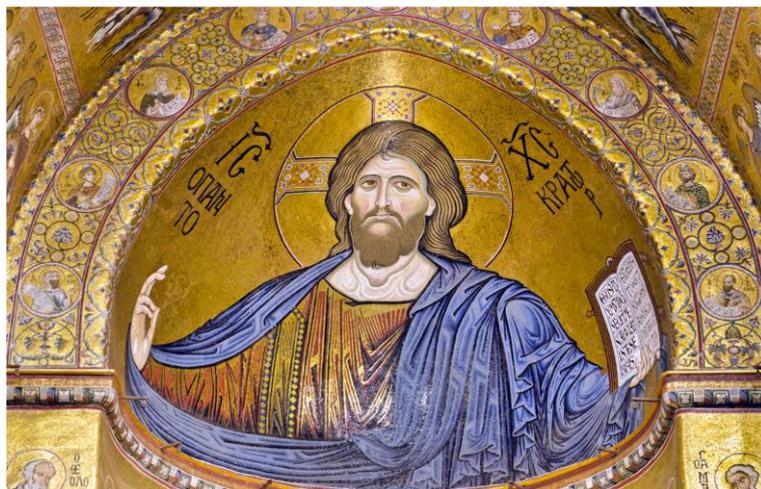
## SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING

“What we need is a new way of being in the world *together* that embodies the reality that all life is *sacred, precious, and connected*; only the contemplative mind can bring forward this new consciousness which is needed to awaken a more loving, just, and sustainable world.” Richard Rohr

This Sunday is the celebration of Christ the King sometimes known as the **Feast of Christ the King**. The festival celebrated in many Christian churches is in honour of Jesus Christ as lord over all creation. Essentially a magnification of the Feast of the Ascension, it was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Originally, it was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but in the revised by Pope Paul VI in 1969 it was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (immediately preceding Advent), where its theme of Christ’s dominion made it a fitting end to the liturgical year. It has been included in the Anglican Calendar since then as well.

In the words of Richard Rohr do we have a “contemplative mind”? Having a contemplative mind and thinking or mediating on the concept of Christ the King may bring a new consciousness to us. Mediating in our busy lives can be difficult, finding time just to sit and think is important in many ways but to sit and think about Christ can be extremely difficult. Some people find that music can help others prefer silence. Some may use an artefact to hold or a picture or icon to study or the picture of a mosaic study of Christ as below. When I study this, I marvel at the skill of the people who in their willingness to venerate Christ painstakingly put together these tiny tiles in such an order that the glory of Christ shines out. Their way of demonstrating his Kingship and open arms for all. So, let’s pause a while and bask in both Christ’s kingship and his open arms which are sacred and precious and allow ourselves to feel connected.

*Rev Canon Cate Edmonds*



**Please pray for:**  
**Roger & Maureen D'Albertanson**  
and all those known personally to us in need of our prayers

**Please pray for the Family and Friends of the Departed:**  
**Audrey Dunford, Lilian Bardey, Nanette Isard**  
and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.



IN CHURCH

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER

8am	HOLY COMMUNION	The Minster
10am	HOLY COMMUNION	Axmouth
10am	HOLY COMMUNION	Combpyne
10am	CAFÉ CHURCH	Uplyme
10am	TOGETHER @ TEN	All Saints
10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP	The Minster
6pm	EVENSONG	Chardstock
6pm	HOLY COMMUNION	Uplyme

### TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER

10am	HOLY COMMUNION	The Minster
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### Morning prayer



As of next Monday there will be a change to our pattern of morning prayer zoom meetings.

They will now take place at **8:30 AM each Monday and Friday.**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89050308730?pwd=VHFiZkpuUGthc0JDZ0xieUJvdk1qQT09>

or Meeting ID: 890 5030 8730

Passcode **314688**

We look forward to seeing many of you for this short enjoyable time of worship.

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY – 28<sup>th</sup> November ADVENT SUNDAY

10am	Patronal Holy Communion	Chardstock
10am	Posada and Holy Communion	Uplyme
10.30am	Holy Communion	The Minster
11am	Holy Communion	All Saints
11am	Morning Worship	Membury
3pm	Darkness to Light	Axmouth

**CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR  
PRIVATE PRAYER**

**ALL SAINTS**  
DAILY  
9.30am – 5pm

**CHARDSTOCK**  
DAILY  
9am – 5pm

**COMBPYNE**  
DAILY  
10am – 4pm

**HOLY CROSS**  
CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING

**THE MINSTER**  
DAILY  
10am – 4pm  
(Revised opening)

**MEMBURY**  
DAILY  
9.30am – 3pm

**UPLYME**  
DAILY  
10am – 4pm

**AXMOUTH**  
DAILY  
9am – 4pm

**Wrap Up Warm**

As we are all aware Covid-19 is still a very real and serious concern in our area. It is vital that we continue to do all we can to protect ourselves and each other. Part of that protection is maintaining distancing whilst we are in our churches and services, and we will do all we can to maintain effective airflow in our buildings. Good ventilation does carry potential downside in that it is very difficult to maintain the temperatures that we normally appreciate in our buildings. As we move into the colder weather we would therefore ask you to bear with us and to wear an extra layer to keep warm. Thank you for your understanding and help.



**Christmas  
Coffee**



**Morning**

**Sat 11 Dec. 9am-1pm**

**@ THE MINSTER, AXMINSTER**

**Plus come and meet Santa!  
£3.50 per child (U10)  
Contact Madeline 01297 34812**

Friends of Axmouth Church  
Present – 'Joy to the World'  
Christmas Tree Festival



To run from 12<sup>th</sup> December - until 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Open daily 11.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service - 3.00pm  
(please see posters for further details)



Hope to see you there!

## COMING UP IN AVMC

### **Axminster Photography Group Christmas Exhibition**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov in The Minster  
Thurs & Fri:10am – 4pm  
Saturday:10am – 1pm and 4pm – 7pm

### **Axmouth Church Advent Sunday Lunch**

28th November 12.30pm in Axmouth Village Hall  
Three Course Lunch  
Tickets £15: Contact Ann Harding 01297 624323

### **Axminster Christmas Tree Festival**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am - 3pm  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm – 5.30pm  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Christingle @ 4pm  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 24<sup>th</sup> December open daily  
Everyone welcome – no entrance charges though donations welcome

### **Uplyme Gospel Singers**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm  
Uplyme Church

### **Christmas Coffee Morning and meet Santa**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> December in the Minster 9am – 1pm  
Contact Madeline on 01297 34812 to book to see Santa and if you can offer to help.

### **Uplyme Church Fayre**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 12 – 2.30pm  
Uplyme Village Hall

### **'Joy to the World' Christmas Tree Festival**

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at Axmouth Church  
Open daily 11am – 5pm  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December Carol Service at 3pm

### **Axminster & District Choral Sociey**

**Director – Peter Parshall**  
Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> December in the Minster @ 7pm  
CONCERT by the Axminster and District Choral Society of Handel's Messiah with professional orchestra and soloists. See website for tickets  
[www.axminsterchoral.co.uk](http://www.axminsterchoral.co.uk)



## **Lionel Handy** *Internationally acclaimed cellist*



*accompanied by Jennifer Walsh*  
**Uplyme Church**  
7.30 pm

**Friday 3rd December**

*"English Romantic Programme" featuring works by  
Ethel Smyth, Armstrong Gibbs and Delius  
Admission £10 at the door  
Bar for interval drinks*

## **REGULAR EVENTS IN AVMC**

### **Vibe - Bible Study for young people**

Every Sunday @ 6.30pm in Uplyme  
**Xplosion Youth Group**

Every Friday @ 6.30pm – 8pm in Uplyme  
For details of both of these youth groups please contact Rev Nicky Davies 07931 413629

### **Christian Meditation Group**

Every Tuesday @ 4.15pm in Uplyme  
For details contact Catherine Lightfoot on 01297 561687 [catherine55lightfoot@gmail.com](mailto:catherine55lightfoot@gmail.com) or Rev Nicky on 07931 413629

### **Wednesday Coffee Morning**

Every Wednesday @ 10am – 12noon  
Axmouth Village Hall

### **Axmouth Church Support Group**

Every Friday 9.30am – 10.30am  
In the Bindon Chapel, Axmouth Church  
Please contact Hilary Harron if you are interested in joining this group.

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) **Facebook:** [facebook.com/axevalleymissioncommunity](https://facebook.com/axevalleymissioncommunity)

Items for the website should be passed to Clive: [clives1865@gmail.com](mailto:clives1865@gmail.com) | 01297 792120