



Axe
Valley
Mission
Community

PEWS NEWS

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

SUNDAY 15th MAY 5th Sunday of Easter

Some 2,000 years' ago fishermen and tax collectors responded to Jesus' call, 'Follow me'. Leaving all and following him, they began a journey of blessing and discovery. They discovered what it meant to know Jesus close up, to receive his message of the redeeming love of God, and to witness his works of compassion and healing for all who were oppressed with sickness and sorrow. In the process, they found their lives transformed. In the same way, Christ calls us to be his disciples today – to follow him in daily life and in the worship and service of his church. As we do this, there are blessings and discoveries aplenty in store for us. These are given to us through the 'means of grace' within the church. As well as the Scriptures, prayers and hymns, there are the three sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Communion. These are the major milestones on our journey of discipleship and each one is filled with grace.

Baptism (sometimes called Christening) brings us very close to Christ. We are following in the footsteps of the one who entered the waters of the River Jordan to be baptised by John the Baptist in solidarity with his people. Baptism binds us to him and he to us. Baptism can be given only once, at any age, infant or adult. It is one of the greatest gifts that God can give because it is the gift of God's own life. Our baptism is always a spiritual reality within us and can be rekindled at any time. In baptism we are made one with Christ in his death and resurrection and begin to share his risen life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Baptism is the foundation of the Christian life, but also only the beginning because there is more.

What follows from baptism is confirmation. Through the laying on of the bishop's hand and prayer for the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened and energised for our journey of discipleship. Confirmation means strengthening. In the case of an infant, confirmation follows when the child is old enough to make their baptism promises their own. When an adult is baptised, confirmation is given in the same service. Confirmation is a joyful event that strengthens God's gifts within us. It is our second staging post.

In the Church of England, confirmation is normally the gateway to Holy Communion, though the church also welcomes to Communion those who are moving towards confirmation and those who are communicants in other Christian churches. Taking part in the celebration of the Eucharist and receiving Holy Communion as the culmination of that brings full participation in the life of grace in the church. Christ invites us to his table and guides us through the steps of our journey that lead us to that privilege.

On 3 July at 3 pm, in the Minster, Bishop Jackie (Bishop of Crediton) will lead a confirmation service for our team of parishes. There are already some candidates for this. Candidates may be of any age from around early teens upwards. Group preparation will be led by the Revd Nicky Davies. She or the Rector or I, or indeed any of the clergy, will be happy to respond to initial enquiries – with no strings attached. Christ still calls deep in the heart.

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Watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight,
 and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep.
 Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.
 Rest your weary ones.
 Bless your dying ones.
 Soothe your suffering ones.
 Pity your afflicted ones.
 Shield your joyous ones,
 And all for your love's sake.



Amen.

Please pray for:

Jeanne Allen

and all those known personally to us in need of our prayers

Please pray for the Family and Friends of the Departed:

**John Smith, Neil Pullinger, Jenny Pursey,
 Dennis Sheldon, Marie Allen, George Daniels**
 and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.

IN CHURCH

SUNDAY 15th MAY

9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	HOLY CROSS
10am	MORNING WORSHIP	AXMOUTH
10am	TOGETHER @ 10	ALL SAINTS
10am	TOGETHER @ 10	UPLYME
10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	THE MINSTER
11am	HOLY COMMUNION	MEMBURY
6pm	HOLY COMMUNION	UPLYME
6pm	EVENSONG	CHARDSTOCK

TUESDAY 17th MAY

10am	HOLY COMMUNION	THE MINSTER
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ON - LINE

Morning prayer 8:30am each Monday and Friday

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89050308730?pwd=VHFiZkpuUGthc0JDZ0xjeUJvdk1qQT09>

or Meeting ID: 890 5030 8730

Passcode **314688**

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

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd MAY – ROGATION SUNDAY

9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	HOLY CROSS
10am	MORNING WORSHIP	UPLYME
10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION	THE MINSTER
3pm	ROGATION TEA	CHADSTONE BARN, ROUSDON
4pm	BRING AND SHARE TEA	BOWDITCH FARM, CHARDSTOCK
5pm	ROGATION SERVICE	BOWDITCH FARM, CHARDSTOCK

**CHURCH OPENING
TIMES FOR PRIVATE
PRAYER**

ALL SAINTS

DAILY 9.30am – 5pm

AXMOUTH

DAILY 9am – 4pm

CHARDSTOCK

DAILY 9am – 4pm

COMBPYNE

DAILY 10am – 4pm

HOLY CROSS

PLEASE CONTACT
CHURCHWARDENS

THE MINSTER

DAILY 10am – 4pm
Except Wednesday open
11am – 4pm

MEMBURY

DAILY 9.30am – 3pm

UPLYME

DAILY 10am – 4pm

Rogation 2022 - Sunday 22nd May

4pm Bring and Share Tea

5pm Service

Bowditch, Burridge, Chardstock EX13 7DF

Home of Janet & Edward Eames

Rogation is when we pray for God's blessing on the crops
and the well-being of our parishes.

As part of our Service all the farms in All Saints',
Chardstock and Membury will be named.

Do join us as we celebrate this great rural festival.
For more information please contact Revd Tracey



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15th – 23rd MAY

We have some Christian aid week envelopes available so if you would like to distribute some amongst your churches or groups or deliver in your local area please contact the AVMC office. Envelopes with donations in can be taken to the post office in town, Millwey or Raymonds Hill by 27th May

Alternatively you may wish to donate on line, please visit:

www.envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/axminster-ca-group



Together @ Ten

www.uplymechurch.org.uk

You are invited to Uplyme Church's

Family friendly all age service

at 10am

on 3rd Sunday of the month

- 15th May 19th June 17th July -

- 21st Aug 18th Sept 16th Oct -



Children's activities

Creche corner

All Welcome

For info phone Rev Nicky 07931 413629

All Age Informal Worship at The Minster

Second Sunday Service 10.30



May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, Aug 15th, Sept 11th, Oct 9th



Come and explore faith with us

Enquiries: 01297 441986 Axevalleymc@hotmail.co.uk

**LUNCHTIME CONCERT in the Minster on
THURSDAY 19th MAY at 12.30pm**

The performance on Thursday this week:

**Richard Llewellyn
Jazz Guitar**



We look forward to welcoming you

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 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 or Rev Nicky on 07931 413629

Uplyme Gospel Singers

Every Tuesday (term time) 7.30pm in Uplyme Church

Home Group Bible Study

Every other Tuesday 7-8pm in the Minster Church Rooms Starting from 15th February,

Mother's Union, Axminster branch

First Tuesday of the month 2.30pm in the Church Rooms

5th April, 3rd May, 7th June

Minster Minis Stay and Play

Every Wed 9 – 11am in the Minster Stay and Play playgroup for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups!

Loss is part of Life

Every Wednesday 11am – 12.15pm in the Minster

Wednesday Coffee Morning

Every Wednesday @ 10am – 12 in Axmouth Village Hall

Lunchtime Concerts

Every Thursday @ 12.30pm in the Minster

May to Oct - All welcome, free entry

Axmouth Church Support Group

Every Friday 9.30 – 10.30am

In the Bindon Chapel, Axmouth Church

Please contact Hilary Harron if you are interested in joining this group.

Shining Stars – Uplyme Church Playgroup

Every Friday (during term time) 10 – 11.30am

The Scout Hut, Rhode Lane, Uplyme

For all 0 to 4 year olds and their parents or carers. 29th April to 22nd July (closed 3rd June)

All Saints' Breakfast Fare

Second Saturday of the month 8.30 – 11am

All Saints village hall

ONE OFF EVENTS IN AVMC

AVMC CONFIRMATIONS

3pm Sunday 3rd July in the Minster

For more information contact Rev Nicky daviesnicky@live.co.uk 07931413629.

A Fun Evening!

Skittles

The Peek Hall at Rousdon

Friday 17th June 7pm

£1 for 3 balls

Bar open, pasties and chips served & raffle

In aid of Combyne Church

Details: Nicky 07931 413629 or Audrey 07979 646527.



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