



**Welcome!**

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.  
Please do join us for refreshments after the 10.30am service today.*

<b>Today</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion with the Bishop of Crediton, Sarah Mullally <i>with Baptism, Confirmation and the Licensing of Revd Paul Barton</i>
5.30pm	"Route 66" (Youth-led Service)
<b>During the Week</b>	
Mon	<i>11.15am Funeral - John Forsyth</i>
	<i>12.30pm Matt's Knits – new social knitting group</i>
Tues	<i>9am Morning Prayer</i>
	<i>9-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers in the Lounge</i>
	<i>11.30am Funeral – Gordon vans Colina</i>
	<i>3pm Messy Church</i>
	<i>7.15pm Lent courses continue – meet in the Hall</i>
Wed	<i>9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	<i>10.30am Lent courses continue – meet in the Lounge</i>
	<i>12 noon Lent Lunch in the Hall</i>
	<i>2pm Ilsham Academy Easter Service</i>
	<i>7.30pm St Matt's Cats</i>
Thurs	<i>9am-12pm 'Experience Easter' event with the local schools</i>
Fri	<i>6.30pm Youth Club</i>
<b>Sunday 25 March</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<i>Prayzone in the Hall</i>
10.30am	<i>Morning Worship in the Church</i>
5.30pm	Monthly Prayer meeting

**Collect  
For  
Passion Sunday**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Readings

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

'The days are coming,' declares the LORD,  
'when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to them,' declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup> 'This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel  
after that time,' declares the LORD.

'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God, and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbour,  
or say to one another, "Know the LORD,"  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,' declares the LORD.

'For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.'

### John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

<sup>27</sup> 'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.' <sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' <sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

## Generous God, Generous People

- If you'd like to know more about, or join the '**Parish Giving Scheme**', there's a special table with information and forms in the Hall over coffee.
- If you'd like some help with daily **household budgeting** (although we cannot offer financial planning advice) please do contact Tony Barratt, church treasurer, for a confidential chat: 07984001973 or [tony@ab-consulting.org](mailto:tony@ab-consulting.org)



## LENT 2018

- Maundy Thursday:
  - 29 March – 7pm Holy Communion service
- Good Friday:
  - 30 March – 10.30am All Age Service (then coffee & hot-cross buns)
  - 30 March - 2pm Last Hour at the Cross (a time of devotion with periods of silence)
- Lent lunches – every Wednesday 12-1.30pm (delicious cheese, bread, pickles etc) – all profits to Christian Aid ... and bring a friend!
- Lent courses Tuesdays @ 7.15pm and Wednesdays @10.30am – see below
  - John Mark Comer will speak (on DVD) on 'Practising the Way of Jesus' looking at the spiritual disciplines eg fasting, prayer, solitude
  - Pete Greig will help us to look at prayer (DVD)
- 'Generous God Generous People' - daily bible readings booklet - £1

**New Services** will start on 1<sup>st</sup> April (Easter Day). Please pick up a separate card which explains the new service times and the reasons why we're making changes – further information will be on the website and facebook too.

**Internet and telephone scams** – some people in the congregation have received phonecalls/IT recently – purporting to be BT/HMRC. Please be alert.

Sadly, **Frank Newman** has died. His funeral is at Drake's Chapel 11.00am Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March – if you plan to attend, please phone Pere in the office first. Thanks.

### Pre-school Easter Eggs

As last year, we are buying the 'Real Easter Egg' for each Pre-school and Open House child. These eggs come with a booklet explaining the Easter story, which parents can read to the children. The eggs cost £3.60 each and if you'd like to contribute to this, please put donations in one of the blue envelopes and write 'EGGS' plus your signature and address details if you can gift aid your donation. Many thanks.

<b><i>For our prayers and praise this week</i></b>	
Sun	Praise God for <b>Bishop, Dame Sarah Mullally</b> as she joins us today. Pray for Paul, and the candidates, and for Bishop Sarah as she brings us God's Word. Pray as she leaves the Diocese to become the <b>Bishop of London</b> .
Mon	Pray for <b>John</b> and the <b>PCC</b> as they await the Chancellor's decision concerning the Re-ordering of the church.
Tues	Pray for the peace of the world, but especially the <b>Middle East &amp; Jerusalem</b> and for all working for peace.
Wed	Pray for the changes to the Church service patterns. May these go smoothly and as we have been thinking in Church about being generous, may we be generous to those who find these changes difficult.
Thurs	Praise God for the Ministry of David and Amy Roche, our CMS mission Partners as they prepare to leave Lebanon and take up Parish work in this Country and remember their children as they adjust to the UK.
Fri	Pray for all who are <b>ill, or sad or lonely</b> , praying that God will meet with them.
Sat	Praise God for the Ministry Team led by John, that as they prepare for Easter God will inspire them. With them pray for all who help in the Church and Services. Pray too, for Pere the Church Administrator, that she may have the strength and wisdom to know God's will in what she has to do.
Sun	Pray for Prayzone which will be their last one in its present format and venue. Thank God for all our young people and pray that they may see Jesus.

## **When the Spirit comes...**

### **Pentecost Weekend**

**19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

A Saturday and Sunday at St. Matthias of teaching, celebration and prayer about the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

Led by Archdeacon Kevin Roberts, and Revd Anne Roberts from 'Resource'.

Kevin and Anne led a large church in Shropshire before Kevin became Archdeacon of Carlisle. He now is the Director of Resource.

John Beckett worked with Kevin on two short mission trips to Zambia.



### **ReSource**

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Times of workshops and teaching on both days (incl Saturday evening celebration) to be confirmed – we plan to work around the Royal Wedding!