



*Together, serving the
communities of
Teignmouth,
Bishopsteignton, Ideford,
Luton, Ashcombe,
Shaldon and Ringmore*

Praying and Growing in Christian discipleship and
Serving the people of Devon with joy

Welcome to our churches
Sunday 18th May 2025
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised

God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Collect

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Requests to Guide Your Prayers

(Please contact clergy for inclusion)

Residential home: Teignbridge House

The healing and wholeness of:

David Wright (St Michael's), Rebecca Davis, Alan Wooderson, Di Caine, Faith from Imprezza, Kenya, Maggie Halford and Preb. Philip Luff.

Circle of Care: Andy Dyson, Janet Paget, Max Guy, Marion Delaney, Cynthia Mosely, Chris Newton, Nicholas Brixton, Len Parkyn, Andy Harding, Nobby Bray and Verity Langley.

The recently departed and their family and friends: Gordon Thornton, Geraint Thomas, Elizabeth Price and Harry Sullivan.

Services During the week

Tues 20th

9.30am - St Michael's: Holy Communion

Thurs 22nd

9.30am - St Peter's: Morning Prayers

Services Next Sunday 25th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am - St James: Holy Communion

9.30am - St John's: Holy Communion

9.30am - St Michael: Holy Communion

9.30am - St Nicholas: Matins

11.00am - St Peter's: Holy Communion

4.30pm - St James: Create Café

Future events open to everyone across the Mission Community

Dorcas Group next meeting is 20th May at St Michael's at 11am. Author, Stephanie Austin, will be talking about writing her crime thrillers set in Devon. Lunch to follow. Please contact Chris Marsh, 01626 772561, if you would like to attend.

1940's themed Quiz taking place in St Michael's on Sat 7th June, 6-9pm. Email the Office for tickets. £10 adult, £5 children.

Ascension Day service being held at St Michael's. Thursday 29th May, 7.30pm

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Create Church is an informal church service where we will explore how we can be church together for all ages including a Bible story, craft, games, Lego, discussion, prayer and music. Look online for more information.

The Administrator works flexible hours from Mon - Fri (not Bank Holidays) to accommodate Clergy and all 8 Churches needs. Please contact Sarah via email or phone and she will get back to you. Please respect Sarah and her young family's worship time on a Sunday morning and refrain from approaching her or her parents to discuss work matters of any kind. If you need to leave any documents for Sarah please leave them in the tray marked FAO: Administrator in St Michael's.

A plea from our Team church, St Nectan's: Ashcombe Village Church.

To continue restoring this Grade I Listed church we need lots of people and help:

1. To scrape off the old paint. Need scrapers, stepladders, dust pans and vacuum cleaners
2. Some of the churchyard wall has fallen down into the field. We need wall builders (we can get the cement if we have the skilled volunteers)
3. Possibly another group weeding the drive and cleaning up the lych gate.

PLEASE COME ALONG: 9am - 1pm, 7th June.

The more the merrier. Bring tools or anything you might need. Coffee and Bacon Rolls will be available too.

Pewsheets submissions by 10am please on Thurs to Sarah at office@haldonteam.org.uk or call 07494 222848
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