

'Refresh' Service

Sunday 14 June – St Mary's Church

Taunton Minster Choristers will be joining with the Treblemakers and the Church Choir in St Mary's Church at 5 pm. For a 'Refresh' service with a range of choral music in different styles. Not to be missed!

Bookings for St Mary's House Meeting Rooms

Please can anyone wanting to use St Mary's House for meetings, remember to book through the office on 472551.

We have recently had instances of rooms already being used when people have turned up for meetings.

We will also be having some work done in the downstairs meeting room in the near future, and we need to plan accordingly.

Volunteers Needed for Goodliving Bookshop

Volunteers are urgently needed to help serve in the Goodliving Christian Bookshop on a part-time basis.

If you would be interested in a half or full day on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday, please pop into the bookshop to find out more information.

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*Our Purpose:
TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD*

SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026

TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Alan Glover
Talk: Rev'd Madeline Bray

11.15 am Encounter

(11 am 4 Parish Lay Led Service, Landcross)

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion, and Junior Church
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am Encounter

(9.30 am Holy Communion, Weare Giffard – Rev'd Madeline Bray)

(11 am Morning Praise, Littleham – Sarah Cordingley)

This church currently has a policy of not taking collections during services.

If you would like to donate to the work and ministry of St Mary's Church, we would be very grateful. You can donate at the door using our contactless machine or post cash in the slot in the same unit. If you would like to find out about regular giving, then please speak to one of the clergy or one of the Church Wardens. Thank you for your kind generosity

COLLECT

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31 God's People Are Comforted

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?
Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?
Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?
Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?
Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.
Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.
All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God?'
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28.16-20 The Commissioning of the Disciples

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Mon 1	10.30 am Thanksgiving Service for Kay Roberts
Tues 2	10.30 am Holy Communion (M.U.Corporate) 7.30 pm Parish Prayer – St Mary's House
Wed 3	9.30 am Music Makers 3.30 pm Messy Church
Thurs 4	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s) 7 pm Taize - Landcross
Fri 5	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 6	8 am Morning Prayer 8.15 am Men's Breakfast 10 am Treblemakers
Sun 7	9.30 am Morning Worship with H.C, and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter

Thanksgiving Service for Kay Roberts Monday 1 June at 10.30 am in St Mary's Church

There will be a service tomorrow, (1 June) to celebrate the life of Steve Roberts' wife, Kay, at 10.30 am at St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome.

There will be light refreshments following the service at the back of church.

Streams

Thursday 4 June – Littleham Village Hall

Streams will take place on Thursday 4 June between 2 and 4.30 pm in Littleham Village Hall. There will be a variety of crafting activities, interspersed with coffee, cake and chat.

Taizé Service at Landcross Church

The Service is normally held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm inside Landcross Church and is led by April Saltmarsh. It is a candlelit meditative service using the lovely Chants from the Taizé Community in France, with time for reflection and silence. The next Service will be on Thursday 4 June 2026.