

Where clergy are taking services in other places over next few months

Following on from the announcement in church that Rev'd Robin will be seconded to also work in the Torridge Coastal Mission Community until the end of the year, we thought it would be useful to see where our clergy will be helping outside of St Mary's and the four villages.

Below is a list of the next few months: -

14 June – Robin in Westward Ho!
21 June – Robin in Appledore
28 June – Madeline in Abbotsham
5 July – Robin in Northam, Alan in Appledore
12 July – Robin in Westward Ho!
19 July – so far, no-one elsewhere
26 July – Claire in Alwington (and then back for Encounter), Madeline at Hartland
2 August – Robin in Northam
9 August – so far, no-one elsewhere
16 August – so far, no-one elsewhere
23 August – Robin in Abbotsham
30 August – Robin in Appledore

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

SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 am Said Holy Communion
President: Rev'd Ruth Beckett

10.30 am All-Age Worship with All-Age Team and
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

5 pm 'Refresh' Service with Treblemakers, Church Choir and
Taunton Minster Choristers

(11 am Celtic Communion, Landcross – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)

SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2026

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am Celtic Communion, and Junior Church
President: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am Encounter, with Holy Communion

(9.30 am Morning Praise, Weare Giffard – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)

(11 am Holy Communion, Littleham – Rev'd Ruth Beckett)

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

Faithful Creator,
Whose mercy never fails:
Deepen our faithfulness to you
And to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Romans 5.1-8

Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9.35-10.8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

DATES OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tues 16	9.30-10.15 am Group of Kingsley School students for organ session with Chris Beechey 10.30 am Holy Communion
Wed 17	9.30 am Music Makers 11.30 am Moreton Court Holy Communion
Thurs 18	4-5.30 pm Crypt Youth (7-11s) - cancelled 5.30-7 pm Crypt Youth (11-16s) - cancelled
Fri 19	11.15 am -1 pm Friday Diner 6 pm Choir Practice
Sat 20	8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Treblemakers (Ribbon tests)
Sun 21	9.30 am Celtic Communion, and Junior Church 11.15 am Encounter, with Holy Communion

'Refresh' Service

Today, 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 later today at 5 pm for a 'Refresh' service with a range of choral music in different styles. Please come along and support our choirs.

Women's Breakfast – Saturday 4 July, 9.30 am at Brewer's Fayre

Please can you let Karen Johns or Lorna Thomas know (or sign-up on the sheet by the main door) if you would like to be included at the next Women's Breakfast on Saturday 4 July at Brewer's Fayre. They need final numbers by Sunday 28 June.

Why Questionnaires?

At our Children's groups - questionnaires will be handed out to carers and their children. If you have a child or grandchild that does or doesn't come to Church, or comes occasionally, please would you kindly ask them to fill it in and pass it back to the office. You will find the questionnaires by the Church door.

Why are we doing this?

- 1) We haven't had a review for some time.
- 2) Our leaders/helpers will be encouraged by the positive feedback, and we will have more of a notion of what children enjoy most.
- 3) What might we be missing? What puts parents/children off? How can we make church more of an option for those who *don't* come at the moment?

Timeline: Questionnaires out on 3 June - **returned by 14 June if possible** (21 June at the latest) - Collating of information on 22 June - Findings taken to Children and Family leaders Meeting on 23 June to consider. Many thanks. Emily and Claire.