



In the HOLiDAY COaST Mission Community in the Anglican Diocese of Exeter

Services and Events in September and October

September

2	Sunday	9.30	First Sunday Communion
4	Tuesday	10.00	Sacred Space; <i>Blending Morning Prayer, Taize, and Reflection</i>
9	Sunday	9.30	Sung Holy Communion
11	Tuesday	9.40	Quiet Prayer; 10 Pause for Prayer ; 10.30 Holy Communion BCP
16	Sunday	9.30	Sung Holy Communion – The Revd Sue Knight
18	Tuesday	9.40	Quiet Prayer; 10.00 Pause for Prayer ; <u>10.30 Morning Prayer</u>
23	Sunday	8.00	Holy Communion BCP; 9.30 Sung Holy Communion - SK
25	Tuesday	9.40	Quiet Prayer; 10.00 Pause for Prayer ; 10.30 HC (by extension)
30	Sunday	10.00	<u>Joint Service at St Paul's Starcross</u>

October

2	Tuesday	9.40	Quiet Prayer; 10.00 Pause for Prayer ; <u>10.30 Morning Prayer</u>
7	Sunday	9.15; bacon butties etc 10.00	<u>Harvest Festival – Songs of Praise</u>
9	Tuesday	9.40	Quiet Prayer; 10 Pause for Prayer ; 10.30 Holy Communion BCP
14	Sunday	9.30	Sung Holy Communion
16	Tuesday	10.00	Sacred Space <i>Blending Morning Prayer, and Taize</i>
17	Wednesday	12 noon	WW1 Service, Reginald Knight; 2-4 Cake and Cleaning Cafe
21	Sunday	9.30	Sung Holy Communion
23	Tuesday	9.40	Quiet Prayer; 10.00 Pause for Prayer ; 10.30 Holy Communion
28	Sunday	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP); 9.30 Sung Holy Communion
30	Tuesday	9.40	Quiet Prayer; 10.00 Pause for Prayer ; 10.30 Holy Communion

November

4	Sunday	9.30	First Sunday Communion 3.00 Remembering and Hope
6	Tuesday	9.40	Quiet Prayer; 10.00 Pause for Prayer ; 10.30 Holy Communion
		12.00	WW1 Commemoration. George Henry Cole
		12.30	Organ Recital to launch "100 Years On!"

For details of the Tuesday afternoon Bible Studies and "Eat and Enlightenment" at The Castle, please ring 01626 774844. Holcombe Lunch restarts Mon 8th October at 12.15. There will be a signing list in Church.

Drop In's in the Church Rooms; 2-4 on Wednesdays 5th and 19th September, 3rd and 31st October

Messy Church will be on Saturdays at 2.30 in the Church Rooms; 8th Sept and 13th Oct.

Please note that on 30th September the only service in any of our 4 churches will be at St Paul's. Dallas has invited Canon Colin Evans to preach to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

Harvest Festival – following the appreciative comments from last year, instead of a Harvest Lunch, there will be bacon butties etc served in the Church Rooms from 9.15 (veggie alternative). The Harvest Service will take the form of a Songs of Praise type service and will be at 10.00. The DCC has decided that this year all proceeds will go to the Teignbridge foodbank run by HITS. Dried goods may be left in church during the 2 weeks beforehand. Please bring produce of garden, orchard, field, allotment and kitchen on the day. We will ring the changes from the last few years and instead of an auction we will place all perishable goods on a table and invite the congregation to take them in exchange for donations. A sort of "silent auction" without the bidding!! Proceeds to HITS.



Plastic Planet/ Caring for Creation This year we have seen the assault on creation wreaked by human action; from plastic clogging the oceans and getting into the ecosystems, to fire and flood caused by extreme climate. In our land the lack of rain and heat will reduce the harvest. And while I don't think any of us have personally cut down a rain forest I am certain that each of us has used a product containing palm oil from plantations on cleared land. There is information on this from a Christian perspective pinned to the noticeboard at the back of Church. As part of our harvest celebrations, I, Chris, invite you to make a "plastic pledge" or "creation commitment"; can we each find just one way in which we are contributing to reducing plastic or caring for creation? Ideas include: using refillable bottles, shampoo bars which come wrapped in paper, bamboo toothbrushes, eco friendly cleaning products; taking our own containers to the deli or butchers; writing letters about palm oil, challenging retailers as to plastic use. I am sure there are many other ideas. Just as we are getting used to



taking our own bags shopping again, so are there other things we can get used to? Obviously, there will always be a place for plastic items, in the medical field and for those who have health challenges, for example, but it is the throw away, difficult or impossible to recycle plastic that is putting so much pressure on the planet. This is not an invitation to make any commitments public, nor a desire to put more pressure on those whose lives are already not easy. However, during the harvest service there will be a collection of items which you might like to bring and which would represent your pledge or commitment; a sort of visual penitence. The items collected might include things on a “wish list” to which there are currently no easy alternatives such as a toothpaste tube or old biro or empty bacon wrapper (!!!) as well as general plastic wrapping. Whatever you do, please don't buy something especially that is plastic wrapped! Because the problem is so huge it is easy to think, what difference can I make? But during September try to take a fresh look at the plastic and other damage that each of us inflicts on the planet. And remember the purchasing power that we have. After all producers will not produce products that people refuse to buy.

Cake and Cleaning Café and Housekeeping Coordinator. A reminder that the way we clean the church will change as from October. On the afternoon of Wednesday 27th we will be serving tea and cake to all comers, but encouraging those who can wield a duster or Hoover to do so. The last thing we will do is mop ourselves out of the Church Rooms! Many people have spoken with fondness of the cleaning party we had before we moved back into church. Surely even with a fraction of the number who turned out then, we could have some fun and clean the church at the same time! And we do need someone who will take on the task of monitoring the cleaning materials, checking the vacuum cleaners etc, as in last month's TT. That would not include the kitchen appliances etc which are being lovingly cared for by Mike K and Marilyn.



100 Years On In the week running up to Armistice Day, we are planning a Commemorative Display featuring floral displays, art work, photos, various WW1 memorabilia and personal stories, especially those of the men named on the Holcombe War memorial. Items are being contributed by members of the church and of the wider community, including many of the groups who meet in Holcombe. It is exciting how many people have said they will contribute. Final information will be available nearer the time, but the church will be open from 12 noon on Tuesday 6th November, 10 -4, until Saturday 10th, with the **Remembrance Service at 10.45 on Armistice Day.** Refreshments will be available, and the village craft group and others will be providing items for sale. This will include a “Quality” bring and buy table (NO White Elephants aka “junk” please!!) so if you have anything that is as good as new that you could donate, please look it out. There will be WW1 commemoration services on the Tuesday and Friday at 12 noon. After the Tuesday service there will be an **organ recital** of appropriate music by Ian Bartlett, followed by a **soup (made by Fran!) and roll lunch** served in the Church Rooms. Saturday afternoon will be **"Family Time" as Messy Church invites all ages** to join in with craft and activities and a light tea in the Church Room.

We want to have 3 people on duty all the time the church is open, probably with shifts of 10 to 1pm and 1 to 4. If you would like to volunteer, please see Marian Wannell who has agreed to organise the rota. All donations and proceeds will be split between 4 charities: the Poppy Appeal, Help for Heroes, The Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East www.frrme.org.uk; Samara's Aid.

We are inviting the local community to join in with this Commemorative Display in several ways; (1) Knit or crochet poppies. Patterns are available on the green noticeboard. Even if you only do one or two, that would make it a real community effort. May be left in the back of church up to the last week in October. We are thrilled with the number of poppies that have already been left. (2) Make or draw poppies using any medium (3) Provide short accounts of the Great War which have been handed down through families. These can come from anyone connected with Holcombe or St George's, either now or in the past, **but do not have to be about people whose home was Holcombe at the time.** Please email your account in no more than 100 words if possible to Chris, stgeorgholcombe@live.co.uk; or hand her a written copy Please put “WW1 account” in the subject line of emails. We will be collate and attribute with first name shown or “anon” if requested. If you have any ideas of a contribution to the display, please contact Chris.

Remembering and Hope - Sunday 4th November at 3 pm Before we embark on **100 Years On**, we celebrate the **All Saints weekend**, and that is a time when traditionally we remember those who have gone before us. Our “traditional” service of Remembering and Hope did not happen last year as we were “homeless”, but God willing it will be held this year as above. During the service we will read the names all

those for whom we have led a service of any sort during the last TWO years. Any other names will NOT be automatically read out as it is a matter of the personal choice of those who loved them. **If you want to check that a name will be read, or if you want a name included, please email Chris after Harvest, or write the names clearly on a piece of paper, along with any indication of unusual pronunciation.**

An email has been received from Andy Watson of the Residents' Association concerning possible hazards when the work on Little Leigh begins. (the site is up on the right roughly behind the shop) Andy writes:

Just to warn you that development at Little Leigh is likely to commence in early October. Although no work will take place on Sundays, there will be large construction vehicles around the village roads at other times. We have written to Teignbridge District Council regarding the developer's Construction Management Plan which really doesn't take account of the difficulties this will cause for residents. Whether anyone takes notice of the various risks we have pointed out is another matter!

Excerpts from this letter to which Andy refers are reproduced here. Full details on the village website.

Little Leigh – Construction Management Plan

I am writing on behalf of the Holcombe Residents Association, we have nearly 400 members in the Village. We have significant concerns about the CMP as in a number of areas little consideration has been given to the practicalities of developing a site in the middle of a small village. Holcombe is characterised by narrow streets, few pavements, on-street parking, poor road junctions and cottages (often without modern foundations) that are adjacent to the road. The heart of the village is designated a Conservation Area. Our specific issues with the CMP are as follows:

(It) gives details of the size of construction vehicles and a general statement that they will be directed to the site using Fordens Lane, Hall Lane and Holcombe Road. The simple practicalities of driving a large vehicle through the village streets just hasn't been thought through. For example, the CMP does not address the following issues: a) It is not possible for larger vehicles to turn right at the Castle Inn junction coming from Fordens Lane. When such vehicles have attempted this in the past, they have needed to turn left at this junction and then reverse up the hill which is extremely dangerous. ... b) It is worth noting that the two junctions with the main road (at Hall Lane and Fordens Lane) are very narrow and would not allow a car and lorry to pass each other. This means that vehicles will have to stop on the main road should the need occur, with the potential of a serious accident given the speed that vehicles travel. c) Holcombe Road often has cars parked on the road which makes it difficult for larger vehicles to pass. Of specific concern is the area from the church upwards as the road is particularly narrow here, there is a disabled car bay and there are very old cottages and the church fronting on to the road. There is therefore a real danger that both property and cars could get damaged by construction vehicles. d) Given the narrowness of the village roads, it is not possible for two construction vehicles to pass each other anywhere in Fordens Lane, Hall Lane or Holcombe Road. Consideration needs to be given to a system that will ensure this does not happen. e) There is no mention of how pedestrian safety will be ensured given that there are few pavements and people have to walk on the road. f) In 2014, a 6-wheeler rigid lorry carrying cement blocks ruptured the water main in Holcombe Road necessitating its replacement which closed the road for a couple of weeks. Are the relevant utility companies and authorities aware of the loading and heights of the proposed vehicles? On the latter, there is only passing mention of this in relation to BT cables and power lines for street lighting. ...i) Photos of the roads in the village should be taken before any development commences so that they can be repaired, at the developer's expense, if they are damaged. ..

We feel that there should be an explicit statement to say that no contractor parking will be permitted on any of the village's existing residential roads. ..

We appreciate that not all the above issues / risks will occur, and some have a higher degree of probability than others. However, there is no indication in the CMP that these have even been considered.

So here is material for prayer but also a warning for us to exercise caution as events unfold.



There will be another collection for Samara's Aid during September. For details please read the article in the August edition of "Coastline". There is also information on the notice boards as well as the information folder at the back. **Overleaf are excerpts from a message Samara Levy sent out on 14th August**

TODAY marks the FOUR YEAR ANNIVERSARY since I sent out an email to the mums in my oldest son's year group at school, appealing to them to give winter clothes, shoes and blankets to send to Syria or Iraq. Those mums were amazing, the whole school was amazing, my church was amazing, many of the churches in our area were amazing. Over the last four years YOU have been amazing! Together as a team with all of you and all of us we have sent 99 x 40' containers and artic lorries filled with humanitarian aid to Syria and Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan. We have clothed 100's of 1,000's of people: more than 180,000 just in the last six months... We have sent many 1,000's of care packs for pregnant and natal women, and many 1,000's of dignity bags for girls and women and "Smiley" bags for children. Soon we will be starting to run food packing events to send nutritionally balanced meals for the poorest of the poor in Syria and other parts of the world where people are affected by starvation. We have also set up and are running a small hospital in Syria which treats around 3,000 patients each month. Our vision is to build a new hospital in Syria to bring hope, and we have now been granted all the formal permissions to build a 9,000 square meter hospital on the land we have bought.

The seeds were sown for the start of this work when I saw the suffering of Syrian refugees living in camps in the snow around Christmas of 2013. Children were wearing flip flops in the snow. As a mother I was deeply shocked and horrified to realise that in this same world we live in, where so many of us have an excess of the basic necessities for living plus many other things which are extravagant, there were other mothers in this world who were struggling to survive in tents in the snow without something as basic as shoes to put on their children's feet. My heart broke as I tried to imagine what these women might be feeling. .. How would I wash my child's clothes if I lived in a tent when they got soiled if I had no nappies? How would I confine a toddler who had only just started walking to life in a tent, if the only alternative was to let my child walk barefoot outside in the snow? ... My feeling was that I wouldn't cope.

I had a pile of beautiful baby clothes that my children had outgrown which I had been saving for my sister who was about to have a baby. I knew she would probably need them, yet I also knew that even though she and her husband had to be so careful with money, those Syrian and Iraqi women's lives were incomparable. How is this disparity possible?

A culture has developed in the "first world", of social practices, norms and a self perpetuating consumerism which few people challenge, but our children are raised and conditioned in: to want more and be given more. The advertising of so many products which, when you flick your eyes over these posters to contrast with the woman with the half-naked baby living in a tent in winter, suddenly seem rather shallow. If we teach our children these life skills; that love in action is more important than accumulating possessions or collecting experiences and activities that cost money, that sacrifice in our lives to help someone else in need is more rewarding than looking the other way while booking our next holiday abroad. Most importantly when we see suffering, we can teach them that it is not inevitable that we should switch off, thinking there is nothing we can do to make a difference: each of us has the power to do something. In the same way that we develop physical fitness by exercise and pushing ourselves a little further than we would ordinarily do in our day to day lives, .. When we stretch ourselves by giving it is our humanity, our heart and our compassion that grow.

Each of our gifts look different. Personally, I rarely have money to give but I can still give of myself, .. What I have given and continue to give is so tiny compared with the gift that God has given me, given us, in the death and resurrection of his son Jesus. He has given us life: eternal life for those who choose to accept this gift. Not because we deserve it, not because anything we ever did could earn it, but simply because of his grace and his love. .. His gift is free for us because he loves us. We just have to be willing to accept our mistakes and shortcomings and we can all agree that we each have many. We have to be willing to acknowledge them and be willing to say sorry to God for overlooking our neighbours, our friends who are all his precious children, and for overlooking him: the only one who ever truly loved any of us unconditionally. When we accept this gift it is life-changing. When we invite spirit of the living, loving God to live in our hearts it changes our perspective and our desires. It changes our hearts.

I would love for more of you to join us on this journey, in stretching ourselves to give a little more of our lives, a little more of our time, a little more of our energy, a little more of our clothes, a little more of our money, a little more of ourselves, for the sake of serving the poorest and most vulnerable in this world. It is a decision that strengthens our hearts, our souls and our humanity. We need people like you to help us collect aid this Autumn; We have made it as easy as we can and it really doesn't matter whether you collect a little or a lot, it just matters that you be a part of it and do what you can. Every item and every box makes a difference to someone.