

## House Groups



### Monday: 7.30pm

Led by Anne de Looy  
Tel: Anne 859421  
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To check for venue

### Tuesday: 7.30pm at

24 Beech Close  
Tavistock. Contact  
Graham Dutton  
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### Tuesday: 7.30pm

Led by Penny Rowan  
24 Church Lea,  
Tavistock. Contact:  
Catherine Stoate  
Tel: 615847

### Friday 9.45am at

30 Church Lea.  
Contact: Janet Eales  
Tel: 614166

## Every week in The week

Daily Prayer together  
In church 9.-9.30am  
Monday to Friday

Holy Communion  
Thursday 9.30am  
Followed by coffee

Bell Ringers:  
Friday 7.45pm  
In church.  
Contact: Jane Doidge  
Tel: 852267

## April 2018 Diary

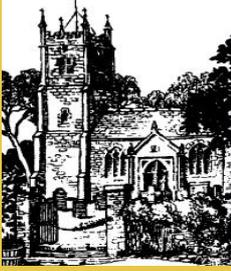
### Events in Whitchurch

<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> (Good Friday)	2pm	An Hour at the Cross
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	2 to 4pm	Easter Family Craft Party Whitchurch Community Hall
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm	Season Of Renewal Final Evening of Lent Course Whitchurch Community Hall
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>19<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Coffee in the Stable
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	11.30am	AGM in church
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	7.30pm	Whitchurch WI in the Community Hall

### Events in the Mission Community in April

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	7.30pm	Risen Easter Celebration Tavistock Town Hall
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	TaviPraise Abbey Chapel
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00pm	Womens World Day of Prayer Christ Church, Brentor
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	TaviPrayer at Kings
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	6.00pm	Tavistock Parish Church Service of Healing and Wholeness
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	7.30pm	Tavistock Parish Church Plymouth Area Police Choir'Tickets £8 from Bookstop or the parish office: <b>£10 at door</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	Tavistock Parish Church Come and Sing Workshop <b>2.30pm</b> by the Royal School of Church Music,

**Healing Rooms** - For anyone who needs prayer for healing  
**Every Monday** (except Bank Holidays) **7.30 - 9.00pm at the Friends Meeting House**, 4 Canal Road, Tavistock, PL19 8AR.  
**Costa Healing Rooms:** every Tuesday 10.30am-12pm, Costa Coffee, 43 Brook St, Tavistock.



# St Andrew's and St James' Whitchurch

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Parish

April 2018

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From the  
Registers

Memorial Service  
For Martin Beaver  
19<sup>th</sup> March



## Viewpoint: The Three 'P's of PRAYER

I have little doubt that I speak for many Christians when admitting that there are times when I wrestle with prayer.

Our reasons for this may be very different: a busy day, endless distractions, perhaps feelings of distress, anger or disillusionment at 'unanswered' or 'wrongly answered' prayers (as we might believe them to be). These are just some of the many reasons why prayer can be a struggle. Although recognised as important, prayer can often seem unessential and thus be put to the bottom or close to the bottom of our daily list of things to do.

Yet as we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection this Easter, it is important and right to reflect upon the implication these events have upon our relationship with prayer.

Thanks to Jesus, **prayer is a privilege**. As Luke 11: 9-10 tells us, we can '*ask for it will be given to us, seek for we will find, knock for the door will be opened to us*'. Our Father is both caring and able: we need not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, we should present our requests to God (Phil 4:6). We can cast all anxieties on Him for He cares about us (1 Peter 5: 6-7). So, let us humble ourselves in recognition of the privilege of prayer.

Thanks to Jesus, **prayer is powerful**. '*I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified*' (John 14: 14). Here Jesus explains to his disciples how he is within the Father. These verses remind us not only how God provides through prayer, but also how our God uses our prayers to His glory. As we pray to our Father in faith, He answers our requests according to His will and in doing so, glorifies His name. By defeating death for us upon the cross and uniting us in Him, Jesus gives us the privilege of speaking to our Father in continuous prayer with confidence in his power to provide and glorify.

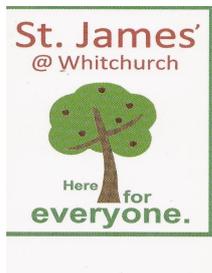
And so, to walk in faith is to **prioritise prayer**. In Colossians 4:2, Paul instructs us to devote ourselves to prayer and in Luke 18, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow to show the disciples that they should always pray and never give up. Prayer is the chief exercise of faith, a sign of obedience and devotion to God and therefore not to be merely added onto our day as and when time allows.

Let us strive individually and collectively to persevere in prioritising prayer!

Every blessing,  
The Rev. Miranda Donne

## Local News and photographs

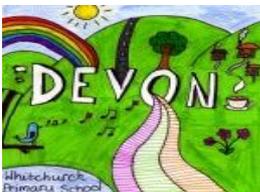
### News from St. James



With Easter upon us, St James' will take a break over the School holidays (starting again on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April) – but don't think we won't be busy serving God in other ways! Vicki Austin is organising a Craft afternoon for local children on Easter Monday, in the Whitchurch Community Hall (details will be announced soon). We hope that lots of children will come. Anne Palfrey and I also led a time of powerful prayer for our church and locality (using The Lord's Prayer as our guide) on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March in the main church. We hope that many welcomed the chance to join together for powerful prayer.

**Sue Allerton**

### Whitchurch School



Janet Clifford

Up to date information about recent events can be found on the school newsletter at:

[www.whitchurch-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.whitchurch-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Follow the links via "Parents".

**Janet Clifford**

### Mentoring at Whitchurch Primary School

It was lovely to be with you recently at your morning service and share about the opportunity to mentor at Whitchurch Primary School. For those who couldn't make it, Angela O'Shea-Warman, the Head Teacher is keen for St Andrews and St James to mentor in her school. In every class there are at least 5 pupils who need to bring a positive change into their lives and as mentors we can offer a platform to empower them to do so.

It would be great to arrange an informal evening for everyone who is interested, to give more information and to answer any questions. Please email me [trudi@tavistockcatalyst.com](mailto:trudi@tavistockcatalyst.com) and I will liaise with Miranda and let you know a date and time as soon as possible.

Thank you

**Trudi,**

Youth Work Director, Catalyst.

### Situations Vacant at St Andrew's

**Church Treasurer**

**PCC Secretary**

**Safeguarding Officer**

**Assistant to Health and Safety Officer**

We welcome all expressions of interest. Please phone Reverend Miranda Donne. Tel: 07711- 18668

## Whitchurch WI

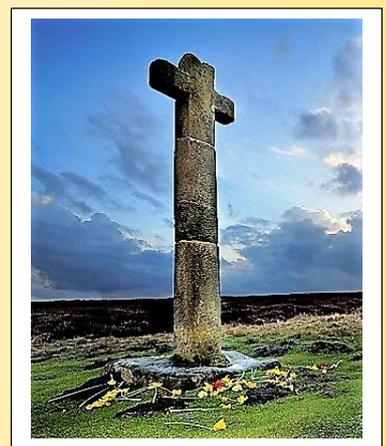
Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that due to some issues contacting the speaker for the evening and concerns regarding the recent weather, we had postponed Hannah Holland from Tapfit Dance and were instead going to have a quiz.

The plan for the evening was therefore to undertake normal business, have a quiz, and whilst we were having tea and biscuits Jo and her social sub group would talk to us about the planned events for this year.

The quiz was hosted by our past President, Jane and was in two parts, a photo section and then a general knowledge section. Throughout the quiz there was lots of giggling to be heard and when it came time to share the answers, there were overwhelming sounds of 'oh yes!' or 'ahhhh'.

During the break for tea, Jo our Social Secretary and her team gave an update as to the various trips and events that were being considered for this year.

Our next meeting which will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.30pm when Michael Watkins will be our speaker.



## Quiet Space

Peace begins with a smile.  
Spread love everywhere you go.  
Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.  
If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.  
There are no great things, only small things with great love.  
Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.  
If you judge people, you have no time to love them.  
Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put in that action.  
It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.  
Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.  
If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

Mother Teresa of  
Calcutta

## Sunday Services April

**1<sup>st</sup> April**  
8.00am  
10.00am  
6.30pm

**Easter Sunday**  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion  
Choral Evensong

**8th April**  
8.00am  
10.00am

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion

**15<sup>th</sup> April**  
8.00am  
10.00am

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion

**22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
8.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion  
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS

**29th April**  
8.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion  
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS

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