

House Groups

March 2018 Diary



Monday: 7.30pm

Led by Anne de Looy
Tel: Anne 859421
Felicity: 614146
To check for venue

Tuesday: 7.30pm at

24 Beech Close
Tavistock. Contact
Graham Dutton
Tel:614602

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

Note: House Groups are suspended during Lent unless otherwise notified

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

Events in Whitchurch

Thursday 1st/8th	9.30am	Holy Communion
15th/22nd	10.30am	Coffee in the Stable
	6.30pm	Lent Course in Whitchurch Community Hall
Sundays 4th/18th	12 noon	Soup and a Roll Lent Lunches In the Community Hall
Monday 5th March	7.30pm	Whitchurch WI in the Community Hall
Thursday 29^h March (Maundy Thursday)	6pm	Time with our Lord followed By Holy Communion at 7pm
Friday 30th March (Good Friday)	2pm	An Hour at the Cross

Events in the Mission Community in March

Thursday 1st	7.30pm	TaviPraise Parish Centre
Friday 2nd	2pm 7pm	Women's Day of Prayer TMC Cristchurch, Brentor
Friday 2nd March:	2:00 p.m.	Women's World Day of Prayer, Tavistock Methodist Church. A second Service is being held at Christ Church, Brentor at 7 p.m. for those unable to attend an earlier service
Saturday 3rd	6pm	King's Film Night. "Do you believe?" - 12 different people's journey to Christ". Free Entry and Refreshments. More information : Sam and Jo - 617693
Monday 5th	7.30pm	"Guys - it's your time". Meal and talk for men at Abbey Chapel, Tavistock. More details from: http://www.tactnews.org.uk/whats-on/tactmen/ closer to the time.
Thursday 15th March:	7:30 p.m.	Brentor Garden Club ~ in the Brentor Village Hall. A talk by Peter Lindley entitled "Around the World in 60 plants".
Saturday 17th March:	7.30 pm	Tavistock Parish Church Mount Kelly Choral Society concert. Tickets £10 available from Bookstop
Tues-Saturday 20-24th	7.30pm	"Spamalot" at the Devonport Playhouse Plymouth, Sat matinee at 2.30pm on 24 th March. Tickets at www.plymouthgilbertandsullivan.com or box office Tel: 01752 8421



St Andrew's and St James' Whitchurch

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March 2018

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From the Registers

Deaths

Mary Hoar
18th January

Marion Pearn
1st February



Viewpoint: A Garden City

As we approach the end of Lent and come to Easter and Pentecost one place features large in the story of Jesus: the city of Jerusalem – a place that features a great deal in the Bible, in world history and in the news.

The Bible portrays the possibilities for humankind by two contrasting cities: Babylon and Jerusalem (see Revelation 18-19 & 21-22). For the Jews these were the places in their history of exile and homecoming. Babylon stands for the corruption, arrogance, conflict and perversion of God's good gifts that have dogged humanity from early days until now. Within the prehistoric stories of Genesis Babylon is the place where humankind overreached itself and confusion, disunity and conflict took over. Instead of "Babylon" *the gate of God* it became "Babel" *confusion* - like our word babble (see Gen: 11:1-9).

The place where God's will is done and where he lives is "Jerusalem" (see Rev. 21:2-4). Interestingly this ideal place is not pictured as the *Garden of Eden* (Gen. 2:4ff) but the *City of Jerusalem*. It is a "Garden City" (Rev. 22:2) whose gates are open to the world (Rev. 21:25), but it is still a city. The development of civilization, science and technology are seen as positive things benefiting all and no evil in themselves. Our growth in knowledge is seen as part of the destiny God created us for (Gen. 1:28) so long as, in partnership with God, we care for the creation of which we are a part.

It is in the City of Jerusalem, where Jesus died and rose again, that Babel is reversed by the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. People of many and various language hear about the wonderful works of God in their own tongues (Acts 2:1-11). The differences are not eradicated, but none are excluded. From this we learn that differences in culture and race are to be a source of great enrichment and joy rather than arrogance and conflict. Jerusalem became for a brief moment what it means: *the City of Peace*.

It will not have escaped your notice that the earthly Jerusalem does not live up to its name but is divided and fought over. Just like us Christians don't live up to our calling.

Let us then pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalms 12 & 133). Let us pray for the work of God's Spirit amongst the nations to bring order out of chaos (Gen. 1:2). And let us pray that God's Spirit may fill us and make His City real in us!

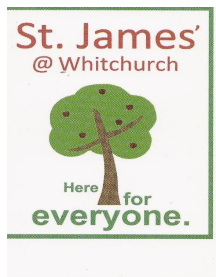
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Local News and photographs

News from St. James

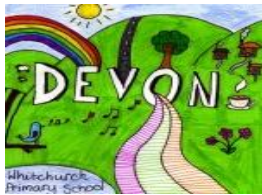
We've had a quiet term so far at St James', and now we're entering the season of Lent – a time particularly meant for quietness and reflection. I've just been to the first session of our St Andrews and St James lent course, and really enjoyed spending time with friends from both churches, talking about the changing seasons and reflecting on what God is doing now, and where he will take us next. On the subject of enjoying church together, we have our next joint service coming up on Mothers' Day (11th March) at St Andrew's.

See you there!



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

Follow the links via "Parents".

Janet Clifford

Whitchurch WI

Marion welcomed members and guests to the meeting on Monday 5th February and thanked everyone for turning out on such a cold night.

This month's speaker was Simon Dell who many of the members know from his time both as Tavistock's Police Officer and latterly as a speaker within the local community. Simon's talk this evening was called 'The Fair Arm of the Law' and whilst giving everyone a potted history of females within the police service his talk was also peppered with lots of amusing and interesting anecdotes.

After a break for tea, normal business was undertaken.

Our next meeting is on Monday 5th March, at 7.30pm when Hannah Holland from Tapfit Dance will be with us

Ignation Prayer Group

Biblical meditation using the styles of prayer recommended by St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Spring 2018 Programme

7th March Luke 24:13-43 The Emmaus Road
21st March Rev 1:9-20 A Vision of Christ

Sessions start at 7.30 p.m with tea and coffee at Hazel's home at Wheal Friendship, Bal Lane, Mary Tavy, PL19 9PE.

For further details speak to Liz Moles (01822 616243) or Hazel Butland (01822 811045)

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

Lent Season of Renewal

Led by Rev. Miranda Donne and Anne de Looy

Our Lent Course for the whole church family began on Thursday 22 February 2018 and will continue every week at 6.30pm with the final evening on the Thursday after Easter Sunday. Even if you have missed the two February sessions you're welcome to join us whenever you wish.

All meetings are in the community hall except for 8 March which will be in church. Light refreshments will

This is a gentle but different approach to Lent. Combining traditional elements with fresh creativity, it is ideal for those who want to engage in something a little different which will act as a stimulus for future growth - for us individually and for our church.

We will be organising lifts for those who would prefer not to drive in the evenings. Please let Isabel at the Church Office know if you need a lift? (church.office@standrewandjames.org Tel: 617780)

Quiet Space

Let Your God
Love You

Be silent.

Be still.

Along.

Empty

Before your God.

Say nothing.

Ask nothing.

Be silent.

Be still.

Let your God look

upon you.

That is all.

God knows.

God understands.

God loves you

With an enormous
love,

And only wants
To look upon you
With that love.

Quiet.

Still.

Be.

Let your God—

Love you.

Edwina Gatzky

Sunday Services March

4th March

8.00am
10.00am
11.00am
6.30pm

Third Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)
Worship and Holy Communion
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS
Choral Evensong

11th March

8.00am
10.00am

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Holy Communion (BCP)
Joint Mother's Day Service with St James's.

18th March

8.00am
10.00am
11.00am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)
Worship and Holy Communion
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS

25th March

8.00am
10.00am
11.00am

Sixth Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)
Worship and Holy Communion
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS

1st April

8.00am
10.00am
11.00am
6.30pm

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP)
Worship and Holy Communion
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS
Choral Evensong

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