

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

21 February 2021. First Sunday of Lent. Year B



Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him

We begin our Lenten journey at the decisive moment of the flood, when God establishes his first Covenant with man, in the person of Noah. Noah was saved from the waters, while we (as Saint Peter points out) are saved by the waters of Baptism. This is the Covenant we live in, thanks to Christ, who came to establish this “new and eternal Covenant in his blood”. He is the only one who can do this, because he is without sin, despite “having been tempted in every way that we are”.

Living Lent – Resources for the season

There are usually dozens of resources produced by various people to help us through the season of Lent. Below is a list, some of which you may find stimulating and helpful.

10 LENT TALKS a series of talks from priests and lay people on a variety of themes organised by Fr. Mark Skelton which will be broadcast on Zoom (details below).

1 Monday 22 Feb – **Gerard Barry** *The Freedom of Lent, How celebrating Lent in prison can be a guide to our reflection in lockdown.*

2 Wednesday 24 Feb – **Sarah Kate Adams** *Transforming and Healing the wounded soul.*

3 Monday 1 March – **David John** *A Lenten walk in the mountains with Thumper.*

4 Thursday 4 March – **Peter Coxe** *Empowering our relationship with God, ourselves & fellow creatures.*

5 Monday 8 March – **Mark Nash** *Mending the nets; preparing for mission.*

6 Thursday 11 March – **Peter Montgomery** *Guilt and Shame in a Post modern world.*

7 Monday 15 March – **Ned Wall** *A radical Jesus in Lent.*

8 Wednesday 17 March – **Jonathan Stewart** *Vice or Virtue; the path to holiness.*

9 Monday 22 March – **Anthony Hodges** *The ecology of Lent; a call to life.*

10 Wednesday 24 March – **Karen Cortes Foong** *The Black Madonna's invitation to honour the other.*

It is hoped that they will be recorded as well to enable people who do not 'zoom' to enjoy them as well. The zoom link to join the talks is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84667005013?pwd=eExpQ25naUxqYi95dmVFeVhkMHI4QT09> Meeting ID: 846 6700 5013. Passcode: 608518.

Parousia: The Bible and the Mass

A journey through scripture, hosted by Scott Hahn uncovering why all God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. Click [here](#).

Lenten Bible Course

6 weekly sessions to break open each Lenten Sunday Gospel before you go to Sunday Mass. Led by Mauro Iannecelli. Click [here](#).

Sycamore

A 6 week Lent course for practising Christians, or for people with some Christian background, who wish to renew their faith in the season of Lent. Click [here](#).

CAFOD

CAFOD'S online Lent Calendar which has a daily scripture, chance to reflect, pray and take justice action with the worldwide family. Click [here](#).

Cafod Stations of the Cross

Every Friday throughout Lent at 11.00am. This Lent, we will walk through the Stations of the Cross online in a prayerful journey of transformation in solidarity with people living in poverty around the world. Join us as we meditate on Christ's journey to the cross, following themes of justice, poverty, mercy, friendship and hope. [Register](#) to the series.

Prayer 1

This Lent course in Christian spirituality is intended as an introduction to some of the themes found in living the Christian spiritual life. Some of these themes might make us feel uncomfortable. For example, the theme of *obedience*. Our desire to be in control of

every aspect of our own lives is often considered normal and good in today's world. Yet, for those who have taken their pursuit of God seriously, it is clear that a willingness to be obedient to God is a necessary attitude if we are going to make progress on that journey. Jesus, himself, says that this is necessary (Luke 11:28, John 14:23) and makes it clear that he chose to live a life of obedience to his Father's will (John 8:55). Click [here](#).

Canon John Deeny

Series of talks which can be found on the St. Cuthbert Mayne RC Parish YouTube page. Click [here](#).

Fr. Ian Hellyer

Lent reflections on the theme of worship through a scriptural approach. Click [here](#).

Fr. Brian Kenwrick

Presentation by Fr Brian 'Jesus Outside of the New Testament' Tuesday 23 February at 6.30pm. Click [here](#).

Jesuits in Britain (in conjunction with the BBC)

This Lent, BBC Radio 4 will explore aspects of Ignatian spirituality and point listeners to 'Knowing Jesus', an online retreat being offered by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow. This retreat is available to anyone in the world with access to the Internet who wants to immerse themselves in the spirituality of St Ignatius. Click [here](#).

CARITAS

Caritas Plymouth has developed some resources for individual, group and parish reflection during Lent 2021. The resources include podcasts, links to websites and ideas for reflection during Lent, with a focus on Catholic Social Teaching. We hope that you find this material inspiring. Click [here](#).

Your Faith in Action – for young people

A series of talks 22 February - 22 March 7.30 - 8.30pm through zoom. Age 13 plus. Organised by Saskia Hogbin our diocesan youth ministry events coordinator. If you are interested in joining these events please contact youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Youth2000

Follow the Sunday Gospels throughout Lent. Click [here](#).

Lent Extra Magazine

The perfect companion to guide you towards Easter. A copy was attached with last week's newsletter. If you are unable to download this resource they are available in hard copy from Redemptorist Publications at 01420 88222.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Lent Appeal

Friday 26 February is Cafod Fast Day.

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of our envelopes. You can also easily give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10.*

*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice The coronavirus pandemic has shown how important it is to have access to clean,

safe water. During these challenging times, your donation to CAFOD's Lent Appeal is needed more than ever.

This Lent, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the **Walk for Water** virtual event. Could you Walk for Water as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days? Find out more [here](#).

CAFOD Walk for Water

Craig and Michelle Ayles are undertaking a 40-day sponsored 'Walk for Water' to raise money for CAFOD. They will walk 10,000 steps a day to raise as much money as possible. To donate go to their Just Giving page [here](#).

Lenten Prayer

Lord God, with all our hearts we beseech you: have mercy on your people; spare your people; strengthen all people in the struggle against the havoc of this pandemic. Lord our God, without you we are so weak and our courage so limited. Give us your strength; give us your love; give us wisdom and skill to continue this fight. Spare your people, O Lord we pray. Comfort those who mourn and gather into your kingdom all who have died. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, who died and rose to life, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.

Cafod News

Recently the deanery CAFOD group met with the Director of CAFOD Africa. We were shown how CAFOD has been using our donations to work with church partners in Tigray (Ethiopia) to instal solar community water supplies re-generating whole areas of land. This has brought nature and life back to this very arid region and work for the people who live there. CAFOD has also provided locals with the material and technical know-how to build the irrigation systems and trained people in ecology and husbandry so providing a long term sustainable solution, far beyond just putting in stand pipes. We also heard how of all the DEC partners CAFOD had the highest income for our Covid virus appeal. Thank you so much for your generous donations to that appeal. With these funds CAFOD has helped over 6 million people with Covid prevention and treatment, sanitisers, PPE and grants to households for basic needs and supplies. We are supported in this work by church partners in the local areas, who are sharing messages about Covid prevention. Please continue to support CAFOD through our Lent Fast Day appeal.

World Day of Prayer

Friday 5 March 2.00pm, Vanuatu. There is usually an ecumenical service for all the churches in Exeter. Sadly, due to Covid-19 this will not be the case this year. Click [here](#) to view the International Service posted on the WDP website: www.wwdp.org.uk. WDP have suggested several ways to receive donations for their work. By text: to donate £5 text 2021WDP 5 to 70085. Any amount up to £40 can be donated this way - just alter the 5 after 2021WDP to your chosen amount. By cheque: payable to WDP and sent to WDP, Commercial Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2RR. By online donation: www.wwdp.org.uk minimum amount £10. Please join in this worldwide wave of prayer if you can in any way.

Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Wednesday Word meets online via the Zoom app on Wednesday at 2.00pm and reflect together on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. If you would like to join and receive email notifications, please email: exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

Financial support

We have very kindly been given some money to help people who might be struggling at the moment. It's not a huge amount but it could perhaps cover a few weekly shops for some families or something similar. We know how difficult it can be to ask for help but you may be able to ask on someone's behalf. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Parish Office.

Livesimply News

Although we have not been able to meet for over a year the spirit of *livesimply* is still with us. We are responding to Pope Francis' invitation in *Laudato Si'* to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us. Members have been supporting CAFOD initiatives by taking part in the 10,000 steps challenge. We keep in mind that we are a *livesimply* parish, having gained our award in June 2019, so we can all respond to Pope Francis' invitation.

It will very soon be time to plant seeds, while a spring event won't be possible we may be able to have a distanced plant exchange in the summer. Why not plant some extra seeds if you have saved some from last year. There is a short, but inspiring CAFOD video on this topic at <https://cafod.org.uk//livesimply> then click on the first item.

Some of us have been helping with the specific needs that Covid 19 has given rise by making face coverings and bags, that key workers can use to carry their laundry home safely, and scrubs are being made for the Exeter Hospice.

If you have any news or ideas email livesimplyexeter@gmail.com/ or telephone Frances on 01392209542

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth



2020 really was an unprecedented year for everyone and at CCSP, all our fundraising activities were cancelled and those which we were able to run, were adversely affected due to the lockdown restrictions in place. At a time when our income was severely reduced, the number of grant applications continued to rise as more vulnerable families felt the effects of Covid-19. We had to look for alternative and innovative sources of fundraising such as Crowdfunding and donations by text, to replace lost income and we were fortunate to receive an additional £27,000 of Covid-19 funding in 2020, which was allocated to 125 families last year.

Our sponsored 'Sleep on the Floor for a Night' was also a success and we have almost reached £2,000 with sponsorship money still coming in, which is double what we were hoping to raise! Thank you to all the children in our parishes, who helped to support this event by sleeping on the floor for one night during the Christmas holidays.

Do you know a family who might need our help? We have successfully bid for a further £21,000 of funding so far in 2021, thanks to Caritas and a joint funding bid with them, the Gubay Foundation Trust have given us £15,000, and the Devon Coronavirus Fund have also given us another £6,000. This money will be used to provide financial support to vulnerable children and their families through our Essential Grants programme, where the basic essentials of life such as children's beds, white goods like cookers, fridge/freezers and washing machines and also school uniform including school shoes can be bought by us for vulnerable children and their families living in the Diocese. We have been actively promoting our Essential Grants programme in Dorset and Cornwall, as we are particularly keen to receive application forms for our help from

families living in these counties, as well as Devon. The application and reference form can be found on our website www.ccsplymouth.org.uk or you can call 01364 645420 or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk



Do you have access to Facebook? If so, please like our page to receive news and updates on our fundraising events

www.facebook.com/CatholicChildrensSocietyPlymouth/

If you would like to help support the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) in your parish, we are still looking for **Parish Volunteers** – please call 01364 645420 or email vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) especially during these unprecedented times.

Vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth

Financial Management Accountant – 1 Part Time Post

Location: St. Boniface House near Ashburton, Devon

Hours: 4 days per week (28 hours) The Diocese of Plymouth is seeking to recruit a Financial Management Accountant to work as part of the Finance Team in the Central Office at St Boniface House in Ashburton. Reporting to the Central Team Leader, this role entails being specifically involved in the creation of management accounts and supporting the payroll operation in order to support the mission and goals of the Diocesan Trust. Candidates must have at least part qualifications ACA, CIMA or ICAEW or equivalent (relevant experience will be considered). Some experience of working as an accountant and excellent IT skills, particularly Excel, are essential. Also, candidates should possess a professional and flexible attitude to work, and the empathy to work in a faith environment. For a copy of the job description please contact Joanne Howell at Cathedral Appointments email jhowell@cathedralappointments.co.uk. Applications are by application form and covering letter. The closing date for applications is Monday 8 March 2021. Interviews will be held during week commencing 15 March 2021.

Accommodation Required

Request from Churches Together across Exeter: Do you know of a household who would be able to take in a Christian lady and her 2 children (5 and 7) for 3 months from 1 May. She would need 2 bedrooms and is able to pay rent. If you have or know of anything that would be suitable please contact the parish office. Thank you.

The National Novena to St Joseph

In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10- 18 March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. If you are unable to attend but would like to join in from home, for the first time this year, Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available to follow on zoom and YouTube Via the parish website stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet. You can also join in by praying the daily Novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

Thomas Becket: an inspiration for the Churches today?



An online seminar marking the 850th anniversary of the murder of St. Thomas Becket 7.30 – 9.00pm Tuesday 23 February on Zoom.

Keynote speaker: Professor Henry Mayr-Harting Emeritus Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History, University of Oxford, with responses by Revd. Dr. Keith Clements, former General Secretary of the Conference of European Churches who will reflect on Church-State relations and Archbishop Angaelos, Coptic Orthodox

Archbishop of London who will speak about martyrdom today. Chair: Fr. Dominic Robinson S.J., Vice-chair, SfES To book, please click [here](#).

For more information, please contact the secretary at sfes.secretary@gmail.com Society for Ecumenical Studies. Sponsored by Churches Together in England and the Samuel Gurney Foundation.

Exeter Foodbank – Food Shortages

Can you help by donating any of the following from the February priority items list: **sponge puddings, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, coffee, sugar, washing up liquid and household cleaner spray**. Please ONLY donate items from the list. Thank you for your understanding. Collection Points - Sainsbury's (Alphington/Pinhoe/Guildhall); Tesco (Exe Vale); Co-Op (Heavitree/St Thomas); Waitrose (Gladstone Rd)

You can also give a donation online at exeter.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/

Live streaming from Blessed Sacrament



Masses are livestreamed on YouTube. Search YouTube for Blessed Sacrament Exeter and you will find our channel. This will mean that those who don't use Facebook will be able to access the live stream Masses more easily. When you get to our

channel please subscribe. Masses live streamed this week:

Sunday 21 February 10.45am

Wednesday 24 February 9.30am

Friday 26 February 6.30pm

Tuesday 23 February 6.30pm

Thursday 25 February 9.30am

Saturday 27 February 9.30am

Blessed Sacrament were really fortunate to be granted a sum of money from the National Lottery Community Fund [#NationalLottery](#) to help install the live stream equipment. This is helping to build community and to support people in isolation within our city. Thank you National Lottery!

Youth events in the diocese

Your Faith in Action - A series of talks

22 February – 22 March, 7.30– 8.30pm through Zoom. It's amazing – we're all called by God to play our part in making the world a better place! But how? Join our community of young people (aged 13+) for 5 weeks of fun, faith and finding out about how to put your faith into action for the good of others. Over the first 2 weeks we will get to know each other, our interests and amazing potential - and then meet a group of asylum seekers/refugees and learn from their experience. The subsequent weeks will flow according to the group's interest. For further information and to book a place please email: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Online Drama Course - The Last Supper

Starting on Wednesday 24 February, running 4 weeks finishing Wednesday 17 March 7.00 – 8.15pm. All sessions will be running through ZOOM. The sessions are for Year 6 upwards. This course is a chance to explore the Last Supper through script, movement and improvisation; thinking about what the disciples were thinking and talked about as they prepared to arrive at a strangers house for the annual Jewish feast; what did they talk about during the feast; how did they react when Jesus talked about one of the being a traitor. The sessions are fun, they include lots of drama games. If you are year 6 or older and would like a place on the course please email youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Stay Awake 2021

This is the third year for our home-grown all age event and takes place on Saturday 27 February online, via Zoom. Running from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm with inspiring / encouraging talks, praise, worship and fellowship, in the comfort of your own home! Includes a session for kids from 1.00 to 1.30pm (Reception to Yr 9). Stay Awake allows us to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship. This is a free event! Booking is open via the webpage see www.stayawakejc.com for more info and to receive the Zoom link for entry. Check out the new Facebook and Instagram Pages – be sure to like/follow to keep updated with all things Stay Awake, and to see some fun content! Links below and we look forward to seeing you online!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stayawakejc19/>

Instagram: [instagram.com/stayawakejc19](https://www.instagram.com/stayawakejc19)

Email: stayawakejc19@gmail.com

Baptism Preparation Courses 2021

Are you looking to have your child baptised next year? We look forward to spiritually supporting you in preparation for this important sacrament and welcoming you and your family into our parish family. Courses are delivered via zoom over two consecutive Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:15. The next course dates for 2021 are:

17/24 April, 10/17 July, and 9/16 October

Please get in touch with Fr Jonathan to let him know you would like to prepare to have your child baptised. You will then be directed to Lesley Hooper who organises registration for the course. Exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk or 07712 216724

Online Marriage Enrichment Course

From Worldwide Marriage Encounter 20-21 March and 15-16 May. The experience is an opportunity to learn from couples who are willing to share their personal journeys and tools for reclaiming the spark and living in love together. The course helps couples to listen, share and connect more deeply. It is for all couples regardless of how long they have been together. There is no group discussion, it is just about learning to be the best, most loving couple you can be. For more information and booking forms click [here](#).

Vaccine Reticence

There have been reports in the media about people nervous about having the vaccine. If you have the opportunity, please take it. Pope Francis has had it and I know many of you have already had your first jab. If you are not registered with a doctor you may not be called, so please register and enable this to happen. It's our greatest hope for a return to normality.

GIFT Growing in Faith Together February update

We met with parents via zoom on Saturday 6 February to discuss one of our next God Calls Resources: David. This resource helps families to focus on two themes:

- When we have God on our side, nothing can defeat us.
- There are seeds of hidden talents in all of us that are just waiting for God's love and our faith to bring into blossom.

Families will also explore 'God Calls Esther' over the upcoming month.

WHAT IS GIFT? GIFT is for all families of faith: for families who have already made their Holy Communion or for families with children who are looking forward to receiving this sacrament; for families with older children who want to be confirmed in their faith; for families with younger children who want to experience and grow in faith in a simple and enjoyable way.

BEDTIME CHATS

All of the Bedtime Chats can be found on the Blessed Sacrament Website GIFT page:

<https://www.blessedsacrament.org.uk/parish-life/gift/>

GET IN TOUCH

Our next parents zoom session is on Saturday 6 March. If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Maria.exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

Pope Francis on Mercy

God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours.

Caritas Plymouth

Caritas – support for individuals

Caritas Plymouth has updated their list of grants that people might find useful if they are struggling. This will be shared via their website. Please click [here](#) for the link.



Big Exeter Sleep-Out

Due to the COVID lock-down, we have had to make this year's Big Exeter Sleep-Out a virtual fundraising event. Although we are apart, we wanted to find a way to bring our supporters together in a safe way. For one night, on Friday 5 March, we are asking you to Sleep-Out: At Home for the night and raise vital funds for the most vulnerable men and woman in your area. Please stick to your family or support bubbles. For more information and to share this event with your colleagues, please find us on Facebook [here](#). Sign up for free [here](#).

Smart Loving

Smart Loving has an offer for a marriage enrichment course called the Marriage Kit. See the Smart loving website: smartloving.org

Let Us Pray

PRAY 4 EXETER First Tuesday of every month 10.00–11.00am on Zoom. Contact ctaxexeter@gmail.com for the link. Join others to pray for our city, region, and nation.

PRAY FOR EXETER STREET PASTORS The monthly prayer meeting for Exeter Street Pastors and those they work on Zoom. The second Monday of each month 7.30–9.00pm on Zoom. Email for the link: ctaxexeter@gmail.com

Pope's February Intention

Violence against women. We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

View: The Pope Video [here](#).

Right to Life UK

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion.

Right to Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below: www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

Consultation to Stop Home Abortions

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step-by-step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Click to complete the consultation:

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>. The consultation ends on 26 February 2021

Ave Maria Crisis Pregnancy Support

Ave Maria Crisis Pregnancy Support has launched in the Plymouth Diocese to offer a listening ear and support to those with an unexpected pregnancy, or to those worried about coping with another baby, or those who have been confronted with a diagnosis of potential fatal foetal abnormality, as well as to women suffering after a miscarriage or experiencing regret or remorse after an abortion or any other similar situation. Their support line is open 7 days per week between 7.30pm – 9.30pm Tel: 01752 916076

The Pope tweets...

Lent is precisely the season of hope when we turn our gaze back to the God who is patient. St Paul passionately urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20).

Into your hands, O Lord...

we commend the soul of your servant Rosemary Whyte (Aunt of Sue Lee) who has died. May she rest in peace. Please keep her and her family and friends in your prayers.

Mass Times

All Masses streamed live on YouTube

Sunday 21 February

1st Sunday of Lent

10.45am *People of the Parish*

Monday 22 February

The Chair of St Peter

Tuesday 23 February

St Polycarp Bishop & Martyr

6.30pm

Wednesday 24 February

9.30am

Thursday 25 February

9.30am

Friday 26 February

Cafod Lent Fast Day

The Needy & Hungry of the World

6.30pm

Saturday 27 February

9.30am *Richard Ware RIP*

Sunday 28 February

1st Sunday of Lent

10.45am *People of the Parish*

Monday 1 March

St David Bishop. Patron of Wales

Tuesday 2 March

6.30pm *Pat Summerscales - Birthday*

Wednesday 3 March

9.30am

Thursday 4 March

9.30am

Friday 5 March

Women's World Day of Prayer

6.30pm

Saturday 6 March

9.30am

The Word

Sunday 21 February

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

PSALM

*Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
For those who keep your covenant*

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

That water is a type of baptism which saves you now.

GOSPEL Mark 1:12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

Sunday 28 February

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

*The sacrifice of Abraham,
our father in faith*

PSALM

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved.



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Deadline for newsletter items

4.00pm Wednesday.

Your Offering

We are enormously grateful for your continued generosity to the parish.

Please remember that the most efficient way for you to give is by standing order.

Forms are available by emailing the parish office. Arrangements are made directly with your bank. And if you can, please GiftAid your contribution.

Parish News by Post & Email

If you know someone who would like to receive the parish news by post, with their permission please give their name and address and to the parish office by phoning or emailing to and we will arrange to get a copy to them. If they have an email address please ask them to email the parish office (address above) and they can be added to the circulation list.

Dial-a-Mass

For those who do not have the internet or computer the Mass is recorded and put on the telephone at 12 midday on Sundays and will stay until 11.59 the following Sunday. For the cost of a local call they can listen to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Dial 01642 130120

Churches Together Devon

The latest Churches Together Devon news is now available. Please click [here](#)

Churches Together England

The latest Churches Together England news is now available here [www.cte.org.uk/Groups/234746/Home/News/CTe News/CTe News.aspx](http://www.cte.org.uk/Groups/234746/Home/News/CTe%20News/CTe%20News.aspx)

The Bishops' Conference

Regular updates from the Bishops' Conference can be found at ccn@cbcew.org.uk

Getting married?

Congratulations! Please give us six months' notice if you are hoping to marry in the Church.