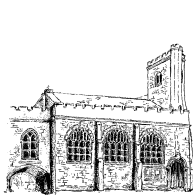


THE PARISH OF CENTRAL EXETER - SEPTEMBER 2019

Churches of St Stephen, St Olave, St Petrock, St Pancras & St Mary Arches

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This parish believes in an inclusive church in which all are welcomed - www.inclusive-church.org

Sunday Services

Sunday 1st September

10.30am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Sunday 8th September

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St Pancras'
9.30am Eucharist St Olave's
10.30am Meeting Point St Stephen's

Sunday 15th September

10.30am Holy Communion St Stephen's

Sunday 22nd September

9.30am Eucharist St Olave's
10.30am Meeting Point St Stephen's

Sunday 29th September

10.30am Holy Communion St Petrock's

Weekday Communion in St Pancras'

Tues in Sept: 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th at 1.15pm

September Diary Dates

Sun 1st **Celebrate Together:** St Michael's, C of E, Alphington 4.30pm
Parish Prayer Group: St Petrock's at 6.15pm
Tues 3rd **Age UK:** Coffee Morning/Drop In 10am
Wed 4th **Coffee and Candles:** 10.30am-12.30pm
PCC Meeting: St Petrock's 7pm
Sat 7th **Stay and Play:** Children's activities 2pm to 3.30pm
Sun 8th **Holy Ground at the Cathedral:** 7pm
Mon 9th **Greeter's Meeting:** 10am
Fri 13th **Heritage Weekend Talks:** St Martin's at 11.30am and St Petrock's at 2pm
Prayer around the Cross: St Pancras' 7pm
Stella Maris Trio: Concert at 7pm
Sat 14th **Heritage Weekend Talks:** St Pancras' at 11.30am and St Olave's at 2pm

September Diary Dates cont./

Mon 16th **Rejoice in the Dance:** Jewish Circle Dancing 2.30pm to 4pm
Thur 19th **Coffee and Candles:** 10.30am to 12.30pm
Tues 24th **Devon Partnership Trust:** Trust AGM 11am to 5pm
Wed 25th **Social Media Training:** Helen's house at 2pm (see over)
Fri 27th **Quiz for Christian Aid:** (see over)
Sun 29th **Harvest Festival:** 10.30am in St Petrock's with Harvest lunch in St Stephen's (see over)

October Diary Dates

Tues 1st **Age UK:** Coffee Morning/Drop In 10am
Wed 2nd **Coffee and Candles:** 10.30-12.30pm
Thur 3rd **Writing Workshop:** 10am to 4pm
Sat 5th **Stay and Play:** Children's activities 2pm to 3.30pm
Sun 6th **Celebrate Together:** St Thomas Baptist, Dorset Avenue 4pm
Mon 7th **Michelmores LLP:** Concert for Amber Foundation at 7pm
Wed 9th **The Arts Society:** New members Coffee Morning at 10am to 12.15pm
Thur 10th **Rising Sea Levels:** Cathedral at 7pm
Sat 12th **The Salvation Army:** Coffee Morning and Sale at 10am to 12.30pm
Parish Safeguarding Training Day: 10am to 12noon at St Petrock's (see over)
Sun 13th **Holy Ground at the Cathedral:** 7pm
Fri 18th **David Lacey Photo Art Exhibition:** & Sat 19th 9am to 5pm daily
Fri 18th **Prayer around the Cross:** St Pancras' 7pm
Mon 21st **Rejoice in the Dance:** Jewish Circle Dancing 2.30pm to 4pm
Thur 24th **Coffee and Candles:** 10.30-12.30pm
Sat 26th **St Mark's Church:** Autumn Fayre 10am to 1.30pm

For pastoral care and visits, please contact:
The Revd Sheila Swarbrick: 01392 438866

Social Media Training

If you'd like to know more about the parish's new Social Media Working Group (SMWG) and our progress to date, or - even better - to find out how you can support its work, do come along to our next training meeting. You would be very welcome to join us on **Wednesday 25th September** at 2pm. Please contact Helen Evans or Mary Keaney to find out more, or to let us know you're coming. The SMWG is setting up a parish Facebook page, and updating our internet presence on various websites. The plan, among other things, is to advertise events and our open churches, in support of our commitments to *give breathing space* and *engage with the city*. We'd love to have your ideas and input.

Heritage Weekend Talks

Keith will explain how each church as we see it today has been shaped by the events and beliefs of the past. These talks will take place on... **Friday 13th September** in St Martin's at 11.30am and in St Petrock's at 2pm. Also on **Saturday 14th September** in St Pancras' at 11.30am and in St Olave's at 2pm. Please do join Keith for one or more of these fascinating talks.

Mount Dinham Lectures

On **Wednesday 18th September** at 7.30pm Professor Oliver Nicholson will be asking: 'Why were the Early Christians persecuted?' He is the General Editor of the Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity and has published on the Great Persecution and the Age of Constantine the great.

Holy Ground: Climate Justice

Sunday 8th September at 7pm in the Cathedral. Climate Emergency: Protesting for Change with Professor Tim Gorrings and Jess Nicholls.

St Petrock's Display Boards

During **September** the display in St Petrock's church will feature the work of Devon Churches Green Action.

Parish Safeguarding Training Day

Be welcoming to strangers

you may be entertaining angels unawares

As a parish we would like to ensure everyone - parishioners and visitors - are as safe as possible in our churches so we are running a training session to equip ourselves with the information and forethought necessary to do this.

We will hear first-hand about a recent incident in St Stephen's and discuss together which strategies will help reduce risks for all. Refreshments will be available.

Everyone is very welcome on...

Saturday 12th October in St Petrock's
from 10am to 12noon

Quiz for Christian Aid



A fun evening of quizzing at the Palace Gate Centre on **Friday 27th September** starting at 7pm. Come on your own, with a friend or as a team (up to 6 people). **Everyone welcome.**
No admission charge but donations welcome.

Poetry and Prayer

Helen Evans is holding a writing workshop for National Poetry Day on **Thursday 3rd October** from 10am to 4pm. If you would like to join the small group please contact Helen. Flyers are in the churches with lots more information.

A message from Mark Bate. As Mark is going to be out of action for a while as he has an impending hip replacement operation booked for the Autumn he sends his love to everyone in the parish.

Parish Administration

Please send any information for inclusion in the October edition of the newsletter to the address below by **Monday 23rd September 2019**. This is also the email address for any bookings at St Stephen's. Many thanks. Mary Keaney
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