

THE PARISH OF CENTRAL EXETER - FEBRUARY 2024

Churches of St Stephen, St Olave, St Petrock, St Pancras & St Mary Arches
www.parishofcentralexeter.co.uk



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

Sunday Services

	Sunday 4th February	
10.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	Sunday 11th February	
8.00am	BCP Communion	St Pancras'
	Sunday 18th February	
10.30am	Crossing Place	St Stephen's
	Sunday 25th February	
10.30am	Holy Communion	St Olave's

Weekday Communion in St Pancras'

Thursday 15th February: at 12noon
Thursday 21st March: at 12noon

February Diary Dates:

Thur 1 st	ENC: Essence Evening 6.30pm-10pm (& every Thursday evening in February)
Mon 5 th	ENC: Alpha Course 6.30pm-9pm (& every Monday in February)
Tues 6 th	Veteran's Support Hub: 9.30-12noon (& every Tuesday in February) ENC: Presence Evening 6.30pm-10pm
Wed 7 th	ENC: Coffee & Communion 10am-12noon (& every Wed morning in Feb)
Sun 11 th	Romanian Orthodox service: 9am-2pm
Mon 19 th	Rejoice in the Dance: Jewish Circle Dancing 2.15pm-3.15pm
Thur 22 nd	Exeter Community Energy: Advice Drop-In Clinic 9.30am-12.30pm Greeter's Meeting: George's Meeting House at 2pm
Sat 24 th	Celebrating a church for everyone: St Thomas Church Hall 10.30am-1pm (see over) Devon Ukrainian Association: Memorial Vigil 3.30pm-6.30pm
Sun 25 th	Romanian Orthodox service: 9am-2pm

February Diary dates (cont):

Wed 7th **Weekly Lent Bible Study: St Mark's gospel 2.30pm-4.30pm** with Richard Burrige in the Richard Eyre room at the Cathedral.

March Diary Dates:

Fri 1 st	World Day of Prayer: service at South St Baptist Church 11am (see over)
Mon 4 th	ENC: Alpha Course 6.30pm-9pm (& every Monday in March)
Tues 5 th	Veteran's Support Hub: 9.30-12noon (& every Tuesday in March) ENC: Presence Evening 6.30pm-10pm
Wed 6 th	ENC: Coffee & Communion 10.30-12noon (& every Wed morning in March) PCC Meeting: 3pm St Petrock's
Sat 9 th	Teachers Rock: Abbey Road Album launch 7-9pm
Sun 10 th	Romanian Orthodox service: 9am-1pm
Mon 18 th	Rejoice in the Dance: Jewish Circle Dancing 2.15pm-3.15pm
Fri 22 nd	Floral Workshop: 10.30am
Sun 24 th	Romanian Orthodox service: 9am-1pm
Thur 28 th	Exeter Community Energy: Advice Drop-In Clinic 9.30am-12.30pm
Fri 29 th	Passion for Exeter: 10am Exeter Cathedral followed by worship & witness on Cathedral Green Prayer around the Cross: 7pm St Pancras' (Good Friday)
Sat 30 th	Flower Arranging: 10.30am-2pm



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

**Quaker Meetings for Worship
at St Mary Arches Church**

In person meetings will be on **Thursdays** from 12noon to 1pm. **Everyone Welcome.**

St David's: Tuesday Friendship Café

St David's church is open on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am to 12noon as a drop-in for people to find a Christian welcome and company. You will find coffee, cake and kindness.

All welcome.

Bellringers Library in St Petrock's church

The Guild library is open for members to visit on the following dates...

Saturday 17th February

Saturday 16th March

At 3pm-5pm

Lent Course

'Preparing for Sunday's Readings'

Revd Christopher Bryan will lead the group reflections on the readings so please read and reflect on the passages beforehand and bring a Bible with you. These sessions will be on Thursday mornings from 10.30am-11.45am at St Petrock's church on:

Thursday 22nd February: Genesis 17:1-7;
Mark 8:31-38

Thursday 29th February: Exodus 20:1-17;
John 2:13-22

Thursday 7th March: Numbers 21:4-9; John
3:14-21

Thursday 14th March: Jeremiah 31:31-40;
John 12:20-31

To book please contact Mary Keaney at:
admin@parishofcentralexeter.co.uk

**Into the Welcome of God
Celebrating a church for everyone**

An invitation to all Christians within the LGBTQIA+ community, fellow Christians and allies in Devon and the SW region to meet, to worship, share stories, encourage each other and plan future steps on:

Saturday 24th February 2024

10.30am-1pm

**St Thomas Church Hall
Refreshments Provided**

To help anticipate numbers and for any other enquiries please contact...

Preb David Nixon rev.dave@virgin.net

Seeking Silence?

Join us for meditation within the prayerful walls of St Pancras' church on the **first Wednesday** of every month from 5.15 to 6pm.

Our next 2 sessions are on:

Wednesday 7th February

Wednesday 6th March



For further information please contact Dawn at: dawnwilliamsyoga@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer

This year the annual service takes place on **Friday 1st March** at 11am in South Street Baptist church with refreshments from 10.30am. The material has been written by the Christian women of Palestine on the theme 'I beg you, bear with one another in love'.

Everyone is welcome to join us.



Exeter Safe Space

For the time being the Exeter Safe Space has paused its operations which until recently has used St Stephen's church on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights to provide light medical attention, phone charging facilities and a safe place to wait for transport home. We will let you know when this initiative resumes its work.

Lent Series 2024 - Female Theologians:

Join us in the Cathedral for a series of free talks from an amazing line up of female theologians between Tuesday 6th February and Monday 11th March.

Book tickets via the link:

<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/len-talks-2024/>

Parish Administration

Please send any information for inclusion in the **March** edition of the Newsletter to the address below by Monday 19th February. Many thanks. M Keaney.

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