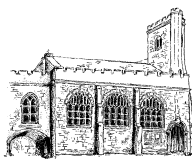


THE PARISH OF CENTRAL EXETER - MAY 2024

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

10.30am	Sunday 5th May Holy Communion	St Stephen's
8.00am	Sunday 12th May BCP Communion	St Pancras'
10.30am	Sunday 19th May Crossing Place	St Stephen's
10.30am	Sunday 26th May Holy Communion	St Olave's

Weekday Communion in St Pancras'

Thursday 9th May: at 12noon

May Diary Dates:

Wed 1 st	ENC: Coffee & Communion 10am-12noon (& every Wed morning in May) ENC: Detox Course 7.30pm-8.30pm (& every Wednesday in May)
Thur 2 nd	Romanian Orthodox service: 7pm-10pm
Fri 3 rd	Orthodox Community of St Pancras: Great & Holy Friday - St Pancras' 5pm
Sat 4 th	Romanian Orthodox service: 6pm-11.30pm
Sun 5 th	Orthodox Community of St Pancras: Divine Liturgy for Pascha - 10.30am at St Pancras'
Mon 6 th	Luke Tyrell: Classical guitar concert at 2.45pm
Tues 7 th	Veteran's Support Hub: 9.30-12noon (& every Tuesday in May) ENC: Presence Evening 6.30pm-9.30pm
Thur 9 th	Compline: A celebration of Ascension at 7.30pm in St Olave's (see over) ENC: Essence Evening 6.30pm-10pm (& remaining Thursdays in May)
Sat 11 th	Reflection & Prayer before Exeter Pride: 11am
Sun 12 th	Romanian Orthodox service: 9-2pm
Fri 17 th	Prayer Around the Cross: 7pm St Pancras' (A meditative service with Taizé music)

May Diary dates (cont):

Sat 18 th	Book Group: Discussing 'Keeping the Faith' by Carol Clewlow at Richard and Betsy's home at 4pm. Orthodox Community of St Pancras: Great Vespers - 5pm at St Pancras'
Sun 19 th	Orthodox Community of St Pancras: Divine Liturgy - 10.30am at St Pancras' Diocesan Pentecost Celebration service: Cathedral at 6pm
Mon 20 th	Rejoice in the Dance: Jewish Circle Dancing 2.15pm-3.15pm
Wed 22 nd	PCC Meeting: 2.30pm St Petrock's church
Thur 23 rd	Greeter's Meeting: 2pm George's Meeting House
Sat 25 th	Bel Canto Choir: Choral Concert at 12.30-1.30pm
Sun 26 th	Romanian Orthodox service: 9am-2pm

June Diary Dates:

Sat 1 st	Orthodox Community of St Pancras: Great Vespers - 5pm at St Pancras'
Sun 2 nd	Orthodox Community of St Pancras: Divine Liturgy - 10.30am at St Pancras'
Tues 4 th	Veteran's Support Hub: 9.30-12noon (& every Tuesday in June) ENC: Presence Evening 6.30pm-9.30pm
Wed 5 th	ENC: Coffee & Communion 10am-12noon (& every Wed morning in June) ENC: Detox Course 7.30pm-8.30pm (& 12 th and 19 th June only)
Sun 9 th	Romanian Orthodox service: 9am-2pm
Sat 16 th	Orthodox Community of St Pancras: Great Vespers - 5pm at St Pancras'
Sun 17 th	Orthodox Community of St Pancras: Divine Liturgy - 10.30am at St Pancras'
Mon 17 th	Rejoice in the Dance: Jewish Circle Dancing 2.15pm-3.15pm
Sun 23 rd	Romanian Orthodox service: 9am-2pm
Thur 27 th	Launch of Richard's novella, 'These years: 1973': Invitations and full details will be circulated later
Fri 28 th	Flower Arranging: 10.30am-1pm

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 18th May
At 3pm-5pm

Compline: A Celebration of Ascension

A service-cum-performance of vocal and instrumental music in St Olave's church on **Thursday 9th May** at 7.30pm.
The celebration of Ascension will start with a selection of vocal and instrumental music followed by a performance of the full sequence 'On the Holy Mountain'. The evening will conclude with the service of Compline as sung in previous years. There will be opportunities for reflection through the simplicity of the setting, the beauty of the music and the periods of silence.

In conversation with... Christopher Bryan

In the Cathedral on **Sunday 12th May** at 6.30pm the guest speaker will be The Reverend Professor Christopher Bryan who will be considering 'Why I like to study the Bible?' Refreshments served from 6pm.



Lunch @ Thirty-Four

The next St David's social group lunch at Exeter College is on **Thursday 23rd May**. Booking and menu choices happen the week before.



If interested please contact Sheila.

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 3 sessions are on:

Wednesday 1st May

Wednesday 5th June

Wednesday 3rd July



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

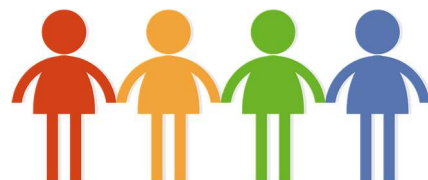
Displays in St Petrock's church

During May there will be a **Christian Aid** exhibition in St Petrock's church to highlight Christian Aid week, 12-18 May 2024.



Single Friendly Church

At the Holy Communion service at St Stephen's on **Sunday 2nd June** Liz Dunbar will be talking about the 'Single friendly church' initiative which is helping churches to welcome, value and include single people. This is increasingly important as singleness is increasing in the UK with 40% of UK adults single. All welcome.



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.

Parish Administration

Please send any information for inclusion in the **June** edition of the Newsletter to the address below by Monday 27th May. Many thanks. M Keaney.

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