

Chudleigh News

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Parish magazine for *Chudleigh, Chudleigh Knighton and Trusham*



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May DIARY



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All events in Chudleigh Parish Church unless otherwise stated.

MAY

2 Thur 7.30pm Chudleigh Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting

5 Sun: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - ROGATION SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion; Chudleigh Knighton

10.30am Morning Worship

2-5pm Woodland Grove Open Day

6.00pm Iona Service; Trusham

9 Thur ASCENSION DAY

7.00pm Holy Communion; Chudleigh Knighton

11 Sat: 3.30pm Messy Church

12 Sun: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.15am Family Service; Chudleigh Knighton

9.15am Holy Communion; Trusham

10.30am Holy Communion

16 Thurs 7.30pm Trusham Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Trusham

19 Sun: PENTECOST

9.15am Holy Communion; Chudleigh Knighton

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9.15am All Age Worship; Trusham

10.30am All Age Worship

26 Sun: TRINITY SUNDAY

9.15am Family Service; Chudleigh Knighton

9.15am Holy Communion; Trusham

10.30am Holy Communion

JUNE

2 Sun: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion; Chudleigh Knighton

9.15am Morning Worship; Trusham

10.30am Morning Worship

You can also listen live to the 10.30am Chudleigh Parish Church services at <https://uk7.internet-radio.com/chudleighchurch> (please note that this link will only be live from 10.20am on a Sunday morning), or listen to previous services here <https://chudleighparishchurch.org.uk/service-recordings/>.



From the Chudleigh Registers Wedding

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to:

6th April Pip Low and Rob Etherington

Baptism

We welcome into the family of the Church:

7th April Alba Partridge

Pastoral CARE

Everyone can go through difficult times in their lives for a variety of reasons. If you would value prayer for yourself or your loved ones, or perhaps feel you would benefit from a visit from our ministry team, please get in touch with the pastoral care team. You can contact email us at care@chudleighmissioncommunity.org.uk or leave a message for Yasmin Mann at 07702 484894. We will get back in touch as soon as possible to discuss how we might be able to help.

Senior clergy REFLECTION

Finding joy in the journey

As May approaches, and with it National Walking Month, many of us will be drawn outdoors to reconnect with the beauty of Devon's landscapes (having grown up in the flat lands of West Norfolk, the Devon hills are a total joy). The parable of the Lost Sheep, found in Luke 15, offers a timely message for these walks – a reminder that joy is often found in seeking, exploring, and reconnecting with what makes us tick.

In the parable, the shepherd leaves his 99 sheep to find the one that has strayed. This act of looking for the lost can resonate with us as we walk (and I don't mean I have no sense of direction)! Sometimes, the most captivating discoveries happen when we step off the beaten path, exploring hidden tracks or venturing deeper into a familiar wood. These detours might add time to our journeys, but the chance to stumble upon a hidden blanket of bluebells or a majestic view from a rediscovered clifftop can lift the soul.

The shepherd's perseverance in the parable is also worth considering. The act of seeking the lost sheep wouldn't have been easy. It would have required dedication, patience, and a deep love for the entire flock. As we walk in Devon's often unforgiving yet breathtaking landscapes, we too may encounter challenges – steep inclines, unexpected detours, or sudden downpours. But by pushing through these obstacles, the rewards – a hidden waterfall, a panoramic vista, or the simple joy of reaching our destination – become all the better.

The Devon Pilgrim website, www.devonpilgrim.org.uk, offers an array of walking tours around some of our fabulous churches and countryside. You'll find custom trails that weave through Devon's rich history and heritage. These walks can become journeys of discovery, not just of the landscape but of the stories and communities that have shaped Devon over the centuries.

The parable reminds us that the shepherd's joy is immense when he finds the lost sheep. There's a profound lesson here. As we walk, let's be mindful of the beauty that surrounds us – the sound of birdsong, the delicate dance of butterflies in a meadow, the resilience of ancient trees. By engaging with creation, we reconnect with the divine and rediscover a sense of awe and wonder.

So, this National Walking Month, lace up your boots, grab a map from the Devon Pilgrim website, and embrace the spirit of the Lost Sheep parable. Let your walks be journeys of exploration, discovery, and appreciation for the natural world around you. You might just find yourself pleasantly surprised by the hidden gems you discover, both in the landscape and within yourself.

The Ven. Andrew Beane, Archdeacon of Exeter

Church NEWS

Finish off any leftover bits of Easter egg, munch up any remaining Easter biscuits, polish off those last bits of hard marzipan from the Simnel cake. The forty-day Easter season ends on Thursday 9th May - Ascension Day. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The day will be celebrated with a Benefice Ascension Day Holy Communion service at Chudleigh Knighton, starting at 7pm.

The arrival of the promised gift of God's Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost fulfils Jesus' promises to his disciples. Pentecost this year is celebrated on Sunday 19th May.

On the second Saturday of the month, 11th May, Chudleigh Church again hosts Messy Church after its Easter break. The session starts at its usual time of 3.30pm, for two hours. Messy Church is a great way to introduce children to the people, the events, and the beliefs of Christianity. It is truly a church – but different!

May is the month when the Benefice's Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM) are often held. This is an opportunity to hear about the work of our three churches over the previous calendar year. It is also the occasion when churchwardens and parochial church councillors are elected. Chudleigh's APCM is on Thursday 2nd May starting at 7.30pm; Chudleigh Knighton have already held their APCM; Trusham's APCM is on 16th May.

For those who like a contemplative style of service, there is an Iona service at Trusham on Sunday 5th May, starting at 6pm. Reflective worship songs and prayers figure strongly in this worship style.

Not only do we have Ascension Day and Pentecost in May, but there is also room to fit in one more festival - Trinity Sunday. Falling on 26th May this year, it is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, the last before All Saints Day on 1st November. For summer and early autumn there are no more festivals, we will be living in what the Church calls 'ordinary time'. Should've saved some of those Easter eggs!

Mothers' UNION

Thy Kingdom Come



Each year, from Ascension to Pentecost, there is a global, ecumenical prayer movement, Thy Kingdom Come. From when it began in 2016, this movement has grown to unite more than a million Christians throughout the world (in nearly 90% of countries world-wide), across 85 different denominations and traditions.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, this year from 9th to 19th May, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen and further their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for five of their friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

Whether you have joined in Thy Kingdom Come before or not, Mothers' Union is inviting you to take part in this global movement of prayer.

At the heart of Thy Kingdom Come is the focus to 'Pray For Five'. It is an invitation to bring five people before God – family, friends, neighbours or colleagues who are not yet following the Jesus.

One Mothers' Union activity for Thy Kingdom Come is Praying Together. On Monday to Saturday each week MU gathers together for Midday Prayers. To help us pray, Thy Kingdom Come we will have some special guests lead us: our Worldwide President, Global Members and our Central Chaplain. We will be praying together for people to come to know the love, hope and peace of Christ for themselves. Join us each day of Thy Kingdom Come for Midday Prayers on our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/MothersUnion.

Thy Kingdom Come has resources for children, young people and families. There will be a brand-new series of Cheeky Pandas animations (www.thykingdomcome.global/cheeky-pandas) with accompanying activity packs and assembly plan, which can be used at church, at home, or school. For young people, there will be a brand-new video series produced by Christian youth ministry www.thykingdomcome.global/youth.

Archbishop Justin Welby (A Patron of Mothers' Union) has said: "In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

Nicky Over

Chudleigh BAPTIST CHURCH



The Living Room

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Chudleigh Baptist Church @ The Square

GARDENING CLUB

Friday mornings
10-12



EVERYONE WELCOME

A time to potter in the garden and chat whilst doing some gentle weeding/planting etc. No previous experience needed. Tea/Coffee/Cake provided!



free entry

BOARD GAMES NIGHT
@ THE SQUARE
SATURDAY 18TH MAY

5.00-6.30pm
for primary & pre-school children and their families

7.00-9.00pm
for adults and older children

Christ the Redeemer Mission, CHUDLEIGH

Our Bible studies until Pentecost are looking at the Resurrection Appearances of Jesus. We continue to meet on Thursdays at 2.50pm for a prompt 3pm start. This enables us to have time for a brief chat before we look at the study and to finish at 4pm.



The studies are available online at www.chtrch.org.uk or by email. Online you can follow the links to see these and the older studies too. If you are interested in knowing more, or would like to join us, then please contact us at the email address below.

As we move into spring we can pray for our farmers during what is known as Rogation-tide. Bad weather, rising costs and cheap imports threaten their livelihoods and also our food security. So please pray for our farmers and for this year's planting and harvest. Pray too for a fair payment for their produce, not only in the UK but worldwide.

May God bless you in the coming year.

Rev'd Terry Brighton, Free Church of England

minister@chtrch.org.uk

Church EXHIBITION



This year's Church Exhibition as part of Chudfest will be held in the church from Wednesday 3rd July to Saturday 6th July and will celebrate the wide range of creativity and creative people who are in Chudleigh. There will be static displays and workshops as well as refreshments and evening events.

If you would like to take part and would like to either demonstrate your craft or run a workshop, please contact me by **Friday 3rd May 2024**.

So far, we have quilters, artists, photographers, a wood turner, a mosaic maker and the school contributing to the exhibition.

Any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Leah Stirrat

07974 113885

Leah.stirrat@hotmail.co.uk

Woodland Grove Garden OPEN DAY

We are opening our garden on Sunday 5th May 2024 from 2pm-5pm - 22 acres of woodland garden on the edge of Dartmoor. Paths are mostly easy for walking although not suitable for wheelchairs. Dogs are welcome on a lead.

Entrance: £5 per person (children accompanied by adults free).

Proceeds will be shared between the British Heart Foundation and Chudleigh Church, and The Orchard Pre-School & Playgroup, Lustleigh, will sell tea and cakes for the Group's funds.

Directions: Take the Manaton road from Bovey Tracey, after approx. two miles, take the right turn signed Lustleigh. Woodland Grove is about 400 yards from this turning.

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For more information 'phone Helen on 07708 160814.

Torbay Police and Community CHOIR

Chudfest are delighted to announce that the Torbay Police and Community Choir will be performing in Chudleigh Church on 18th May starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 and are available to buy from Chudleigh DIY or online at www.chudfest.co.uk.

This will be the Choir's first visit to Chudleigh since they added 'Community Choir' to their name in 2017. Before then the choir was solely for those in the Police Service. The choir is now in its 52nd year and has performed in many venues including the Royal Albert Hall and Cardiff Arms Park, raising money for many charities. They are expertly led by their very talented Musical Director Hannah Spooner and accompanied on the piano by David Giles.

The choir will give us a very varied programme, probably including pieces such as The Rhythm of Life from Sweet Charity, Softly As I Leave You, Tell Me it's Not True from Blood Brothers, Take me Home Country Roads, Bridge Over Troubled Water and others.

A licensed bar will be available.

Programme for May 2024

		Wednesday 1st	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd
		Family History	Cookery French Book Club 2	Coffee Social
Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
	Hands on Science Board Games	Photography	Gardening Bridge	Craft
Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th		
MahJong	Spanish	Main Meeting		

Plus:

Visits, Theatre, and Croquet on various dates

The u3a is a self-help organisation for people who are retired, semi-retired or no longer in full-time employment. It provides opportunities for members to share learning experiences and to pursue educational, creative and leisure activities in a friendly environment.

To find out more information take a look at our website

<https://chudleighu3a.uk/>

Or come along to one of our main meetings or coffee socials

Chudleigh Chess CLUB

The chess club meets on Wednesday afternoons at Kestor, Highlands Park. All are welcome, including beginners.

We also run a club at the Chudleigh Primary School on Mondays at 3.30pm. Please come and help.



Call Mary Anne on 01626 852002 or email maryannemcfarlane@gmail.com.

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Folk Dance CLUB

All are welcome to come along and join us on Monday evenings! Gentle exercise, very social and great fun! A warm welcome awaits you and every dance is walked through beforehand, so there is no need to worry if you haven't folk danced before! Ideal for people on their own, and an easy way to make friends. Only £2 per person per evening. Please do bring a drinks bottle with you as you will soon develop a thirst as you dance, and water is available from the next door kitchen.



We have a Folk Band who practise from 7-8 pm (you are welcome to come along and listen, and tap your toes!), and the Band plays for the dancers for about 30 minutes, and then folk music is provided via CDs for the rest of the evening.

Every Monday evening in term time, 8-10pm, Woodway Room, Chudleigh Town Hall.

May - 13th and 20th

June - 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th END OF YEAR PARTY 7-10pm!!

Leader/Caller - Mary Marker - 01626 854141

Treasurer - Frances Daysh - 07780 561518

New look LIBRARY

Chudleigh Library has a new look and feel! Whether you are a regular user or haven't visited the library in a while, do pop in and take a look at our new comfy seating area. Free tea, coffee and hot chocolate is available - perfect to enjoy whilst selecting some books! We also have a coat rail with free winter coats available to anyone who can make use of one.

Opening times

Monday - 10am- 1pm

Tuesday - 3-6pm

Wednesday - 10am- 1pm

Thursday - closed

Friday - 2-5pm

Saturday - 10am- 1pm

Find out more at the [Devon Libraries website](#).

CHUDLEIGH HISTORY GROUP

ILLUSTRATED AUTHOR TALK: THE LIMITS OF EMPIRE

7.30 – 8.30 P.M. FRIDAY 3RD MAY

Novelist *Justin Newland* explores England's coming of age during the Elizabethan era, when the nation shed its image as a small, misty isle on the edge of continental Europe to become the hub of a new world of trade & communication.



Friday 03rd May at 7.30pm in the Woodway Room,
Chudleigh Town Hall

Non-members are welcome to attend. Entry fees are £1 for members and £4 for non-members which includes light refreshments after the presentation.

QUIZ NIGHT

Join us for a charity quiz night
in support of Cancer Lifeline South West!

An evening of fun, trivia, laughter, and community spirit
as we raise funding for residential retreats for people
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Saturday 1st June
7pm (doors open 6.30pm)

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Chudleigh KNIGHTON

Services in May

Sunday 5th 9.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th 9.15am Family Service

Sunday 19th 9.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th 9.15am Family Service



Fundraising Appeal (your support is desperately needed)

£17k+ is needed for urgent repair work to the roof and interior of St Paul's Church and a total of £100k+ will be needed in order to complete the repairs listed in the last building inspection report. As the PCC does not have funds to undertake any of this work, it is launching a fundraising appeal and will be holding a series of fundraising events over the next few months.

Please help by supporting these events through your presence and/or assistance and consider donating to the Appeal. The following QR code will take you to a donation page.

Alternatively, cheques, made payable to Chudleigh Knighton PCC, can be sent to: Arthur Bray, Churchwarden, Pitt Cottage, Chudleigh. TQ13 0EL.

Knighton News

If you would like to contribute to the content of Knighton News, or if you would like to take advertising space in it, please contact Luke Bremridge at lukebremridge@mail.com.

If you would like to be added to the email distribution list please contact Arthur Bray at arthur.bray.london@gmail.com.

Regular Activities in the Village Hall

Slimming World - Monday evening 5.30pm, 6pm and 7.30pm. New members are always very welcome – contact Sarah on 07895 710468.

Snooker Room - Available to hire £5 per hour. Booking with Mike Rosslee on 07971 466968.

Knighton Friendship Group - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month from 2-4pm.

Post Office - opening hours, Tuesday 2-3.30pm and Thursday 8.30-10.30am

Speak Dog with Ruth Haynes - Friday 6-7pm Puppy Class, 7-8pm Puppy Class; Saturday 9-10am Puppy Class, 10-11am Dog Class, 11am-12noon UK Sniffer Dogs scent work. To book, call Ruth on 07716 231387 or speakdogwithruthhaynes@gmail.com.

Happy Feet with Katrina - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the Garden room. Comprehensive foot care sessions available 10am-4pm. Please contact Katrina on 07443 634252 for more details and to book appointments.

Book, Jigsaw and DVD Borrowing Libraries - These are available during Post Office hours and also on weekday evenings, Monday to Friday, 6-9pm. The front door will be open, subject to the room not being used for meetings. Do make use of our book, DVD and jigsaw library.

Room Hire - the main hall or meeting rooms can be hired at reasonable rates. Please contact Tamsin Crossland at tamsincrossland@aol.com or 07791 695027 (text preferred for enquiries).

TRUSHAM

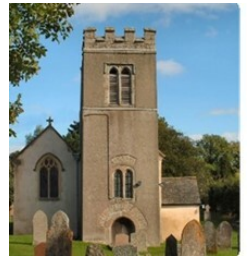
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Sunday 5th 6.00pm Iona Service

Sunday 12th 9.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th 9.15am All Age Worship

Sunday 26th 9.15am Holy Communion



Please note that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Trusham Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th May.

House groups

All three churches in our Benefice are gathering information about what interest there is to form new house groups. If you would like to join one, please let Angela Cameron know.

Moth breakfast

Provisional date 8th June. Following this very interesting event last year, it is planned to do it again. We gather early in the morning and collect up moths which have been humanely trapped overnight in the churchyard, identifying them with expert guidance. We then go into the Village Hall for breakfast and learn more about moths. To book a place - this is a fascinating experience for all - look out for notices nearer the time.

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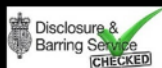
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