

Friends of St James Church: the Swimbridge Q&As Autumn 2023

Four talks on *Lives in Faith* at St James Church



Thursday 5 October at 7.30pm: Fr David Chance: Barman to Priest

David's story has been like a railway journey (steam of course!) on God's wonderful railway. He's planning his talk along the lines of this journey with the stations en route. The photo is of him with grandson Aidan after service at St Nicholas-at-Wade, east Kent.

Thursday 19 October at 7.30pm: Andrea Chance: Mrs Vicar (Taking the lid off Vicarage life)

Andrea will share some of the ups and downs and in-betweens of Chance family and parish life over three colourful decades. The photo shows Andrea at Becket's door, Canterbury Cathedral.

Thursday 2 November at 7.30pm: Rev. Preb. Cathy Scoffield: Unexpected Faith

Cathy will be speaking about her varied and unexpected leaps of faith. From her early career as an apprentice compositor in the printing trade to working in a Christian retreat centre, a homeless day centre and a life-changing visit to the vibrant Anglican religious orders in the Solomon islands – each has been a journey of unexpected faith with fascinating people. Cathy is pictured with Novice Sister Mildred during a stay with the Sisters of Melanesia in Honiara.

Thursday 16 November at 7.30pm: Venerable Verena Breed: From a Lutheran Minister to an Anglican Priest – Walking on water: reflections on Matthew 14.22-33.

Verena's life journey has taken her on most unexpected paths and certainly well out of her comfort zones – living and ministering in a foreign context, still hearing her English teacher's voice saying 'you and this language will never be friends'. The photo was taken at her installation at Exeter Cathedral in October 2021, surrounded by former parishioners from Bicester.

Arranged by Friends of St James Church. £5 (Friends free).

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