



Four Ways Mission Community

**St Michael East Buckland, St Paul Landkey, St James Swimbridge
with the Church of the Holy Name Gunn, St Peter West Buckland**

Sunday 30th August 2026



I wonder if you have had a song in your heart this week ...? Or something that especially makes your heart sing?

Following music at St Peter's West Buckland Friday church last week and at the St Paul's Landkey Pet Blessing on Sunday afternoon, my heart has been warmed by continuing to dwell on two choruses from very different songs.

1. Holy Forever by Chris Tomlin.

Sung by Nigel at St Peter's West Buckland Friday Church:

*And the angels cry, Holy, All creation cries, Holy
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever
Hear your people sing, Holy, To the King of Kings, Holy
You will always be, Holy, Holy forever*

2. And the chorus from The Butterfly Song,
led by Pete at Landkey Pet Blessing & Teddy Bear's Picnic:

*For You gave me a heart, and You gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and You made me Your child
And I just thank You Father for making me me.*

Thank you so much to Nigel and to Pete for encouraging us all to sing these worship songs with lyrics that lead us deeper into faith that makes our heart sing.

The pets and teddy bears certainly made our hearts sing. We all enjoyed the company of dogs, tortoises and two beautiful rescue parrots. Thanks everyone who joined in the fun!



We now look forward to entering the Season of Creation and our vocation to Care for Creation which runs from September 1 (the Feast of the Creator) to October 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). It is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. It is shared prayer and action for our common home that is so important for our Christian faith. I was delighted to hear last week that Robert from Landkey congregation has a place on the new A Rocha UK course for Christian Environmental Mobilisers. Do keep him and all those on the course in prayer. [A Rocha UK – Caring for creation](#)

St Michael's East Buckland are working on furthering environmental care for creation within the churchyard. Let us keep looking for opportunities for creation care, prayer and action across the Mission Community.

with thanks and prayers for you all. *Cathy*

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Sunday 30th August – Trinity 13

**9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge
5th Sunday Benefice Service**

LECTIONARY READINGS

Jeremiah 15: 15-21; Romans 12: 9-end;
Matthew 16 21-end

Collect for Trinity 13

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sunday 6th September – Trinity 14

**9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge
10.30am Holy Communion, Landkey
11.15am Holy Communion, West Buckland**

LECTIONARY READINGS

Ezekiel 33: 7-11; Romans 13: 8-end;
Matthew 18: 15-20



**Heritage Open Day is taking place in
Swimbridge and Landkey
on Saturday 12 September**

**Guided tours at St James Swimbridge
churchyard from 10.30am to 12 noon.
Refreshments. Church open until 4pm.**

Afternoon event at St Paul's Landkey
from 1pm to 4.30pm including a new talk by
local historian Michael Gee 'Invisible in Plain
Sight. Talk & tour 2-3pm.
Refreshments. Cream Teas from 3pm.

*Do take the opportunity to find out more
about our fascinating Grade I Misson
Community churches.*