



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 14th & 21st June 2026 - Trinity 2 & 3



Dear Friends

Next week I will be away for 4 days at our Diocesan Clergy Conference in Cirencester. I'm expecting to be with over 150 attending clergy. This conference happens every 4 or 5 years and is carefully budgeted as clergy training, aiming to bring us together to inspire and encourage us all. It will be a very 'déjà vu' experience for me, including returning to see this wonderful window in the Chapel at the Royal Agricultural University.



In my former life, before joining you all in the Four Ways Mission Community I worked within the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Team and was at the centre of the organising team for the previous two clergy conferences during 2017 and 2022. This time I am an attendee with an App on my mobile, looking forward to a varied programme including keynote speaker Rowan Williams... Last time I was a blessed PA who had to know and be prepared to get involved in all the fine details! Our 2022 Clergy Conference was the first in-person conference following Covid restrictions. It was incredibly moving to be able to gather together in a collegial, faithful way.

When I think back to that time and my previous work-life including many years at the Freedom Day Centre and at Lee Abbey Conference Centre, I also thankfully remember the incredible team work. There was no way on earth that those places and conferences could function without a committed team of volunteers and employees.

Clergy often have a very unique and humbling role with much unseen, sometimes isolated work, but we can never function solely as individuals. We are called into the Body of Christ and the Family of God and to be part of building community. We pray for and long for people to come together as Christians in God's service.

Almost three years into this very different life to my previous one, I'm so thankful for you all across the Mission Community and the many creative ways you serve God together. We can only be the church as people - not as individuals - and our Christian faith is outreaching, encouraging others and future generations. Next week, as gathered clergy, we will be keeping all our flocks in prayer and thanksgiving. And we will be praying for an increasing harvest of faith across all generations.

With thanks and prayers for you all. *Cathy*

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Sunday 14 June -Trinity 2

9.30am Holy Communion, East Buckland

9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge

10.30am Holy Communion, Landkey

11am Holy Communion, Gunn

LECTIONARY READINGS

Genesis 18: 1-15; Romans 5: 1-8;

Matthew 9: 35-10:8

Collect for 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 21 June -Trinity 3

9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge

10.30am Holy Communion, Landkey

11.15am Holy Communion, West Buckland

LECTIONARY READINGS

Genesis 21: 8-21; Romans 6: 1b-11;

Matthew 10: 24-39

Collect for 3rd Sunday after Trinity

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please pray for all who have lost loved ones during the last week.

CYNTHIA STEGGER

Sadly, dear Cynthia, a faith and well-loved part of St Paul's Church passed away last weekend. Wendy and Cynthia have been together for 40 years. Please pray for Wendy and all the St Paul's church family at this sad time. May dear Cynthia Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

BILL JOHNS

Bill tragically died last week.

Bill and Sharon ran the Post Office and lived in West Buckland with their family for many years. Please pray for Kelly, Kieran and all the family. Sharon sadly died last year.