



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**

Sundays 28th June & 5th July 2026 - Trinity 4 & 5



I hope everyone is managing in this current heatwave. Our churches can offer the hospitality of a cool space at these times. We pray for all who drop into the churches during the week to spend time, wonder and pray in these sacred spaces. I always love reading the visitors books each week to see if anyone has added a note.

Whilst away at Clergy Conference last week, some of us enjoyed a well-led guided tour around the wonderful church of St John's in Cirencester. The heritage and stories of our churches are fascinating to learn and share, just as it is so important to look outwards to what is happening today, praying for future generations to find and grow in faith.

At the Clergy Conference we benefited from excellent speakers and resources. I hugely enjoyed being with colleagues as we shared valuable, inspiring and encouraging time together. We were joined by several bishops from the Anglican Communion, including our link dioceses of Thika, Kenya and Cyprus and the Gulf. Bishop Sean Semple spoke movingly about the current situation in the Gulf. On Thursday morning we watched an interview between Bishop Mike and Archbishop of Jerusalem Hosam Naoum. Archbishop Hosam spoke powerfully of the importance of Christian hope and faithfulness. Christians in the Holy Land are now experiencing many hate crimes and persecution.

This week, as usual, I have been following the Archbishop of Canterbury on social media, which she has always used to engage in positive communication. Archbishop Hosam is currently hosting Archbishop Sarah on her missionary tour of the Holy Land, particularly in support of Palestinian Christians.



As we pray and give thanks for our Mission Community, let's also remember that we are part of this Global Christian family.

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with thanks and prayers for you all. *Cathy*

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*Please pray for all who have lost loved ones this month.
We remember and give thanks for*

CYNTHIA STEGGER

Cynthia's funeral will be held at North Devon Crematorium on Thursday 2nd July at 11.30am. No black requested.
Please pray for Wendy and all St Paul's church family at this sad time.

BILL JOHNS

Bill's funeral is taking place at St Peter's Church, West Buckland on Friday 10th July at 2pm.
Please pray for Kelly, Kieran and all the family.

JOHN STURMAN

A dear friend to so many, John passed away on 8th June. John's many talents included directing the Swimbridge pantomimes that inspire such great community participation.

Friday 26 June – OUTDOOR CHURCH this month

**Friday Family Church at The Barton
West Buckland**

5-6pm – Play and praise *Outdoor trail*

6-7pm – Contemporary worship

*Everyone welcome to this monthly service,
musically led by Nigel and Dave. An opportunity
to hear and sing some new songs.*

Sunday 28 June -Trinity 4

9.30am Morning Praise, East Buckland

9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge

10.45am Family Service with Baptism, Landkey
Please pray for Bellamy and his family.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Genesis 22: 1-14; Romans 6: 12-end;
Matt 10: 40-end

Collect for 4th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sunday 5 July -Trinity 5

9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge

10.30am Holy Communion, Landkey

11.15am Holy Communion, West Buckland

LECTIONARY READINGS

Zechariah 9: 9-12; Romans 7: 15-25a;
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

Collect for 5th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.