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**To the Churchwardens, Licensed Clergy and Lay Ministers of the Parishes of the Exeter Archdeaconry**

Dear Colleagues

**RE: VISITATION SERVICES IN THE ARCHDEACONRY OF EXETER 2019**

This letter of invitation comes to the Churchwardens, Clergy and Lay Ministers of the Archdeaconry as together we give thanks for the ministry you all offer and confirm Churchwardens in their office.

This year, the Visitations for the Archdeaconry of Exeter are being held as follows:

<b>Tuesday, 7th May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>St Giles, Kilmington</b>
<b>Wednesday, 15th May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>St Andrew, Tiverton</b>
<b>Thursday, 23rd May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>St James, Christow</b>
<b>Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>St Peter, Budleigh Salterton</b>

You are welcome to attend whichever Visitation is most convenient to you. Details of parking and facilities are given below.

In addition to Licensed Clergy and Parish Churchwardens, who should attend a Visitation, the Lay Chairs of the Deanery Synods, Readers, Deputy or District Churchwardens and Sidespersons, and any members of Church Communities are warmly invited to be present. Please share this invitation with your congregations early and encourage them to come. Clergy should wear clerical street dress.

The plan for these Visitations is for worship, fellowship and affirmation, as well as the necessary legal requirements. I shall be available to meet you individually before the service from 6.30 pm onwards. Please do come and search me out.

At whichever Visitation you attend, Licensed Clergy and Parish Churchwardens should sign in **between 6.30 and 7.15pm** at the table designated for your Deanery. Licensed Readers are invited to sign in. Deputy or District Churchwardens are not required to sign in but are invited to attend. Licensed Clergy or Parish Churchwardens of the Archdeaconry of Exeter unable to be present at one of my Visitations, need to attend another Archdeacon's Visitation if at all possible and should advise my office if so doing, or if unable to attend any Visitation. Details of these other Visitations can be provided.

It is especially important for Parish Churchwardens to attend a Visitation because "no person chosen for the office of Churchwarden shall become Churchwarden until such time as they are admitted to

office". Please note that I need to be informed of Parish Churchwardens who are unable to be present at **any** of the Visitations so that other arrangements can be made for their admission before 31<sup>st</sup> July, and also of any changes of Churchwarden during the year other than at the APCM.

Churchwardens are reminded that it is now a legal requirement that they should be DBS checked. Newly elected Churchwardens should begin this process at the earliest opportunity.

There will be a collection at each Visitation towards the Archdeacon of Exeter's discretionary fund which is available to clergy and Readers in emergency. I have been so grateful for your contributions last year, which have enabled me to give financial assistance on a number of occasions during the year.

There is no need to bring your Church Property Register to the Visitation unless you have made alterations to it or, indeed, have not yet lodged a copy with my office.

If you have any questions, or information regarding attendance, please contact my PA, Peter Colebrook, on 01392 425577 or email: [peter.colebrook@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:peter.colebrook@exeter.anglican.org)

I look forward to seeing you in May/June.

Yours with prayers and all good wishes,



Christopher Futcher  
Archdeacon of Exeter

**Parking and facilities for Visitations are as follows** (please car share where possible):

**Kilmington** - EX13 7RF - Parking at church or village hall car parks or, if need be, in the Baptist Church carpark - all on the left approx. 200m from the A35 turnoff. Disabled access/ WC available. Registration and refreshments provided on entry to church.

**Tiverton** - EX16 4DL - On right hand side of Blundell's Rd just past the garage on the left. Church, car park, and facilities easily accessible; new sound system. Blundell's School Visitors' Car Park also available 6 to 9pm.

**Christow** - parking available at Teign Valley Community Hall - EX6 7NA and limited parking in surrounding roads. 5 spaces by church for disabled use. Signing in, refreshments and toilet facilities in Bowden Room at Hall. Church is a few minutes' walk up Village Rd.

Take Teign Valley Road (B3193). Approaching from the north, take 1st turning to the right about a mile after passing crossroads with the Teign House Inn and signposts to Doddiscombsleigh on your left. Approaching from the south, take 2nd turning on left about a mile after passing crossroads with Lower Ashton signposted to the right.

**Budleigh Salterton** - EX9 6LT - off High Street in BS. When coming into BS, take 1st left after traffic lights and church is directly opposite the Medical Centre. Church car park limited but places can be reserved for disabled by contacting Church office on 01395 443397. Parking also available behind Public Hall on Station Road. Plenty of on-road spaces. Easy access for Church/Church Hall (toilets with disabled facilities available).