

# Pews News

from the churches of  
The Axe Valley Mission Community



## The Second Sunday before Lent Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018



### Services Today

8.00am	Holy Eucharist (Fr. Geoffrey Walsh)	All Saints
8.00am	Holy Eucharist (The Revd Dr. Paul Avis)	Axminster
9.30am	Holy Eucharist (The Rector)	Woodbury
10.00am	All-Age Service (Fr. Geoffrey Walsh)	Chardstock
10.00am	Morning Prayer (Reader Su Clark)	Combpyne
11.00am	Parish Eucharist (The Ven. John Rawlings)	Axminster
11.00am	Parish Eucharist (The Rector)	Membury

### Please pray for...

**Home Communicants:** Beryl Grayer, Molly & Janet Pike, and Audrey Lanchberry. *All who live in Abbeyfield, Tudor Cottage, Silverleigh, Oak House, Pinhay House, Magnolia House and Little Haddon.*

**The Sick:** Anne Scott, Ian Hayward, Baby Elizabeth Voysey, Clare, Matthew, John, Ron Burdon, Charles, Hannah, Ryan and all known to us personally in particular need of our prayers.

**The Departed:** Fred Clarkson, Betty Kitchen, Robert Cooke, Michael Dare and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.

### This Week in our churches (all at Axminster unless otherwise stated)

#### Monday

Morning Prayer [All Saints]	8.00am
Funeral of Michael Dare [All Saints]	12.00pm
Axminster Chamber Choir rehearsal	6.00pm

#### Tuesday

Morning Prayer [Combpyne]	8.00am
Holy Eucharist	10.00am
Axminster Choral Society rehearsal	7.30pm

#### Wednesday

Morning Prayer [Membury]	8.00am
Organ lesson	5.15pm

#### Thursday

Morning Prayer	8.00am
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#### Friday

Morning Prayer [Chardstock]	8.00am
Holy Eucharist	10.00am

#### Saturday

Morning Prayer [Woodbury]	8.00am
Service for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers	4.30pm

## The Sunday next before Lent

8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Axminster
9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Woodbury
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Chardstock
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Combpyne
11.00am	Parish Eucharist	All Saints
11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Axminster
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Membury
4.00pm	Second Sunday "Valentines"	Axminster

## Notices

### Morning Prayer

Daily Services of Morning Prayer continue with the pattern:

Monday	All Saints	Thursday	The Minster
Tuesday	Combpyne	Friday	Chardstock
Wednesday	Membury	Saturday	Woodbury

Services take place at 08.00 and last for 20–30 minutes. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of these enjoyable, reflective and worshipful services.

### Second Sunday Services

We are introducing monthly celebratory Services at the Minster, generally on the afternoon/evening of the second Sunday of the month. These will be themed, participatory, fun and followed by opportunities for refreshment and fellowship. The services will be open to all across the Mission Community and churches and we hope as many as possible will join us for these.

The first service is planned for next Sunday, 11 February at 4.00pm, with a theme of **St Valentine**.

The Church's commemoration of Valentine has nothing to do with lovers! On 14 February each year we celebrate not only the love shared by couples for each other, but also the love of the Great Lover, Jesus. Christ. As the bridegroom of the Church He invites us to join him in an eternal love union reflected in the love of each person for those whom they hold, and have held, as special.

Come and celebrate all those who have been special to you in this special service.

## Congratulations

to Peter Simpson, one of our local ringers, who successfully completed his first Quarter Peal at the Minster on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January. A Quarter Peal involves ringing continuously for about 45 minutes, changing the sequence of the bells with each stroke, and Peter was supported by five experienced ringers from other towers in ringing 1260 changes in a method called Bob Doubles. This is a big milestone not just for Peter but for Axminster Tower, as it is the first time that one of our own ringers has achieved this since the bells were restored and augmented in 2005. If you'd like to know more, have a look at our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/AxminsterRingers](http://www.facebook.com/AxminsterRingers)

## Pew news

This is the first of the new Mission Community 'Pews News' sheets. It is part of the programme of improving communications across our Mission Community. Please look out for further information so that we can provide a news sheet which is helpful and appropriate to all in our church communities.

## Axe Valley Mission Community Website

The new website for the Mission Community is now live: [www.axevmc.com](http://www.axevmc.com) Please do visit the site and add us to your 'Favourites'. If you have items for the website please pass these in the first instance to Clive. Existing websites will have one-click links from the AVMC site.

## Licencing Service with Bishop Sarah

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Sarah has formally licenced The Reverend Mary Harding and The Reverend Prebendary Cate Edmonds to our Mission Community team. There will be a celebratory service, led by Bishop Sarah on Friday 16 February at 7.00 pm in the Minster. There will be light refreshments after the service. Everyone is welcome. Please come and enjoy the evening – one of Bishop Sarah's last services before she moves to become Bishop of London.

## Dementia awareness event

A *Dementia Friendly Axminster* event will take place at the Guildhall 7–9pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. The event is open to all and will be a mixture of information and fun activities organised by the Dementia Matron Shiobhan Pickering.

*Growing in Prayer  
Making new disciples  
Serving the people of the Axe Valley with joy*