



29th June 2025
Peter and Paul, Apostles

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Dates in July

Our summer fête is coming up this Saturday 5th July from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the hall.

On Thursday 25th July, 7.00 pm, Bishop Mike of Exeter will join us for our St James' Day service followed by bring and share refreshments in the hall.



TODAY

12.30 pm Holy Baptism

Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

10.00 am Music

Music setting: Mass of St Thomas (by David Thorne)

Processional hymn

747 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Offertory hymn

622 The Church's One Foundation

Recessional hymn

30 Amazing Grace

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 30th June

Matthew 8: 18 – 22

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 1st July

Matthew 8: 23 – 27

Wed 2nd July

Matthew 8: 28 – 34

12.00 pm Eucharist

3.30 pm Messy Church

Thu 3rd July

John 20: 24 – 29

7.30 pm Fr Brian's house group

Fri 4th July

Matthew 9: 9 – 13

2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 5th July

Matthew 9: 14 – 17

2.00 pm Summer fête

Next Sunday: 6th July

3rd Sunday after Trinity

Luke 10: 1 – 11 & 16-20

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

4.00 pm Celebrate Together

4.00 pm Installation of the new

Bishop of Crediton,

Exeter Cathedral

6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Acts 12: 1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realise that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8 & 17-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. [...] But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13-19

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

