

AXE VALLEY MISSION COMMUNITY

PEWS NEWS

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rest in Peace

*"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love,
he will rejoice over you with singing."* **Zephaniah 3:17**

It is a commonly understood rule, that 'short is sweet'.
We are told that what can't be written on one side of A4 is unlikely to be read.
Less is more...
...and an image may well be even better – possibly worth a thousand words....

This Sunday's Old Testament Bible reading is taken from the Book of the prophet Zephaniah. It's a hard book to find – just 3 chapters in 3 pages in my Bible. In terms of words (English translation), Zephaniah comes in 54th out of the 66 Bible books ordered by word number – from Jeremiah (33,002 words) to 3 John (210).

Zephaniah was a prophet of God active in the 7th century BC, at the time of Josiah King of Judah. He saw how the people worshipped other gods like Baal and Astarte – even in the Jewish Holy places. He longed for people to change their hearts and reform their religious ways, returning to God the Father with faith and simplicity.

The most well-known verse from Zephaniah today is probably the one quoted above – verse 17.

It is memorable for its imagery. This startlingly touching picture of God as a loving parent delighting in their infant – as the child rests in utter peace.

Today, I'm sure many of us find it extremely difficult to surrender to God with the total trust and abandonment of a sleeping baby. Given the choice, I expect many of us, deep down, don't really want to!

Most of us like to be in control, no matter how hard that is to admit. We live in a culture which worships achievement, independence and success.

But God says leave the striving with Him. He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love.

Vulnerability is not weakness. A sleeping child is resting, growing, doing and being exactly how God wants and needs them to be. People of God, put your hope in the LORD.

My heart is not proud, LORD,
my eyes are not haughty;
I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.
But I have calmed and quieted myself,
I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.
Israel, put your hope in the LORD. **Psalm 131**



Rev Shuna George

IN CHURCH

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY 18TH APRIL

8am	Holy Communion	The Minster
9.30am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
10am	Holy Communion	Combyne
10am	Morning Worship	Chardstock
10am	Morning Worship	Axmouth
10am	Together @ 10	All Saints
10.30am	Morning Worship	The Minster
11am	Holy Communion	Membury
6pm	Holy Communion	Uplyme

ON - LINE

WORSHIP ON LINE THIS WEEK

MORNING PRAYER EVERY WEEKDAY on zoom @ 8.30am

Zoom ID: **884 0997 0704** Password: **149718**

ZOOM CHAT ON SUNDAY @ 11.30am

A chance to meet and talk for a while – use link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81020110380>

LIVE STREAM FROM AXMOUTH ON SUNDAY @ 10am

<https://www.facebook.com/Axmouth/>

BY TELEPHONE

TELEPHONE SERVICE SUNDAY @ 4PM

Rev Clive Sedgewick will be leading our phone service this Sunday.

Roger Grose will be speaking, Anne and David Hardman and Andrea and Graham Sheargold will also be taking part.

A few minutes before 4pm call **0333 011 0616**.

When asked for the access code dial in **723 9782** followed by the hash key #

EVERY Friday at 10.30 – telephone service

Call **0330 606 0403** a couple of minutes before 10.30am
and give the access code **484444 #**

*These services are free to those who have a package which includes free 03 calls [most do] but you may be charged at normal call rates if not.
Do check with your service provider*

SERVICES IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY 25TH APRIL

9.30am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
10am	Holy Communion	Axmouth
10am	Morning Worship	Uplyme
10.30am	Holy Communion	The Minster
11am	Morning Worship	All Saints

Next Sunday at 4pm will be our Zoom service – details in next week's Pews News

Our morning prayer at 8.30am on Zoom will continue each weekday morning.

Please pray for:

Richard, Diana, Ian, Anne, Jean C, Roy, Kay, Eric, Betty,
Jeannie, John, Terry and Graham
and all known to us personally in need of our prayers

And for the Family and Friends of the Departed:

George Pye, Olive Owen, Molly Pike and Iris Killingback and all
whose anniversaries fall at this time.



CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY 10am – 4pm

CHARDSTOCK

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY 10am – 3pm

COMBPYNE

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY 10am – 4pm

HOLY CROSS

By arrangement with the church wardens

THE MINSTER

(revised) TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 10am – 3pm

MEMBURY

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY 9.30am – 4pm

UPLYME

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10am – 4pm

AXMOUTH

Although the church is closed except for services
everyone is welcome to come along and use the
prayer tree and the churchyard it is in to take
some time for personal prayer and reflection

Did you know we have our own Axe Valley Mission Community
Facebook page?



Use the link below to access our page:

<https://www.facebook.com/axevalleymissioncommunity>

If you click 'not now' when it asks you to sign up for an account
you will still be able to see our page. It is updated daily with
'Lockdown Thoughts'

During this third lockdown we are relaunching some
lockdown 'light bites' at 2pm on Tuesdays.

Do tune in to watch live as one of the ministry team share a
thought, a prayer, an activity or something else to lighten this
difficult time.

We look forward to sharing with you.

If you are watching as we go live you can get involved by
sending us your comments or emojis

CREATION CARE COURSE

As part of our continuing engagement with the care of God's Creation, we commend to you the HeartEdge upcoming 4-week course on 'Creation Care'.

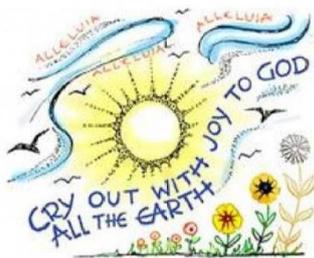
It takes place online on Thursdays 4pm – 5.30pm and runs for 4 weeks from 17th June until 8th July.

The course gives opportunities to learn more about climate change, the theology, science, the impact on Melanesia, & church responses. Its principal contributor is Marie Schlenker a PhD candidate, researching climate change impacts in Solomon Islands. Marie conducts her research in close collaboration with the Anglican Church of Melanesia and the Melanesian Mission UK.

For more information see Diocese of Exeter website

<https://exeter.anglican.org/events/4-week-creation-care-course/>

HeartEdge is an initiative coming out of St Martin in the Field's in London, and you can register for course here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/4-week-creation-care-course-tickets-145829458837>



Rogation Praise Sunday 9th May

All Saints' Parish Churchyard

You are warmly invited to bring a chair, a thermos and piece of cake to All Saints' Parish Churchyard, at 3.30pm for fellowship time together. At 4.15pm we will then have 'Rogation Praise' where we can sing and ask God's blessing on farms and those who work the land.

Social distancing regulations must be kept to on the day.



Axe Valley Mission Community - Lego Challenge Winners

We saw some lovely creations over on the AVMC Facebook page for our Holy Week Lego Challenge. They are all still there if you want to take a look at them.



Our winners are:

William Johnstone won the 5 – 11 years group

Rocha won the 11 – 18 years group

Chantelle Brennan Keefe won the adult group.

Prizes are on their way to all the group winners and small prizes to all the other entrants.

SAVE THE DATE

**Big Church Picnic
Sunday 11th July**



@ Pecorama
10.30am till 4.15pm

The AVMC team office is open Mon-Wed & Friday from 9am – noon and on Thursdays from 12.30 - 3.30pm
axevalleymc@hotmail.co.uk or call 01297 441986

Axe Valley Mission Community Website: www.axevmc.com

Please visit the site regularly where you will find lots of new items. Items for the website should be passed to Clive.

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