

# The Two Rivers Mission Community MAY NEWS



## From The Rector

Dear All,

Welcome to our May email! Lots has happened since our April mailing, including a wonderful celebration of Easter across our churches, our day of prayer and fasting, and Rev Ally's licensing in Newport and Bishops Tawton. In the month ahead we will celebrate the Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity before we settle into the long season of Trinity (ordinary time) which will take us through the Summer and Autumn to Advent.

During the Easter season we've been reading the accounts of Jesus' resurrection found in John and Luke's gospels. Alongside these we've been reading Peter's Pentecost preaching of Christ crucified and resurrected, and how the early church began to organise its communal life. We have much to learn from them about devotion to the Apostles' teaching, meeting together, sharing communion and prayer. Do we, I wonder, make these the priority that the early Christians did?

During the Easter season we've also been using an Easter service sheet. This is to help us focus on the themes of the season, but also to reduce prep time for those leading services and to enable more people to step up to leading services with



confidence. We'll be producing more service sheets for specific church seasons as we move through the year. Some of our churches are now also making use of sermons I've recorded... helping me maintain contact with churches and communicate things as rector I need to share.

We are in a challenging time as a mission community; Rev Ally having moved on, no team vicar, and as you'll read below, David being out of action. We need to make the most of the resources at our disposal. We also need people to step up to tasks such as warden, treasurer and secretary. Please don't hide your light under a bushel... church will only work if we all do our bit!

Best wishes

Gary

## Mission Community AGM

Our Mission Community AGM takes place on Wednesday 13th May at 7.30pm in Tawstock church. All are welcome to join us for prayers at 7.00pm and then the main meeting at 7.30pm (which is likely to last about 15 minutes!).

Our annual report and accounts can be read [here](#).

A council meeting will then follow.

## Day of prayer and fasting Words and Pictures to ponder

A big thank you to everyone who joined in our termly day of prayer and fasting. You can read the words and pictures people receive during the times of listening in church [here](#).

Please do look through them, consider what they might mean in your context, and pray about them. There are some real words of encouragement!

# Ministry team news

## **Please pray for David and Julia Halpin:**

David has been diagnosed with cancer of the pancreas. He has been referred to Derriford hospital and options for treatment are being assessed. Please pray for healing for David, and for him, Julia and the family to know they are held in God's hand. David has now come off all rotas and other mission community work for the time being to concentrate on his treatment.

## **Rev Ally writes:**

Thank you so much for the beautiful send off, for the celebration and encouragement. Thank you for the generous gifts and for all that you have done for us as a family. We feel very blessed. Love,  
Ally, Danny, Eleanor and Sophia

## **Jen and Sue's ordination - Saturday 27th June**

If you would like to attend Jen and Sue's ordination as deacons in Exeter cathedral you can book a ticket [here](#). Tickets are expected to go fast, so its advisable to book as soon as possible.

Everyone's welcome!

# Bubble Church - update

We are looking to start Bubble Church in September;

9.30am each Sunday as follows:

1st Sunday: Lovacott village hall

2nd Sunday: Beaford village hall

3rd Sunday: Tawstock church

4th Sunday: High Bick church hall

Our prayer is to welcome families with children under 8 to worship either monthly in their local area, or to make Bubble church "their" church and move round the mission community week by week.

We will run taster sessions later in the summer so existing church members can see what its all about.



### **Are you good with a needle and thread?**

We need someone to make some costumes for the puppets we plan to use at Bubble Church; so, the sort of thing you'd kit children out in for a nativity play, just smaller! If you could help please speak to Rev Gary or Sue Turner.

## **Dates for your diary**

Check out the [calendar](#) on our website for all of May's services and activities.

### **Thursday 14th May: Ascension day**

Communion in High Bick church (10.30am)  
and evening service in Yarnscombe (6.30pm)

### **Sunday 28th June: An evening with A Rocha.**

Sadly we have had to cancel this event due to lack of capacity in the leadership team to run it.

### **Saturday 11th July: "South West Awake" prayer walk.**

Meet at Croyd National trust car park by 9.55am, walk to Baggy Point for prayers at 10.30am and then walk back to Croyde for a coffee

## **Newsletter**

If you have items for this monthly email please email Gary at [revgary@tworiversmissioncommunity.org](mailto:revgary@tworiversmissioncommunity.org)

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