

ASHBURTON & MOORLAND TEAM

Serving the people of Ashburton, Bickington, Buckland-in-the-Moor, Holne, Huccaby, Leusdon, Postbridge and Widecombe-in-the-Moor



The Alpha Course

“DO I HAVE A PURPOSE?”

why am I here?

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF LIFE?

IS THIS IT?

“does God exist?”

28th April - 30th June 2021
Wednesday evenings @7:30pm via Zoom
www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk

Sunday 25th April 2021

- 9am Breakfast Church (BYO Picnic) St Andrew's Green Ashburton
- 10.30am Parish Communion, St Andrew's, Ashburton ([and live via Facebook](#))
- 10:30am Holy Communion, St Pancras, Widecombe in the Moor
- 12:00pm Holy Communion, St John the Baptist, Leusdon
- 5pm Evening Prayer, St Mary the Virgin, Holne

All our online services are available via [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) & our [website](#)

THY KINGDOM COME 2021 PLAN TO PRAY THE SOUTH WEST COAST PATH



The Church of England in Devon is joining other churches in the county in an attempt to have people praying along every mile of the whole South West Coast path on the same day at the same time. The socially distant “chain of prayer and praise” on 19 June at 10.30 is being organised by [South West Awake](#).

It is part of [Thy Kingdom Come](#), when Christians across the world set aside the days between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday to pray for people to discover faith in God.

The Bishop of Exeter, the Right Reverend Robert Atwell, said “This is a fantastic initiative and opportunity for people from across the region to surround the South West in prayer.

“What a delight to praise God in places of such natural beauty and wonder and pray for this glorious peninsular of England.”

Churches and individuals can book a section of coastal path to pray on [here](#).

The Diocese of Exeter is also re-opening its 24/7 Zoom Prayer Room after its success last year. Over 500 people participated from across Devon and spectrum of church traditions.

A few churches took on a whole night or block during the 10 day period. One lady prayed for 10-hour slots across the time.

“A fantastic initiative and opportunity”

People can now sign-up for a slot for the Thy Kingdom Come 2021 Zoom Prayer Room. Participants can pray on their own, as a church group or home group or join in with others.

[Sign up for a slot here](#)

The South West Coast Path covers 630 miles across Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset

HEDGEHOGS PLAYGROUP for 0-5 years

9:30-11 every Friday for outdoor play sessions at the Church Halls, Ashburton

For more information contact playgrouphedgehogs@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page Hedgehogs Playgroup, Ashburton



The Rev'd Prebendary James Grier, Diocese of Exeter Mission Enabler, said "At the heart of Christian life has always been prayer. In the last year many have found themselves praying like never before.

"Christians believe that prayer not only offers solace but also changes things.

"For the last 5 years, churches around the world have set aside the days between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday to pray for people to discover faith in God and his love for them."

Thy Kingdom Come also has resources available for children featuring the Cheeky Pandas worship band.

They include a free 11-part video series, with songs, animated stories, prayer and interviews with special guests including Bear Grylls and Gemma Hunt.



You can [download the first episode, accompanying activity pack and family service outline here](#)

Each episode will premier via Facebook and YouTube channels each Sunday at 4pm from 25 April and during Thy Kingdom Come in May. Another resource for young people include 11 Video Youth reflections.

For adults, resources include 'The Prayer Journal', written by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell and 'The Novena - Praying the Psalms from Ascension to Pentecost'.

Access Thy Kingdom Come resources [here](#).

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK:

- Wed 28th 10:30am** Midweek Communion, St Andrew's Ashburton
- Fri 30th 9:30-11am** Hedgehogs Playgroup, St Andrew's Church Hall: email playgrouphedgehogs@gmail.com
- 1-3:30pm** 'Share Shed' St Andrew's Church Hall Car Park

WE'RE OPEN!

Despite the renewed lockdown, many of our churches are still open for services as well as private prayer & reflection. Opening times vary, so please check below.



ASHBURTON: Daily 10am-4pm

HOLNE: Daily 10am-4:30pm

HUC CABY: Daily

BUCKLAND: Daily

BICKINGTON: By appointment - 01626 821213

WIDECOMBE: Daily 9am-5pm

LEUSDON: Daily 9am-5pm

POSTBRIDGE: Daily, Dawn to dusk

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

ASHBURTON, BUCKLAND & BICKINGTON

It is time for us to review and update the Church Electoral Roll. If you are already on the roll and wish to remain you do not need to do anything. If you are not sure if your name is included there is a list in Church for you to check or you can contact me as below. If you are not on the roll and wish to be included again there are forms in Church or contact me and I can e-mail an application form to you.

Many Thanks

Janet Lockwood-Lee (Electoral Roll Officer)
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Collect & Readings 25th April 2021

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one
flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
 you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good
 shepherd,
 and in his love for us to lay down his life and
 rise again:
 keep us always under his protection,
 and give us grace to follow in his steps;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Acts 4: 5-12

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."
¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

John 10: 11-18

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me,

because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

READINGS FOR 2ND MAY

Acts: 8: 26-end

1 John 4: 7-end

John 15: 1-8

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 2ND MAY

- 9am Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin, Bickington
- 10.30am Family Service, St Andrew's, Ashburton
- 10:30am All Age Service, St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor
- 4pm Evening Prayer, St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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