

**St Mary's
HEMYOCK**

**St Andrew's
CLAYHIDON**

**All Saints
CULMSTOCK**

**CULM DAVY
Chapel**



A community of Faith, Hospitality and Inspiration

Loving God and Loving our Neighbour

News and updates from the Upper Culm Valley Mission Community

Sunday 17th March 2024/ 5th Sunday of Lent

Dear Friends,

Now is the healing time decreed
for sins of heart and word and deed,
when we in humble fear record
the wrong that we have done the Lord.
(Latin, before 12th century)

This verse from many centuries ago gives the purpose of the season of Lent. Easter was the time when most baptisms took place. Candidates for baptism were instructed in the Christian faith during the weeks of Lent, and those who had been excluded from the church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults prepared, with guidance, to be re-admitted. In time, the whole Christian community was invited to join both of these groups in the process of study and repentance during the weeks of Lent.

But in the verse quoted above, I love the emphasis on healing, which underlies all the activities of Lent and Easter. Spiritual and emotional healing comes through the repair, renewal and deepening of our relationship with our Lord, primarily. And the chance in Lent to be together more often as members of the church community leads us to reflect on our life together, and the renewing of that in companionship with our suffering and risen Lord.

And this, of course leads us to the glorious dawn of new life, revealed and experienced the first Easter day in the resurrection of Jesus; a new life and new start offered to us again and again every day.

In this link sheet you will find a note of all the special services from here until the Easter weekend. As a ministry team, we very much look forward to seeing you at however many of these you can manage, and pray that you might know the blessing and healing of the Lord during these weeks.

With love and prayers from Becky and the ministry team

Parish Ministry

Rev'd Becky will usually be available for Parish ministry on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. If you require Becky outside these days, please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

For pastoral support, or your matter is urgent, the Ministry team are available to contact. You will find their details are on the back of the link sheet.

Alternatively, please contact Khendra (parish administrator) on ucvmission@gmail.com /01884 562756/07565 856222

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Short services of Night Prayer take place at 7.00pm on:

Monday 25 March - New Zealand night prayer at St Mary's Hemyock

Tuesday 26th March - Common Worship night prayer at All Saints Culmstock

Wednesday 27th March - Iona night prayer at Culm Davy Chapel

Thursday 27 March:

Maundy Thursday Passover supper followed by short vigil

Everyone is invited to take part in a reenactment of the last supper, gathered around a meal, in Hemyock church room, starting at 6:30 pm. You will need to book your place for the supper with Liz Langdon: lizlangdon@langdons.org.uk (07968) 275380.

Then we will make our way to the church for a quiet vigil to mark the beginning of the events of Good Friday.

Easter Sunday, 31st March

Please see the service grid for details of the range of celebration services this Easter Sunday.

At 9am at Culm Davy the Easter service is a traditional 1662 format.

At each of the other churches, there will be a family communion celebration **with Easter egg hunts in all the churchyards.**

Everyone is warmly welcome!

The next newsletters will be for:

The weekends of:

30th/31st March 2024














13th/14th April 2024

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

	Culm Davy Chapel	St Andrew Clayhidon	All Saints Culmstock	St Mary Hemyock
Sunday 17th March 5 th Sunday of Lent	3.30pm Evening Prayer (Traditional 1662)	10.00am Communion Service	10.00am Communion Service	11.00am Morning Worship
Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday	 10.30am All Saints Culmstock Benefice Communion Service <i>with pony procession</i> 			
Monday 25th March				7.00pm New Zealand Night Prayer
Tuesday 26th March		7.00pm Common Worship Night Prayer		
Wednesday 27th March	7.00pm Iona Night Prayer			
Maundy Thursday 28th March		6.30pm St Mary's Church Rooms, Hemyock Passover Supper followed by prayer vigil in St Mary's church		
Good Friday 29th March		2.00pm St Andrew's Clayhidon The Last Hour Meditation		
Easter Sunday 31st March CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR	9.00am Easter Family Communion (Traditional 16662)	7.00am Sunrise Service, Grays Lane, Clayhidon 10.00am Easter Family Communion	10.00am Easter Family Communion	11.00am Easter Family Communion

***Special Benefice Service for PalmSunday
24th March at 10.30am
at All Saints, Culmstock***

Come and mark the start of Holy Week on Sunday 24th March. We begin with a pony-led procession around the Cleve and Churchyard to recall Jesus' peaceful entry into Jerusalem at the start of his final week.

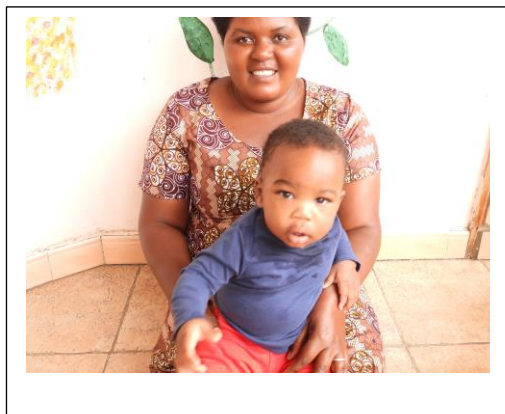
A service for all the family.



All welcome!



SPONSORSHIP AT POTTERS VILLAGE



St Mary's with Culm Davy continue to sponsor a child at Potter's Village, Uganda. We have done this for many years. Babies often come to Potter's Village because they were orphaned at birth or are very poorly; they will stay for as long as necessary, and where possible, will then be reunited with other family members.

Our latest baby is Ushindi Praise and here he is. His mother died when he was born, and he was very sick when first

brought in and spent time in the medical centre. He was then transferred to the Crisis centre at Potters Village when he was better, and is now thriving and doing very well. His weight is good, and he is crawling, and very energetic - he smiles, likes music and is happy and settled. His family, father and grandparents, visit regularly and will take him home with them when he is one year old.

Our links to Potters Village go back many years, originally through Jenny Green who was our CMS link missionary and one of the founders of Potters Village. More recently, we have supported Nicci Maxwell in her work at Potters Village, but now Nicci has moved on. However, we continue to support and pray for the work at Potters Village and attach the latest newsletter with their news. The Friends of Potters Village are based in this country and it is through them that we remain in contact.

Meg and Hazel

Church Annual Meetings

The annual meetings this year are on the following dates:

St. Mary's, Hemyock with Culm Davy Chapel – Tuesday 16 April at 7.30pm in Hemyock Church Room
All Saints, Culmstock – Sunday 21 April at 11.00am
St. Andrew's, Clayhidon – Sunday 28 April at 11.00am

Each meeting is actually two! At the first one, which starts at the times given above, anyone who lives within the parish boundaries is entitled to come and to share in the appointment of churchwardens for that Parish.

The second meeting starts immediately after that and comprises a review of the church's activities over the previous year, its accounts, and is the meeting where members are elected to represent the church on the Parochial Church Council.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting but only those who are members of the church's electoral roll may vote.

In preparation for these meetings the electoral rolls of each parish are being revised. If you are not on the electoral roll but do come to church, you are very much encouraged to join so that you can take a full part in the annual meeting and also register your commitment to the church. The people to contact for an application form are:

Hemyock with Culm Davy: Di Cooper ((01823) 680175
cdicooper@live.co.uk

St Andrew, Clayhidon: Julie Bullett
sandjbullett@gmail.com

All Saints, Culmstock: Sandra Sampson; sampsonsjm@aol.com



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 7th April – Benefice Communion Service at 9.00am at Culm Davy Chapel

Sunday 21st April – St George's Day Scouts service at 11am at St Mary's, Hemyock

Sunday 28th April – Prayer Vigil for world peace at St Mary's, Hemyock

Thursday 9th May – Ascension Day, Benefice Communion Service at 6.30pm at All Saints, Culmstock

Easter Lilies at St Mary's

If you would like to contribute towards the Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones, then please complete the list at the back of the St Mary's Church and complete the envelope and enclose your donation. The envelopes will be collected each Sunday, or can be handed personally to Monica Smith or one of the Churchwardens who will pass these on.



Cost per lily is £5 and there will be a list put in the Church on Easter Sunday of those whom we will be remembering.

Thank you.

Free Film Night at Hemyock Baptist Church

On Sunday 24th March, 7pm

WOODLAWN - The true Story



Everyone is Welcome!



SAVE THE DATE!

**Quiet day with Bishop Bob Evens,
former Bishop of Cridton**

**Saturday, 5 October 2024
St Mary's Church, Hemyock:
9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

Details to follow

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the
Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



Please keep the following in your prayers this week:-

Those who are unwell or recovering from operations:

- Alan Craig
- Otis Earls
- Roy McQueen
- Reverend Tony Grosse
- Mavis Clist

Those who have recently been bereaved, in particular the families and friends of;

Hemyock with Culm Davy

Pamela Gubb

Geraldine Marke

Christine Brown

Culmstock

Roger Horne

Patricia Knight

Clayhidon

Ilott Hutchings



WIND-CHILL

Clouds are thin and grey/white
misty high,
Showing blue sky up above,
Showing promise of this Lenten sky,
Though wind is cold as a
winter's day,
It promises Easter warmth,
Light to travel onward through
Calm and storm to come,
Healed by Christ's sacrifice of Love.

David Palmer



CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRAYER

St Marys, Hemyock
Every day
10am - 4pm

All Saints, Culmstock
Every day
9am – 5pm



Mission Community Prayer

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit
To give vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our churches to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ST MARYS' CHARITY SHOP

Open Every **TUESDAY**
10AM – 12 NOON

And the first Saturday of every month

at Hemyock Church Rooms

**If you have anything for the Link Newsletter please
can you email it to Khendra by 4pm on Thursdays.**

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ucvmission@gmail.com**

We are here for you...

If you would like to speak to someone about how you are feeling, or if you need help, we are here.

If you would value a personal conversation with the Rector or other members of the Ministry Team please call:

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