

Upper Culm Valley Mission Community
St Mary's, Hemyock with St Mary's Chapel, Culm Davy,
St Andrew's, Clayhidon & All Saints', Culmstock

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"To love God and to love our neighbour"

Sunday 10th March 2019

1st Sunday of Lent

Welcome

We welcome all visitors, and trust that you will feel very much at home, as together we worship the Lord.

For our prayers

Please remember, in prayer, all known to us who are unwell at this time, those who mourn and those who are facing great difficulties.



Today's Services

Culm Davy	9.00am	Holy Communion*	(BCP)
Clayhidon	10.00am	Holy Communion*	(BCP)
Hemyock	11.15am	Morning Prayer <i>Hymns: 145, 261, 293</i> <i>Followed by Lent Lunch</i>	(CW)
Culmstock	6.30pm	Evening Prayer <i>Hymns: 45, 838, 293, 64</i>	(CW)

* Gluten free wafers are available

Today's Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through 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.

Post Communion: Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Readings

Romans 10:8b-13 "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Luke 4:1-13 After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Vacancy Prayer Heavenly Father, Please bless and guide us as we discern a new priest for this beneficent and Mission Community. Stir up the gift of grace in one of Your priests that they may offer to minister with us.

Encourage all who will be involved in the selection process. May they listen and learn from one another and from You. We ask this in the name of the one whom we serve, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Diary for the week ahead

Tuesday 12th March

- Morning Prayer (BCP): 10.00am, All Saints; Culmstock
- St Mary's Charity and Coffee Shop: 10-12noon: Church Rooms
- Open the Book at Hemyock Primary School – Jonah the Groaner
- Lent Course: Gollick Park Farm (Maurice Bendle); 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th March

- Lent Group: 7.30pm; 4 Blackdown View

Thursday 14th March

- Lent Lunch: 12.30pm; Hemyock Church Rooms.
- Lent Group: 7.30pm; 4 The Old Market

Auction of Promises: 22nd. March. Please give your promises to Ron
681020 revron@btinternet.com



St. Mary's Kneelers: Job Done – Thank you. Val

Lent Lunches: Sundays: 10 March, 17 March, 24 March, 31 March and 7 April.
St Mary's Lent Lunch on Thursday next, serving at 12.30pm. Donations to Church Mission and the work of Jenny Green in Bradford. All welcome.

All Saints' Church AGM - Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 7 pm in the Tower Room. The sole active Churchwarden will be unable to carry on unless he has either a Sacristan or a second Churchwarden who is able to be present at least on a Sunday and a Secretary to the PCC who can deal with the online business that the Diocese expects these days. If you think you may be able to fill any of these roles contact Contact: Richard Preston, Churchwarden Tel: 01823 680216 or email: rfpreston21@gmail.com

Churches Housing Action Team: With lent here, CHAT are asking us to 'Give' not 'Give Up' as they run low during lent of certain things. They have asked if we can consider buying one of the following things each week during lent A tin of potatoes, A bag of dry rice, A litre/500ml carton long-life milk, A can of meat (turkey/ham/chicken), A can of meat stew or curry. chatmid.org

Services next Sunday: 17th March

Culmstock	9.30am	Holy Communion*	(CW)
Hemyock	11.15am	Holy Communion*	(CW)
Clayhidon	3.30pm	Evening Prayer	(BCP)

Please send notices to Hilary Clements, Parish Administrator
before 11am on Thursday. Email: ucvmission@gmail.com Tel: 07495 639 826