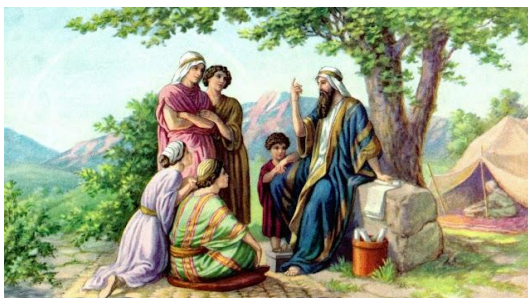


PARISH OF ST JAMES at ST ANDREW'S & ST BONIFACE
with St John's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School Academy
The Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon

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NEWSLETTER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6 September 2026



Parish Clergy:

Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
Revd Deacon Michael Tosh

Also resident in the Parish:

Revd Fr Paul Rea CRE (retired)
Revd Deacon Peter Found (retired)

Parish Secretary: Vacant

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September Prayer Intention



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network 

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, invites us to join him in prayer this month "for the care of

water". Water, he says, "quenches thirst, nourishes the earth, and heals wounds," as well as serving for Christians as a symbol of God's grace and love for us and our renewal in Baptism. "Forgive us for turning it into a commodity, forgetting that it is a universal gift, a right without borders, meant for all your children," he prays. "We see with pain so many brothers and sisters who lack clean water, who walk for miles to find it, who become ill due to its scarcity." Pope Leo goes on to pray that the Holy Spirit may make Christians "pilgrims of the essential," who are able to live simply and avoid all waste or pollution. He encourages us to defend everyone's right to water, so that all may drink "without fear and without inequality", concluding his prayer: "May our care for water be a sign of love for the Creator and a commitment to the lives of the poor, educating new generations to value and protect the Earth's resources". Go to <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/> to watch a video and pray along with the Holy Father.

Job Vacancy – Parish Secretary

The Diocese is recruiting a Parish Secretary for this parish, based at the rebuilt church of St John & St James in Tiverton, and reporting to the Parish Priest. The purpose of the role is to manage the administrative



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and secretarial support alongside the office resources to ensure the smooth running of the Parish and to enable the Parish Priest to carry out his ministry and parish responsibilities. If you have good knowledge of and experience using Microsoft Office applications, including Word, Outlook and Teams, along with excellent organisational skills and the ability to act as a key representative for the Diocese of Plymouth, the Diocese would love to hear from you.

- Hours: 16 hours a week (Tuesday-Friday)
- Location: St John & St James Church, 40 Old Road, Tiverton, EX16 4HJ
- Salary: £14.50 an hour
- Closing date: Wednesday 16 September 2026

To apply, please contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk to obtain an application form and job description. Applications are by covering letter and application form to recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk.

Parish Palestinian Support Group

Come along to St Andrew's hall this Tuesday 8 September at 7.00pm for a meeting of the Parish Palestine Support Group. The Group will be planning and asking for volunteers to help with two fundraising projects: 1) Knitted Squares, and 2) a Puddings for Peace evening. This year the aim is to raise funds for the Amos Project and more information about that will be given at the meeting.

First Holy Communion 2027

It is that time of year again for those parents with children in Year 3 or above to register them for preparation to receive the First Holy Communion in 2027. An application form is attached to the Newsletter, or a copy can be picked up at church.

Thank You Cream Tea for St Andrew's

As a big "Thank You" to the community of St Andrew's for welcoming and hosting us so warmly over the last two years, we will be holding a special Cream Tea for them in St Andrew's Hall next Saturday, 12 September, 2.00-4.00pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the entrance to church to give us an indication of the number for whom we need to cater.



Mass for Marriage 2026

Next Saturday, 12 September, at 12noon, Bishop Nicholas will be celebrating the annual Mass for Marriage at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface in Plymouth. Marriage enriches us all. All are welcome to come and take part, including those whose spouses are no longer with them here. Do let the diocese know your anniversaries or intentions, or your planned wedding date. Contact Deborah at deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk.

Trauma-Informed Practice in Faith Settings – Free Training Day

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team is hosting a new second training event on Saturday 31 October. This training day focuses on Trauma-Informed Practice within Faith Settings and is particularly aimed at anybody involved in working within ministry roles, but all are welcome if you have an interest in developing knowledge and understanding around this topic. The training is being held at St Boniface House on Saturday 31 October, 10.00am-4.30pm. Lunch is provided, and it is hoped to see as many of you there as possible! Click [here](#) to book a place.

200 Club

Canon Kristian will make the draw for September after the 6.00pm Mass this Saturday. If you would like one or more numbers in this parish fund raiser for as little as £1 a month, please let Simon Coombs or Sheelagh Bourdon know at St Andrew's or Siobhan Gilroy at St Boniface.

CHAT Sleepout September



CHAT is organising a sponsored Sleepout on Friday 18 September, 7.00pm onwards, at Tiverton Town Football Club, Ian Moorcroft Stadium, in Tiverton, to raise much needed funds for the people of Mid Devon. As Alison Padfield, CEO of CHAT says: *"For many people, a night on the streets is their 'normal'. While taking part in a sleepout for one night can't truly replicate that reality, it does help to gain a glimpse of the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness. The money raised really will change lives, so thank you, whether you are choosing to sleep out or supporting someone who is"*. Taking part is free (under 18's must attend with a responsible adult), but please get a ticket by going to <https://www.chatmid.org/events/sleepout-september-2026>, set up a JustGiving page or download a sponsorship form.

Parish Diary

Saturday 5 September – Weekday

- The Friends of St James and St Boniface, 9.00am in St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 6 September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at 11.30am

Monday 7 September - Weekday

- Singing to Remember at 2.00pm

Tuesday 8 September – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- Parish Palestinian Support Group, 7.00pm, St Andrew's Hall

Wednesday 9 September – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 10 September – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 11 September – Weekday

- Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am
- Holy Mass at 12noon
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm

Saturday 12 September – Weekday

- Thank You to St Andrew's Cream Tea, 2.00-4.00pm, St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 13 September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at 11.30am