



Four Ways Mission Community

St Michael East Buckland, St Paul Landkey, St James Swimbridge
with the Church of the Holy Name Gunn, St Peter West Buckland



Sunday 19th July 2026 - Trinity 7

Well done and thank you to everyone for such brilliant team-work at our community events in West Buckland Swimbridge. Gunn and Swimbridge folk have been working hard to get the Jumble Sale at St James Church ready for tomorrow. Do come along. We have a huge collection of excellent Jumble! Also a joy to see 7 Swifts regularly flying around the church.

Last Saturday a great West Buckland team organised a wonderful village fete, enjoyed by all. I was provided with an amazing bell tent for Wild Church, giving shade and a very pleasant breeze throughout. It was such a good event and place to meet and chat together. Looking at this photograph, I have been reminded of a scripture from the Old Testament book of Isaiah 54:2 (NIV):

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes". It is a call to prepare for growth, expand your vision, and deepen your faith to accommodate God's blessings.



The passage contains specific spiritual symbolism as prompts:



"Enlarge the place of your tent": Prepare mentally and spiritually for expansion. Do not limit your life to your current circumstances or past failures.

"Stretch your tent curtains wide": Increase your capacity to welcome others, dream bigger, and embrace new opportunities.

"Do not hold back": Give generously, step out in bold faith, and pursue the vision God has given you without hesitation.

"Lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes": While expanding your reach (lengthening cords), you must ensure your foundation is deeply rooted in truth and stability (strengthening stakes) so you can weather future challenges.

Next Saturday, we look forward to **Landkey Show and Fete**. Prayers for good team and work and fun including a Wild Church Tent, amongst the gazebos. With thanks and prayers for you all. *Cathy*

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THIS Saturday A Great SWIMBRIDGE JUMBLE SALE

**Saturday 18 July in St James Church,
2.30pm onwards
Fundraising for Swimbridge & Gunn
churches**

Sunday 19 July - Trinity 7

**9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge
10.30am Holy Communion, Landkey
11.15am Holy Communion, West Buckland**

LECTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 44: 6-8; Romans 8: 12-25;
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Collect for 7th Sunday after Trinity.

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sorry no Friday Church at West Buckland this week due to holidays. We resume on 21 August.

Sunday 26 July - Trinity 8

**9.30am Morning Praise, East Buckland
9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge
10.30am Holy Communion, Landkey**

LECTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 44: 6-8; Romans 8: 12-25;
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

NEXT Saturday Landkey Horticultural Society Show & Fete

Saturday 25 July, 1-6pm, Landkey Playing Field, Tanners Lane, Landkey.