



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 7th June 2026 - Trinity 1



Friday 5 June is designated as World Environment Day by the United Nations to raise awareness about environmental issues and encourage action to protect our planet.

[World Environment Day 2026 | WWF](#)

It is a clear reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable practices. Embedded in our Christian faith is the importance of respect and care of creation.

Very often it's children who inspire us in this area as they engage so readily and are open to learning about the environment and our planet. Primary schools now teach children about gardening and growing food. Recently when I've collected my grandchildren from school I've noticed there are countless tubs of plants of every description that have been grown from seeds sown by the children.



On Tuesday this week it was delightful to attend the grand opening of the Bean Wigwam at St James Church Streamside Garden. Swimbridge Pre-school children, encouraged by David Netherway have grown beans and other vegetables which have now been planted around the wigwam frame. I'm sure there will be more photographs to follow soon, including the flourishing plants.

The children also released butterflies into the garden that they had been watching develop from caterpillars. It was an exciting time for us all. As we pray for our Environment and Creation Care let us all keep the children and our local Pre-school nursery settings in our prayers.



With thanks and prayers for you all. *Cathy*

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Sunday 7 June - Trinity 1

9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge

10.30am Holy Communion, Landkey

11.15am Morning Praise

St Peter's Church, West Buckland

LECTIONARY READINGS

Hosea 5: 15 – 6: 6; Romans 4: 13-end;
Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Collect for 1st Sunday after Trinity

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love and to walk in
ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in
Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Sunday 14 June

9.30am Holy Communion, East Buckland

9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge

10.30am Holy Communion, Landkey

11am Holy Communion, Gunn

LECTIONARY READINGS

Genesis 18: 1-15; Romans 5: 1-8;
Matthew 9: 35-10:8

A prayer for the Environment

*by Revd Cate Williams, Environment Officer,
Diocese of Gloucester*

Creator God,
We acknowledge that as your handiwork,
we stand alongside all that you have made.
Trees and rivers, mountains and valleys,
soaring birds and scuttling creatures,
all are held within your care.
May we grow in our love and appreciation
for the fabulous variety around us;
and may our awe and wonder draw us closer
to the natural world, and through it to you,
the God of all things.
We pray in Jesus name, Amen.