Four Ways Mission Community

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

Sunday 10th May 2026 *Easter 6*

I wonder if you watch *BBC Songs of Praise* on Sunday afternoons or catch up on iPlayer. Last Sunday's programme focussed on modern hymn writers and the necessity of including song lyrics that speak into our world today. We all have our favourite hymns with words that have quite ancient and important origins, such as *Be Thou my Vision*, originating from 6th century Ireland. The hymn is as relevant as it ever was. The Wesleys wrote amazing hymns and the Victorians had a golden age of good theological hymn writing.

BBC Songs of Praise tapped into the need to encourage good theology and song/hymn writers in our own time, interviewing and including several modern hymn writers including Andy Flanagan and Graham Kendrick. Andy Flanagan is leading the worship at Exeter Cathedral for the Diocesan Thy Kingdom Come service on Pentecost Sunday at 6pm.

The Church of England ordination service Declaration of Assent includes the call to church and minsters *to proclaim the Gospel afresh in each generation.* Our contemporary songs are part of this as we seek to grow in faith and reach every generation through worship.

Locally, St Peter's West Buckland are planning and looking forward to encouraging a monthly **Friday evening worship time at 6pm. Starting this month on Friday 22nd May**. It will include contemporary worship and learning some new songs. This is for everyone of all ages, with music led by Nigel. Do come along on Friday 22nd May if you would like to learn some new songs and be part of this. We hope a regular pattern of 4th Fridays will soon emerge. Next month – 6pm on Friday 26th June. Please do pray that this will be good outreach that proclaims the gospel afresh to every generation.

Next Thursday we look forward to the welcome return of West Buckland School Chapel Choir for the Mission Community Ascension Day Service at St James Church Swimbridge, 6pm. Do come, if you can.

with thanks and prayers for you all.

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Alleluia! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Sunday 10th May – *Easter 6*

9.30am Holy Commuion, East Buckland

9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge

10.30am Holy Communion, Landkey
11am Holy Communion, Gunn

LECTIONARY READINGS

Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-end;
John 14: 15-21

Collect – *Easter 6*

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Sunday 17th May – *Easter 7*
Sunday after Ascension

9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge

10.30am Family Service with Baptism of Sidney Gratton, Landkey

11.15am Holy Communion, West Buckland

LECTIONARY READINGS

Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4-12, 5: 6-11;
John 17: 1-11