



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 13th and 20th September 2026 2 week newsletter



Our Mission Community churchyards and church gardens are beautiful places to appreciate God's Creation. As we journey through the Season of Creation it's important to focus on encouraging healthy community and environmental practices. *Caring for God's Acre* is an excellent Christian charity which has a good website and resources which we are starting to use within the Mission Community.

[Caring For God's Acre – the conservation charity for burial grounds across the UK – Protecting Wildlife, Preserving Heritage, Involving People](#)



Our churchyards and churches are also places of incredible local Heritage which we celebrate this Saturday 12 September with a National Heritage Open Day at Swimbridge and Landkey churches.

Both churches are promoted on the National Heritage Day website. [Homepage](#)
These free events are designed to dovetail, enabling visitors to visit both Swimbridge and Landkey churches on Saturday.



ST JAMES CHURCH, SWIMBRIDGE has a focus on the fascinating stories of some of the hundreds of people buried here in past centuries. Including Rev John Russell, breeder of the first Jack Russell Terrier, with many more everyday people who lived and worked here including generations of the Yeo family. Thank you to David, Janet, Philip and the team for organising and researching for this event.

SWIMBRIDGE Heritage Open Day - Morning event
Guided tours at St James Swimbridge churchyard from 10.30am to 12 noon. Refreshments. Church open until 4pm.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, LANDKEY welcomes Michael Gee who will show us some hidden features of the church including the Acland Chapel and the Squint.

LANDKEY Heritage Open Day - Afternoon event
at St Paul's Landkey 1pm to 4.30pm
including a new talk by local historian Michael Gee 'Invisible in Plain Sight'. You are invited to bring your binoculars to see the marvellous bosses on the church barrel roof!. Thank you to Michael and the Landkey team for enabling this event.
Talk & tour 2-3pm. Refreshments. Cream Teas from 3pm.

Do take the opportunity to come along and invite others on Saturday. Donations for the Historic Churches Trust.

With many thanks and prayers for you all. Cathy

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CANDLE RECYCLING - fundraising for the GOOD LIVING CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP in Bideford
Please save any candle stubs from home or church and either take them into Good Living Bookshop, which is run by local Christian volunteers - or pass them onto Cathy who will gather them to take into the shop.

Sunday 13th September – Trinity 15
9.30am Holy Communion, East Buckland
9.30am Morning Prayer, Swimbridge
10.30am Holy Communion, Landkey
11am Holy Communion, Gunn
LECTIONARY READINGS
Genesis 50: 15-21; Romans 14: 1-12;
Matthew 18: 21-35

Collect for Trinity 15
Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. . Amen.

Friday 18th to Sunday 20th September
LANDKEY HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL

All things bright and beautiful
St Paul's Church, Landkey
Church Open Fri-Sat 11-4. Sun 10.30-3.

Sunday 20th September – Trinity 16
9.30am Holy Communion, Swimbridge
10.30am Harvest Service, Landkey
11.15am Holy Communion, West Buckland
LECTIONARY READINGS
Jonah 3:1- to end of 4; Philippians 1: 21-end;
Matthew 20: 1-16

Collect for Trinity 16
Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.