

CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON

GOOD NEWS FROM THE
DIOCESE OF EXETER SEPTEMBER 2016

St Matthias being launched at a Holy Trinity Brompton Focus Week. Olly is joined by Nicky Gumbel, Bishop Sarah and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby

RESOURCING CHURCH in Plymouth

A **N EXCITING** new development in church life in Plymouth is being launched this month as a Resource Church opens its doors. Resource is a national initiative which aims to create city centre hubs to serve, resource and encourage the church for growth. It will do this through planting new churches, supporting existing churches, delivering high quality training and inspiring social transformation initiatives.

In February Olly Ryder was appointed as Priest-in-Charge of St Matthias Church, North Hill to begin work and to make connections with all the other churches in Plymouth and the South West. The church will officially



launch at a big event at 5.30pm on Sunday 25 September.

Olly said: "We want to play our part to help everyone to experience what it is to come to know God. God is very much alive and loves people and loves life.

"We want to help people and encourage them in all areas of their lives; to come alongside them in the heavy stuff of life. We want to work out how Church can best bring hope, life and joy."

The Bishop of Plymouth, Nick McKinnel said: "I am delighted to welcome Olly and our new Resource Church to Plymouth which will be a great addition to the churches that we already have here."

A **NEW** gargoyle in the shape of a Bishop's mitre has been unveiled by Bishop Sarah, marking her appointment as the first woman bishop in Devon.

The new gargoyle on the church of St Mary, Aylesbeare replaces one lost from the church decades ago, and joins the three remaining gargoyles

Bishop Sarah unveils NEW GARGOYLE

on the 15th century tower. It was designed to mark the appointment of Bishop Sarah Mullally as the new bishop of Crediton in 2015. She was the first woman bishop in the South West, and the fourth in the country as a whole.



Please pray for all those to be ordained as deacons and priests in our diocese this month:

Those being ordained Deacon on Sunday 11th September in Exeter Cathedral by Bishop Robert:

- **PHILLIP BROKENSHERE**
Benefice of Holy Trinity Exeter
- **BEVERLEY CREE**
Benefice of Plymouth Emmanuel, St Paul Efford and St Augustine
- **ROBERT DENSMORE**
Benefice of Upton (St Mary Magdalene)
- **HELEN DREVER**
Benefice of Crediton, Shobrooke, and Sandford with Upton Hellions
- **ROBERT FOWLER**
Benefice of Charles with St Matthias
- **JANE HAYES**
Benefice of Parkham, Alwington, Buckland Brewer, Hartland, Welcombe, Clovelly, Woolfardisworthy West, Bucks Mills and Lundy
- **STEVEN JONES**
Benefice of Totnes with Bridgetown, Berry Pomeroy, Dartington with Brooking, Marldon, Stoke Gabriel, Ashprington and Cornworthy
- **PENNY LAWSON**
Benefice of South Molton with Nymet Saint George, High Bray, Charles, Filleigh, Warkleigh with Satterleigh, Chittlehamholt, Kingsnympton, North Molton with Twitchen, and Chittlehampton with Umberleigh
- **ADAM PRICE**
Benefice of St Budeaux
- **CATHY SCOFFIELD**
Benefice of Barnstaple
- **CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR**
Benefice of Plymouth Emmanuel, St Paul Efford and St Augustine
- **SUSAN TUCKER**
Benefice of Tavistock, Gulworthy and Brent Tor
- **STEPHEN YATES**
Benefice of St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity (Torquay)

Those to be ordained priest during the weekend of 24/25 September in locations around the diocese:

- **REVD DAVID BOND**
Kingsbridge and Dodbrooke
- **REVD CARL BUDDEN**
Eggbuckland
- **REVD MURRAY ALDRIDGE-COLLINS**
Ilfracombe, Lee, Woolacombe, Bittadon and MorteheoRobert
- **REVD LEON CATALLO**
Plymouth Saint Andrew and Saint Paul Stonehouse
- **REVD RUTH FRAMPTON**
Salcombe and Malborough with South Huish
- **REVD CLIVE JOBBINS**
Winkleigh Mission Community
- **REVD DR STEVEN MARTIN**
Tavistock, St Paul Gulworthy & Brent Tor
- **REVD BRYANT SANDERS MBE**
South Molton Mission Community
- **REVD CHRISTOPHER DURRANT**
Exeter St David
- **REVD JANE FROST**
Totnes Mission Community
- **REVD ANNE FUTCHER**
Colyton, Musbury, Southleigh and Branscombe
- **REVD PETER INGERSLEV**
Topsham and Wear
- **REVD NATHAN KIYAGA**
Upton (Saint Mary Magdalene)
- **REVD JEAN LOVEDAY**
Combe Martin, Berrynarbor, Lynton, Brendon, Countisbury, Parracombe, Martinhoe and Trentishoe
- **REVD PROFESSOR MORWENNA LUDLOW**
Exeter Cathedral
- **REVD CAROLINE RABY**
Heanton Punchardon with Marwood and West DownRevd Pam WheelerBrixham Mission Community
- **REVD LEIGH WINSBURY**
Bideford Mission Community

PILGRIM *on a journey*

FOLLOWING A CAREER as a solicitor and having journeyed through grief following the death of two of their children, Nick Shutt responded to God's call to ordination and is now Rector of the West Dartmoor Mission Community.

Nick and his wife Corinne were left devastated over their loss and they realised that there are no easy answers where suffering is concerned.

He said: "In the midst of our grief we found it hard to cope with those who seemed to want to turn our tragedy into something good. I learned that faith is sometimes a

matter of gritting your teeth and echoing the man in the Gospel who shouted 'I believe, forgive my unbelief.'"

Nick had been involved in church youth work for many years and following conversations with his then rector decided to explore the path to ordained ministry. What became clear to Nick in the process is his belief in self-supporting ministry.

He said: "I am a passionate believer in self-supporting ministry and I continued with my legal career."

Only later, following retirement from law, did Nick become a full-time minister (still unpaid) in the Yelverton Team Ministry

and although taking on a challenging role is positive about the experience. He said: "It has been a bumpy road... but on the whole it has been an amazing journey."

He adds: "I love the image of us being pilgrims who journey with purpose. It is very fitting for a place like Dartmoor which is littered with wayside crosses and ancient trackways previously used by pilgrims."

And it is Nick's vision of us as God's people that he finishes with: "Our God-given lives are precious and it would be good to see more people embrace the fact that Christ came so that we might enjoy abundant life."

Nick with Willow, their new 14 week old Cocker Spaniel puppy



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Open the doors of faith

AT THE BEGINNING OF MAY I had the great joy of sharing with some friends in a pilgrimage to Rome as part of the celebrations of a recent significant birthday. The city is in the midst of a Jubilee Year of Mercy, announced by Pope Francis just over a year ago.

The first thing that struck me as I wandered round the city wasn't the number of pilgrims but the hugely increased security since my last visit four years ago. Every metro station, tourist site, government building and religious site was guarded by armed forces personnel: a very visual sign of the real fear of a terrorist attack in the Eternal City.

It's very easy when we are faced with images of terror attacks, be they in Europe or around the world, to retreat to a world of fear to close our lives off from what is frightening, from what is different. But the Jubilee Year reminded me that as Christians and as the Church we are called not to close ourselves off to the world but to be open and welcoming.

One of the features of any Jubilee Year is the door. All over the world churches have opened a door named the Door of Mercy. This is especially so in Rome where the major basilicas have a door which is normally sealed but only opened during a Jubilee. An open and welcoming sign in the midst of fear and protection.

In his announcement of the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis began with the words,

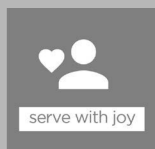
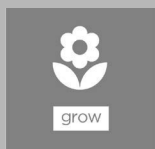


'Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy' and reminded his hearers that the Psalmist proclaims that 'God's mercy endures for evermore' (Ps 136). The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us and we are commended to be merciful as those to whom mercy has been shown.


In the midst of an increasingly terrorised world, with the necessary security that entails, the role of the church is to throw open the doors of faith ever wider, to proclaim ever more loudly over the clamour of a violent world the message of the mercy and love of God and to make real and apparent that love and mercy in our own lives and the life of his world.

**THE VEN IAN CHANDLER
ARCHDEACON OF PLYMOUTH**

This article was written before the murder of the Catholic priest Pere Jacques in northern France. Please continue to pray for all at the church and for the people of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray.



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