

North Dartmoor Parishes
(Whiddon Team Ministry)
Diocese of Exeter

Child and family services



PLEASE TAKE AND KEEP

Spring – Autumn 2024

This document has been compiled by the churchwardens, clergy, lay readers and those involved in supporting children within the parishes, to provide an outline of services and events which may be of interest to you and your child(ren) across the North Dartmoor Parishes for the period March – October 2024. *If you have been given a hard copy, the online version will be kept updated, and for any queries, please get in touch via the email links indicated for the particular church(es).*

Whether you are looking for a weekly service, an occasional 'event', or considering baptism for your child, we would like to let you know about services which might be of interest in helping you and your child(ren) grow in faith and be part of the church family, wherever you live within the Benefice. Every family has a different pattern that works for them, and there is no right or best way. What is important is that you are aware of what is going on across the parishes and can make the right choices for you. This resource includes family related services, from birth through to 16. This is by no means exhaustive but is offered as signposting for you.

Please get in touch if we can be of further help, or if you have suggestions to improve this information. It is a work in progress, and, over the course of time, further information will be added to it. Details of the contact details for each group of churches are on the back of the leaflet or at the bottom online.

Key to symbols used by each church



regular family friendly services or activities



baby change



toilet



toys & books



Christingle Service – supporting The Children’s Society



disabled access (inc toilet) - have only included this if there is step free access and a disabled toilet – most churches have ramps & other means to assist with access for disabled people, please enquire for details where we have not included the disabled symbol

St Michael & All Angels, Chagford



Regular Family Friendly Services or Activities

Little Angels (Toddler group) on Friday mornings 09:30-11am in the church. The group is run by two volunteers per session. Children with parent(s) /carers are welcome for songs and dance, bible stories, toys and games and refreshments.

Family Breakfast

The **Family Breakfast** continues on the second Sunday of the month, held in *Jubilee Hall*. It starts at 09:30 with refreshments-coffee, tea, croissants and jam, pain au chocolat and fruit. Seated in groups around small tables, this service is an opportunity to share and discuss some of the points from the talk/ sermon.

The March breakfast is on Mothering Sunday, 10th March, when Sharon Blyth, Children and Families Mission Enabler will lead the service. It’s a service where the children from Chagford School are warmly invited to attend with their families. Each monthly service is publicised with the specific theme about a fortnight ahead. All are warmly welcomed.

St Michael’s links with Chagford Primary school and holds services for Christmas, Easter and the end of term, in liaison with the Lead Teacher

More Occasional Family Friendly Services

Sunday 10th March Mothering Sunday, 09:30am, Jubilee Hall,
Family Breakfast

March 31st 9.30am Easter Day Family Communion

Youth Project: chagfordyouth@gmail.com

The Youth worker is Ellie Head who started in August 2023

- Year 7-8 afterschool club Endecott House Tuesday 4-6.
- Drama group St Michael's Church Wednesday 7.30-9.
- Folklore Cafe Year 9-10 cafe Thursday 4-6.

Youth Project April Adventure: walking pilgrimage Gidleigh to
Belstone April 9, back over the moor April 10.

Please contact Ellie for further information or see the website

[About the Project - Chagford Youth](#)

Holy Trinity, Drewsteignton

Regular Family Friendly Services or Activities

Family Service at 5pm on 1st Sunday of the Month + Food

More occasional Family Friendly Services

Mothering Sunday 10th March: Big Breakfast 9.30am with short
service at 11.15am

March 31st 11.15am Easter Day Family Communion & Easter Egg
Hunt

Pet Service organised ad hoc on Family Service Day.

St. Andrew's, Hittisleigh

Those of all ages are very welcome at any of our services and at
the regular events in the village hall

More Occasional Family Friendly Services

March 10th 11.15am Mothering Sunday Family Service

St Michael's, Spreyton

Those of all ages are very welcome at any of our services

More Occasional Family Friendly Services

March 10th 11.15am Mothering Sunday Service

Holy Trinity, Gidleigh

Those of all ages are very welcome at any of our services

More Occasional Family Friendly Services at

March 10th 11.15am Mothering Sunday Family Communion
Harvest

Christmas linked with, and at St. Mary's Throwleigh*

St. Mary's, Throwleigh

Those of all ages are very welcome at any of our services.

More Occasional Family Friendly Services

Look out for notices about events

St Andrew's, South Tawton toilet in Church House next door

Those of all ages are very welcome at any of our services

St Andrew's has close links with the school, brownies and scouts who come into church to join in and have their own services.

Open the Book has recently started in the Primary school. More details to follow in the next edition!

More Occasional Family Friendly Services

March 10th 10am Mothering Sunday Service

March 31st 11.15am Easter Day Family Communion with a craft and Easter Trail earlier starting at Church House

Harvest Festival

St Mary's, South Zeal

Those of all ages are very welcome at any of our services.

More Occasional Family Friendly Services

Christmas

St John the Baptist, North Bovey 🧸💣

Those of all ages are very welcome at any of our services .

More Occasional Family Friendly Services

March 10th 9.30am Mothering Sunday Family Service

March 31st 9.30am Easter Day Family Communion

October 6th 6pm Harvest Festival

St. Andrew's, Moretonhampstead 🧸🚽💣

Work with younger people is done in conjunction with Moretonhampstead Community Church

The Rector goes into the school regularly to take assemblies
Open Doors (refreshments & activities for all ages – free!) is held on a Saturday 2 / 3 times a year

A St George's Day Service is held in association with The Scouts.

More Occasional Family Friendly Services

March 10th 9.30am Mothering Sunday Family Service

March 31st 9.30am Easter Day Family Communion

April 21st 11am St Georges Day Service with The Scouts

September 22nd 11am Harvest Festival + pasties on The Sentry

Doccombe Chapel

Those of all ages are very welcome at all our services which currently are Harvest Festival (Oct 27th 6pm) and a Carol Service

St Winifred's, Manaton

Regular Family Friendly Services / Activities

All age service every second Sunday at 11am (except Nov)

More occasional Family Friendly Services

March 10th 11am Mothering Sunday Family Service

March 31st 11am Easter Day Family Communion

September 8th 11am Pet Service

October 20th 11am Harvest Festival Communion

St John the Baptist, Lustleigh

The church has close connections with Orchard Pre-School

More occasional Family Friendly Services

March 10th 11am Mothering Sunday Family Service

July 7th 11am Pet Service

September 15th 6pm Harvest Festival

St Andrew's, Sampford Courtenay

Those of all ages are very welcome at any of our services, the most family-friendly service is 1st Sunday at 9:30am - Lay led morning worship.

More occasional Family Friendly Service

March 10th 9.30am Mothering Sunday Family Communion

St Peter's, North Tawton

Regular Family Friendly Services / Activities

All 11am Sunday services are family friendly, on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays we have groups for children and youth and the 3rd Sunday is an all-age service. The service style is informal band-led worship, except for the 4th Sunday which is our traditional service with music from the organ.

Thursday 9-11am Little Fishes Toddler Group (inc. holidays)
Mortimer Room, St Peter's Church, North Tawton EX20 2EX
Links to North Tawton Primary School - assemblies, visits to church, special services in church.

Three-day holiday club at Easter for church and community.

Details here : [Children's & Youth Work | ST PETER'S CHURCH NORTH TAWTON \(stpetersnorthtawton.org.uk\)](http://stpetersnorthtawton.org.uk)

More occasional Family Friendly Services

March 10th: 11am Mothering Sunday Family Service

March 31st: 11am Easter Family Service with Communion

Other family services at 11am on 21/4, 19/5, 16/6, 21/7, 18/8

St Mary's, Honeychurch

Those of all ages are very welcome at any of our services

St James the Apostle, Bondleigh 🧸

Those of all ages are very welcome at any of our services



A Word About Baptism

All our churches welcome children and adults to come forward for Baptism. For infants and young children Baptism is sometimes referred to as Christening



A Baptism, or Christening, is the first step on a journey of faith when a person, often a baby or child, is welcomed into the family of the church and the parents and godparents undertake to guide the young person to a life of faith.

The Baptism will take place within the framework of regular worship so that the wider congregation also bears witness to the event and will offer prayers for the family and godparents.

It is not exclusively babies and infants who come for Baptism; often adults wish to make the commitment for themselves.

If you would like more information on baptism, please visit: <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/christenings>

To make first contact about Baptism in any of these parishes, please e mail the contact for your parish on the back of this leaflet.

Looking for something else?



Or have you got any suggestions about what you would like to see in our next edition due in the autumn – do get in touch, our contact details are on the back page and we will make sure that we put you in touch with the most appropriate person

Or you may wish to write down or draw out what you would like to see

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin green border, intended for the user to write or draw their response to the prompt above.

Send us a photo of what you have written or drawn

Want To Get In Touch?

For any enquires about children's work, baptism (christenings) or anything else in these parishes; please use the e mail contacts below – if they cannot answer a specific query, then they will pass it on to someone who can help

For the churches at **Chagford, Drewsteignton, Hittisleigh, Spreyton, Gidleigh, Throwleigh, South Tawton or South Zeal**, please get in touch with Charlie, the Whiddon Administrator whiddonparishes@hotmail.com

For the churches at, **Moretonhampstead, Doccombe, North Bovey, Manaton or Lustleigh**, please get in touch with Guy, the Moreton Administrator moretonbenefice@gmail.com

For the churches at, **North Tawton, Sandford Courtenay, Bondleigh or Honeychurch**, please get in touch with Wes, the North Tawton Parish Worker wesleycutler@hotmail.co.uk

Clergy Team

The Rt Rev'd Nick McKinnel – Priest- in- Charge (from 1st May 2024)

The Rev'd Dr Harriet Every – Associate Minister Whiddon Team

The Rev'd Preb Sue Sheppard – Associate Minister Moreton Group

The Rev'd David Spence – Team Vicar North Tawton Group

The Rev'd Rita Bullworthy – Assistant Minister North Tawton Group