

From your Rector

5th Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

I hope this week's letter finds you well. Last week we were given the wonderful news that The Revd. Robert Gordon, currently serving in Tiverton, will be coming to join us in the Crediton Rural Ministry Hub. Robert will be based in the Rectory at Morchard Bishop but will offer a specialist ministry right across the parishes which comprise the Hub. Robert will be licensed by Bishop Jackie on the 14th of July and I very much hope that as many parishes from the Hub as possible will be able to be represented at that service.

This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of Lent and is sometimes called Passion Sunday. In a sense, Lent steps up a gear as we focus our thoughts on Jesus' Passion and the upcoming events of Holy Week. Jesus asks us to journey with him and some ways of doing this are by prayer, by doing some spiritual reading and scripture is always a good place to start and perhaps by fasting as well. I am sure we will remember last year when Passiontide was kept in isolation and we were not able to worship together during Holy Week and Easter. Fortunately, this year at least some of our churches will be open for public worship.

As we enter Passiontide, I hope that perhaps we can set aside some extra time to focus on Christ and especially on his journey to the Cross because it is only through the power of the Cross that we can experience true Resurrection.

With my love and prayers and good wishes

Your friend and Rector

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