



THE CHURCH OF ST MATTHEW COLDRIDGE

May 2024 - Events and Services at St. Matthew's Coldridge

Thursday 9th May Ascension Day – 7pm, Zeal Monachorum

The whole Mission Community is invited to celebrate Ascension Day at the Church of St Peter the Apostle in Zeal Monachorum.

This beautiful Devon church dates from the 12th century. Its purple-basalt Norman font was reinstated in 1853 after being found in the graveyard!

On this day we commemorate the miraculous event, forty days after Easter, when the risen Christ appeared before the grieving apostles and told them to remain in Jerusalem and await the coming of the Holy Spirit.



"The Ascension", Benjamin West (1801)

After he had spoken, Christ was swept up in cloud and taken to Heaven.

The observance of this Feast of Ascension is of great antiquity, and dates from at least the 4th century.

Sunday 12th May Morning Prayer - 10.30 am.

This service is led by a member of our lay community. Refreshments served after the service.

Monday 13th Church Café 2.30 - 4pm

Come and enjoy a piece of homemade cake and a chat!



Sunday 19th Holy Communion - Revd Peter Rapsey 10.30am

On this day, also called Pentecost or Whitsunday, we commemorate the moment when the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles.

After gathering in Jerusalem for nine days of continuous prayer, the apostles heard a sound like roaring wind, saw flames of fire around their heads and miraculously gained the power to preach Christ's message in many languages. The Holy Spirit is one of the most mysterious and debated elements in Christian theology.



"The Descent of the Holy Spirit", Mikhail Vrubel (1885)

"The cross grants us position, the Holy Spirit gives us experience."

Watchman Nee, Chinese church leader