

Mission Community of Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury and Broadhempston with Woodland

Dear Friends,

Since I last wrote there has been a lot going on in our churches; plans for a major renovation project at Broadhempston, the bell appeal continuing in Denbury and the boilers packing up and being replaced in Ipplepen. All this requires a great deal of work by dedicated individuals to keep our churches going and in good condition so, as we approach our Annual Meetings I want to say a huge thank you to all involved in keeping our churches shining beacons in their communities and in our mission community.

But what of Woodland, you might ask. Well, not major works but huge changes. Since 1938 Broadhempston with Woodland has been a single parish. The history of how they came together is fascinating and not without intrigue – some of you may even

remember before that. For most people that means a close relationship between the

two churches but recently we discovered that administratively that relationship has not been on a proper footing. I will spare you the detail, suffice it to say that we have asked the Diocese to separate Broadhempston and Woodland into two separate parishes. That important bond of love and respect will remain but the change will enable both parishes to operate from a stronger vantage point. Both churches will remain in the mission community but we will just do business slightly differently. Why then, you



## The Doghouse - continued

may ask, are you telling us this? Well, apart from being honest and transparent it just shows how much 'stuff' goes on that most people are unaware of. (You only have to be involved in asking the Diocese for 'planning permission' for new boilers to know what I mean!) I have today written my letter to the parishes for their magazines and reminded them that we receive no funding from the central church or government. I just want people to appreciate what we are and what we stand for, before they lose that important village asset, their church.

In the run up to Easter we have started a new and important initiative – we are delivering an “Experience Easter” afternoon to all three schools in their local churches. It is exciting but scary as it involves a lot of work and even more faith. Pray that these children – our children – may come to know a little more about Jesus at this time of Lent and Easter. And, at the same time, but thinking ahead, let us pray that our communities use this time to appreciate the presence of the church for them and the good news of Jesus Christ in their lives.

In case that all seems a little down beat then now is a good time to celebrate what we do as we approach our Annual Meetings – as we remember Christ's resurrection, so we must celebrate the good that comes from our

struggles – the monthly communion service at Ipplepen that has very successfully moved to the Wellington Inn, the Thursday service that has been hosted by the Methodist Church and the Sunday services in the hall where it is warm. That is just Ipplepen but each church can celebrate where new life has risen from the ashes – Denbury's Wednesday service in the Cottage, Broadhempston's highly successful gig and a new future for concerts in the church, and Woodland's Snowdrop Lunch which attracted so many locals, to name just a few.

On 30<sup>th</sup> April we will come together as a mission community, and joined by the Methodist congregation, at Ipplepen Village Hall for café-style worship. It is new, something I've wanted to try for some time. We will have hymns, readings and prayers but also newspapers, croissants and bacon butties as we join together informally in worship. Guest singer will be Nancy Day who will share her story and music with us. Please come. For those wanting communion there will be an 8.00am BCP communion service at Ipplepen.

Thank you for all you do and for being the Body of Christ in your communities and together in our mission community.

God bless you all.

Peter

### Archbishop Ramsey wrote:

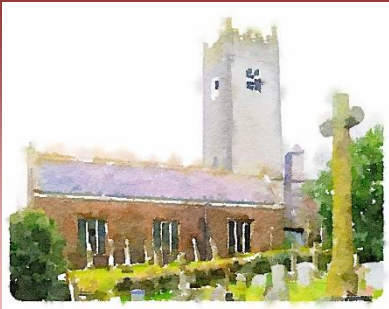
“What is needed from each of us today is what I call ‘an expectant faith’. In order to receive the gifts of God, we must expect them, be open to them. And in the measure that we are ‘expectantly’ open to him, the Holy Spirit can accomplish all those wonders that we read about at the beginning of the Church. Each one of us needs that expectant faith.

*Elizabeth Burdon*



## News from Woodland

St. John the  
Baptist



What a magnificent year it has been so far for early spring bulbs. I don't think that I have ever seen so many snowdrop flowers growing around our parish or been able to appreciate before the range of different varieties living in different areas. I quite miss the delicate flowers and their powerful scent now that they are over but the daffodils are looking to be even more numerous and I am certainly seeing them growing wild in hedgerows where they haven't been before. To celebrate such a cheerful indicator that spring is on its way, a large number of us gathered together for a Snowdrop Luncheon in the village hall one Sunday in February.

With a wide variety of lovely home cooked food and a great chance to socialise, there were calls to make this a regular feature on our village calendar. Look out again for this event next year!

In the nearer future there are many other events to look forward to in our village. As well as the usual Easter festivities and our monthly library and coffee mornings there is a coffee morning being held at Lake Farm on 18<sup>th</sup> March to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support (such a worthy charity who do so much to help support sufferers and their families through such a hard time) and an open day and beer festival being held at The Rising Sun on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April. I don't know many details but I believe that there may also be a bouncy castle and barbeque so please do contact them for more information. I hope that they have good weather for it to show their pub garden at its best.

*Helen Pearse*



*The Snowdrop Luncheon*



## News from Denbury

### St. Mary the Virgin



Sandwiched between the great festivals of Christmas and Easter, this period of the church's year is usually a quieter and more reflective time. With the start of Lent several of the congregation of St. Mary the Virgin have signed up to attend the Lent course meetings held at Ipplepen each Monday. Previous courses have been thought provoking and inspirational and this year's pilgrim course entitled "Church and Kingdom" promises to continue the trend.

Visitors to the church might notice the star set up above the Nativity crib at Christmas still in situ above the altar with no visible means of support! Although this would normally be removed following Epiphany, it was felt the star looked so impressive that it would remain in church on view for the time being.

The Bell Restoration appeal continues to progress well. Funds donated and pledged total just over 50% of our target of £120,000. A very positive meeting at the church was held recently involving representatives of the Diocesan faculty committee, and architects and surveyors from several historical organisations who have an interest in the church, and whose input is required as part of our faculty application for the project. Russ Palmer, our church architect, led the group on a tour of the tower and discussed the plans in detail. The proposed work was well received and we are hopeful that our faculty application, which is now well advanced, will pass for approval comfortably.

Still on the subject of bells, Steve Bassett and Russ Palmer recently lifted a couple of the floorboards on the second floor of the tower to enable Russ to take some detailed measurements. They were surprised to find a number of newspapers dated 1941 plus tins of powdered milk and eggs and other ration period foodstuffs together with some plates bearing the remnants of meals. Possibly some workmen doing repairs during wartime found the climb to the ground floor to throw away their empties too much of an effort!

However they got there, the papers etc. are an interesting link to a former period in the church's history and no doubt will be useful to both church and village archivists.

It makes you wonder what will be found when the hatchways are cut through the tower floors to remove the bells when the restoration work starts; hopefully not the remains of a lunch from the 14th century!

An open meeting has been arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> April to discuss plans for the celebration of the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church (September 2018) and some very interesting ideas are already emerging.

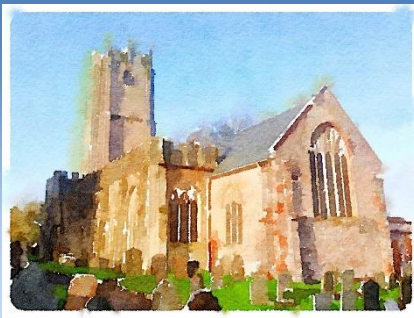
We look forward now to our Lent lunch on 18<sup>th</sup> March with proceeds to go to the Homeless in Teignbridge charity, and Mothering Sunday communion on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

*Mike Bray*



## News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



As spring is now upon us, it is lovely to see the Churchyard brightly filled with daffodils and to start feeling the warmth of the sunshine. It will also be good to have a warm church again when the new boilers are installed; however having services in the Church Hall has been challenging but also enjoyably different. Many people have expressed how they liked the cosiness and intimacy of being in a smaller space and the hymn singing has sounded particularly good.

On Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Candlemas communion marking the end of Christmas combined with a Christingle service. Everyone was given their decorated orange but advised by Rev. Peter not to light the candle in the hall but to light them later in the safety of their home.

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February the bells rang out for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, on the occasion of the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her accession. The following evening the communion service commemorating the Queen's accession took place in the welcoming Wellington Inn. This may have

seemed unusually different but we all found it an uplifting experience. Afterwards we were able to enjoy a drink, meal and chat together.

The monthly lay-led service was introduced and led by Jo Innes-Lumsden who welcomed back Ruth Bettesworth. She gave us a thought provoking address. Afterwards we listened to Dr. Tom Morris who sang beautifully in Welsh which was much appreciated, and he was accompanied by Marilyn Ellis.

Our Ash Wednesday Service on March 1<sup>st</sup> was held in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Rev. Peter and Rev. Anne marked a cross with ashes on the forehead of each member of the congregation. These ashes come from the burning of palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday service and mixed with oil.

Each Wednesday during Lent at 7pm in church there is a service of Compline lasting half an hour. This is a quiet lay-led service with readings, an address or meditation, and prayer with appropriate reflective music.

We look forward to our 'Mothering Sunday' Service on March 26<sup>th</sup> and the Palm Sunday mission community procession and service on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Woodland. Also there will be services on Maundy Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April with foot washing, a family service and procession of witness on Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, then the wonderful Easter Sunday with the Easter Eve vigil service at Denbury followed by communion on Easter Day at St. Andrew's.

Marilyn Clark

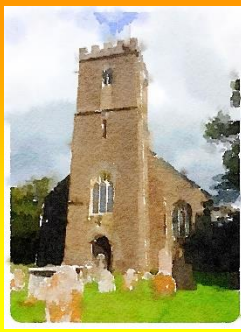
## Choristers' Prayer

The following prayer is said before every choir practice at St. Andrew's.

*Bless O Lord your servants who minister in your temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts and that what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



For our Church a quiet time at the moment and then before we know it Easter is upon us. Our small but faithful 'band of pilgrims' come to Sunday services and I am sure we all go away feeling better for a time of worship and also meeting up for a chat with each other. We are lucky that even though we only have a small congregation it is made up from a very wide range of ages, from three to ninety which keep services lively.

Restoration work on the church is starting in March with the re-rendering of the south wall, the start of much needed improvements with a lot more to come.

One of the highlights for March was bringing 'Experience Easter' to the three schools in our Mission. I am sure details and photos of this will be printed in this edition of The Beacon. When Peter approached a small

group of us with his "exciting idea" there must have been a few groans, mine included! However it all proved to be well worth doing and much enjoyed all round. So well done and thank you Peter!

Broadhempston village life is certainly very active with much going on all around us.

You never know what is coming up next; one mystery to me is a new class of QUIGONG with RAMIN at the village hall. Please can anyone tell me what it is?

Spring is in the air, the days are getting longer, the gardens and hedgerows full of flowers a great reminder of new life and what Easter will bring to us all.

From Broadhempston we wish you all a very happy and uplifting Easter.

*Pam Perriman*

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The gig we featured in the last edition of The Beacon took place in the church on 18<sup>th</sup> February and was a great success. Both performers, Tristan Mackay and Ben Morgan-Brown, are accomplished guitarists/singer-songwriters and were very well received by an audience of over 100. We were gratified to receive the following message from Ben after the event, "Probably the most perfect gig I've ever had the chance to play - a beautiful venue, wonderful audience, gracious hosts and stunning acoustics and sound. "What more is there to say except watch this space for more events to come!

Last time we also wrote about the restoration plans for the church. The PCC will be holding an **Open Day** in the church on **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April** with display stands showing the extent of the work required, the possible cost and potential funding sources. Most importantly, we will also present proposals for wider and more active community use of the building. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available and PCC members will be on hand to answer questions.

*Chris Parker*

# The Kenya Orthopaedic Project – “Sharing skills, transforming lives”



*The double operating theatre*

Foreign Aid projects frequently divide opinion here in the UK – why should we support charities working overseas when there is so much unmet need here at home? This has been drawn into sharp focus recently with government foreign aid budgets being reduced or controversially exchanged for trade deals.

The Kenya Orthopaedic Project (KOP) is now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, having been set up by Dr Lucy Obolensky back in 2008. Whilst working in Torquay and living in Coombe Fishacre, Lucy persuaded a team of surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and other healthcare workers from around the South West to give up their own time to spend 10 days operating in rural Kenya where there was a paucity of trauma care available.

The project aims to work collaboratively with government hospitals in Kenya to enhance the delivery of trauma and orthopaedic care and services. We work closely with local doctors and nurses identifying those patients in greatest need.

My own involvement with KOP began in 2010 with a trip to Coast General Hospital in Mombasa. As an orthopaedic surgeon working within a trauma team I spend a good deal of my time in the UK wearing a lead gown under sterile lightweight surgical gowns in order to provide protection from the X-rays that are required intra-operatively. It soon became apparent that the tropics, where temperatures in the operating theatre could be as high as 35°C was not a

comfortable working environment. Coupled with limited equipment and highly complex trauma cases, that would be difficult even in a UK trauma centre, I realised that we were in for a challenging ten days.

On a typical ten day trip we spend eight days in our host hospital. After a full days travelling, the surgeons, anaesthetists and physiotherapists spend the first day in a clinic and on the wards, triaging and preparing patients for the next six full days of operating. The theatre nurses and anaesthetic assistants use this day to prepare the operating theatres and unpack our equipment. We usually run two operating tables, often in the same theatre, giving us the capacity to perform up to 40 operations in the week. All of the operations are an opportunity for us to train the local teams in the various aspects of the procedure and the decision making leading to that point. We try to triage patients not only on the basis of need, but also on the basis of healthcare economics. A simple operation to fix a broken femur in a young man may allow him to return to work within a matter of weeks and hence provide for what is often a large extended family, rather than spending up to 6 months in bed on traction as is often the case in Kenya. Contrast this with the elderly patient with arthritic joints who requests a joint replacement.

Unfortunately our time and resources are finite. The final day is spent on the ward reviewing all our post-operative patients, handing



*The waiting room!*



# The Kenya Orthopaedic Project – continued

over to the local team future care plans and packing up the equipment. Although we leave some hardware, we are keen to stress that our aim is to transfer skills rather than materials.



The project is an exceptionally efficient charity. Virtually every penny of money donated goes towards patient care. There are virtually no running costs due to our small size, and reliance on volunteers, all of whom pay for their own travel and accommodation costs. This contrasts starkly to the larger international charities that have paid executives, where as little as 10 pence in the pound goes to its intended destination.

A ten day project involving around sixteen volunteer medical staff, travel, accommodation, most of our equipment and drugs is achieved on the same budget as it would take to perform two hip replacements in the UK! Although we rely heavily on fundraising events, we have been very successful in applying for central government grants. Unfortunately these are becoming rarer and rarer.

The project is very much seen as a partnership with each of the host hospitals. Over the last few years we have hosted several working parties from Kenya here in South Devon, where they've spent time with doctors and nurses in Torbay and Derriford Hospitals. You may even have seen us having dinner together in The Union, Denbury. Our friends from Kenya always comment on how green and cold it is, even in July!

Over the last 9 years more than 100 healthcare professionals have volunteered their precious

leisure time to go to Kenya on a surgical project. We run two projects a year, consulting 250 patients and operating on around 40 each time. Our follow up rates of our operative patients is as high as 75%, which we are very proud of and have published in orthopaedic journals. It is this continuity of care and desire to train local teams that sets us apart from other surgical projects in developing countries. Most volunteers feel that it is such a worthwhile project that they come back year after year.

The overriding impression of my various trips to Kenya (apart from the fact that everyone has a mobile phone and knows their number despite low levels of numeracy and literacy) is of a very proud people who are exceptionally hard working, stoic and grateful for any health care that they receive. We in the UK would do well to realize how privileged we are and that we often take good health and healthcare for granted.

If you would like to help The Kenya Orthopaedic Project, please go to:

<https://egho.co.uk/projects/kop/>  
<https://egho.co.uk/donate/>

*Ben Holroyd*



*Ben Holroyd has been an orthopaedic surgeon at Derriford hospital since 2010. He and his wife have three sons. Their two younger sons were baptised in March 2014 at St. Andrew's, the eldest at Denbury in September 2005.*

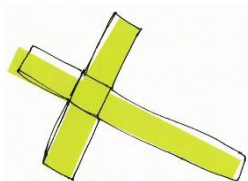


# Experience Easter

Peter sent out an email to some of us in January to invite us to be part of “this exciting work with schools”. ‘Experience’ is a series of activities around key times of the year including Easter. He had proposed to the three primary schools that we put on ‘Experience Easter’ for their top class. All three schools were interested.

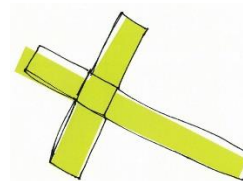
A planning session was arranged in late February to look at the pack provided for organisers and to start making arrangements for the props needed for the five stations. The Experience was taken around our three churches on various dates in March for thirty children from each school. A total of ninety children. The stations in the pack focus on the following events:

## Experience Easter



- Palm Sunday - ‘Hopes and Dreams’
- Jesus washes the disciples feet - ‘Servant King’
- The Last Supper - ‘Remember Me’
- The Garden of Gethsemane - ‘Alone’
- The Crucifixion - ‘Sharing our Sorrows’
- The empty tomb - ‘Resurrection’

## Experience Easter



We hosted the children from Ipplepen School on 9<sup>th</sup> March and we repeated the afternoon at Denbury and Broadhempston over the following two weeks.

We were very grateful for the feedback from the children at Ipplepen School which is printed below. It was re-assuring for us!

Mike Price

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the year 6 children from Ipplepen Primary School visited St. Andrew’s Church where they were welcomed by the Reverend Peter Ashman and parish members from across the Mission Community of churches. The churches had worked together to provide the children with an interactive Easter Experience. As members of class 6 we want to sincerely thank the Reverend Ashman and his team for inviting us.

The hopes and dreams station was particularly popular. We especially enjoyed writing and drawing our hopes and dreams on the rocks and pebbles provided, while we were drawing it encouraged us to think more deeply. We also liked the stations where you could make fingerprints by pressing down on clay because it reminded us that everyone is an individual.

We learnt that Jesus sacrificed himself for the sins of others, although he was a kind hearted man who cared and helped others. We know that on Palm Sunday people laid coats and palm leaves on the floor to welcome Jesus; they did this because they hoped and dreamed that he would get rid of the Romans who had invaded Jerusalem. We reflected carefully about each of these stations on our return to school, considering key questions that had entered our heads after visiting each one.

Another thank you to Reverend Ashman and his crew for helping us understand the Easter Story and letting us have a brilliant afternoon!

Written by Ipplepen Primary School year 6 class members Sienna Chilcott and Felicity Lamont Tuckett



# Easter Experience - continued

Here are some pictures of the experience at Ipplepen



and Denbury



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# Sunday Services for April and May

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Lent 5/Passion Sunday – Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday – Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Passion Gospel

11.00am	Palm Sunday Procession, Communion and lunch	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman
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## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday – Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

11.00am	Chrism Mass	Exeter	Cathedral
7.00pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper with foot washing	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
followed by, until midnight	Maundy Watch	Ipplepen & Denbury	

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday - Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; St. John's Passion

10.00am	Children's Service	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Good Friday Service & Procession of Witness	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
2.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman

## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Eve –

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21; Ezekiel 36.24-28; Romans 6.3-11**

9.00pm	Easter Vigil	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
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## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day – Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
9.15am	Easter Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Easter Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden
11.00am	Easter Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Easter Communion	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter 2 – Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Morning Worship	Ipplepen	Lay-led

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Easter 3 – Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
10.15am	Joint Café-style worship with breakfast	Ipplepen Village Hall	Rev. Peter Ashman Rev. Kevin Hooke

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 4 – Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Dedication Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Anne Burden

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 5 – Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Nicholas Pearkes
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden
4.00pm	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Woodland	Reader

## Sunday Services for April and May - continued

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Easter 6 – Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Morning Worship	Broadhempston	Lay-led
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 7 – Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Morning Worship	Ipplepen	Lay-led

## Mid-week Services for April and May

Regular Mid-week (CW) services are held as follows:

Weekdays	8.15am	Ipplepen	Morning Prayer (said)
Tuesday	7.00pm	Ipplepen	Holy Communion (first Tuesday)
Wednesday	10.00am	Denbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	10.30am	Ipplepen	Holy Communion
Thursday	4.30pm	Denbury	Evening Prayer (said)

## Intercessions for the Mission Community – April and May

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Innes-Lumsden in the office	Court Gate Close & Edgelands Lane	West End Terrace	Knowle	Oldstone House
Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Beacon team	Croft Road, Croft Meadow & Croft Orchard	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Tor Farm
Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	The website team	Crokers Way	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Lower Woodland Farm
Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Churchyard teams	Denbury Cross	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Woodland Cottage
Apr 30 <sup>th</sup>	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fabric teams	Dornafeld Road & Dornafeld Close	Shute Lane	Main Street	Wickeridge House
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bellringers	Dornafeld Drive East, West & Fulton Close	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Oakdene
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Messy Church	East Street & Foredown Road	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Orleycombe
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Club	Fore Street	North Street	Primary School	Hillside

## Dates Ahead – April and May

### April

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Woodland Library
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	Ipplepen PCC
	1.00pm	Lent Course at Ipplepen Church Hall
	4.00pm	Woodland PCC
	7.00pm	Broadhempston PCC
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Denbury PCC
	7.00pm	Holy Communion (Wellington Inn)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Lunch Club in Ipplepen Church Hall
	7.00pm	Compline at Ipplepen Church
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Messy Church at Ipplepen Church Hall
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Palm Sunday service at Woodland followed by a bring and share lunch
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Lent Course at Ipplepen Church Hall
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Compline at Ipplepen Church
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
	11.00am	Ipplepen service cancelled
	11.00am	Chrism Eucharist at Exeter Cathedral
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer at Denbury cancelled
	7.00pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper with foot washing followed by the Maundy
		Watch until midnight – Ipplepen/Denbury
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>		Good Friday services – see service details
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm	Open afternoon at Broadhempston Church
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Home Communion
	4.30pm	700 <sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting at Denbury Cottage
	7.00pm	Ipplepen Annual Meetings
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Broadhempston Annual Meetings
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Woodland Annual Meetings
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Denbury Annual Meetings
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Confirmation meeting
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Café style worship at Ipplepen Village Hall with breakfast

### May

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	12.00	Denbury May Fair
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00	Holy Communion (Wellington Inn)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12.30pm	Lunch Club in Ipplepen Church Hall
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation at Kingskerswell Church
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Woodland Library
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Messy Church
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Ipplepen Communion service with baptism of Ioan Windless
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 noon	Daily Novena Prayers at Ipplepen (Sunday 12.30pm)

## Monday T Pot

each Monday, 3.00pm to 4.30pm.  
Denbury Church Cottage. All welcome.





# Floodlighting

The towers at both Denbury and Ipplepen have floodlighting which needs sponsorship to cover the cost of electricity and maintenance.

Sponsorship is usually for a week at a time, and people often like to sponsor to mark a special occasion.

For Denbury, contact Mick Sutherland Cook on 01803 813871

For Ipplepen, contact Winnie Bryant on 01803 812066



## Denbury:

March 30<sup>th</sup> Gill Chapman in memory of husband Jack

April 25<sup>th</sup> Fran Howells in memory of husband Glyn

## Ipplepen:

### Retrospective

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Dennis and Gill Arnum who love to see the Church floodlit as they enter the village – it is so warm and welcoming

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr and Mrs Bruce in memory of Emma Lambert

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Dennis and Gill Arnum who love to see the Church floodlit as they enter the village – it is so warm and welcoming

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Ipplepen Bell Ringers to celebrate Bryan Tuckett's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

March 12<sup>th</sup> Val and Peter Sleight remembering her parents, Phil and Peter Monks, at the time of their birthdays

Beryl Morgan and family in loving memory of Trevor, who died 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Roger and Rose Chamberlain to celebrate the engagement of their daughter Claire to Anthony Clark. We wish them every happiness in their future together

March 19<sup>th</sup> Val and Peter Sleight remembering her parents, Phil and Peter Monks, at the time of their birthdays

The family of Muriel Stephens whose birthday would have been on 24<sup>th</sup> March. Sadly missed

Trish Musson, Sophie, and Tom remembering Steve, especially on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, a loving husband, wonderful father and father-in-law

Marilyn and Tony Clark to celebrate the 6th birthday of their youngest granddaughter, Amelia Fewings

March 26<sup>th</sup> Shirley Baldock in memory of Eric on 30<sup>th</sup> March which would have been their Diamond Wedding anniversary

### New

April 9<sup>th</sup> Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birthday of their grandson Franz Mace

Ken Squire remembering Pamela, whose birthday would have been on 10<sup>th</sup> April

April 16<sup>th</sup> Mary and Douglas Cock to celebrate their Diamond Wedding anniversary

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the wedding anniversary of their son Alex and Jonas on 26<sup>th</sup> April

The family of Roger Caney, who died a year ago this week – with sincere thanks to all the people of Ipplepen who were so kind to him

# Christchurch, NZ - The Aftermath

We first visited Christchurch, New Zealand, eleven years ago. Our hotel was in Cathedral Square, and our room overlooked the beautiful Anglican cathedral. We revisited New Zealand three years ago, three years after the appalling earthquakes which rocked Christchurch, when we were not allowed to go near the city centre.

On our recent visit, two weeks ago, the city was encouraging tourists and trying desperately to return to some sort of normality. The sight was heartbreaking. Buildings collapsed as in the photographs of the Blitz; large areas cleared of rubble and being used as car parks (no parking problems in Christchurch); one building standing whilst all around was chaos; other streets nearly untouched. Buildings were barricaded off, others propped up with piles of metal containers as used in shipping. Streets were closed or one-way and being changed from day to day as work continued. In the midst of it all, a small tree-filled park still green and growing. Our coach driver, who knows Christchurch well, got lost twice because he said that all the landmarks had gone, and he had lost his bearings.

Worst of all was the cathedral; the main body still stands, even part of the West front, but alongside this where the tower and spire once stood is just a heap of rubble. Pigeons have made the nave their home, and long grass grows up around the ruins. A miracle that it collapsed into itself, otherwise many more lives would have been lost. At present, the authorities cannot decide on whether to rebuild the cathedral or to start again.

Someone said why was Christchurch not better protected, and was told that earthquakes had not struck so far south before, yet upon the safety boarding (brightly painted with flowers) was a



copy of a newspaper dated 1888 reporting an earthquake which damaged the cathedral spire.

Also on the boarding was the following:

*Dear God, Give comfort and peace to those of us who are separated from loved ones. May the ache in our hearts be the strengthening of our hearts. May our longing bring resolve to our lives, conviction and purity to our love. Teach us to embrace our sadness lest it turn to despair. Transform our yearning into wisdom. With the passage of time let our hearts grow fonder. Amen*

We also saw the “cardboard” Transitional

Cathedral built a little way away but still amongst ruins. We went in on Shrove Tuesday evening and quite by chance joined in the last ten minutes of Choral Evensong. Seeing the high roof of ‘cardboard’ rolls built in the shape of an inverted V and hearing the voices of the cathedral choir soaring in glorious music was incredibly moving. We were made extremely welcome, and I signed the visitor’s book from ‘St. Andrew’s Church, Ipplpen’.



Behind the cathedral was the memorial to those 187 people who were killed. Many were young people who were in the TV and media training centre, which totally collapsed. Alongside the names was a block of white-painted chairs, each representing a life lost and each bearing a red carnation. There were armchairs, kitchen chairs, dining chairs, a wheelchair and finally a baby’s cradle filled with flowers.

However, the rubble is being cleared and new buildings rise up. We left a restaurant late on our last evening after our ‘Farewell Dinner’ and there facing us, at the top of a new building in large neon lettering, was: **“Everything will be all right”**.

Jane Outhwaite

# Sankta Lucia : Light in the Darkness of Winter



December the 13<sup>th</sup> is a very special date in Sweden and other Scandinavian countries, it is Sankta Lucia's (Saint Lucy's) day; according to the Julian calendar this was midwinter in Sweden, a long dark cold night when it became customary to share a meal together by candlelight, called "at lussa", Lussa being a Swedish word created from Lucia. It is not hard to see why the Swedes took the story of this Christian martyr to their hearts, a young girl who took food to Christians hiding in the catacombs using a wreath of candles to light her way. She is a symbol of light and hope.

St Lucy was born in Syracuse, Sicily, around 283 AD and was martyred around 304 AD. She was of a rich and noble family but her father died when she was young leaving her alone with her mother. Whilst seeking help for her mother's long term illness at the shrine of St Agnes an angel appeared to Lucy in a dream and as a result she became a devout Christian and gave her life to God. Her mother had arranged for Lucy to marry a young man of a wealthy pagan family but when he heard she was distributing her family's wealth to the poor he denounced her to the authorities. As a punishment, he ordered that she be taken to a brothel. Legend has it that when they came to take her there they were unable to move her (even with a team of oxen) and when they tried to set her on fire she would not burn. She was finally killed by the sword.

There are other stories about Lucy taking out her own eyes to prevent a suitor from admiring them.

Lucy's Latin name Lucia originates from lux, meaning light. She is the patron saint of the blind and those with eye problems.

You may be wondering where this piece of writing is going? After spending most of 2016 struggling to learn 15 songs in Swedish, Tom, Sarah (our English friend) and I were finally ready to join a group of local Swedes, and a few Danes for their St Lucia celebration in Exeter. The girl/woman chosen to be St Lucia wears a white gown with a red sash (a symbol of martyrdom) and a crown of candles on her head. She is accompanied by girls dressed in white, also carrying candles, and "star boys" who wear a tall paper cone as a hat which is adorned with stars (symbol of The Magi). The group process into the darkened church and sing songs of hope, light and the Christmas story. It is a truly wonderful experience. Then traditional delicious homemade lussekatter (safron buns) and pepparkakor (ginger thins) are distributed amongst the congregation. Through this process we have made some lovely new Scandinavian friends, learnt about



Swedish language and culture and challenged ourselves in more ways than we thought possible!

Please join us next year on December 13<sup>th</sup> for some light in the darkness.

*Sue Morris*



# At sea, things can change!

Working as Chaplain on the Fred. Olsen cruise liner *M/S Balmoral*, I had planned to take ashore in Trujillo, Honduras, the many items, mostly much-needed pencils and exercise books, for the Trujillo Christian School. The collection had started with a generous box of goodies from Ippepen Primary School, handed over at the United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Ippepen Methodist Church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January.



*"Goodies" from Ippepen Primary School*

As well as the items from the school, there were many exercise books and pencils bought with generous contributions from the members of St Andrew's Church, as well as items from Ippepen Methodist Church and the Roman Catholic congregation. As we approached Trujillo, the items from Ippepen were bagged and ready in our cabin to take ashore when we arrived in Honduras.



But things change at sea! When we reached Trujillo, a port where ships have to anchor in the bay and ferry passengers ashore by tender, the wind and waves were such that the Port Authority would not allow our tenders to berth – for fear of our tenders damaging their jetty! It would also have been unsafe for passengers to join and leave the tenders. I had been in frequent contact by text and email with the Administrator of Trujillo Christian School and sadly I had to advise him that we would not be able to bring the promised gifts. The children knew we were coming and would have seen our ship in the bay, but although of course disappointed, they understand very well the vagaries of the weather in those seas – they are after all familiar with visits from hurricanes!

I had to devise a Plan B. Our next port of call was scheduled to be Belize City in the Commonwealth country of Belize, formerly British Honduras. Google led me to the Anglican Diocese of Belize, which runs 24 schools and is chronically short of cash and resources. I telephoned the Belize Diocesan Office from the ship (and dread to see my mobile phone bill!) and spoke to Mrs Allana Gillett, who is General Manager of their pre-schools and primary schools. She said they would be delighted to receive our gifts and arranged to meet us at the port.

Meanwhile, passengers on the ship had heard what we were doing and had been ashore in Barbados, St Lucia and Antigua and bought additional items for our collection. We now had eight heavy bags to take ashore, again by tender. Fortunately we were able to call on several members of the ship's crew to assist us.



*Helpers from the crew*

## At sea, things can change! - continued



We were met at the port by Mrs Gillett and our crew loaded the bags into the back of her vehicle for us to take them to the Diocesan Office.

In the office we were very well received by the Bishop of Belize, The Right Reverend Philip Wright. Mrs Gillett had to return to a conference of Head Teachers which she had opened before coming to collect us. At that meeting, one of the Heads had said that her school had run out of pencils and she was so worried that there was no budget to get any more. We were able to open one of the bags and give Mrs Gillett a handful of boxes of pencils to take back with her.

These gifts are already being so well received and making such a difference. The Bishop will ensure that they are shared as quickly as possible with the neediest schools.

Bishop Philip was anxious that I pass his heartfelt thanks to all of those, in Ipplepen and on the ship, who had enabled this wonderful and generous gift to reach the children of Belize.

*Tony Meek*



*Bishop Philip with Jennie and Tony*

## The start of the changing journey.....

When you read this, on a probably warm and sunny day, you may find it hard to picture the damp and chilly Sunday morning in January when we gathered in a packed Ipplepen Methodist Church for a joint service to celebrate variously Candlemas, the presentation of Christ in the temple and the sending of gifts to a school in poverty-stricken Honduras. Some of Ipplepen pupils were with us, together with their head teacher, so that their very practical gifts of books and writing materials could be blessed before being taken out to Honduras with the Rev. Tony Meek.

The warmth of both the church and the welcome we received there added to the pleasure in the service itself, which was indeed both an inspirational and organisational triumph!

*Elizabeth Burdon*



Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Ipplepen Village Hall

Start 10.15am; doors open 9.45am

Croissants, bacon baps, coffee and tea  
as well as newspapers (we'll pray about the important  
issues) and colouring for children

Featuring hymns, talks and the wonderful  
singer/songwriter Nancy Day who will share her journey,  
sing one of her songs, and teach us to sing another

Donations, after expenses, will go to HITS – Homeless in  
Teignbridge Support foodbank

Everyone welcome!



# The Pilgrim Course for the Christian Journey

## - the 'Grow' stage

The lent course takes place each Monday in Ipplepen church hall and as I write this, we are half way through the course. It provides an opportunity for those attending to contemplate what it means to live our Christian faith in our everyday life.

It is well attended by between 20 and 30 people from across the Mission Community as well as those from the Catholic and Methodist churches. This gives us lively debate and a wide range of views on the questions we are asked to consider.

The format for each session is the same each week as defined in the course material. It comprises prayer, biblical readings, reflections and small and whole group discussions.

It is challenging, stimulating and can be quite intense. It has been well led by Peter, Kevin and Hillarie and it is good just to hear rather different voices and views about very similar matters.

I am finding it quite heavy going, but perhaps that's the point. There are certain phrases and words that we are asked to identify that resonate for us and these inform our thinking and our prayer. We have so far considered that Christianity is not a one day a week religion, how and when we pray each day and what it means to love and live generously. Within those general areas there has been a lot of detailed "work".

I look forward to the next 3 sessions.

*Ann Holroyd*

## Editor's Apologies!

- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

## Coffee Mates (Men of Denbury)

(and Friends)

this is your chance to become a 'Coffee Mate'  
gather around a cup of coffee, biscuits and cake

2nd Thursday of each month at Church Cottage

10.30 am to 12.00 noon

Treat it as a 'coffee shop',

bring your newspaper, book, do the crossword



## JOIN THE GLOBAL WAVE OF PRAYER

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*- from Ascension to Pentecost*

*- Novena Prayers*

a daily reflection in prayer to guide us through this important season of the church, an opportunity to join with the archbishops and the worldwide Church in prayer

Ipplepen Church 12.00 noon daily (12.30pm on Sundays)  
25th May - 4th June

*Do come - it could change your life.*

# To the pub!



Obviously having the church boiler pack up at the beginning of winter is not a good thing.

It's hard to see how a faculty process apparently designed to test the patience of a saint could be a good thing either.

But good things can emerge from such circumstances.

The first Tuesday evening in the month congregation at Ipplepen church is a small, but dedicated group. But even our dedication was tested when, at the beginning of December, we emerged from a freezing cold church to find the churchyard warm in comparison.

A service in the churchyard didn't seem like an option, but a service in the pub?

We've held the last two services in the back room of the Wellington. The first time we shared with a committee meeting of Ipplepen

Cricket Club and a planning meeting for Ipple Tipple. The second time we shared with a large birthday party. It was loud, it was busy, and it was great. For in the quiet of a church your mind can wander. In the bustle of a pub, it can't. You have to listen out for every word, or else it would be lost.



Isn't this how it would have been when Jesus met with his disciples? Okay, maybe they were in the Upper Room but did the noise from the room below drift up to meet them? Surely there were children, and people debating and maybe even wine being drunk.

And what did the people in the pub think when they saw us? One little girl was curious, that's for sure. I wonder how many of the people there had never been into church, never seen the Eucharist being celebrated.

It looks as though the heating might be mended for next month. Shame really.

*Liz Lamport*



# Trinity Sunday



On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm we will come together as a mission community to celebrate the patronal festival of All Saints, Torbryan.

The Bishop of Exeter, Rt. Rev'd Robert Atwell will preside and preach. He will also re-dedicate the now-restored and returned mediaeval panels which were stolen in 2013.

A celebratory cream tea will follow in Ipplepen Church Hall.

## From the Editor



We are in Lent with Holy week; Good Friday and Easter still a long way off. As I write this we are only into the second day and I'm already struggling. The next five weeks give one a time for self-examination – and I never find this comfortable.

We are now a week later.... The Lent course has started and Compline at St. Andrew's begins tomorrow. Some structure to the journey and friends to travel the road with makes life easier!

Christian fellowship is important. With our boilers at St. Andrew's out of action there have been some good things to emerge. Monthly Tuesday Communion services in the pub followed by time together over maybe a drink or a meal for some has been appreciated and enjoyed.

Sitting the congregation within the smaller confined space of the warm church hall has had an effect for some of us. Difficult to explain but might it be good if we could be seated more closely together perhaps toward the front of the church when we return to St. Andrew's?

As ever, I am grateful to our contributors to this edition of The Beacon. My thanks to our regular loyal supporters as well as all those special contributors who have let me have articles with such minimal effort on my part. My thanks also to those who answered my request to send in photographs - I am sure they will be appreciated by you the reader.

A reader wrote asking why the web site address was missing in the January edition. It's good to know this is carefully read. I ensure its inclusion this month, below!

The next edition of the Beacon will be for June and July. Articles and photos for inclusion should be sent to reach me by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Mike Price*

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