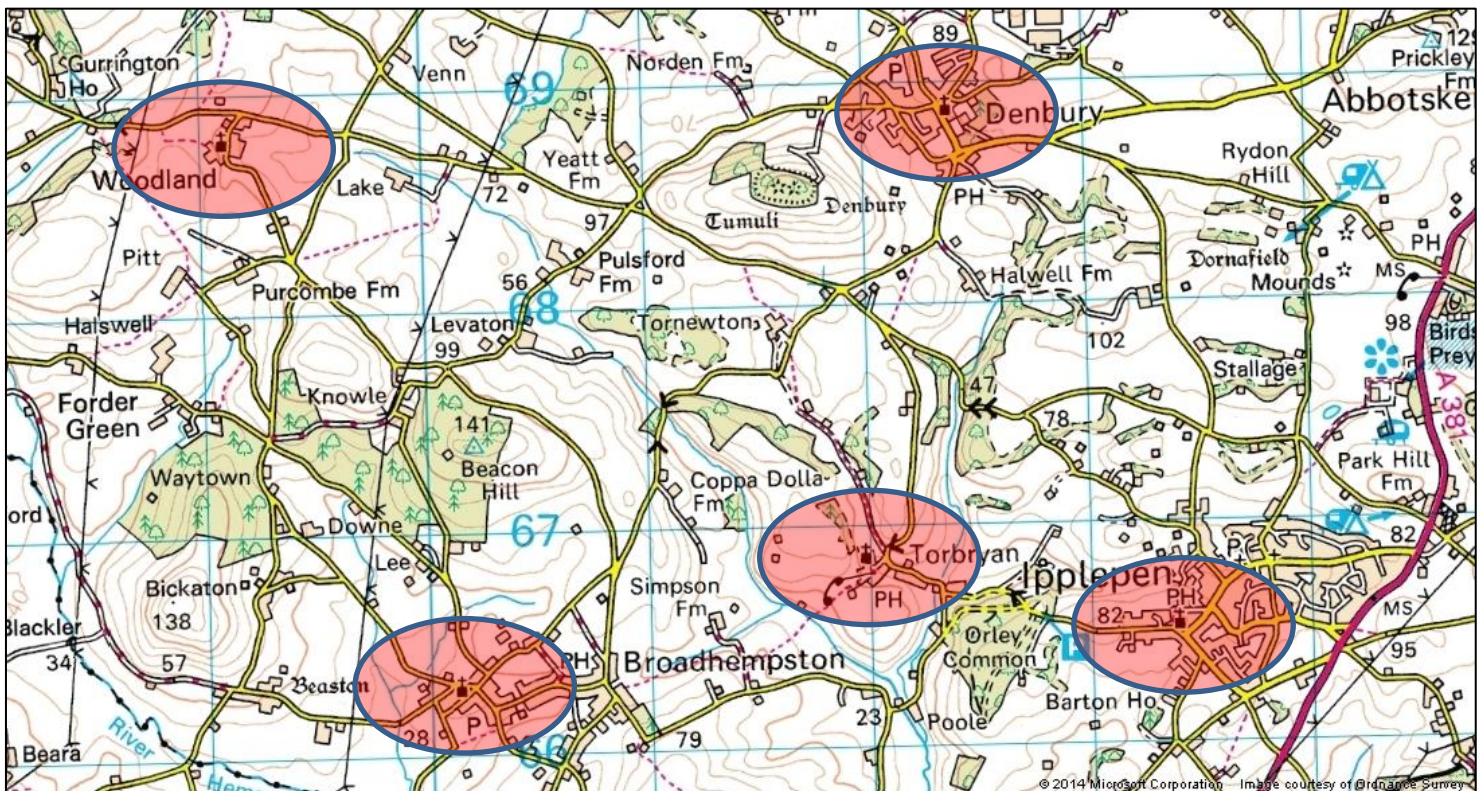


My dear friends,

By the time you read this new third edition of The Beacon the process of making the churches of our Mission Community into a Benefice will be complete and will take effect on 1st November 2014. Mission Communities are formed before the church formally recognises them as a workable and legal group; becoming a Benefice means that I am now officially the Rector, rather Priest in Charge, and that we are all bound together, working together, to further the Kingdom; all equal and united, though to the undiscerning eye you will see no difference at all! We have also just passed the first anniversary of my licensing to my current post. A year?! It has

been a very busy year as Broadhempston joined the Mission Community and we settled into a good relationship with each other and started to move the churches forward in a very positive and encouraging way. Thank you for helping make that process as smooth as it has been. Inevitably that has involved lots of meetings and planning sessions but we are almost at the stage of being able to reduce



Locations of the 5 churches of the Mission Community

the strategy meetings for a while. I want to try and concentrate less on meetings and more on people; wardens and the parishes are well able to run their own domestic affairs so my thanks to them and please bear with me as I try and adjust my work pattern.

I am particularly pleased that we are continuing to improve our communication through this excellent magazine and through our website – www.missioncommunity.org. Have a look. My thanks to all those who contribute to and produce The Beacon.

This year Ipplepen had a really successful Gift Day while Denbury has plans to improve its bells. Thanks to Vernon Kerslake we hope to top up our Million for Mission fund by £1,000 towards children and education work within the Mission Community. What a great concert! We have also raised large amounts of money for Christian Aid for its work in Iraq and food and money for the Homeless in Teignbridge Support foodbank and charity. Thank you to the parishes and the schools for such great support.

As we continue to gel as a very effective Mission Community we are going to trial using the Newton Abbot Community Bus scheme to help people get around the parishes when we get together for services, starting on 7th December for Ipplepen's patronal festival and the afternoon confirmation service. Details

Captions !!

Here are some caption suggestions for the photo in the last issue of The Beacon

Denis and Pat Eales "So, P.A. means Parrot's Assistant"

"Don't ruffle **MY** feathers Peter!"

"Good Lord, I'm up before the "BEAK" again"

Pam Perriman "Who's a pretty boy then?"

Aubrey "I can see almost as much from up here as you can from the pulpit"

"You wiped your feet? I've a service at 6!"

"Mummy, is the man coming to Messy Church with the parrot?"

"Where's his eye patch and peg leg if it's Treasure Island?"

Geraldine "Pirate Pete the Parson"

have been announced in the churches and sign up sheets are available.

So that's the administration. What about God? Bishop Robert has set us three priorities for our Christian lives – prayer, discipleship and being joyful. I hope to introduce some prayer and discipleship activities in the New Year but it is also important that we share our faith with others enthusiastically and positively. And Advent and Christmas is a good time as non-churchgoers come to our beautiful buildings to celebrate Christmas. So let's give them a good welcome.

November sees us travelling towards Advent with All Saints, Remembrance Sunday and Christ the King before Advent Sunday on 30th November beginning a beautiful time of waiting and preparing for the birth of Christ. Often the waiting is more emotional than the day itself and it is so important that we prepare spiritually as well as practically.

The New Year sees a more streamlined service schedule as we try and get the balance right. Please work with us and pray for us as we do our best for you.

I wish you a stress-free and prayerful Advent, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – all in one!

God bless you,

Peter



News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



Following the flurry of Mission Community Patronal festivals in June, it was the turn of St. Mary's in Denbury on 7th September. Once again the church was well attended with a good number of visitors from across the Mission Community. The service was followed by a pleasant meal in the village hall which provided further opportunities for a chat to get to know each other better.

One of our Churchwardens, Mick Sutherland-Cook, has been devoting a great deal of time over many months researching the history of those from the village who served in the Armed Forces during World War One. Mick presented his findings at a recent Monday Teapot gathering in the Church Cottage to a fascinated and numerous audience (literally standing room only), and repeated the presentation a few days later at Brambledown Nursing Home which is located at the edge of Denbury. Many of the background stories Mick has collected are fascinating and certainly bring the history of that period to life. The descriptions of the village and village life in this period show vividly how things have changed over the last 100 years. An exhibition of memorabilia relating to World War One will be on display in the Church Cottage.

The Cottage was the venue for our annual Soup and Sweet lunch which is usually held on the Saturday prior to Harvest festival. This is always a well attended, very pleasant social occasion and this year was no exception. At the Harvest Festival service gifts of food and toiletries were donated to support local

charity, Homeless in Teignbridge Support (HITS).

The Church Autumn Fair took place of Saturday October 11th. This is an important event for the church and an integral part of our annual fundraising. As ever there were lots of stalls including cakes, books, jewellery, plants bric a brac etc. plus raffles and competitions and a children's activity area. Good numbers of people from the village and further afield attended making this a successful day.

Church members will be travelling to Bath on 26th November to sample the delights of the Christmas market stalls and have a look around this interesting ancient city. Demand for seats was extremely brisk with the coach quickly filled and we look forward to a very enjoyable day out.

The bells at Denbury have now been inspected by experts from 3 different companies and once the very detailed reports have been digested, the PCC together with the ringing team will be able to take an informed view of the level of work required to ensure the bells can continue to be rung efficiently and safely for the future.

Mike Bray



Children from Denbury School handing over the magnificent sum of £502.50 which they collected for H.I.T.S.

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



The first weekend in October was a busy and joyful time at St Andrews. It started with our gift day, the culmination of a major project, which involves printing, enveloping and then distributing an appeal letter to every household in the parish. Although a massive undertaking, the effort is worthwhile as many villagers who are not regular church goers are happy to show their support by making an annual donation towards the upkeep of the church.

This year with gift aid a total of over £4,000 was raised which will be used towards costs for the upkeep of the building and the churchyard, areas which we know are appreciated; in particular: - an electronic clock regulator to make sure it keeps good time when it chimes, repairs to storm damage to the tower and boiler room roof and upkeep of the churchyard and building.

This year the Church was open to receive gifts and offer refreshment during the morning, as in the afternoon there was a wedding in the church, another happy occasion.

Almost as soon as the bride and groom and their guests had departed, the flower arrangers moved in, preparing the church for harvest festival the next day. They did an amazing job in record time as the church looked wonderful and was much appreciated by the large congregation that packed the church for our morning service.

Not only were we able to celebrate harvest, but also the 30th anniversary of Tony Meek's

ordination as priest. After the service there was champagne for all and a wonderful cake, baked by Sue Slade, iced by Jane Outhwaite and then topped with an edible photograph of Tony in his role as a cruise ship chaplain, prepared by Richard Innes-Lumsden.

To round off this very special weekend there was then a well attended lunch in the church hall!

If I may be forgiven for adding a personal note on this one occasion, I would like to end by thanking Revd. Peter Ashman for guiding my husband Mark on his journey to confirmation. Thanks to Peter and other members of St. Andrew's for coming to the service in Newton Ferrers led by Bishop Robert Atwell. I know that Mark is very grateful to Peter for all his support and very glad to have taken this step. I hope it might encourage others to think of setting out along the same road.

Liz Lamport



A rare sight in Ipplepen! The "chasubles"!



Sidesmen/women had a "teach in" on how best to carry out their duties

News from Woodland

St. John the Baptist



What a long summer we have had – and what a harvest! Despite the dry weather there has been enough grass growth to please most farmers and I've never managed to grow so many cucumbers in the garden. Certainly a time to be thankful, and living in such a rural parish with so many obtaining a living directly from the land, Harvest Festival has always been a major village event. So many worked so hard to decorate the church beautifully for the service and the Harvest Supper, held at the Rising Sun, was a great success.

Part of being thankful, however, is the awareness that there are others in situations less fortunate than us. Over the last couple of months we have supported several charities as a village, both within church as part of our normal routine of service and without as a whole community event.

Within church, food has been collected to support the H.I.T.S. food bank, financial contributions have been sent to the needy in Iraq through Christian Aid and the Harvest Festival collection was sent to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution for farmers in crisis. As a community, during part of our normal round of first Saturday of the month library events in the parish rooms, we held a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan. Very few families are not affected in some way, to a greater or lesser degree, at some point, by cancer. Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way towards this – we raised the extraordinary sum of £280 and had a very enjoyable and social morning. Woodland has bakers to rival any of the contestants on "The Great British Bake Off" and I have to say that the quail's eggs which we bought were lovely when cooked for tea.

Christmas will be the next major landmark around which our village events will be based. I know that there are lots of varied plans in the pipeline, which I won't mention yet as they have not been finalised, but we start on the last day of November with our candlelit Advent Carol service.

Helen Pearse

How do YOU give?

PCCs are encouraging everyone to set up a monthly standing order so that you can make a regular contribution to the church. Whether you attend your church weekly, monthly or just a couple of times a year regular giving by standing order enables those concerned with your churches finances a more certain idea of the likely parish income which can be so helpful in forward planning and charitable giving.

It much simplifies the collection of the present stewardship envelopes particularly with special services being held on occasions at other churches in the Mission Community.

It avoids the handling of cash, counting and paying in with the responsibilities this lays on the treasurer and his team.

They would also impress upon you the enormous advantage of Gift Aid if you are a tax payer which can swell the donations that we receive by an extra 25p for every pound given.

If you have a bank account, please consider this easy method of regular giving. Church treasurers will be only too pleased to help with advice or filling the form which they can give you.

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



Autumn is upon us, the harvest has been gathered in and it is time to give thanks and share. The photograph shows children from Broadhempston Primary School gathered round the font with all the food to be donated to H.I.T.S. It was lovely to be joined at our Harvest Service by Norman & Jenny Buckle from Woodland and Douglas & Mary Cock from Ipplepen.



In September, we had the pleasure of a particularly colourful and joyous wedding.

Clive Britten and Kay Chambers who now live at The Rectory, Broadhempston invited all of their friends to process with them through the village from their home to the Church. As the photograph shows, it was a splendid and happy sight.



In December, we will be holding a **Confirmation Service** for those now attending confirmation class. The service will be held on **Sunday 7th December** at 7pm and will be conducted by Bishop Richard Hawkins. Bishop Richard is now retired and was formerly the Bishop of Plymouth. All are invited to this important occasion and to refreshments in the Village Hall following the service.

Looking forward to Christmas, our traditional **Carol Service** will be held on **Wednesday 10th December** at 6.30pm when the School Choir will join us. On Christmas Day there will be a family service at 10.45am led by Tricia Stokes.

Chris Parker (Churchwarden)

'With the Gurkhas in the Falklands'



St. Andrew's Church Hall
Wednesday November 19th at 8.00 pm

A talk by Brigadier David Morgan OBE



Commissioned into the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles in 1959. He saw service as a lieutenant colonel commanding his Battalion in the Falklands Conflict in 1982. He will give a personal account of his experiences in a talk which he describes as "light hearted and self-indulgent."

"The talk is a race through a hectic period in 1981-2 when I was in command of the First Battalion, the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles. It is a series of personal recollections - some critical of senior management, some personal things that I would like to forget but can not, a few military words, I'm afraid. A few light hearted moments mixed with constant praise for my soldiers."

Wine and Nibbles

Raffle

**Entry: Donations to be shared between St Andrew's Church and The Gurkha Welfare Trust
ALL welcome!**

Believing more in God

The name "Florence Nightingale" conjures up a picture of a saintly, self-sacrificing woman. The truth was somewhat different. In later years she was an autocratic, self assured, hypochondriac, and became almost a tourist attraction for the upper classes at her London home. One of these visitors was the Aga Khan. She expounded at great length on the marvellous advances in the management of hospitals, ventilation, drainage and so on. The Aga Khan then asked "Do you think you are improving?" As a committed hypochondriac she was rather taken aback by this, but managed to say "What do you mean by improving?" He replied "**Believing more in God**". Miss Nightingale's reply is not recorded, but after her visitor had left she noted "A most interesting man, but you could never teach him sanitation".



Stephen Bryant

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Confirmation Interview 1

Mark Lamport was confirmed by Bishop Robert at Newton Ferrers Church on Sunday 19th October 2014.

A week before his confirmation I went to chat with Mark about his decision to be confirmed and what importance he attached to this event in his life.

Mark is a Chartered Engineer and lives with his wife Liz who runs a new and successful B&B near Ipplepen. Mark works full time and at present he is also working away from home a couple of days a week in Winchester. They have busy lives and getting to church is far from easy.

What was his early life like?

Mark was christened as a baby in 1959 and was regularly, and rather reluctantly, taken to church by his mother and grandmother and recalls that it was “not a great experience.” Mark’s father was not a church goer but loved walking and the outdoors which is a passion which Mark shares.

Scripture lessons seemed somewhat less than a major interest at school. His master in one school report for Scripture commenting “he has been present”...but despite this somewhat negative feedback he learnt and enjoyed the bible stories.

He was educated at the grammar school in Bath where the family lived - a keen hockey player at school and a bright young pupil who went on to Leeds University to study Geology before gaining an MSc in Engineering Geology, leading on to a varied career in the civil engineering industry.

Adult interest in matters spiritual

Five years ago he and his wife joined a good catholic friend for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land visiting Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the River Jordan and the Sea of Galilee. This made a



lasting impression and vividly brought to life many of those bible stories from his school days.

Mark regularly attended with his wife Liz the great festive days at the church in the village in West Sussex where they lived and where they had been married in 2000 but he did not feel fully integrated into the lively and active church community.

A seminal and life-changing event occurred in the Spring of this year when he was rushed into hospital as an emergency with acute appendicitis. There have been some dark moments and this experience brought home the precarious and transitory nature of this life and the need to seek a more spiritual meaning to it.

What is important for you about being confirmed?

Mark is keen now to make a firm affirmation of his faith, “not just tinkering around the edges”. He wants to be able to feel a full sense of belonging when coming to Parish Communion, rather than “sitting behind a sheet of glass” as he describes it and he seeks an admission to “full membership of the Church”.

Michael Price

Confirmation Interview 2



Donna Northwood is being confirmed at St. Peter and St. Paul, Broadhempston on December 7th.

Donna is remarkable; a beauty therapist working from home, married with two sons aged eight and two. She has been a school governor for two years and has just taken on the role as the RE link between teachers and governors. A full life!

She comes across as calm, thoughtful and deeply spiritual despite often feeling stressed and says she has “a passionate view point on life!” She found her work in the quiet of her salon had always been a peaceful relaxation for her.

Born a Londoner, neither parent was a churchgoer. Indeed her mother educated in a convent in the fifties was uncomfortable with most aspects of her church. Despite this, from a young age, Donna had always been fascinated with churches and remembers as a young girl insisting on going inside. The quiet and peace and the wonders of stained glass windows is a lasting impression. Her father having been an architect and mother an art teacher must have had an influence.

Christian influence has played a part sometimes positive and sometimes less so in her recent life. She attended a baptism 6 years ago at St. Andrew's of a friend's daughter as part of the Family Eucharist. She had been uncomfortable being “directed” to the altar by an overenthusiastic sidesman at Communion taking her arm. However it was last November attending the Remembrance Service at St. Andrew's with her elder son there with the cubs that she felt a peace, quietness and safe. At the same time the responsibility of parenthood and the awareness of health issues made her appreciate the limits of earthly life.

Increasingly during the year she has wanted to go to church where she has felt her need for quiet reflection and prayer has brought a feeling of closeness to God. How refreshing to talk with someone who can comfortably discuss their faith!

Confirmation classes have been important and fulfilling” if you want to become a proper member fully involved and a complete Christian”. Meetings with Peter have been every three weeks discussing chapter by chapter the work book “Faith confirmed” by Peter Jackson and Chris Wright* together with bible study. Donna bought her first Bible - NRSV Anglicised Bible*, it includes Daily Prayer and Readings from the Church of England's Common Worship.” I have had so many questions but Peter doesn't mind.”

“I would really like to join a bible study group now”.

It was a privilege, uplifting and humbling to talk with two new members of our church seeking Confirmation.

Michael Price

*Both available and well worth looking at.

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Services for November

Sunday 2nd November – All Saints

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	All Souls Service	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
9.00am	Remembrance Service	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
10.15am	Remembrance Service	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
10.55am	Remembrance Service	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman

Sunday 16th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
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	Evensong (BCP)	Woodland	Edward Goodman

Sunday 23rd November – Christ the King

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Morning Worship	Ipplepen	Lay-led
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman

Sunday 30th November – Advent Sunday - NB Advent candles

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
9.15am	Posada/Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Posada/Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Advent Carol Service	Woodland	Re. Anne Burden +PA

For November and December Mid-week (CW) services are held as follows:

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

Intercessions for the Mission Community - November

2nd Nov	Park Hill, Ipplepen Downe, Broadhempston	Heathfield Road, Denbury Higher Lake Barn, Woodland
9th Nov	Paternoster Lane, Ipplepen Ambrook	Heathfield Terrace, Denbury Well Farm, Woodland
16th Nov	Poplar Terrace, Ipplepen Knowle, Broadhempston	West End Terrace, Denbury Woodland Vale Farm, Woodland
23rd Nov	Silver Street, Ipplepen Hemsford, Broadhempston	Denbury Down Lane, Denbury Crazy Acre Well Farm, Woodland
30th Nov	The Glebe, Ipplepen The Village Hall, Broadhempston	Woodland Road, Denbury Dipwell Cottage, Woodland

Services for December

Sunday 7th December – Advent 2 – St. Andrew

11.00am	St. Andrew's Patronal + lunch	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
4.00pm	Confirmations followed by tea	Broadhempston	Bishop Richard Hawkings

Sunday 14th December – Advent 3

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

Sunday 21st December – Advent 4

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Morning Worship	Broadhempston	Lay-led
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
4.00pm	Nine lessons and carols	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Carol Service	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Carol Service	Woodland	Edward Goodman

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

3.00pm	Crib Service	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
4.30pm	Crib Service	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman +EG
11.00pm	Midnight Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00pm	Midnight Communion	Denbury	Ven. Ian Wheatley

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
9.00am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
10.30am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden
10.30am	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman
10.45am	Morning Worship	Broadhempston	Lay-led

Sunday 28th December – Christmas 1

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden
11.00am	Morning Worship	Ipplepen	Lay-led
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman

Intercessions for the Mission Community - December

7th Dec	Thorn Orchard, Ipplepen The Monks Retreat, Broadhempston	Woodland Close, Denbury Daisy Park, Woodland
14th Dec	Torbryan Parish The Coppa Dolla, Broadhempston	Shute Lane, Denbury Higher Woodland Farm, Woodland
21st Dec	Totnes Road, Ipplepen Main Street, Broadhempston	Halwell Farm, Denbury Larch Cottage, Woodland
28th Dec	Townsend Hill, Ipplepen Houndhead Way, Broadhempston	Bramble Down, Denbury Wickeridge Cottage, Woodland

Services for January

Sunday 4th January – Epiphany & Sunday Club

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 11th January – Presentation of the Lord

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Joint service + bring & share lunch	Ipplepen Methodist	
4.00pm	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Woodland	Tessa Amies

Sunday 18th January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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 25th January – Conversion of Paul – Rev. Peter Ashman preaching at St. Paul's Newton Abbot

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Canon Tom New
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden - tbc
11.00am	Morning Worship	Ipplepen	Lay-led

From January, 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 - January

4th Jan	Tremlett Grove, Ipplepen Vicarage Hill, Broadhempston	North Street, Denbury Levaton Farm House, Woodland
11th Jan	Two Mile Oak Broadhempston Primary School	East Street, Denbury Dipwell Farm, Woodland
18th Jan	Wesley Terrace, Ipplepen Radfords, Broadhempston	West Street, Denbury Higher Lake Farm, Woodland
25th Jan	Wesley View, Ipplepen Beaston, Broadhempston	South Street, Denbury Wickeridge Farm, Woodland

Dates ahead – November and December

November

Saturday 1 st	10.00-12.00 noon	Woodland Library
Wednesday 5 th	12.30-2.00 pm	Lunch Club Ipplepen Church Hall
Thursday 6 th	6.00 pm	Confirmation classes in Broadhempston
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod at Kingskerswell
Sunday 9 th	3.00pm	Baptism of Arthur Hallett, Ipplepen Church
Monday 10 th	11.00 am	Baptism of Charlotte Haywood in Denbury Church
Wednesday 12 th	2.00 pm	Pastoral Care training course
Thursday 13 th	6.00 pm	Confirmation classes in Broadhempston
Friday 14 th	5.00 pm	Shoe Box Service at Ipplepen Methodist Church
Tuesday 18 th	7.00 pm	Mission Action Plan group meets
Wednesday 19 th	7.45 pm	“With the Gurkhas in the Falklands” in Ipplepen Church Hall
Thursday 20 th	7.00 pm	Confirmation classes in Broadhempston
Friday 21 st	7.30 pm	“Classic Breeze” Concert in Denbury
Sunday 23 rd	3.00 pm	Baptism of Perry Fisher at Denbury Church
	5.00 pm	“ExeVox” Concert in Ipplepen Church
Monday 24 th	Morning	Home Communion
	10.00 am	Ipplepen Standing Committee meet
Wednesday 26 th		Denbury Coach trip to Bath
	2.00 pm	Pastoral Care training course
Thursday 27 th	5.15 pm	Denbury Standing Committee meet
Saturday 29 th	3.00-5.30 pm	Messy Church Ipplepen Church Hall
	6.30 pm	A Candlelit Procession that starts in Ipplepen village. It makes its way to St. Andrew’s Church where wine and mince pies will be served

December

Wednesday 3 rd	12.30-2.00 pm	Lunch Club Ipplepen Church Hall
Thursday 4 th	5.15 pm	Denbury PCC
Saturday 6 th	10.00-12.00 noon	Woodland Library
Sunday 7 th	After 11 am service at St. Andrew’s	St. Andrew’ Day Mission Community Lunch in St. Andrew’s Church Hall
Wednesday 10 th	6.30 pm	Broadhempston Carol Service
Wednesday 17 th	7.00 pm	Carols around the village in Ipplepen
Thursday 18 th	6.00 pm	Carols at Bramble Down Denbury
Friday 19 th	6.00 pm	Carols on the Green in Denbury
Saturday 20 th	12.30 pm	Wedding of Jo Willis and Joe Rowlands
Sunday 21 st	4.00 pm	Denbury Nine Lessons and Carols
	6.00 pm	Ipplepen Carol Service in the church, followed by wine/coffee and mince pies in the hall
	6.00 pm	Woodland Carol Service
Monday 22 nd	7.00 pm	Carols in the Square in Ipplepen
Monday 29 th	Morning	Home Communion

Ipplepen bells

Ipplepen has a fine ring of 8 bells in "E". They are heavier than most in the area, with the Tenor weighing about 18 ¼ cwt.

Originally there were six bells, cast in 1799 by Bilbie of Cullompton using metal from much older bells. The 1799 treble carries the legend "When I call Follow all" but this is now slightly inaccurate as two lighter bells were added in front of it in 1924 to make the ring of eight. They were all re-hung in a steel frame in 1950.

The ringing chamber is a third of the way up the tower via a spiral staircase, but there is still a long draft to the bells, each having about 66 feet of rope.

Ipplepen also has a complete working set of Ellacombe Chimes, so that the bells can be chimed, and tunes played, from ground floor level.

Devon has more rings of bells than any other County and together with Cornwall most of these towers use call changes rather than the "Method" ringing which the rest of the UK has adopted. Ipplepen is no exception, and call changes are always used although "Method" ringers are of course always welcome in the tower!

The main Sunday Service in Ipplepen is 11am, and ringing starts at 9.50 am. Practice nights are Wednesdays, from 7-30 to 9pm from September to April. We have not missed ringing on a Sunday morning since 1950, except when the ringers went on strike many years ago for a week - when they made headlines in the national daily papers!

You are welcome to come and see what we do, to learn to ring if you are interested - and of course to join us in peal if you are already a ringer.

Ipplepen is a joint benefice with Torbryan, although the church there is now in the care of the Church Conservation Trust.

Ipplepen ringers maintain and ring the bells at Torbryan Church where there is a unique set of four pre-Reformation bells.

Stephen Bryant

Wanted!

Learners and lapsed Bellringers

Your Belfry Needs You!



There is an acute possibility that the bells of Ipplepen Church will fall silent within a few years. Due to holiday, university and other commitments we are finding it sometimes difficult to ring all the bells for Sunday morning service and weddings, particularly during the summer months.

We desperately need learners to keep up the ancient tradition of bell ringing in Ipplepen.

You are never too old to learn to ring, and at the more youthful end, the age of about 13 or 14 is not a bad age to start!

No great physical strength is required, so why not have a go?

We would be very pleased for you to see us in action every Sunday at 9.45 am, or on our practice night, normally on Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9.00 pm

Please contact Colin Clark, Tower Captain 01626 354561



Friday 21st November, 7.30pm
in St. Mary's Denbury Church



CLASSIC BREEZE CONCERT BAND

Songs from the Shows! Favourites old and new!

Tickets: £6 (including a glass of wine)
From Mary Head 01803 812092
In aid of Denbury Church

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 to 12.00noon

Treat it as a 'coffee shop',
bring your newspaper, book, do the crossword

Monday T Pot

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



Messy Church - it's Posada time!!!!

We are organising the list of homes that want to host the posada figures this year. For those of you who don't know about them, these are the figures of a pregnant Mary and Joseph and a donkey and they are passed from house to house staying one night with each family. This is a British version of a Mexican tradition commemorating the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and helps us to think about reaching out to others at this time of year. The figures leave church on 30th November (there's a special part of the normal communion service) and then return to church on Christmas Eve during the Crib Service. During their journey they may also visit the schools and pre-schools. If you would like to host the figures for a night and a day, please look at your diaries to work out when you can do it and:

- for Denbury, let Fran Howells know (☎ 812971)
- for Ipplepen: either put your name down on the list at Messy Church or if you won't be there, let me know and I will put your name down. Please try to give me a couple of possible dates in case 2 or more of you want the same date! Please let me know if you are happy to do handover at school or Saplings. If anyone wants to be the first to receive the figures or to bring them back to church please let me know too.



The Ipplepen Posada figures

- for Broadhempston: at the moment there are no figures for Broadhempston but we hope that you will join us for our Posada service in Ipplepen and maybe together we can organise Posada for next year if you think the village would like to do this. Any volunteers?!

The list will then in November be at the back of church at St. Andrew's for anyone interested to sign up. Young or older!

Any questions drop me an e-mail, call me or catch me in the playground!

Linda Simmonds - lsimmonds@talk21.com
☎ 812619

The Ipplepen church chandelier

Next time you come to St Andrew's, as you come through the South Door, look up!

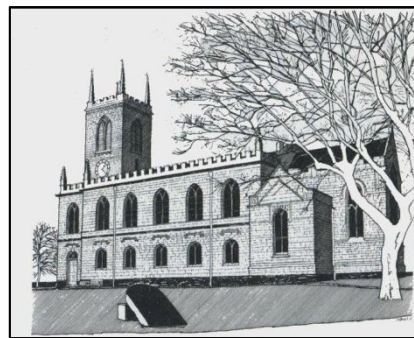
What do you see suspended from the ceiling? If it is Christmas night or the Service of Lessons and Carols the chandelier will be shimmering from the light of 24 candles.

We are fortunate here for out of 12,000 ancient churches in England only about 1,000 would have chandeliers and those would be mainly in cities and towns.

Country churches like Ipplepen would have relied on standard fittings as the means of artificial lighting. Even if Ipplepen had been one of the comparatively few village churches that are the exception to the rule, it would never have possessed a chandelier of such size.

Just look at the statistics! There are 2 tiers of 12 branches; the height is 5 feet; the width 4ft 3in.; the weight is 176 lbs. Despite the impression of oneness, there are 170 separate parts, including one iron rod in the centre, 2 lynch pins, 24 nuts and 24 washers. Exeter cathedral has one of comparable size. The one at Totnes is smaller with only 2 tiers with 9 branches. The use of brass, the size and rococo style suggest that it dates from 1765 and was made in London.

Research by Robert Sherlock and reported in the Ipplepen Parish news in a series of articles in February to May 1981 show that the chandelier originally hung in the parish Church of St. Michael in Stone in Staffordshire, a wealthy town in the Potteries mid way between the county town of Stafford and Stoke on Trent. It is a long story, perhaps for another occasion that the chandelier was purchased for St Andrew's in 1864 for £20 by Robert Harris, vicar of Ipplepen and George



St. Michael's , Stone, Staffordshire

Tucker, a farmer of this parish from the vicar of Stone. Harris and the vicar at Stone would have known each other through being clergy together in Staffordshire. Harris was a curate of Brierly Hill from 1833 to 18856.

The chandelier was hung in the nave over the crossing of the aisles where it is today. But in 1928 or 1929 it was moved to the tower arch and adapted for electricity. The adaption was an aesthetic disaster; the branches of the chandelier being solid it entailed the unsightly exposure of festoons of electric cabling.

Fifty years later in 1980 thanks to the skill of Mrs Ann Oldfield the chandelier was restored virtually to the state in which the parishioners of Stone would first have seen it in about 1765. At the same time it was re-hung in the nave. The rededication took place at St Andrew's tide on 30th November 1980.

A final useful addition came in 2006 when a pulley system to raise and lower the chandelier was installed thanks to the benefaction of Peggy Woodcock in memory of her husband and sister. This made both the lighting and extinguishing of the candles infinitely less hazardous for those of us not keen on ascending high step ladders!

Michael Price

(My thanks to Ann Hawke for her suggestion for this article and loan of the Ipplepen Parish Magazines 1981.



Wilson Carlile founded the Church Army in 1882 whilst he was working on the Staff of St Mary Abbot's Church in Kensington, London. He had become increasingly concerned for the many poor, unemployed men and women who lived in the area surrounding his Church and the many families who lived in squalor, where sickness and malnutrition were rampant.

Carlile was concerned, like his counter-part of that era William Booth, who founded the Salvation Army, that not only was it vitally important for people to hear the Gospel of Good News of Salvation in Jesus but also that Christians must attend to the social circumstances of the poor and work towards improving housing, employment, to provide nourishing food, and some form of education. To achieve his vision for social justice, Carlile's aim was to recruit devout and enthusiastic Christians, working men and women as Lay Evangelists.

From 1882 and through two World Wars, Wilson Carlile's vision still continues. The organization of Church Army has changed, for we are now a Religious Order, open to all who are called to devote their lives to the service and care of the poor, afflicted and the marginalized. The social deprivations of the nineteenth century are not manifested in the same ways as today but poverty, poor housing, unemployment, drug and alcohol

dependencies and prostitution are the main challenges that face us today — challenges that are not only an urban problem but are also prevalent in rural areas.

Wilson sent out Evangelists on 'Missions' to summer camps and evangelistic outreaches for children and young people and for men and women using the latest technology of 'Magic Lantern Shows'. Later Evangelists have worked in Nursing and Care Homes and Hospices, prisons, as street pastors and supermarket pastors. In many and varied roles the Church Army continues to engage with people in any form of need. Fortunately for many of us the original conditions for candidates has been amended and we no longer have to carry with us our "own bed, bedding, empty tick and sufficient portable useful utensils" nor are we required to "try their utmost to learn the cornet, concertina or harmonium" and I don't have to wear a bonnet!

As Church Army we are thrilled to hear about the formation of your new Mission Community and all the new initiatives that you have already started. We pray that God will bless and encourage all your efforts as you build up the Kingdom of God in your corner of beautiful Devon.

Sister Jean Cade CA



WILSON CARLILE

The Challenge!

In August the church wardens went on a study day together with the Revd Peter and the clergy and readers in the Mission Community.

The challenge we face is the British church is shrinking:

- In 1960, 24% of people went to church
- In 2000 only 12% of people went.
- Nearly half our present attendance is over 65.

So church attendance on present figures will halve again within 20 years.

(Exeter Diocese numbers will fall from 27,000 to 13,000 by 2035)

Where do our priorities lie?

Less people=less income=less stipendiary clergy. We have a choice:

- a) We manage decline and administer palliative care to our churches.
- b) We develop new ways of being a leaner, fitter church committed to growth.

From the church growth research programme –<http://www.churchgrowthresearch.org.uk/> certain characteristics of a growing church emerge-

- Clergy and worshippers who are willing to change and adapt
- Churches where lay people and ordained clergy are active in leadership and other roles
- Churches that actively engage children and young people
- Churches with a welcoming culture
- Clergy and Leaders, who innovate, envision and motivate people.

Are we addicted to just doing things “the old way”? To be a sustainable Mission Community we will have to do things differently.

The scriptures, prayers and breaking of bread are what sustain us most. We need to offer achievable ways for people to experience those three things as easily and naturally as watching TV, breathing and eating. This may mean **change** in times and styles of services and worship. It's doing less or doing things differently; not doing more things. Change is not threatening but life giving.

Can the Beacon magazine be a tool to help facilitate this next year?

Michael Price

Ipplepen Community Hub



The **Hub Info Service** runs on Saturday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 to 12.00am. We have a friendly volunteer, who is equipped with a computer and printer to help you find out about all sorts of things. It could be benefits, pensions, consumer problems, debt, power of attorney etc. But how does it work? Well, the best way to explain is to use an example:

Margaret is aged 70 and living alone on a state pension of £90 a week. She rents a flat and gets help with that from Teignbridge Council through housing benefit and she has savings of £9000. Can she get more help with her living expenses?

Margaret comes down to the Hub on a Tuesday morning and gets herself a lovely cappuccino (that's not compulsory by the way) and then she finds Anne. Anne shows Margaret how to use a benefit calculator supplied by Age Concern, which we can access using our computer. Margaret answers a few questions about her finances on the computer and she discovers that she can get £58.35 per week extra by applying for pension credit, despite her savings. Gosh she thinks that would really make a difference!

If you, or someone you know, is a pensioner on a low income then they might be entitled to pension credit which increases weekly income to £148 for a single person and £226 for couples. And even if you own your own home you may still be eligible for help. About 1 in 3 pensioners who are eligible do not claim pension credit at present.

Why not use the Hub Info Service to find out about pension credit? We can help you find out if you are eligible for help. And if you are we can book you an appointment with the CAB to sort out exactly what you can claim and how to claim it.

Hub opening times:

Tuesday and Thursday	10.00am-4.00pm
Friday	2.00pm-6.00pm
Saturday	10.00am-12.30pm
Hub Info Service:	10.00 to 12.00 Tuesday and Saturday

Hub Info Service e-mail: hubinfoservice@gmail.com

Hub Library e-mail: ipplepenhub@gmail.com

Website: <http://ipplepen.wix.com/ipplepen-hub>

Facebook: search for Ipplepen Community Hub and like for regular updates.

Contact us when the Hub is open: 01803 814100

Floodlighting

The towers at both Denbury and Ipplepen have floodlighting which requires 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:

November Mick and Harriet Sutherland Cook to celebrate the birthdays of grandsons Jake, Jacob and Jackson

December Tom New to celebrate Joan's birthday and their Wedding anniversary



Ipplepen:

Retrospective

7th Sept Marilyn and Tony Clark remembering Margery Clark's birthday on 9th September

14th Sept Trish and Richard Davies who would like to say goodbye after 20 years in Ipplepen, and with many thanks for all kindnesses shown

12th Oct Barbara and John Tuckett in memory of a dear Dad, Arthur Bearne, on 16th Oct

19th Oct Tony and Marilyn Clark to remember the birthday of their grandson Rhys who was 12 on 22nd October, and their granddaughter Grace who was 7 on 26th Oct



New

2nd Nov Ken Squire, Mark and Karen remembering Pamela, a wonderful wife and mother who passed away on 6th November 2011

Diana Brooks who wished to celebrate the birthday of her son Sumitra Francis on 8th November

9th Nov Diana Brooks who wished to celebrate the birthdays of her great grandchildren Edward and Annabel Copland on 11th November

21st Dec Denis and Pat Eales in memory of their daughter Alison (Duncan) who passed away 22nd December 2009, aged 43

Peter Mason remembering his late wife Janet's birthday on 23rd December

Editor's corner

Welcome to another edition of The Beacon. This one covers three months and so includes a list of services for November, December and January. This has been a decision decided on logistics. Producing an edition just at the height of Christmas for January 1st was too much certainly for your Editor and Production team and would have been impossible for our Parish reporters and all contributors in the middle of the Christmas period.

However, we do intend to continue the Beacon as a bimonthly production from the next edition which will be February and March. This will give time and space to report Christmas in our Mission Community both in word and photographs.

Feedback about the magazine has been helpful and positive. This is indicated by an increasing number of you putting pen to paper. This is hugely encouraging and supportive. So many thanks to all our contributors in this edition.

Please keep articles and photos coming and let me have them as soon as you have completed them. The final date line for the next edition will be the 14th February 2015.

Longer term, as we come to the start of a new Church year with Advent. How do we take this Beacon communication between our churches forward in the coming year?

One idea is to increase the human interest factor in the magazine. One of the great benefits of being a Mission Community is a much larger pool of human resource that I would like to tap into. Some regular articles about individual people, their past experiences, attitudes and personal beliefs would I believe be of much interest to



readers; particularly as we get to know each other better.

To achieve this I need help and support. If this is something that you feel might interest you, please contact me to help!

Michael Price Editor
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A message from Nicholas!



Now I know that I am retired! This is it!

Note the wine and glasses garden stand,
the chair, the book and the smile.

Nicholas