

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

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! While Christmas might seem a long way away the season of Christmas and Epiphany ends with Candlemas or The Presentation of Christ in the Temple on 1st February. Then, before you know it, it will be Lent and then Easter.

By the time you read this edition (the fourth!) of The Beacon we will have begun using our new pattern of services. The Service Planning Group, comprising wardens from all the churches, met last year to look at what was practical for us to provide. We took the needs and wishes of the parishes into account

as well as looking at the overall spread of services. It was apparent that parishes were not keen on seeing another parish have a service which took their Rector away from them and so we aimed to ensure there were as few, if any, clashes of services as possible. I was enormously heartened by the collaborative approach that the members took, looking at the overall pattern rather than just the individual needs. Ipplepen 8am service has been reduced to two services a month on the



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A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

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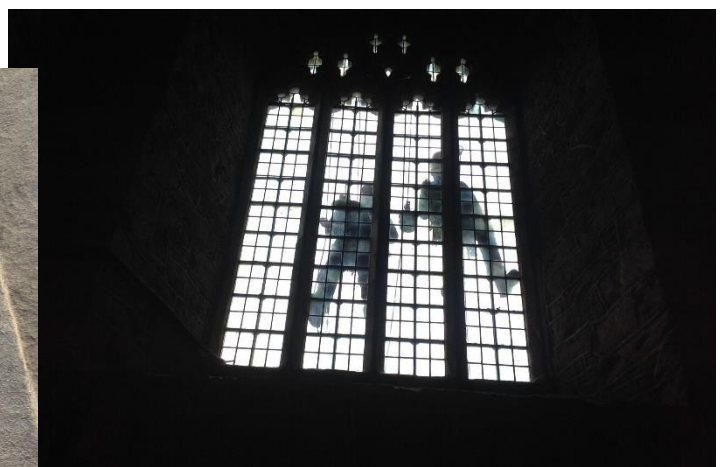
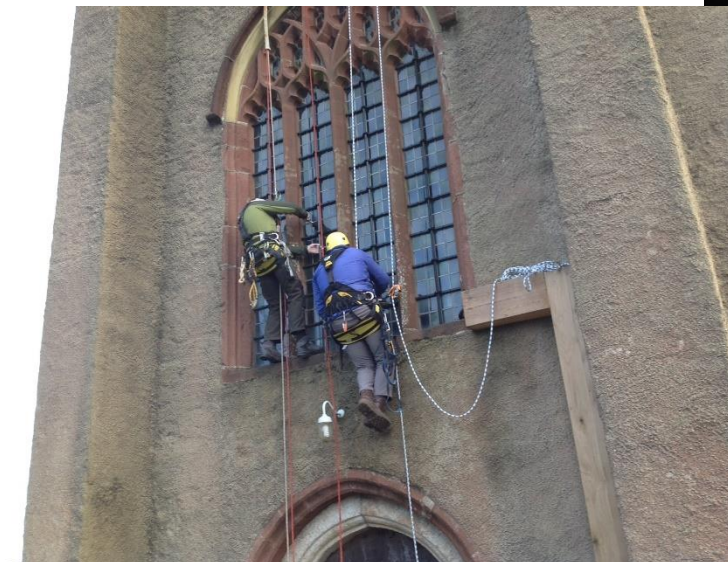
second and fourth Sundays. Ipplepen already has a lay-led service, as has Broadhempston. Woodland changed the Sunday on which it does not have a service, Broadhempston agreed to trial a new service at 4.00pm on the second Sunday and Denbury surrendered its service on the second Sunday. The result is a workable and sensible pattern of services which is manageable for me and which offers a good variety of worship across the Mission Community. We also agreed to try a new 7.00pm service on the first Tuesday of the month at Ipplepen for those who cannot make mid-week services (and for anyone else interested). As I write we have had the first of the new services and both were well attended and most uplifting. We hope to have some musical services at Ipplepen on the first Sunday evening of the month to replace Evensong at Ipplepen. I remain indebted to our Hon. Asst. Priests who provide cover on special occasions, when I am not available or on leave and also much support and encouragement in my ministry. We are very fortunate. I am also grateful to Rev. Anne and Rev. Gordon who have been running a training course for our pastoral care teams. More of that in due course.

As well as planning services a group has been revising and updating our Mission Community profile, vision and mission action plan. All these and much more can be found on the website www.missioncommunity.org.uk. In it we have committed to good practice and enthusiasm in our mission for our churches.

Lent provides us with a much needed time to reflect on the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. It gives us time to prepare and examine ourselves as we try and serve him as best we can. Traditionally it is a time for learning and so we are running a Pilgrim Lent Course on the Creeds. It will run for 6 weeks on Mondays at 1.00pm starting on 23rd February. An optional course book is available for £6. Fliers are in our churches. The course was co-written by our own Bishop Robert so it comes highly recommended (and not just by him!). Do try and come to some or all the sessions as we seek to examine our faith through the different creeds. The course content includes video and audio clips so it will not be 'dry', even if you have given up alcohol for Lent. It is suitable for all levels from the newcomer to the seasoned course-goer. You will be made very welcome.

With every blessing, in Christ,

Peter



A couple of pictures of the steeplejacks carrying out repairs to the stonework at St. Andrew's

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



The villagers of Denbury were treated to a very enjoyable night of light music on 21st November when the Church was visited by the Classic Breeze Concert Band. An interesting and varied programme of music for all age groups was performed to a high standard and the proceeds of the evening provided a boost to church funds.

Parishioners enjoyed a day out in Bath on 26th November and were able to spend several hours looking around this historic city or carrying out some Christmas shopping before the coach ride back to Denbury.

Christmas at Denbury 2014 has been as busy as ever with a very full diary of services and events to celebrate Christ's birth.

The procession of the Posada figures made its way around the village from the start of December staying at a different house each night and reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Lists of the host families were displayed in the village so that the stage reached could be seen. This continues to be a meaningful and very popular tradition at Denbury.

On the 18th December a group of approximately a dozen parishioners visited Brambledown Nursing Home on the edge of the village to share some carols with the residents and staff. This is always much enjoyed by those staying at the Home (and by the carol singers) and having sung a number of carols in the lounge, the group makes its way around the corridors to sing to those who are unable to leave their rooms and give them

the opportunity to join in with their favourites.

The following day there was more carol singing this time outside the Union Inn on the Village Green. This is always well attended by families from the village and with mulled wine and mince pies to warm up the singers this event always gets everyone very much in the Christmas spirit.

Our Service of Nine lessons and Carols was held on Sunday 21st with a packed Church. The service featured the village choir conducted and led by Chris Eastman who performed a selection of carols and seasonal music to the usual high standard. With the backing of the choir and the large congregation letting rip on the well-known and much loved carols this proved a very uplifting service. We are supporting local charity Families for Children once again this year.

The children of the village were much to the fore at the Crib service held on the afternoon of Christmas Eve. The theme of the service this year was bells and the children joined in songs and activities on this theme. The church bells were rung before and during the service so that the children could hear them ringing. There was an opportunity to have a look at the bells and chime the smaller ones after the service which was enthusiastically taken up by a large number of the congregation. Perhaps some future bellringers were among them.

The Crib figures have again been set up within the altar and provide an impressive centre piece for the church particularly when lit up and with the rest of the church in darkness.

Christmas Day was heralded in with Midnight Communion and it was lovely to see so many in church for this important service.

Mike Bray

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



As you would expect, Advent and Christmas was a busy time at St. Andrew's.

Our patronal festival was celebrated on the second Sunday of Advent and members of St. Andrew's congregation were delighted to see how many members of other churches within the Mission Community made the effort to come to Ipplepen. Thanks to Jenny Buckle from Woodland for organizing the coach!

After the service over 60 people squeezed into the church hall for lunch, after which those with any stamina left at all headed off for Broadhempston for the confirmation service, followed by yet more food!

Christmas is always an opportunity to attract into church people who don't often attend during the year. This year a wide range of services meant that there truly was something for everyone.

The candle lit carol service on the Sunday before Christmas was one highlight, with the choir augmented by voices from many other local choirs.

Another highlight was the crib service on Christmas Eve, which brought 180 people, mostly families with young children, into church. The Posada family completed their long journey around the village and finally arrived at the stable, while, during a lively service, Peter and the congregation discussed the Christmas story.

Much later in the day, Midnight Holy Communion allowed older residents of the village to welcome Christmas Day.

With the start of the New Year the first of the Tuesday evening services was held. Starting at 7pm, these monthly services are designed to appeal to those whose work, or other commitments, make attendance on a Sunday difficult. It was a bitterly cold evening outside but the quiet and reflective mood inside was a great start to these services. We pray that they will be an effective outreach in the months and years to come.

Liz Lamport

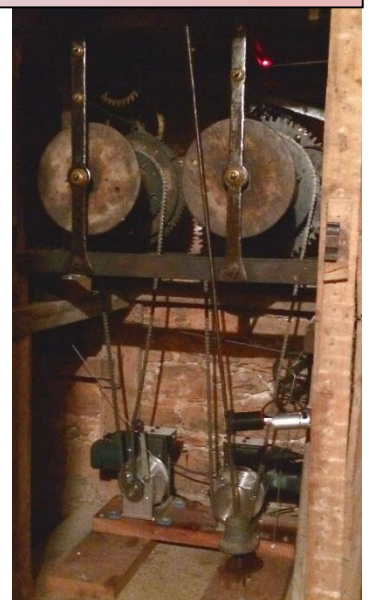
Church Clock – On Time !!!!!

The September issue of The Beacon contained an article about the plan to fit a regulator to St. Andrew's clock. Well, with funds raised at the Gift Day, it has now been fitted by yours truly and John Robinson.

The result? The clock is normally correct within 10 seconds, and often much better than that. When people are now expectantly checking the clock, remember to allow for the time the sound takes to reach you; 1 second for every 340 metres from the church!

To find out more about how it works have a look at www.richardwhiteclocks.co.uk.

Charles Quartley



News from Woodland

St. John the Baptist



The winter months so far, whilst day length has been getting shorter, have shown no lack of warmth in our little village. Our regular monthly library and coffee mornings are as popular as ever and these have been augmented by a monthly afternoon sharing domestic skills. So far we have been taught how to make Chelsea buns and fruit plaits, which were absolutely delicious and disappeared in no time after being brought home, and Christmas wreaths.

The village hall certainly looked like a bomb had hit it at one point, with hay and bits of holly everywhere, but the results were well worth it and displayed on gates and doors all over the village for the rest of the Christmas season. I believe that the next session may involve some sewing.

The church was beautifully decorated, as ever, for our Advent and Christmas services and although no carol singing took place around the village this year, we had plenty of opportunity to sing out at our carol service and lubricate our voices afterwards in the village hall, over coffee and mince pies. As a village, we have not yet, at time of writing, celebrated the New Year but there are plans for a bring and share lunch in the very near future

Helen Pearce

An evening of Music and Song

When Vernon Kerslake of Ipplepen managed to entice his son Glyn to give a concert in aid of our Mission Community churches, Rowcroft Hospice and the Devon Air Ambulance, even he could not have imagined what an amazing response he would achieve. Even as Glyn and Shona opened with a rousing 'Let's face the music and dance' we all knew we were in for a magical evening. Glyn enthralled us with his effortless piano playing whilst he and Shona sung memorable songs from the shows. I am sure we all had a lump in our throats as Glyn played a song he had written for his mum who would have been 70 this year. Shona and Glyn had a beautifully relaxed camaraderie and their voices soared in musical harmony.

A special moment came when Glyn invited Vernon to sing 'Ol' Man River'. The ensuing applause was testament, not only to his lovely rendition, but also to the hard work he had put in to present the evening. The concert came to a reluctant close as Glyn donned his Phantom mask and sang the famous duet with Shona. Thanks to all who helped raise well over £1700 for the charities.



News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



December will certainly be a month to remember in Broadhempston, starting with the Confirmation Service on December 7th.

What a joyful event that turned out to be. We were so pleased to welcome Bishop Richard Hawkins and also so many fellow worshipers from the Beacon Mission Community.

With the support of the Ipplepen choir, servers and wardens from all our churches the service couldn't have taken place more smoothly.

The service was followed by a celebration tea in the village hall which was enjoyed by one and all.

We are starting a Holy Communion Service on the second Sunday of each month in our church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon to be led by Peter.

We hope that this will be a good time of day for our younger congregation to attend with the busy lives they all lead.

The Christmas services began with the Carol service in a beautifully decorated church.

The school choir came to join us together with many of their parents resulting in a full church, if only we could have this a little more often! But, don't give up, as we were standing room only on Christmas Day at the family service led by Tricia Stokes.

Thanks to the generosity of our Christmas congregations we will be sending a cheque for £400 to the Christian Aid Appeal for the children of Syria.

I will close by wishing all readers a happy new year followed by a short request. In April we will be in need of a new treasurer for Broadhempston PCC. It is not a very time consuming role and you don't need to live in Broadhempston to join us. If you might be interested do give me a call on 01803-812986.

Pam Perriman



A delightful picture after the confirmation service at Broadhempston, taken by Bishop Richard Hawkins

Miles Webber – Young Hero

In the Pride of South Devon Awards ceremony, Miles Webber, my cherished son, won the under 18's category for Young Hero of The Year.

The ceremony was hosted at the Imperial Hotel, Torquay, in October 2014 and it was a very proud moment for me, as Miles' father.

He was nominated by a member of the public for his gift of life, posthumously.

Miles was thirteen years old when he lost his life on the 19th November 2012 in Bristol Children's Hospital. He had been involved in a road traffic accident on the 11th November in Devizes, Wiltshire.

Miles was a very special teenager, who was constantly smiling and enhancing the lives of those around him, by his cool, charismatic character.

He had many friends with whom he enjoyed spending time with, listening to music, skateboarding and eating pizza! Miles worked hard at school and his talent in squash was recognised with him playing for Wiltshire.

The decision that had to be made on that dark day in November was not one that had me undecided. Miles was a very giving person and to donate his organs, very much reflected Miles' ethos of thinking and caring for others.

The transplant team were very professional and sympathetic and made the process as sensitive as possible. They have a very difficult role to play, but their work is life saving and

should be recognised as valorous.

There are individuals whose lives have been saved by Miles' gift. Their futures, friends and families will never forget Miles and his legacy. This is a very humbling concept.

I do hope that I can spread the positivity of the importance of organ donation to others, so that ultimate good, can transcend from tragedy.

My life has been changed forever from losing Miles in this life. However, I am committed to creating positivity and happiness for others in my son's name.

I have recently completed a 15,000ft sky dive and raised over £1700 for the Air Ambulance. I have also donated money to the YMCA for Miles' birthdays and the RD&E Children's Ward and the WESC Foundation for Christmas. There are many who are struggling with their daily lives and if Miles can help in any small way, that creates a sense of pride and happiness for me and my family.

I am currently in the process of launching a website which will provide a forum for anyone to post their fundraising plans in Miles' name. My hope is that we can build a very strong future filled with charity works to enhance the lives of those who are less fortunate.

James Webber



Editor's note:

James Webber and his family moved to Ipplepen shortly after his son Miles was tragically killed. He writes movingly about his son in this article and I asked him to say a word about himself first. He added:

I very much enjoy the village life in Ipplepen with its supportiveness and wonderful sense of community spirit. The Wellington's Guinness is also a definite plus!

Two of our eldest children enjoy the village school and our youngest child, so far, had a beautiful baptism ceremony in St. Andrews.

My wife and I had the most perfect wedding service with The Reverend Peter Ashman, one of which we shall never forget.

On the Buses !

On December 7th our Mission Community hired a bus from the Newton Abbot Community Transport to collect people from our villages to go to two special services. The first was a patronal service at Ipplepen followed by lunch in the Church Hall and then Patrick our driver took us home. Some of us went on the second journey to the Confirmation at Broadhempston, picking up the choir at Ipplepen. The service was taken by Bishop Richard Hawkins. Everyone went to the wonderful tea in the Hall before our journey through the lanes in a moonlit evening to get home.



We really hope that we will be able to use the bus again and please let me know if you would be interested and future dates will be in The Beacon. Jenny Buckle 01364 652472

ExeVox evening



ExeVox celebrated St.Cecelia's day in St.Andrew's church with a very varied programme in aid of Motor Neurone disease under the direction of Peter Adcock.

We travelled around the world in a musical time capsule from 1500 to the present day. Our journey began with European destinations.

Bee Harley, the choir's own contralto and resident composer had composed **Blessed are the Meek**. A duet followed with Tom Morris and Daphne West called **The Wind Blows**.

Apart from the impressive singing we experienced slick choreography reflecting the two walls of sound in Biebi's **Ave Maria** representing the Angelus and the Annunciation.

Star from Latvia was accompanied by vibraphone and Tibetan silver bowl to emulate wet fingers on a wine glass. Such imaginative orchestration!

After the interval we visited **Cuba** with Tom Morris on tambourine and a succession of lively compositions with audience participation in the **Eriskay Love Lilt**.

All too soon we were back in Wales for a touching **Welsh Lullaby** with the choir singing from memory.

At touchdown we were left with the wonderful musical memories of a fantastic musical journey and the **Gaelic Blessing** ringing our ears.

Thank you ExeVox and ENCORE and soon please.

Marilyn Ellis

Some thoughts on the Shepherds

We all know how the shepherds were in the fields, watching over their flocks at night, when the angel of the Lord appeared to them, and gave them the glorious news of the birth of the Messiah.

They are a fundamental part of the Christmas story, and we all heard or read it a few weeks ago. But the emphasis has changed slightly as to the part these shepherds played, and why they were chosen to play it.

These days when the shepherds are mentioned we are told that it is because they were poor, smelly, outcasts of society and generally unwanted. We are told that the angels appeared to those people simply because they were the lowest of the low.

But I can remember bits of Christmas sermons from many years ago when the message was slightly different. The angels appeared to the shepherds not just because they were poor - but also because they were the only ones awake and watching. They were the only ones the angels could find who were not asleep and could hear and deliver the message to others.

This theme of the need to be awake and watchful runs through the whole of the Bible. It is carried into many hymns which we can all think of "Christians Awake!" being the obvious Christmas carol - but a few minutes' reflection and many more will come to mind.) We all

know the accusing question put to sleeping Peter in the garden of Gethsemane "Could you not watch with me just one hour?" Being awake, watchful and ready is one of God's great messages to us which we cannot afford to ignore.

There is a wonderful passage in Romans 13 v11 which says that "It is high time to wake



out of sleep, for our salvation is nearer than we believed." This is where the great Advent collect comes from, as the passage continues "The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light."

The shepherds did this - they were fully awake and watchful - and they were magnificently rewarded. They saw the Angels, and were the first to hear the Christmas message. May we also always keep awake to what is happening around us, and be prepared to hear God's present-day message to us and to the world.

Stephen Bryant

Woodland Church Bells

Although I have been associated with St John the Baptist for over 16 years, I knew little about the bells other than there were 3 and they were chimed rather than rung full circle in a peal. This all changed after a visit in September of a group of bell ringing enthusiasts who wanted to see the condition of the bells. The group included Peter Bill (well-known local bellringer) and David Hird (Assistant Diocesan Bell Adviser). The subsequent report I received stated “...we (sic) were amazed to find the installation in a much better condition than we (sic) had imagined and noted the excellent repair work done by inserting a new steel sub frame under the bell frame. Basically there is very little that now prevents these bells from being rung full circle as they were originally installed to do”

There was, however, concern about the clocking mechanism used to chime the bells by attaching ropes to the clappers (Woodland fashion!), which could result in a cracked bell. The advice was to chime the bells with a proper Ellacombe Chiming Apparatus connected to separate hammers under the bells. There was a request to revisit the tower to carry out maintenance work and make a more detailed assessment of the frames and fittings.

In May, David Hird and two colleagues spent all morning servicing the bells and checking the mechanism and bell frame. I joined the team in the belfry and too was surprised to see all the features present for the bells to be rung full circle viz: wheel, slide and stay. Unusually, the stay was attached to the wheel, which means it would not be an ideal tower for learners (for an explanation, ask a bellringer!). The conclusion of the visit was the bells swung surprisingly well and the bellframe, although a little flimsy, was basically fit for purpose. However more work needs to be done on the new steel sub frame before the bells can be rung full circle. During our discussion David Hird said the bells were “listed”, which stimulated me to investigate further. Visits to

appropriate web sites have enabled me to collate the following information:

English Heritage lists 10 features for listing in Woodland including a gatepost 50 metres NW of Gurrington!

St John the Baptist is the only Grade1 listed building and it is assumed the bells are included in this listing. The cross in the Churchyard listed Grade2.

Towers and Bells of Devon state “3 bells listed in the inventory of 1553.....Three bells hung originally for ringing in a very light softwood frame with elm headstocks. Bells rehung by Agett in 1877”. No current parishioner can ever recall the bells being rung full circle.

The Church Building Council (formerly Council for the Care of Churches) placed a Schedule of Bells for Preservation Order in 1984. Unlike English Heritage listing, this is advisory rather than statutory.

Treble

The oldest bell cast in c1400 by a founder in Exeter.

Diameter 27.5 inches. No weight given

Inscription: AVE MARIA

Second

Cast in 1678 by founder Mordecai Cockey of Totnes.

Diameter 30 inches. No weight given

Inscription: JOHN SOPER STEPHEN WOOTON
WARDENS

Tenor

Cast in 1636 by founder Thomas Pennington 111 of Exeter.

Diameter 32.375inches. Weight 5.5cwt

Inscription: DRAWE NEARE UNTO GOD

What a wonderful heritage we have in our churches.

John Usher

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Sunday Services for February and March

Sunday 1st February – Epiphany 4/Candlemas/Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

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 8th February – Second Sunday before Lent (Ordinary Time)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden
4.00pm	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Tony Meek
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Woodland	Tessa Amies

Sunday 15th February - Sunday before Lent (Ordinary Time)

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

Sunday 22nd February – Lent 1

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

Sunday 1st March – Lent 2

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 8th March – Lent 3

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
4.00pm	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Woodland	Tessa Amies

Sunday 15th March – Lent 4/Mothering Sunday

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 22nd March – Lent 5 – Passiontide begins

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

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday – BST begins

11.00am	Mission Community Palm Sunday procession, service and lunch	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman
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Mid-week Services for February and March

Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday

10.00am	Holy Communion	Denbury
7.00pm	Ash Wednesday service	Ipplepen

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 – February and March

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
1 st Feb	Hon. Asst. Priests	Blackstone Road	The Green	Main Street	Chardanay
8 th Feb	Electoral Roll Officers	Bowden Road	Down View Road	Houndhead Way	Sunset Cottage
15 th Feb	Servers	Bridge Street & Fore Street	Greenhill Lane	Vicarage Hill	Hawkes Farm
22 nd Feb	Eucharistic Ministers	Caunters Close & Harris Court	Fairview	Primary School	Orchard Cottage
1 st Mar	Sidespeople	Church Path & Paternoster Lane	Moorland Avenue	Community Shop	Pulsford View
8 th Mar	Sacristans	Clampitt Road and Clampitt Close	Orchard Close	Radfords	Pulsford Farm
15 th Mar	Organists	Clarendon Road & Motehole Road	Heathfield Road	Beaston	Wickeridge Lodge
22 nd Mar	Choirs and Musical Directors	Cooke Drive & Lang Way	Heathfield Terrace	Downe	Quarry Farm
29 th Mar	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses

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

Dates ahead – February and March

February

Monday 2 nd	1.00 pm	Ipplepen Standing Committee meet in the Church Hall
Wednesday 4 th	12.30-2.00 pm	Lunch Club Ipplepen Church Hall
Saturday 7 th	10.00 am – noon	Woodland Library open
Thursday 12 th	10.30 am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
Saturday 14 th	2.30 pm	Valentine's Day cream tea at Ipplepen Church Hall
Sunday 15 th	11.00 am	Baptism of Kara Moore at St. Andrew's Church - during the 11.00 am Parish Communion Service
	3.00 pm	Baptism of Arthur Hallett at St. Andrew's Church
Monday 16 th	1.00 pm	Ipplepen PCC meet in the Church Hall
	5.30 pm	Denbury PCC meet at Church Cottage
Wednesday 18 th	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Communion service at Ipplepen
Thursday 19 th	12.30 pm	Lent soup lunch at The Hub in Ipplepen
Monday 23 rd	Morning	Home Communions
	1.00 pm	Lent Course at St. Andrew's Church Hall
Wednesday 25 th	7.00 pm	Compline at St. Andrew's
Saturday 28 th	3.00-5.30 pm	Messy Church Ipplepen Church Hall

March

Monday 2 nd	1.00 pm	Lent Course at St. Andrew's Church Hall
Wednesday 4 th	12.30-2.00 pm	Lunch Club Ipplepen Church Hall
	7.00 pm	Compline at St. Andrew's
Thursday 5 th	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod at St. Michael's, Kingsteignton
Friday 6 th	5.00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer at Ipplepen Church followed by coffee and cake
Saturday 7 th	10.00 am-noon	Woodland Library open
Monday 9 th	10.00 am	Messy Church meeting at Tessa's
	1.00 pm	Lent Course at St. Andrew's Church Hall
Wednesday 11 th	7.00 pm	Compline at St. Andrew's
Thursday 12 th	10.30 am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
Sunday 15 th	11.00 am	Mothering Sunday service at St. Andrew's followed by lunch in the Hall (12.30 p.m.)
Monday 16 th	1.00 pm	Lent Course at St. Andrew's Church Hall
Wednesday 18 th	7.00 pm	Compline at St. Andrew's
	7.30 pm	Deanery Chapter venue tba
Saturday 20 th	10.00 am	Diocesan Synod
Monday 23 rd	1.00 pm	Lent Course at St. Andrew's Church Hall
Tuesday 24 th	7.30 pm	Installation of new Archdeacon at Totnes
Wednesday 25 th	6.00 pm	Denbury School Easter performance
	7.00 pm	Compline at St. Andrew's
Thursday 26 th	1.30 pm	Denbury School Easter performance
Saturday 28 th	2.00 pm	Wedding of Tracey Carr and Shaun Morgan at Broadhempston
Sunday 29 th	11.00 am	Palm Sunday service and lunch at Woodland
Monday 30 th	1.00 pm	Lent Course at St. Andrew's Church Hall

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



Easter Services

Services for Easter are:

Thursday 2nd April – Maundy Thursday

11.00 am	Chrism Mass	Cathedral
7.00 pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper	Ipplepen
	Followed by the Maundy Watch	Ipplepen & Denbury

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

10.00 am	Children's Service with hot cross buns	Ipplepen
11.00 am	Service at St. Andrew's followed by Walk of Witness through Ipplepen ending at the Methodist Church and soup lunch	Ipplepen
2.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy with communion from the reserved sacrament with Sunday Club in the Cottage followed by hot cross buns	Denbury

Saturday 4th April – Easter Eve

8.30 pm	Easter Vigil and first communion of Easter	Denbury
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Sunday 5th April – Easter Day

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen
9.15 am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club and Easter Egg Hunt	Denbury
11.00 am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club and Easter Egg Hunt	Ipplepen
11.00 am	Parish Communion and Easter Egg Hunt	Broadhempston
6.00 pm	Holy Communion	Woodland

What's New?

A curate greeting his flock after Evensong.....

CURATE to FARMER

"How do you manage to get on in these bad times?"

FARMER to CURATE

"Well sir, last year we lived on Faith;

this year we're a-livin' in Hope;

and next year I'm afraid we shall have to depend on Charity"



(Punch March 20, 1880)

High Wind over Denbury Down



More than a 'Breeze' blew through Denbury on Friday 21st November when the 'Classic Breeze' Concert Band produced the 'Big Band Sound' at the Parish Church. Musical Director, David Bourne and his 30 piece Band, put together a balanced programme to suit all tastes. With vocal performances from Carolyne Randall and Mervyn Hayes and instrumental delights from Richard Bourne, on Tenor Saxophone and Shirley Skates on Base Clarinet we were treated to a musical programme from around the World.

Starting the night in Spain with Jaime Texidor's 'Amparito Roca' we swiftly crossed the Atlantic to Leroy Anderson's 'Blue Tango'. Mervyn Hayes invited us to 'Come Back to Sorrento' followed by the Band's Old Blue Eyes Medley a tribute to Frank Sinatra. At David Bourne's invitation the audience clapped wildly to 'Can-Can', and then the pace slowed with the Band playing the light classical piece 'In a Monastery Garden' by Albert W. Ketelbey. 'If I Love You' from the musical Carousel was beautifully sung by Carolyne Randall and Mervyn Hayes. Before the audience caught its breath the Band delighted with selections from another

musical, 'Chicago' by John Kander. The classic solo 'Misty' was played by Richard Bourne, Tenor Saxophone followed by the Bands rendition of the 'Light Cavalry Overture' by Franz von Suppe. From somewhere in the 'Cavalry' we heard the Horn of Mike Pill leading on the charge. Having criss-crossed the Atlantic several times the first half of the concert ended.

During the interval drinks and nibbles were served in Church Cottage. The second half started back in the USA with the iconic WW2 song 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy' written by Don Raye and Hughie Prince more than a year before the US joined the War. Not stopping we were whisked away to Africa when the Band performed composer John Barry's beautiful 'Out of Africa' theme tune. We didn't stop in Africa for long and our next appointment was with 'Duke Ellington - In Concert' another tribute to a great artist from David and the Band. This was followed by a solo performance from Shirley Skates on the Bass Clarinet of 'Nola'. Lulled by Shirley's clarinet we were soon awoken when the Band took us to Greece for 'Zorba's Dance' from Mikis Theodorakis score for the film Zorba the

High Wind over Denbury Down - [cont'd]

Greek. Once recovered from his 'Strictly come Greek Dancing' routine David Bourne settled us down with the Band's musical tribute to 'The Magic of Andrew Lloyd Webber'.

The penultimate vocal performance of the night was another duet from Carolynne Randall and Mervyn Hayes when they sang the 'The Desert Song' from the operetta of the same name. Then a moment of audience participation, song sheets at the ready, we did Sir Hubert Parry and the Women's Institute proud with the massed voices of Denbury's rendition of Jerusalem. The grand finale from the Band was 'The Day thou Gavest' with soloists Mike Owen and Terry Aisthorpe playing the 'Last Post'.

Our musical geography lesson ended with a presentation of thanks to guest vocalists by David Bourne who also received a bouquet of thanks from a delighted audience. The Band gave their services for free and all proceeds from the night were given to the church. A big thank you to Mary Head, Mike Pill, the work party, the catering team and 'Classic Breeze'.



Mick Sutherland-Cook

The Bells of Torbryan

The tower at Torbryan, and at least one of the bells, is older than the rest of the building. The ringing world acknowledges that the third bell has as pure a tone as any bell in the kingdom and although cast some time before 1450 it has never been re-tuned, its note being perfect. The legend cast into the bell translates "In truth beneath the sky, there is no better bell than I". The treble and tenor bells were cast later, about 1500, while the second is a bit of a late comer at 1553 and its legend translates simply as "Mother of God, remember me".

Despite their age, the bells are hung in a modern steel frame and are easy going. No-one who has rung at Torbryan could forget the experience. There is no electricity, the spiral staircase and ringing chamber are dark and the home of many bats, but the tone of these historic bells is deep and magnificent.

The Tenor weighs just over 14 ½ cwt.

There is no regular ringing or weekly practice at Torbryan, but the Rector or Ipplepen tower Captain will give further details if anyone is interested.



Stephen Bryant

Plough Monday

“If Heraldry were guided by reason, a Plough in a Field Arable would be the most noble and ancient Arms” (Abraham Cowley, 1618-1687)



The pattern of village life was always closely linked to the perennial round of farming tasks such as ploughing, sowing and harvest. The hard work involved was punctuated by traditional festivals and fairs, which allowed for some relaxation and merriment.

The first festival of the year was Plough Monday, which initially was a pagan ceremony involving dragging a plough through the village and asking the gods to look favourably on its work. The Church adopted the ceremony in the 1400's and used the occasion to raise parish funds. This practice continued until the mid-1600's when it became less associated with the Church and was used by ploughmen to make some money at a very difficult time of the year. Plough Monday is the first Monday after Epiphany or Twelfth Night (January 6th). In medieval times ploughboys were supposed to return to work on that day to start the new season's ploughing.

Ploughs are still blessed in many rural parishes on Plough Sunday, which is usually the Sunday following Plough Monday. Whereas in the past most crops were sown in the spring, today the majority of cereals are autumn sown, which means ploughing in late summer/early autumn. Indeed many cereal crops are sown with a “minimum till” technique that does not include slower and more expensive ploughing.

Apparently, only the Dioceses of Chichester and Exeter still officially recognise Plough Sunday. Plough Sunday in Devon moves around the County but when it was celebrated in Exeter Cathedral a few years ago, a tractor and plough entered the cathedral via the west door and was blessed by Bishop Michael Langrish, a prelate much respected by the farming community because of his interest in the industry and those who work in it.

John Usher

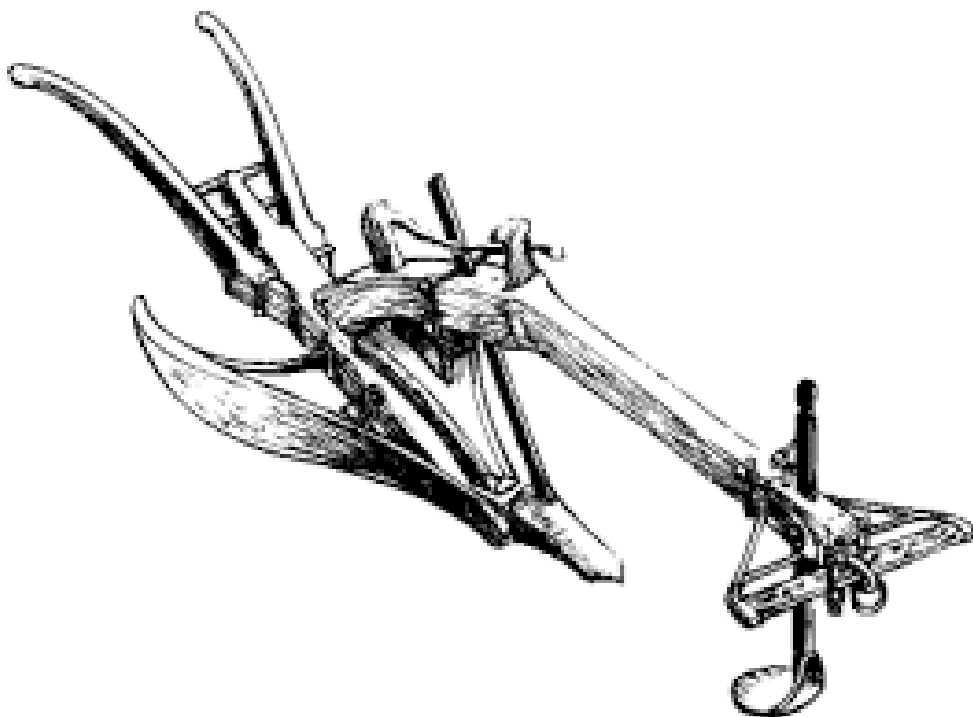
Plough Monday – cont'd

Plough Sunday for Devon was held on 11th January 2015.

The Exeter Diocese publishes 2 prayers especially for Plough Sunday.

*Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

*God our Father,
you never cease the work you have begun
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts
that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world
and seek that justice where all may share
the good things you pour upon us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen*



Teach the Children

Before retiring and moving to Ipplepen I advised schools on issues relating to the behaviour of children and young people (and sometimes adults too). I was often invited to schools' nativity plays and carol services and it is a joy to be able to continue to attend such events.

'Teach the children that God so loved the world that he gave His only son.....

Teach the children to give gifts in the same spirit as the Wise Men'

These are just two of the 'headlines' of the Denbury Primary School Carol Service in which all the children participated fully with joyful and enthusiastic singing and speaking. They behaved really well.

The Crib Service at St Andrew's Church on Christmas Eve was also one of joyful and lively participation by children of all ages. The Church was full. The children were allowed to choose where they sat and were given permission to move freely. A few of the younger ones did so quietly without causing any disturbance to others. The focus of the service enabled the children to share and indeed extend their knowledge and understanding of the nativity and to have fun. They (and the adults too) were encouraged to answer questions and were praised for doing so correctly.

Thus I enjoyed two children's services with the Christmas message delivered in two very different styles appropriate to the setting. In my opinion both very successfully engaged the children and also the adults who accompanied and supported them.

So what made each successful?

We know that children function best when they are clear about what is expected of them



and when they are praised and acknowledged for their positive efforts. Too often we leave them guessing the rules as we tell them what we don't want them to do rather than what we do want. Both in Denbury and Ipplepen the expectations were made clear to the children and their contributions to their services were valued. Such approach is likely to enhance their sense of belonging to the communities of their schools and church and to give them trust and confidence to participate further.

The adults leading the services maintained their interest and listened to them respectfully.

The children exhibited a lot of self control, taking turns, waiting patiently, and concentrating (most of the time). In fact, they demonstrated a lot of skill in cooperation and social awareness. They left each event with heads held high, looking relaxed and proud of themselves.

I think it is worth highlighting some of the specific strengths of these performances as we face the challenge of actively engaging children and young people in our church.

Anne Holroyd

The Incorporated Church Building Society

In one of the windows in St Andrew's is a small framed document. It reads:

"The Incorporated Church Building Society made a grant AD 1947 for the repair of this church upon condition that all sittings should continue to be free".

So what does this mean, and who were the Incorporated Church Building Society (or ICBS)? First, the Society made two grants to St Andrew's. In 1947 one was for repairs to the roof, windows and walls (the architect being Henry Drury of Exeter) and in 1950 another was for repairs to the tower (the architects being Tonar and Drury of Exeter).

Previously, the church could rent out pews for the exclusive use of an individual or family (the best pews getting the highest rents). These grants were made on condition that the church could not charge anyone for their pew from 1947 onwards - anyone could, in theory, sit wherever they liked - under the direction of the Churchwardens.

And who were the ICBS? By the start of the 19th Century the spectacular growth of an industrialized population and consequent urban sprawl meant that churches were either too small, in the wrong place, or non-existent. The 1818 Church Building Act made funds available for new churches, and the ICBS was formed to distribute the money. In the first 3 years up to 1821 85 new churches had been funded by the scheme. In 1836 proposals were put forward for 50 churches in just the London area. Even in the South-West there were new churches - in Devonport (1847), Truro (1848), Plymstock (1853), Withycombe Raleigh (1862) and Babbacombe (1874).

But the ICBS's mandate didn't just include building new churches. They made many smaller grants to ancient churches like ours to keep them in repair - specifically where the construction of the new-style bench pews we are so familiar with meant that there were free seats for the poorer classes.



All this funding meant that churches up and down the land were remodelled - not always to their advantage by today's standards. Well known architects such as William Butterfield, Ewan Christian, George Gilbert Scott and their many imitators managed to destroy the accumulated architecture of centuries. They often followed the "taste" of the supporters of the Oxford Movement of the 1830's, championing the return of ritual, "beauty in Divine Worship" and what they thought churches might have looked like in the 1200s.

The ICBS continued making grants, like ours in Ipplepen, until 2013 when they finally came under the umbrella of the National Churches Trust. So when you next see our notice (or read it for the first time having seen it for years without looking!) you will have a little more insight into what it means - and why it is there. And if someone wants to charge you for your pew - don't pay!

Stephen Bryant

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:

No sponsors



Ipplepen:

Retrospective

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| 7 th Nov | Marion, Roger, Ed and Tom to celebrate Marion's "significant" birthday on 9 th Nov |
| 30 th Nov | Peter and Val Sleight in memory of Val's mother, Phyllis Monks |
| 7 th Dec | Peter and Val Sleight in memory of Val's mother, Phyllis Monks |
| 28 th Dec | David, Linda, Hannah and Katie Simmonds in memory of Hope and Faith |
| 4 th Jan | Gill and Dennis Arnum who love to see the Church floodlit as they enter the village – it is so warm and welcoming |
| 11 th Jan | Barbara and John Tuckett in memory of a dear Mum, Dora Bearne on 13 th Jan |

New

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| 15 th Feb | Norah Moore to celebrate the Baptism of her great-granddaughter Kara Louise |
| 1 st March | David, Linda and Katie Simmonds for Hannah's birthday on 5 th March |
| 8 th March | Dorothy Walters to celebrate the birthday of Fil Baggs - a life-long friend of the Revd. Fred Buffett |

Letter to the Editor

Getting to know one another

Tuesday evening Communion service 7pm

First Tuesday of the month at St Andrew's

Mark and I have just come back from the inaugural Tuesday evening Communion service, which was wonderful.

The only frustrating thing was that there were people there who we would have loved to get to know better! We all stood around chatting for a while after the service and then gradually drifted away.

So – next month (3rd February). Who would like to join us after the service and to make an evening of it?

The options seem to be:

- * A get together at the back of the church (sounds a bit chilly and austere to me, but at least it's close!)
- * A quick walk down Church Path to the Wellie, with a beer or wine for those in a hurry and supper for those who didn't have time to eat before church.
- * Or a bring and share supper at our house.

Please let Mark or I, or one of the church wardens know what you think!

Liz Lamport

Editor's corner

Many thanks to all those who have contributed this edition. Articles and photographs are always welcome and it is good to have items in reserve if we do not have room in the next edition. Deadline for the April/May "Beacon" is March 13th.



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Where St. Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen

When Monday 23rd February 1.00pm for 6 weeks

Details Over 6 weeks we will be looking at our faith as set out in the CREEDS. An optional course book will be available for £6 on the first date. ALL WELCOME to some or all sessions.

Contact Rev. Peter Ashman 01803 813847

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- those preparing for baptism or confirmation
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May you walk with God in whatever you do, wherever you go, with honesty, courage, love and respect and concern for the feelings of others.

Latest News
Our Pilgrim Lent course on the Creeds starts on Monday February 23rd 1.00pm at Ipplepen Church Hall. In the 6 week course we hope to look deeper at our Christian faith through the creeds. ALL WELCOME. An optional booklet (£6) will be available to accompany the course.

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