

For many families August is a time of school holidays, rest and relaxation and September is “going back to school” month. However, with more mature congregations, many of you will have been busy over the summer looking after grand children while parents are at work, looking forward to a well-deserved break once the children are back at school. Whatever you have done I hope it has been a good summer. All the villages have been busy with community events, fetes, shows, fayres and the churches have been heavily involved as ever. I am always so heartened by how our churches remain at the very centre of rural village life in Devon.

All of the churches seem to be extra busy at the moment with various projects and plans. Ipplepen is still working on making the Lady Chapel a beautiful prayerful place. Our candle stand has been a huge success and we have been told that we may leave a lighter so that candles can be lit when the church is otherwise unoccupied. For your own peace of mind you might prefer to blow the candle out when you leave (it will be lit when we next have a service). The next project is refurbishing the wooden floor in the nave. The side aisles were done some time ago but the centre of the church has needed doing for some time. Inevitably this will mean some disruption over the autumn so please bear with us – it will be worth it. After the work is done we hope to have permission to remove a row at the front on a temporary basis to see if it makes the front space more effective. We



also hope to remove the very back pew to make the social area less congested. You may recall I talked about this at the APCM. I am sure you will let the wardens know what you think.

Torbryan has its own project – the return of the mediaeval panels stolen in 2013. The campaign to raise the funds has done well and I hope to have news of when they will be returned and rededicated in due course. We have a Mission Community service there at the end of August.

Denbury has begun a huge bells refurbishment project and will be engaging the community in its plans to prepare the church for a very fitting 700th anniversary in 2018. More details of the plans can be obtained from the wardens.

Broadhempston is also beginning a massive project of refurbishment and improvements. Plans are still at an early stage but a great deal of work is being undertaken by the team. If

Doghouse [continued]

you would like more details please talk to the wardens.

Not to be outdone, Woodland is also undertaking work on its bells to make them a more effective and safe ringing peal. John Usher is the expert at Woodland if you want more details.

So you can see how restful the summer has been! I am very grateful to everyone involved in these projects for all their care and hard work. Please do support them in looking after your churches.

We continue to thrive as separate churches but especially as a Mission Community. We had three well-attended patronal festivals between May and July and in August we have the Bishop of Exeter coming to celebrate and preach at Denbury – what a good opportunity to show him how alive the church is in the Beacon parishes.



Two photographs of Messy Church on July 25th on Beacon Hill, Broadhempston

In July the Mission Community gave all school leavers a gift to remind them of their parish church and the support we offer. This year we have given them a memory logo and stick with our web address on to use at their new school. It is all part of being “out here” and being seen to be active and supportive.



For the same reason I have had some Mission Community badges made for you all – I hope you will wear them so that people can ask what it is and so you can explain who we are. If you would like one for a friend (or another just ask. Telling outfit!) please we are and people who celebrating the work we do is so important and I hope these badges will help.



With every blessing as we end the summer and welcome the autumn.

In Christ,

Peter



News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



Along with many from across our Mission Community Denbury folk have been very mobile over the last few weeks attending the Patronal Festival celebrations at neighbouring churches. It is always a very rewarding and satisfying experience to worship at a well supported service at one of our churches and these events also provide a pleasant and useful opportunity to meet and share views with our friends across the Mission Community.

At St. Mary's, Sunday June 7th this year proved to be an important and busy day. In the morning, at a lovely service, we celebrated the 60th anniversary of Tom New's ordination.

In the afternoon we held our annual churchyard service which, fortunately, we were able to hold outside in the churchyard enabling all those present to fully experience the atmosphere of the place. We were blessed with a sunny, warm day this year after a couple of years when rain forced the service to be held in the church. The service was attended by those who have a connection



"Charlie" keeping a watch on his master

with the churchyard as they have loved ones buried here and also by those who love the serenity of the place. The service was followed by an enjoyable tea and chat in the Church Cottage.

The project to refurbish and improve Denbury's peal of bells has now been opened and fundraising in earnest will now commence. The bells are in need of a considerable amount of TLC if they are to continue to be rung regularly and we are hopeful that the local community will be fully behind the initiative and support the fundraising with a wide range of events. Initial reactions and pledges of support have been very encouraging. The church bells have been an integral feature of village life for several hundreds of years and it is hoped that all refurbishment work will be completed in time for the 700th anniversary of Denbury church which falls due in 2018. Ideally we are hoping that a 6th bell can be added to the peal to celebrate and record the anniversary.

Looking ahead the annual Puddings Evening will be held at the end of July at Shute House. This evening is always extremely popular and provides a great opportunity to enjoy a chat with friends and neighbours, and to sample a number of puddings from a huge range on offer washed down with a glass or two in very comfortable and relaxing surroundings.

Mike Bray



Tea after the churchyard service

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



The second Bank Holiday in May saw approximately 250 Ipplepen parishioners participate in the Beating of the Bounds. Many people joined in for sections of the route but a significant number of villagers, including several children, walked the whole 12 mile route. The event was blessed by both Rev'd Peter Ashman and Kevin Hooke of the Methodist church and the Ipplepen bellringers rang the walkers on their way.

The weather was very kind, being dry all day and not over warm. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore the beauty of our parish as participants enjoyed walking over parts of the countryside not normally open to the public. The grounds of Ambrook House and the wonderful views from several sections of the walk across to Dartmoor were particular highlights.

Also in May we celebrated the Patronal festival of Torbryan on Trinity Sunday. "Bob

the Bus" shuttled around the parishes, bringing 24 members of the congregation to the ancient church. Others walked or drove so that the pews were full; it was lovely to see the little used building brought to life. Any service in Torbryan is a pleasure, the acoustics are wonderful and the church is really very beautiful, especially of course the rood screen. The Dean of Exeter Cathedral, The Very Reverend Jonathan Draper, gave the sermon and Colin Shearer of the Churches Conservation Trust gave a short address, explaining how the missing rood screen panels have been found and the measures that are now being taken to return them to Torbryan.

Thanks as always go to the hospitality team at Ipplepen who provided the lunch afterwards.

Another Ipplepen village event was the 125th Garden Show on July 18th. As always it was a very popular event and the church was represented by Donna and Alan Northwood, who ran a bric-a-brac stall raising money for the Church. Donations of children's books and toys from members of the congregation meant that they raised the incredible sum of over £275, which will go a long way to take forward this vital ministry.

Liz Lamport



"Young at heart" adult attempts Messy Church activity at Ipplepen School fete!



The result!

News from Woodland

St. John the Baptist



As I write, preparations are going ahead for our annual village fete, held this year in the gardens of Gurrington House on 2nd August. As usual, there will be a selection of stalls, games and things to buy, as well as the ever popular and delicious cream teas. If the weather is kind to us, it promises to be a relaxed way to enjoy such lovely surroundings.

Over the last couple of months our little community has been quietly busy, as always. Our church had a good spring clean prior to its patronal service in June. With Ipplepen choir to lead the singing, there was also a chance to socialise afterwards with a bring and share lunch and strawberries and cream for dessert. Village library and coffee mornings have also taken place regularly, although the next one at the beginning of August may be overshadowed by preparations for the fete. July also saw us meeting up, as a village, for an evening barbeque at the Rising Sun. One of those hot days which turned into a cool evening, we mingled both inside the pub and outside in the gardens. It was possibly the last chance for farmers to gather together before the harvest begins.

Helen Pearse

Lay led services at St. Andrew's, Ipplepen

These services of Morning Worship are held on every fourth Sunday at 11am and are led by a member of the congregation. There is an address given, usually by a Reader who is also invited to lead the intercessions. Future speakers are listed below. We now have five members on a rota who lead the service; anyone else interested in taking the service would be most welcome. Let the Churchwardens know.

The service lasts some forty five minutes and is followed by refreshments at the back of church.

Congregation numbers are between forty and fifty and members from other churches are most welcome to join us.

The forward programme is:

| Date: | Service led by: | Address given by: |
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| July 26 | Dr. Michael Price | Mr. Edward Goodman |
| August 23 | Mrs. Jo Lumsden | Mrs. Ruth Bettsworth |
| Sept 27 | Mrs. Jane Outhwaite | Mrs. Tessa Amies |
| October 25 | Dr. Michael Price | Mr. Jeremy Howell |
| November 22 | Mrs. Vanessa Bevan | Mrs. Tessa Amies |
| December 27 | Dr. Michael Price | Dr. Michael Price |

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



I had little in the way of expectations leading up to the night of the concert. My family and I had arrived in the village in January after relocating from London. I was aware my opportunities for concert going had taken a sharp drop with our move away from the capital. My motivation for buying tickets was more an attempt to connect to village life rather than a hope of a musical spectacle. But then the night of the concert came and I started hearing fellow concert goers talk about the musicians. Herbie Flowers, world famous bassist who'd worked with David Bowie, Lou Reed, Elton John amongst many others, was playing with his band. Hang on a minute? At Broadhempston Church?

The sun's setting rays were shining through the beautiful old church's west face as the concert began. It gave the whole place a magical atmosphere. The Three Pilgrims were the opening act. A three piece band playing rootsy blues, folk and country. There looked to be a few nerves at the start – whether from the crowd, the performance, or flash backs of past excesses - as they stood near the altar of St. Peter and St. Paul's and began to play. Three quite distinct individuals combined with their guitars and voices to create beautiful melodic music. The acoustics of the room seemed to inspire the performances as they

“Music in the Groove”

ran through a set with exquisite harmonies and great finger picking.

Next up were US. Herbie Flowers had assembled a band with quite jaw dropping credentials. Along the aforementioned bassist there was; Chris Spedding on guitar, Malcolm Mortimore on drums and Derek Austin on piano. These musicians were seasoned professionals, who along with forging their own careers, had worked with the elite of the music establishment. Paul McCartney, Mick Jagger, Dusty Springfield and Frank Sinatra these guys had played with the very best. And

boy could they play! There was no need for a front man as each musician took the lead on a set that was wide ranging in its breadth of musical styles. From jazz to rock they mesmerised the audience.

Walking back from the concert with a fellow newcomer to the village we both couldn't quite believe what we'd just experienced. An incredible night, amazing musicianship, and all in a beautiful location. “I'd have paid over £100 to have seen that in London”. The concert was good, it was very very good indeed.

Paul Russell, Broadhempston

This concert is one of a series hosted by Broadhempston PCC and designed to raise awareness that our church building can be used for many different types of events as well as the normal religious services. The proceeds of the concerts are applied to improving the facilities of the church for wider community use.

Chris Parker, Churchwarden



What a Buzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz!

On Sunday June 21st, Woodland held its Patronal Festival with a service followed by lunch with strawberries and cream. As people went to and fro in the centre of Woodland we all noticed that there were bees flying in and out of the post box. This is a small Victorian box in the wall by the church. The honeybees didn't seem bothered about us and just carried on with their work. The next day the bees were still there so I phoned Royal Mail as I wondered how the mail would be emptied! I said that I would ask Glyn and Fred, local bee keeper friends to help out and we would meet the postman when he came to empty the box. So on Monday at 12 o'clock three of us in Bee suits met Pete the postman and he gave us the key to the box - and then the fun began!!

There were hundreds of bees inside the box and they really didn't want to come out. They had made some beautiful white honeycomb which was taken out and some of this comb was attached to a wooden frame with elastic bands.



The frame was put inside a small nucleus* box and some bees were taken out of the post box with a bee brush and shaken into the box. But where was the queen bee because without her there would be no colony? It took a long time to find the queen, who is slightly bigger than the flying bees and she was put into the hive so now the bees should be happy.

Many were still flying in and out of the post box (by the way postman Pete had long ago driven off in his red van to other boxes!!) The rest of the bees in the box were smoked to try to encourage them out and into the hive, which was put on the wall above the box. This was left until the evening to be collected by Fred and taken to the apiary at Moorfoot Cross at the other end of Woodland so we were all happy.

The following day when the hive was checked it was found that the bees had GONE. Perhaps they preferred the red colour and darkness inside of the post box. Now the box is in use again and so far it is only occupied by Woodland letters. It has made a joyful Patronal story and has reminded us all how important bees are to us all.

Jenny Buckle

(a special temporary hive - Ed)*

The Torbryan Panels – Press Release

Following a national fundraising campaign, The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT), the national charity saving historic churches at risk, has announced it has reached its target of £7,000 in public donations to conserve the priceless rood screen panels hacked from Holy Trinity Torbryan by thieves in August 2013, and later recovered by the police.

In a double blessing, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has also awarded a £47,000 grant for a two-year project to tell the history of the building and the surrounding village and countryside, adding imaginative new on-site interpretation and events.

The fundraising campaign was launched in May 2015 to pay for vital restoration work after the two priceless 15th century oak panels - bearing paintings of St Victor of Marseilles and St Margaret of Antioch – were recovered by the police with significant damage. Following their theft in August 2013, the panels had remained missing until they were recovered by the Metropolitan Police Art & Antiques Unit after being spotted by a private collector in an online sale.

Crispin Truman, Chief Executive of The Churches Conservation Trust said:

“This is truly fantastic news. The theft of the Torbryan rood screen panels in August 2013 was a real blow to The Churches Conservation Trust, but thanks to the generosity of the public, where once we were faced with a tragedy, now we are celebrating victory.

“Not only will the panels now be returned to their rightful place at Holy Trinity Torbryan, but also a community project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund will encourage local residents and schoolchildren to learn their fascinating story. I’m truly grateful to all those who offered their help in restoring this priceless masterpiece, and encouraging the world to enjoy their beauty.”

Nerys Watts, Head of HLF South West, said:

“The Torbryan rood panels are finally back where they belong. Once treated so badly by a few it is the passion and generosity of the many which has ensured a bright future for this beautiful piece of our heritage. Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players we’re delighted to help tell the fascinating story behind the panels which hit the headlines and uncover the wider history of Torbryan.”



Though the two stolen panels are currently being safely stored off site, once the restoration work has taken place, they will be returned to the church, and the public will not only be able to observe the newly-restored rood screen, but also to join in a project – supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund – which will allow visitors to learn the hidden histories of Torbryan. The tumultuous history of the rood screen will also be explored, alongside the role of local nobleman Sir William Petre during the Reformation and the story of local caves which were the unlikely source of prehistoric finds by Victorian archaeologist James Lyon Widger. A programme of events will also be developed to encourage local people, schools and organisations and tourists to visit the church throughout the year.

Throughout the project local residents are being invited to volunteer, taking part in conservation, welcoming visitors to the church, organising events and undertaking further research into the history of Holy Trinity and Torbryan. Anyone interested in volunteering can register their interest now by emailing cctbristol@theccct.org.uk.

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Sunday Services for August and September

Sunday 2nd August – Trinity 9 – Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:24-35

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| 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 9th August – Trinity 10 – Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

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

Sunday 16th August – The Blessed Virgin Mary – Revelation 11:19-12:6, 10; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55

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| 11.00am | Patronal Festival followed by lunch in the Village Hall | Denbury | Rt. Rev'd Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter |
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Sunday 23rd August – Trinity 12 – Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

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| 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 30th August – Trinity 13 – James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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| 11.00am | Mission Community Communion Service | Torbryan | Rev. Peter Ashman |
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Sunday 6th September – Trinity 14 – James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

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| 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 13th September – Trinity 15 – James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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| 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 20th September – Trinity 16 – James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

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| 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 27th September – Trinity 17 – James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

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

Mid-week Services for August and September

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

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| 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 – August & September

| Sunday | Mission Community | Ipplepen | Denbury | Broadhempston | Woodland |
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| 2 nd Aug | Flower arrangers | North Street & North End Close | The Green | Main Street | Waye Farm Cottage |
| 9 th Aug | Kneeler makers | Orchard Road | Down View Road | Houndhead Way | Woodland Barn |
| 16 th Aug | Deanery Synod members | Orley Road & The Glebe | Greenhill Lane | Vicarage Hill | White Eagle |
| 23 rd Aug | Deanery chapter | Osborn Close | Fairview | Primary School | Higher Lake Barn |
| 30 th Aug | PCCs & Rector | Parish Council & local businesses | Parish Council & local businesses | Parish Council & local businesses | Parish Meeting & local businesses |
| 6 th Sept | Users of the hall & church | Park Hill | Moorland Avenue | Community Shop | Well Farm |
| 13 th Sept | Visitors | Poplar Terrace | Orchard Close | Radfords | Woodland Vale Farm |
| 20 th Sept | Readers | Thorn Orchard | Heathfield Road | Beaston | Crazy Acre Well Farm |
| 27 th Sept | Lay leaders | Torbryan | Heathfield Terrace | Downe | Dipwell Cottage |

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 – August and September

August

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| Saturday 1 st | 10.00 am | Woodland library morning |
| | 10.30 am | Ipplepen coffee morning in the church hall with bookstall, cake & produce and raffle |
| Sunday 2 nd | 2.00pm | Woodland fete at Gurrington House (evening service at church cancelled) |
| Monday 3 rd | 3.00 pm | T-Pot at Denbury Cottage |
| Tuesday 4 th | 2.30 pm | Ipplepen sides-people meeting in church |
| | 7.00 pm | Holy Communion service at Ipplepen |
| Wednesday 5 th | 12.30 pm | Monthly Lunch Club at Ipplepen Church Hall |
| Monday 10 th | 3.00 pm | T-Pot at Denbury Cottage |
| Thursday 13 th | 10.30 am | Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage |
| Sunday 16 th | 11.00 am | Denbury Patronal service with Bishop Robert |
| Monday 17 th | 3.00 pm | T-Pot at Denbury Cottage |
| Wednesday 19 th | 6.00 pm | Confirmation class at Broadhempston |
| Sunday 23 rd | 12.30 pm | Buffet lunch at Ipplepen church hall following the lay-led service |
| Monday 24 th | 3.00 pm | T-Pot at Denbury Cottage |
| Sunday 30 th | 11.00 am | Mission Community service at Torbryan |
| Monday 31 st | 3.00pm | T-Pot at Denbury Cottage |

September

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| Tuesday 1 st | 7.00 pm | Holy Communion service at Ipplepen |
| Wednesday 2 nd | 12.30 pm | Monthly Lunch Club at Ipplepen Church Hall |
| | 6.00 pm | Confirmation class – venue tba |
| Saturday 5 th | 10.00 am | Woodland library morning |
| | 10.30 am | Ipplepen coffee morning in the church hall |
| | 2.00 pm | Wedding of Ross Brown and Nia Snowden at Ipplepen |
| | 3.00pm | Ipplepen. ‘Those were the days’ Tea Party with ‘old photos’ – hopefully of those present |
| Monday 7 th | 10.00 am | Ipplepen Standing Committee meet |
| | 3.00 pm | T-Pot at Denbury Cottage |
| Tuesday 8 th | 7.00 pm | Broadhempston Standing Committee meet |
| Wednesday 9 th | 4.00 pm | Woodland Standing Committee |
| Thursday 10 th | 10.30 am | Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage |
| | 5.30 pm | Denbury Standing Committee |
| Saturday 12 th | 4.00 pm | Welcome service for new Bishop of Crediton at Exeter Cathedral |
| Monday 14 th | 3.00 pm | T-Pot at Denbury Cottage |
| Wednesday 16 th | 6.00 pm | Confirmation class – venue tba |
| Monday 21 st | 10.00 am | Ipplepen PCC meet |
| | 3.00 pm | T-Pot at Denbury Cottage |
| Tuesday 22 nd | 7.00 pm | Broadhempston PCC meet |
| Wednesday 23 rd | 4.00 pm | Woodland PCC meet |
| Thursday 24 th | 5.30 pm | Denbury PCC meet |
| Monday 28 th | 10.00am | Hospitality meeting in Ipplepen church hall |
| | 10.30 am | Deanery Chapter – venue tba |
| | 3.00 pm | T-Pot at Denbury Cottage |
| Wednesday 30 th | 6.00pm | Confirmation class – venue tba |

Monday T Pot

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



Saturday 12th September 2015

DEVON
**HISTORIC
CHURCHES**
DAY

Devon Historic Churches Trust helps maintain churches in Devon – helping those churches who cannot afford the cost of repairs etc. Each year it holds a fund-raising day.

Participants are asked to find sponsors and then **ride** [horse, cycle] or **stride** [walk] visiting as many local churches as possible. Half the money you raise comes back to your church.

This year the event is on Saturday 12th September.



There are 3 ways we can all help:

- Please make sure your church is open – and maybe provide refreshments
- Sponsor someone who is taking part
- Or be brave! And stride or ride around as many churches as you can

A list of open churches and sponsor forms are available from your parish organiser or Tessa Amies 01803 813993

Reflection on the Quiet Day at Hole Farm



Monday 13th July - this was an amazing day for those few of us that went. There were beautiful surroundings; three acres of gardens for us to absorb and admire. Revd. Ian Graham Orlebar, who owns this lovely fifteenth century home let us go anywhere and everywhere. He gave us two joyful presentations which have left me still thinking and pondering what was said.

Rev'd Peter brought the day to a conclusion with Evening Prayer said together.

I still feel refreshed and rested from such a day.

Jennie Buckle talking to the Editor

Rob – high flyer?

Robert Densmore, a theology student from the USA spent 3 weeks in our parishes during May and June. (I asked him to give me an autobiographical note- he obliged! Editor)

Having participated in the spiritual life of Beacon Parishes Mission Community (under the tutelage of the esteemed Revd Peter Ashman), I am pleased to respond to the request to provide some background. Perhaps if you all knew some of this beforehand, you would have been well armed to turn me away during the three weeks I spent with you!

I grew up in a moderate size beach town in Florida and went off to Massachusetts for university. Coming from a military family (and having grown up around aviation), I joined the US Navy to be a Naval Flight Officer. I completed training and went off to fly jets; for my sins, instead of being assigned with the rest of my mates to a Carrier squadron, I was sent off to fly alongside the Army and Air Force. I completed a tour in Afghanistan, finished my commitment to the Navy and decided to return to Afghanistan as a journalist. There, I worked as a freelancer, writing stories on the Taliban and Afghan civilians.

In 2006 I arrived in London to study at King's College - where I learned about mental health concerns facing veterans. I carried on with journalism and it eventually led me to TV and the newsroom. As I watched the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan drag on, I became aware that the Christian faith was challenging me in these areas.

In our local parish - St Paul's in Brentford - I was able to explore a deeper life in the church and Camilla (my wife) and I discerned a call to ministry at that time. We felt called to move to Duke University in North Carolina as we really needed a complete change of scene and way of life. There, I began at Duke Divinity School and

further discerned a calling to reconciliation work and theological advocacy, particularly in the area of Christian ethics and the public arena. Our work continues in these areas: I currently serve as one of the leaders of Duke Divinity Veterans Partnership, where we help veterans and their families discern the meaning of a life of faith after war. I have also worked with local faith leaders, working to build interfaith dialogue between Muslim, Christian and Jewish communities.

As we work more closely with the Diocese of Exeter - to discern our calling and the needs of the church - we continue to remain rooted in political activism, striving to respond to Scripture's invitation to advocate with vulnerable and marginalised communities.

We remain grateful to Peter and all those we've come in contact with in the Beacon Parishes - for their prayers, support and shared joy. It reminds us that we are cogs in the greater machine (and hopefully useful cogs!). You all have revealed the presence of the Spirit in your life and

work and celebration. We hope to continue to learn from and with you as we continue our sojourn across Devon!

By the time my placement is completed on 18th August, I will have been immersed in the Beacon Parishes, in Totnes, in Torquay and in Torbay Hospital. One theme for the summer, which was pressed home strongly during our time in the Beacon Parishes - was the ministry of 'presence'. By your faith, worship, witness and fellowship, you have shown us how important it is to be present with each other. We take that as a teaching point and will strive to emulate you as much as possible!

In that vein, thank you again - and may God bless you and keep you.

Godspeed,
Rob, Cam, Max and Ralph



A new way of living

After the great liturgical busyness of the church's year from Advent to Trinity Sunday we now enter those Sundays after Trinity, the green Sundays of the year, called in some parts of the church ordinary time. Ordinary time is I think a rather unfortunate description and probably doesn't pick up the nuances of the original Latin. For while these weeks between Trinity and Advent might not have all the great drama of the story of God's great intervention into human life in the person of Jesus Christ, they are a key part of the church's proclamation and in our own growth as his disciples.

The story of Jesus is not simply a history lesson nor our faith the intellectual assent to facts about God and Jesus. By bursting into the life of his creation as part of that creation God initiates a radically new way of living that he offers to all people, the life of discipleship. This is the story that we hear proclaimed in that busy time of the church's year, a story that does not find an ending at the Ascension or at Pentecost but which is ongoing, renewed and renewing, pointing us always not only to the redemptive acts of God in the past but to the hope that all things will be renewed in the kingdom that is to come.

It is no accident that the great feast of Trinity Sunday lies at the junction between these two periods of the church's year. The revelation of God's salvation seen in the Old Testament and uniquely and supremely in the person of Jesus, born witness to by the work of the Holy Spirit, is both the revelation of God as Trinity and the invitation to us to join in the koinonia, or communion, that is the very life of the Trinity.



Our response to that invitation is a commitment to grow in our discipleship, to deepen our communion with the Holy Trinity and to grow to the maturity of faith to which we are called. This is the purpose of these Sundays after Trinity that we might grow to be more Christ-like by meditating on his words to us in the scriptures, fed by his loving grace in the sacraments and entering more deeply into the communion with one another and with the Holy Trinity, who is communion.

*The Archdeacon of Plymouth,
the Ven Ian Chandler*

*This article is taken from the Exeter
Diocesan newsletter*

More “NEWS”

Canon Tom New celebrated the 60th anniversary of his priesthood, a diamond jubilee, at the Parish Communion in Denbury Church on Sunday 7th June.

What factors might influence a particular outcome? This might be a reasonable question from someone with a biomedical background. Well, no surprise for me that Tom knew he would be a priest at an early age. On his mother's side, both his grandfather and great-grandfather had been Anglican priests. His great-grand father was ordained on Trinity Sunday 1845!

Born in Highgate, North London in 1930, his father an architect, he was sent to boarding school in Winchester a year before the outbreak of the War. The school worshipped in the splendid building of Winchester Cathedral. He went on to Lancing College, another school with a particularly fine chapel which dominates the landscape to the north of the A27 and across the Adur Valley in West Sussex.

Things always seem to come in threes, so on to another place to study Theology with an impressive chapel; this time King's College in Cambridge. He found time in addition to his studies to take up rowing with considerable prowess in the college 1st Eight winning his oar, still in the garage, in the May races.

Theological college followed at Cuddesdon, Oxford before he was ordained at St. Paul's Cathedral by William Wand, Bishop of London. His curacy followed at Greenford, West London, an area rapidly expanding after the war. He was one of six curates. The parish performed a Gilbert and Sullivan opera each year and Tom found himself cast as Bunthorne in *Patience* which Joan was directing. They married in 1956. (Productions of the Savoyards a decade ago at Denbury and Ipplepen came back to my mind).

After 2 years at St. Pancras Old Church Tom's ministry moves to Sheerwater near Woking; a LCC estate of new housing built in the 50's. This was an exciting time as most of the people had little previous experience of church. In one year he had three Confirmation Services!

From 1964 -1972 Tom was vicar of All Saints church in Guildford. First he had to set about

replacing the temporary church. This proved an interesting exercise as it was the first contemporary church building in the diocese of Guildford, and was consecrated in 1968. He also had the good fortune to start a new church school, bringing with him a headmaster from Sheerwater.

With reluctance, Father Tom was moved to Banstead Church for the next 21 years. However he greatly enjoyed his time there. It was a lively place with many capable people. Considered a “training” parish, he had six newly ordained curates one after

another. The parish also produced three ordinands during his time and one of these was Clive Cohen, then a bank manager, lately Archdeacon of Bodmin who preached at the celebration of Tom's diamond anniversary. Banstead in his time became notable for its most active ecumenical life. The “Banstead Five Churches” (St. Ann's RC, Banstead Methodist, Banstead URC, St. Paul's Nork, & All Saints') acted together in every way possible, and still do so having signed a Covenant. The clergy met every week for prayer and a pub lunch together. During this time Tom was also Rural Dean of Epsom and made a Canon of Guildford.

Tom and Joan retired to Denbury in 1993 to live in the home they had had here for some years. They have greatly enjoyed the life of the village and of St. Mary's Church.

Michael Price-Editor



Trinity Sunday at Holy Trinity Church, Torbryan

Mission Community celebration of the Patronal Festival

The bells of Torbryan rang out, the Devon rain tried and Bob the bus succeeded with perfect timing to deliver some twenty two worshippers from Woodland, Broadhempston and Denbury and the Choir from Ipplepen to Holy Trinity Church.

The stage was set for the Patronal Eucharist to begin as the choir, Readers and Clergy processed with the Beacon parishes banners which would be gathered together at the altar.

It was a service of symbolic meaning for the parishes in our Mission Community coming together. Every seat in church was taken by the ninety four members of the congregation.

Our worship was presided over by the Rector, the Rev'd Peter Ashman and the Address was given by the Dean of Exeter Cathedral, Dr. Jonathan Draper who spoke on the complexity and meanings of the Trinity for individuals.

The Choir from Ipplepen as well as leading some joyous singing from the congregation- the acoustics of the church are extraordinarily good and more than make up for the cold climatic conditions - sang the anthem "Holy, Holy, Holy" with music by Alan Smith.

The finding of the stolen panels the week before was a bonus and the Director of the Churches Conservation Trust West, Mr Colin Shearer, spoke about the forthcoming activities and television reports. His presence may have ensured no further problems with the alarm system this time!

The morning concluded back at the St. Andrew's Church Hall with an excellent lunch for nearly sixty provided by Jane and Geraldine and the Hospitality Team.

Michael Price



The parish banners on display [note the addition of the Beacon logo at the bottom]



After the service



Lunch!

Quiet Day at Rockwell Manor Farm – May 23rd



Quiet it was not – in one sense. Joyous birdsong greeted us on arrival and accompanied us throughout our stay at this remote farm in deepest Devon, with its lovely wooded garden – food indeed for the soul and all the senses! We happily wandered to find a spot of our own to sit and enjoy the spring flowers or, as I did for ages, to gaze up at the lovely tracery of leaves against the vivid blue sky, of the tallest tree, a slender feathery acer.

But first there was coffee and the first of two addresses on the coming of the Holy Spirit as described in Acts – given by the Revd. Jane Taylor, who lives in the house and runs this Retreat Centre, with the help of her daughter. This first talk described the effect of the Spirit on the disciples and the sequence of dramatic developments that led to Peter's reluctant decision to accept the mission to the Gentiles. Until lunch, and then the second talk, we were free to sit read, walk or just

absorb the peace of our surroundings – and it was not difficult to feel the presence of the Spirit in such a place. The second session indeed concerned the workings of the Spirit in the world today and in the church, and challenged us to examine what we individually do or could do to encourage faith in others and improve our own – a much more difficult task. After tea Peter celebrated the eucharist with us all and sent us on our way. It was indeed a joy and a privilege to be part of it.

Elizabeth Burdon



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:

Retrospective

26th July

Polly Stone in memory of Ken and to mark what would have been their Wedding Anniversary on 29th July



Ipplepen:

Retrospective

21st June

Pam Lloyd and family in loving memory of Peter on his birthday on 24th June

12th July

Gill and Dennis Arnum who love to see the Church floodlit as they enter the village - it is so warm and welcoming

26th July

Brenda and Barry Morgan with fond memories of dear Roger Griffiths



New

2nd August

Fiona Muddeman to celebrate the birthday of her grandson Edward

9th August

Marilyn and Tony Clark to celebrate their 44th Wedding Anniversary

16th August

Fiona Muddeman to celebrate the birthday of her grand daughter Emily, and also of her great grandson Jake on 14th August

30th August

Gill and Dennis Arnum who love to see the Church floodlit as they enter the village – it is so warm and welcoming

6th Sept

Fiona Muddeman to celebrate the birthday of her great grandson Joshua on 8th September

13th Sept

Fiona Muddeman to celebrate the birthday of her grand daughter Jemima on 18th September

20th Sept

Val and Peter Sleight in memory of Val's mother Phyllis Monks

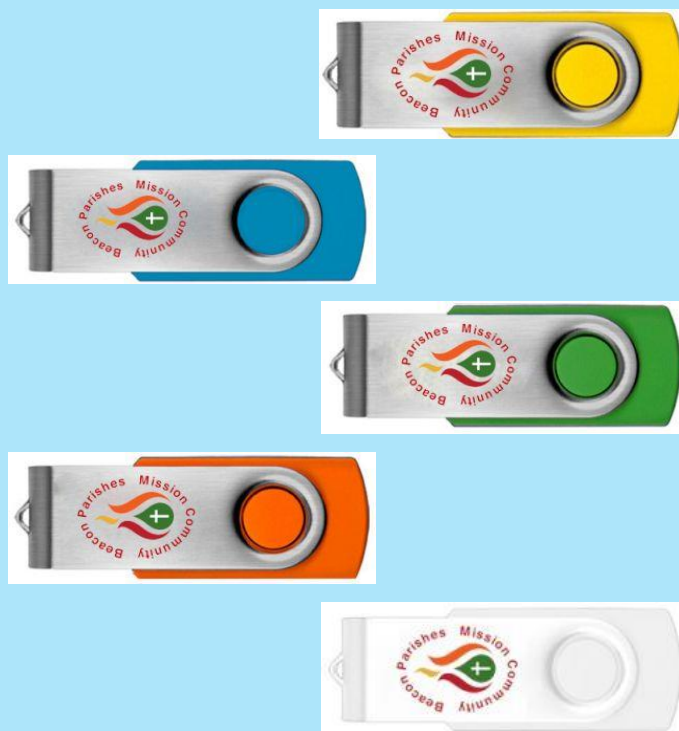
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Editor's corner

The last two months have been busy and festive with two Patronal festivals at Woodland and Broadhempston. At Denbury, Canon Tom New celebrated sixty years as a priest and our parishes were visited by Robert Densmore, a theology student from the USA exploring his vocation. These two Christians have both given us some reflections on their lives and aspirations from very different points in their lives. I am very grateful to them.

Some of you will be relaxing on holiday, others working hard with harvest time upon us. I hope this edition will be part of your reading material whatever position you find yourself!

The next edition for October and November will be printed in time for Harvest Festival.

The deadline for articles to be included is September 21st.

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