

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



My dear friends, I very much hope that this edition of The Beacon will be available at Candlemas when we celebrate our Christingle Communion together at Ipplepen. Candlemas marks the end of Christmas and Epiphany and takes us to a very short period of a week before we start Lent. In fact we begin the season of Easter just before this edition runs out.

But first I should wish you a very happy New Year. It seems such a long time ago but it is important to celebrate the new beginning of the year, just as we will soon be celebrating the new beginning of the risen post-Easter Christ.

Many people will ask what you are giving up for Lent. The practice started when houses were expected to use up their luxuries (hence the making of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday) and a life of prayer, penance and preparation, with repentance of sins, almsgiving and self-denial. Many Christians commit to fasting or giving up certain luxuries as a form of penance but they may also add a Lenten spiritual discipline to draw themselves nearer to God.

The floodlit tower of St. Andrew's like a "Beacon"!

Thanks to David Hanks from Cheltenham who was visiting Ross Park on holiday and sent us this beautiful picture. Copies of this and other pictures he took are available as post cards at Ipplepen Post Office

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The Doghouse - continued

Lent lasts for forty days in commemoration of the forty days which, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent before beginning his public ministry fasting in the desert, where he endured temptation by the Devil. Sundays are not included because, by their very nature of being a “mini-Easter” with the joyful anticipation of the resurrection, they are treated as feast days.

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday when we have “ashing” services in Denbury and Ipplepen. Palm branches from previous years will have been burnt and the ashes are blessed before marking the forehead with the sign of the cross to the accompaniment of the words “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”

At the end of Lent we move into Passiontide (the last week of Lent) before Palm Sunday when we recall Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem, followed by Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, a solemn period of 3 days starting on Maundy Thursday evening with the Eucharist of the Last Supper and taking us through Good Friday and Holy Saturday with the Easter Vigil and the first Eucharist of Easter and Easter Day when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Holy Week is a most wonderful and amazing time as we relive Christ’s betrayal, arrest, torture and death, leaving the Church in mourning before we greet the resurrection with joy. Do try and come to these services because they form a single narrative which we replay across the Mission Community together as one.

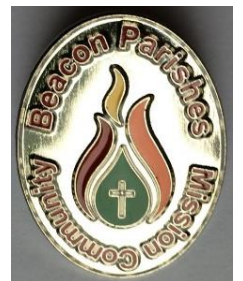
So what am I giving up? To be honest I am not intending (at the time of writing this letter) to give anything up but I am going to begin a new spiritual devotion. The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola are a series of meditations, prayers and mental exercises written by the founder of the Jesuits with the intention of helping the person undertaking them to discern the real presence of Jesus in their life, leading to a personal re-commitment to follow him. Whilst this is often undertaken on a 30 day silent retreat it can also be done in daily life over a much longer period. It underlines my personal commitment to being a spiritual leader as well as a priest and Lent is the ideal time to start. I hope to share more of this personal journey in due course and I ask for your prayers for this significant undertaking.

I wish you a prayerful Lent and a joyous Easter when we will be able once again to proclaim, “Jesus Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Halleluiah.”

Peter

“Badged”?

A reminder that we would love to know of times when you’ve been asked about them and had that all-important encounter with people.



Perhaps there will be a prize for the encounter/conversation furthest away from the mission community, *and picture to go with it?*

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



With many people now having returned to work and our children back at school the majority of Christmas celebrations have come to an end for another year.

However the congregation at St. Mary the Virgin have enjoyed a full and sometimes exhausting programme of events and services to celebrate Christ's birthday.

From the start of Advent our Posada figures (Mary and Joseph) made their way from house to house in Denbury recalling their journey to Bethlehem. This has become a popular feature of our Christmas celebration each year and brings the story of Christmas to many households.

We enjoyed a first-class musical evening early in December performed by Classic Breeze light orchestra performing a wide range from across the musical spectrum.

On 17th December a group of parishioners visited Brambledown Nursing Home in Denbury to sing some well-loved Christmas carols with the staff and residents of the home. This annual event is always appreciated by the residents and indeed is very satisfying for the carol singers. Brambledown provided some very pleasant refreshments for the church singers once the carols had ended.

The following day saw more carol singing, this time on the village green in Denbury outside the Union Inn. This is held in the evening and provides a great opportunity for village families including children to enjoy a social gathering, have a mince pie or two, and join in singing a selection of favourite carols. This event as ever attracted a good number

who enjoyed a community spirited evening, and even the rain held off until the final carol had been sung.

A packed church on Sunday 20th December saw the 9 lessons and carol service. The service included a strong musical contribution from the village choir under the direction of Chris Eastman. Their programme of carols and anthems included one sung in Russian which must have taken a great deal of practice to learn.

At our Crib Service on the afternoon of Christmas Eve, a good congregation of children and their families saw the arrival of the Posada figures at the end of their journey to the stable in Bethlehem.

The children listened to, and participated in a Christmas story led by Rachel and Father Peter. As there was a theme of bells, the children made silver bells and displayed them on a tree in the chancel making a very imposing and attractive decoration. To highlight different parts of the story, the church bellringers were on duty to ring peals in peal orders suggested by the children which led to some interesting (and quite challenging) combinations at times!

Christmas Day was heralded in by Midnight Mass which is always a very special service and was once again very well attended.

Mike Bray

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



Our Advent Communion Service on Sunday 29th November was the start of the busy season. The Posada, Mary Joseph and the donkey, started their journey with Peter's blessing staying each night with a different family in the village.

The Advent Carol Service at Woodland church is always very special, we started in darkness, the Revd. Anne Burden who led the service reads and lights the Paschal Candle which is passed around the choir and they sing "Hail, glad denying light". All the candles are then lit in the church, lovely Advent Carols are sung and we hear the readings.

The excellent refreshments served in the parish rooms are very welcome after the service and gives everyone a chance to have a social chat.

We celebrated our Patronal Festival on Sunday 6th December with a full church. It was a lovely service led by Revd. Peter Ashman and we were delighted to welcome Ven. Douglas Dettmer. During this service the Baptism Ministry team and Pastoral Care team were given a blessing as they started their ministries.



Two of Aubrey's table decorations at the Patronal Festival lunch

Afterwards lunch in the church hall was enjoyed by over sixty people. The Hospitality Team had worked hard to prepare a truly magnificent lunch. Everyone admired Aubrey's table decorations which are so clever and unique.

On December 20th at our morning service we sang Happy Birthday to two of our ladies in the congregation. Firstly Betty Elders, then an extra special birthday for Margaret Calcott who was 100 years old. Her daughter and son in law brought a cake and opened bottles of bubbly for us all to toast her. What a wonderful achievement; Congratulations Margaret!



Birthday girl!

In the evening we had the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols which was well attended. The choir augmented with extra friends also sang two Christmas anthems; 'Starry Night' by David Willcocks and 'Come to Bethlehem' by Alan Viner. After the service mulled wine and mince pies were served in the church hall.

The following evening we were singing carols again around the Christmas tree in the square where it was good to see a large gathering.

News from Ipplepen - continued



On Christmas Eve at the Crib Service we welcomed back Mary, Joseph and the donkey who had completed their journey around the village. It is always lovely to see the children excited and enjoying the anticipation of Christmas Morning.

Revd. Anne led our Midnight Mass and Revd. Peter, wearing his "Happy Birthday Jesus" under his vestments, officiated at the 10.30 a.m. Christmas Day Family Communion.

Dr Michael Price took the lay-led Service on 27th December and also gave an interesting address.

On Sunday 3rd January the Three Kings arrived to visit the Holy Family with the help of Trish, Jill and Sue. After Peter's sermon on Epiphany we were able to reflect on his words whilst listening to Dr Tom Morris. He sang beautifully the anthem 'Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar' by Cornelius.

This has been a very busy time for us all but particularly for Peter who has attended numerous Carol Services across the Mission Community. We thank him for his hard work and wish him and his family a Happy New Year.

Marilyn Clark

St. Andrew's Christmas Fair



The St Andrew's Christmas Fair was held on Saturday 21st November from 2pm in the Church Hall and successfully raised over £700. It was lovely to see so many people supporting the various stalls. There were lovely Christmas table decorations made by Sheila and Sue, handmade cards pictures etc. made by Ann and Alison. Handmade crafts of cushions, cosmetic bags etc. which Jo, Jenny, Debbie had been busy making. Marilyn Ellis had a selection of preserves and Christmas cakes which were popular. There were two raffles, one for the beautiful quilt made by Jenny Looker and the other with many prizes.

Jane, Geraldine and Jenny R were busy in the kitchen making tea and coffee and cutting up cake whilst I served it.

The team wish to thank everyone who came and supported the event.

Marilyn Clark

News from Woodland

St. John the Baptist



Christmas seems just a distant memory now, especially with the snowdrops and daffodils in bloom, although my cat still misses the Christmas tree. He got very fond of climbing up it and sleeping in the branches like a large hairy bauble. As a village, the festive season certainly gave us many different opportunities to get together and celebrate. It wouldn't be a proper Christmas without the presence of mince pies, so our December library and coffee morning included a mince pie tasting session. Seven different varieties of mince pies, including those from all the major supermarkets as well as home made ones, were scrutinised for qualities such as appearance, taste and texture of the pastry. This year the winners were from Sainsbury. Hot topics of conversation, however, included how many of us still had Autumn flowers blooming in our gardens, yet daffodils were out in flower. The unseasonable flowers in bloom in our

hedgerows and gardens, along with the abundance of holly berries this year were very helpful to many of us when we got together in the village Hall with Dianne Beer to lead a workshop on creating a Christmas flower arrangement. We all used the same key ingredients, yet they all looked so different to each other – and fabulous, of course! I certainly learnt a lot and intend to have a go at creating one again.

The Christmas church services in our church were also different. Our Advent service was an intimate affair conducted by candlelight. Our Carol service, however, was much bigger with many families attending, three different organists and a chance to get together for conversation and refreshments afterwards in the village hall. Christmas Day itself was celebrated with a Christmas Communion service. The Church was beautifully decorated with holly and ivy and an elegant Christmas tree by the organ.

Looking ahead, there are plans for a supper one Sunday evening later this month but, as yet, nothing confirmed.

Helen Pearce

Problems understanding a “cut-glass” accent

- Alan Bennett tells a story about visiting a rural church and meeting a very posh woman who said we are having “trouble with the myrrh”. Puzzled since it didn't seem a very ritualistic church, Bennet asked if she meant incense, to which the lady replied: “No, no. The mower for the grass. It's broken down”.
- “My brother thought that Waitrose was the heraldic symbol of Yorkshire”.
- Then a neighbour at Sunday Club who thought a ‘crèche’ was something that happened between two Range Rovers on a country lane.

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



We have had two wonderful Christmas services at Broadhempston: a Carol Service held jointly with the village school and a Family Service on Christmas Day with the church filled to capacity.

The collections were generously supported which has enabled us to make a £500 donation to Balloons, the Exeter based charity providing bereavement support to young people. A big "thank you" to Tessa for leading our Christmas Day service.

Many of you will have read or heard about the "Totnes Refugee Medical Response". This is a team of doctors and locals who are travelling to the island of Lesbos to provide on-the-ground help direct to the thousands of refugees arriving there daily by boat. Five of the team are parishioners of Broadhempston: Abby Fearon, Tahrina Russell, Rachel Lovell, Sarah Hosie and Chantal Sobol.



Abby tells how the idea came about:

"In October I read an account of a Syrian mother who had fled the war with her two children. They had to cross 6 miles of the Aegean from Turkey to get to Greece. It costs around 1,000 euros per person for a space in a tiny rubber boat that the smugglers fill with twice its usual occupancy. The family were in a boat that sank. She was in the rough sea for so long that she had to choose which of her two children she

saved as she was so exhausted she couldn't keep their heads above water.

"As a mother the thought of being in this situation is incomprehensible. I mentioned this to a few other mum's in Broadhempston who felt the same way I did; that we must do something to try and help.

"Three months on and we are just about to depart. We have been overwhelmed by the support from the local community. We have raised over £1,000 from a band night in Broadhempston where Revolin' Door put on a fantastic performance. The children from Broadhempston Primary School have made sock puppets in the hope it will bring a smile to a child and, hopefully, help us gain their trust as we don't speak their language. Some local people have organised a fun run raising £200.

"Riverford have organised a collection point for donated clothes, sleeping bags and shoes and have driven a van full of donations to Luton for onward shipment to Lesbos. We have also raised over £6,000 in cash from very kind donors - the response has been amazing! We hope this will really make a difference when we go out there; making sure the money goes exactly to those who need it.

"We don't really know what to expect and I admit to feeling a little nervous about the sort of things that we will see, but by going with a close team we hope to be able to support each other. We hope that we can ease the suffering of some of the refugees who have been through so much and have risked everything to escape unimaginable hardship."

We look forward to the team's safe return and to hearing more about their experiences. We see the TV news and newspaper headlines and, sometimes, the shock of the statistics can overshadow the desperate needs of fellow human beings.

Chris Parker

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"The Mission to Lesbos group will be giving a presentation on their recent visit to Lesbos at Broadhempston Church on Thursday 4th February at 7.00pm. All are welcome"

Ipplepen Church restoration – 19th century style

Last year I wrote an article about changes to St Andrew's, particularly the extensive ones at the end of the 19th century.

Quite unexpectedly Jill Earp then gave me a copy of a small booklet headed "Ipplepen Church Restoration, 1892". Doubtless there are other copies around lurking in the backs of cupboards. The first page reads:

"The Vicar and Churchwardens of Ipplepen, in issuing their report of the restoration of Ipplepen Church, wish to offer their heartiest thanks to the many kind friends who have helped them so generously in this arduous undertaking. Nothing could be more satisfactory than the universal sympathy and goodwill which have been shown towards this effort by friends at a distance, as well as by those who live in the parish; and while the regular worshippers at the church did their part right nobly, the work of collection was rendered singularly happy by the strong affection for the Mother Church which the members of the Wesleyan Society have shown by their liberal contributions."

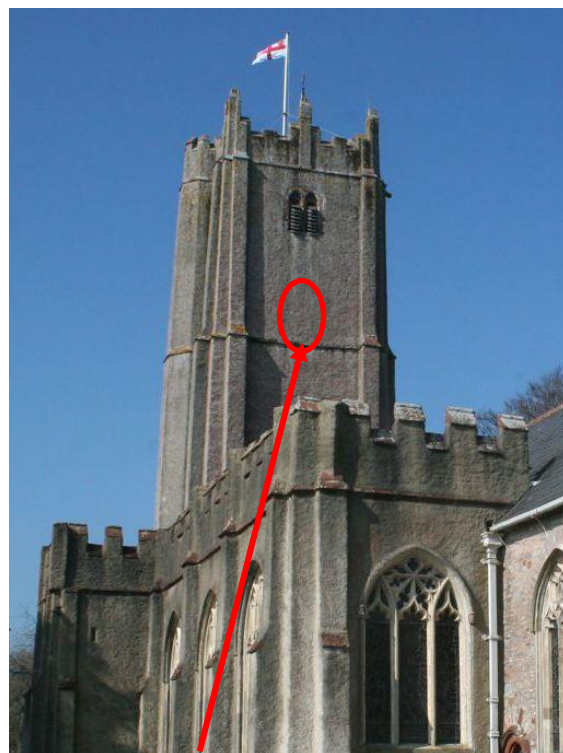
The booklet lists the subscriptions in the order they were received which it adds "is obviously the least invidious course". It also lists various gifts apart from money which include the lectern and stool, litany and prayer desks, prayer books and markers, "thermometers by Surgeon-General Smith" and "last but very far from least, the children's gift of a font ewer."

The "sums received" are listed in detail, ranging from T. Archer Hind Esq. who gave £100, to a number of people who gave sixpence. There are donations from the clergy and Church Commissioners, from the Dean of Windsor and the Marquis of Normanby. Some

of the names would still be remembered by older members of our congregation, but they are too numerous to reproduce here. Clearly money-raising events were held because there is a record of thirteen shillings and two pence collected at "Mrs. Middleton's recitation". (Joyce Grenfell springs to mind at this point)

Any deficiency in the funds was to be made up from the collection at Harvest Thanksgiving. But the total collected was £1001 11s 4d and payments were £964 7s 6d. With money in hand the Wardens arranged for the bells to be rehung, and more money was forthcoming. There is a comment that they hadn't received a bill from Mr. Langler for "glazing openings in the clock chamber". No doubt he was going to start the job "dreckly" as the work hasn't been done yet and there are still no glazed openings there. Perhaps this article will give him a nudge....

Stephen Bryant



Where the "glazing openings in the clock chamber" would have been "dreckly"

Beacon Parishes Pastoral Care Team



What is it?

A small group of Christian people in each of the churches who are available to offer visits and support to members of the congregation and, where appropriate, the wider community. The team works alongside the clergy and all members have been trained in supporting others and offering a listening ear. They have also had an enhanced DBS check as part of our “Safer Recruiting” policy.

Why do we need it?

A good question! Our churches are recognised as friendly and caring churches and many people are already supporting others as part of their everyday life. The team is not there to replace such valuable care, nor to duplicate the excellent work done by other non-church organisations, but offers a ‘safety net’ for those who may find themselves a bit more isolated, especially in times of illness, bereavement, or other difficult circumstances. It is easy for someone to be ‘lost’ in the busyness of our lives and a quick telephone call to see if they are all right is often much appreciated.

What kind of support?

Members of the team are available to visit people in their homes or may just be a kind listening ear over the telephone. It includes supporting those who care for others. For instance if you regularly help someone with their shopping but you will be going away, then you can contact the team to see if someone is able fill the gap. Support is confidential within the usual boundaries.

How can you help?

By letting the team know if you think someone would value a visit/call or if you need support in caring for someone else.

Who do I contact?

The best way is to contact **Vanessa Bevan** (01803 812812) or your wardens who will then ask a member of the team to get in touch with you. Alternatively you can email Vanessa on pgbteach2@btinternet.com or talk to any member of the team after services.

Members of the Pastoral Care Team are:

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Vanessa Bevan

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Sunday Services for February and March

Sunday 7th February – Sunday before Lent – 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

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

Wednesday 10th February – Ash Wednesday

10.00am	Communion with ashing	Denbury	Canon Tom New
7.00pm	Communion with ashing	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman

Sunday 14th February – Lent 1 – Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

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	Reader

Sunday 21st February – Lent 2 – Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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 28th February – Lent 3 – 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

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 6th March – Lent 4/Mothering Sunday/Laetare Sunday – Exodus 2:1-10; Colossians 3:12-17; John 19:25b-27

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 March – Lent 5 – Passiontide – Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

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	Reader

Sunday 20th March – Palm Sunday – Luke 19:28-40; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke

11.00am	MC Palm Sunday Procession, Communion and lunch	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman
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Thursday 24th March – Maundy Thursday

11.00am	Chrism Mass	Exeter	Cathedral
7.00pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper with foot washing	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
followed by to 12m	Maundy Watch	Ipplepen & Denbury	

Friday 25th March – Good Friday

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

Sunday Services for February and March - continued

Saturday 26th March – Easter Eve – clocks go forward 1 hour overnight

8.00pm	Easter Vigil	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
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Sunday 27th March – Easter Day – Acts 10:34-43; 1 Cor. 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

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

Mid-week Services for February and March

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
	7.00pm	Ipplepen	Compline (during Lent)
Thursday	10.30am	Ipplepen	Holy Communion
Thursday	4.30pm	Denbury	Evening Prayer (said)

Intercessions for the Mission Community – February / March

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Feb 7 th	Hon. Asst. Priests	Blackstone Road	The Green	Main Street	Chardanay
Feb 14 th	Electoral Roll Officers	Bowden Road	Down View Road	Houndhead Way	Sunset Cottage
Feb 21 st	Servers	Bridge Street & Fore Street	Greenhill Lane	Vicarage Hill	Hawkes Farm
Feb 28 th	Eucharistic Ministers	Caunters Close & Harris Court	Fairview	Primary School	Orchard Cottage
Mar 6 th	Sidespeople	Church Path & Paternoster Lane	Moorland Avenue	Community Shop	Pulsford View
Mar 13 th	Sacristans	Calmpitt Road and Clampitt Close	Orchard Close	Radfords	Pulsford Farm
Mar 20 th	Organists	Clarendon Road & Motehole Road	Heathfield Road	Beaston	Wickeridge Lodge
Mar 27 th	Choirs and Musical Directors	Cooke Drive & Lang Way	Heathfield Terrace	Downe	Quarry Farm

Dates ahead – February and March

February

Tuesday 2 nd	7.00 pm	Evening Communion Service
Wednesday 3 rd	12.30 pm	Lunch Club at Ipplepen Church Hall
Thursday 4 th	2.30 pm	Denbury Social Committee meet at Church Cottage
Saturday 6 th	10.00 am	Woodland library
	1.00 pm	Wedding of Jacob Bellas and Sidonee Holloway
Wednesday 10 th	10.00 am	Ash Wednesday service at Denbury
	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday service at Ipplepen
Thursday 11 th	10.30 am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
Sunday 14 th	12.30 pm	Valentine's Day buffet lunch at Ipplepen Church Hall
Monday 15 th	1.00 pm	Lent Course at Ipplepen Church Hall
	3.00 pm	Ipplepen Standing Committee in Hall
Wednesday 17 th	7.00 pm	Compline at Ipplepen Church
Monday 22 nd	1.00 pm	Lent Course at Ipplepen Church Hall
Wednesday 24 th	7.00 pm	Compline at Ipplepen Church
Saturday 27 th	3.00 pm	Messy Church in Ipplepen Church Hall
Monday 29 th	9.00 am	Home Communions
	1.00 pm	Lent Course at Ipplepen Church Hall

March

Tuesday 1 st	7.00 pm	Evening Communion Service
Wednesday 2 nd	12.30 pm	Lunch Club at Ipplepen Church Hall
	7.00 pm	Compline at Ipplepen Church
Saturday 5 th	10.00 am	Woodland library
	12.00 - 1.30 pm	Denbury Lent Lunch (followed by posy making)
Monday 7 th	1.00 pm	Lent Course at Ipplepen Church Hall
Wednesday 9 th	7.00 pm	Compline at Ipplepen Church
Thursday 10 th	10.30 am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
Saturday 12 th	2.00 pm	Board Game afternoon with tea and cakes. Ipplepen Church Hall
Sunday 13 th		Passiontide begins
Monday 14 th	1.00 pm	Lent Course at Ipplepen Church Hall
Tuesday 15 th	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod at Kingskerswell
Wednesday 16 th	7.00 pm	Compline at Ipplepen Church
Saturday 19 th	3.00 pm	Messy Church in Ipplepen Church Hall
Sunday 20 th	11.00 am	Mission Community Palm Sunday Service at Woodland
		Holy Week begins
Wednesday 23 rd	7.00 pm	Compline at Ipplepen Church
Thursday 24 th	11.00 am	Chrism Mass at Exeter Cathedral
		Morning Communion (Ipplepen) and Evening Prayer (Denbury) cancelled
	7.00 pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper at Ipplepen Church followed by the Maundy Watch at Ipplepen and Denbury
Friday 25 th	10.00 am	Children's Good Friday service at Ipplepen
	11.00 am	Christians Together Procession of Witness from Ipplepen Methodist to St. Andrew's followed by lunch in the Hall
	2.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy at Denbury Church
Saturday 26 th	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil at Denbury Church
		Clocks go forward!
Sunday 27 th		Easter Day services
Monday 28 th	9.00 am	Home Communions

Plus the T-pot each Monday at 3.30 pm at Denbury Cottage

Balancing the Scales

The second joint PCC meeting was held on November 17th 2015 in St. Andrew's Church. The speaker was Katie Stevenson who is the Mission Resources Advisor for the Diocese of Exeter.

The first part of the evening Katie gave a presentation about **A New Parish Giving Scheme**, which the Diocese of Exeter officially launched in 2014.

What is the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)? To quote from the pack, 'it is a 21st century solution to offset one of our greatest threats to parish income which is static giving.'

In summary the scheme:

- **Collects your regular donations for your parish**
- **Claims the Gift Aid entitlement on your behalf**
- **Pays the gross amount into your PCC account**
- **Undertakes a basic level of donor care**
- **Provides the option to increase donations annually with inflation**

More information is available on the Diocese of Exeter web site and if the PCCs of the Beacon Mission Community adopt this initiative, you will hear more.

I think that this scheme is trying to adjust the scales, to re-balance the actions and ideas that are linked with giving money to the Church and various charities and being a Christian.

How are the scales being re-balanced?

The 'PGS' says, 'The Church of England offers a Christian presence in every community and this comes at a cost which is largely met by personal donations, also it acknowledges that 'money' dominates too many agendas in our churches'.

Money problems need to be tackled successfully so that 'we can move forward with confidence' so that the church becomes 'thriving and outward looking.'



In one of the scale pans, I place the scheme's ideas about **Financial Generosity** and the ways money can be increased and collected also it encourages us to revise our own annual giving so that we can adjust the amount according to our own circumstances.

After a break for refreshments and home-made cake, Katie held a short workshop on **Six Steps in Christian Giving**. This very important part of the scheme looks at **Our Faith Journey** and I place this concept in the other scale pan. How is this area of the scheme addressed? We worked in pairs and were asked to think and respond to the following questions:-

- **What does Giving generously look like?**
- **What may prevent us from giving?**
- **What does discipleship look like?**
- **Does God care about what I do with my money?**
- **Problems with being rich?**

Next we were given a sheet where we had to match 6 different types of giving to the thinking and attitudes which goes with each one. Later on we were able to see how well we had done. A helpful exercise as the leaflet says 'is it time you took a step to where God is calling you?' and for us to focus on what the leaflet says, '**One of the ways in which we move on this journey is to engage with our *stewardship* of *all* that we are and *all* that we have**'.

If the scale-pans are going to be balanced, then we need to have a scheme where giving money to the church and to charities is of equal importance to our stewardship and our faith journey.

Madeleine Fedrick

The Bells of St. Mary's

I was in the church a few days ago when a middle aged lady came in. She gave her name simply as 'Jane' and was very upset and in tears. Having made sure she was alright I left her to light a candle and to pray as she had asked, telling her I would be in the cottage with a cup of tea if she wanted one. After a while she came in and over her cuppa poured out her story:

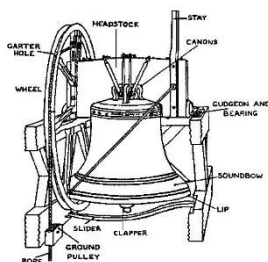
She had been visiting a young man at the prison for four years, we will call him 'Rob', and for the last eighteen months or so, Rob had been bringing another young man with him, someone without family or friends, who never received a visit. Between Christmas and the New Year, this second young man hanged himself. Rob confided in Jane that it was the lowest point of all his time in prison and for a couple of days he really did consider suicide himself; that was until on New Year's Eve when he heard Denbury's bells ringing out the old and welcoming in the new year. He told Jane he had opened his small window as wide as he could and just listened; and in that brief time he realised that the world was still out there and found the hope and strength to carry on. A sad and yet remarkable story.



Denbury bellringers

One of Denbury's traditions is to open the tower on New Year's Eve to anyone who wants to come and chime a bell to celebrate the passing of the old year and the arrival of the new one. It's not unusual to have 40+ visitors on New Year's Eve. Corks are popped, mince pies shared and greetings exchanged. Those of us who ring bells understand the importance and tradition of keeping them going for future generations; and New Year celebrations are just a small part of it all. But perhaps, just perhaps, the ringers and our visitors, together, saved a life that night. What an incredible thought.

Steve Bassett



For those interested, the details of the 5 bells in St. Mary's are as follows:

Bell	Weight	Note	Diameter	Dated	Founder
1		E	25.63"	1846	William & Charles Pannell
2		D	27.00"	1633†	Robert Pennington
3		C#	29.25"	1907	Mears & Stainbank
4		B	32.75"	1631†	
5	8cwt	A	34.88"	1829†	William Hambling

Details are from Dove's Guide for Church Bell Ringers, <http://dove.cccb.org.uk/home.php> which contains details of the bells of all towers in the world which contain bells rung "full circle" in the English fashion.

“Christian Ethics” – an Advent Discussion Group

A small group met over four Mondays during Advent for one hour over the lunch time break. We consisted of four men and eight women, though not everyone was present on every occasion.

The time was loosely structured. The original brief was wide and intriguingly vague which interested me in the first place. It was “to discuss contemporary issues that had arisen from the point of view of the (Christian) ethical issues it raised for us as individuals.” Well that was how I interpreted it and I certainly enjoyed the frank discussion and very different views that members were able to express. Peter has particular skills probably learnt in his earlier life (?) of enabling participants to express views and concerns in comfort and the contribution to be valued even if it was then questioned and analysed by the rest of the group.

We had a brief introduction of teaching from Peter on Ethics and Christian Ethics*, the resources for them (The Bible, Tradition of the Church, Reason and the Current Experience of Christians) at the beginning of each session.

This was then loosely applied to issues brought by group members. These were contemporary indeed with the vote in Parliament on bombing IS targets in Syria under way. “Thou shalt not kill”, are there just wars? This more than filled the first session.

The following week we looked at euthanasia, abortion, and the Christian ethic involved in ending an individual’s life and the individual’s response to the work of “Dignitas” and suicide. The issue of “whose life is it anyway” was raised.

At the next session we discussed issues surrounding gay marriage and gender relations and whether Christian attitudes may change in time.

This is a brief account as to how I perceived the course. I suspect for others it may have been different since the issues are sensitive and controversial. What I came away with was a value for the viewpoints of others for whom I developed respect and friendship and time to reflect on issues sometimes from another perspective.

*One definition of Christian Ethics is “Ethics which considers the specific situation gathers the facts and uses the principles (commands and doctrine) and values to be found in Christianity”

Christian ethics often begins with the specific situation and asks what principles should apply in this case.

Michael Price

A Beacon of Humour?

And God said to Isaiah:

“Come forth and receive the gift of everlasting life”, but he came fifth and got a toaster.

*Luke Benchley aged 12
- as told to his grandmother Pam Perriman*

NEW Zealand – A personal view

Jane and I visited New Zealand for the sixth time in November to visit relatives. I have a younger brother, who emigrated in 1980, and a son who emigrated in 2002. Our son is a partner in a veterinary practice in Te Awamutu and specialises in dairy cows. Both relations live in the North Island.

Many people, especially the younger generation, have visited New Zealand but I am still asked by others what it is like as a country. I can best describe it in one word SPACE. The following table illustrates the point.

Country	Land area (Sq miles)	Population(millions)	Density (people/sq mile)
United Kingdom	94060	64.5	686
New Zealand	103500	4.5	43

Maori make up 15.4% of New Zealand's population or 693,000

The concept of space is manifested in many ways, often quite small.

- Other than Auckland driving is a pleasure. In rural areas it is possible to drive on a State Highway for half an hour and not see a car in either direction.
- Other than the major cities, parking is free in all towns with parking bays about 2ft wider than ours.
- Side and back roads in villages and towns are very wide with parking either side, grass verges and paths.
- Most dwellings have large gardens. In the past it was the convention to allocate a quarter of an acre so that the household could be self-sufficient in vegetables and eggs.
- Towns and villages have large areas as parks, which are well maintained.
- Schools, especially rural ones, have large playgrounds and playing fields.

During this visit what were the issues concerning the New Zealand People? There were 3 – The Rugby World Cup, Gallipoli and low milk prices.

Rugby

Rugby is the national game and it was fortunate that New Zealand beat their old adversary Australia in the World Cup final, otherwise we would have witnessed national mourning! Even when it is not world cup time, shops will exhibit All Black regalia in their windows. My brother lives in a place called Tomarata. There is no village centre and it is an area of scattered farms. However, there is a church and school. The school is small with 60 pupils but it has tennis courts and a full sized rugby pitch. Apparently, the boys play rugby every lunch time. On the school gate there is a message: "ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE"

Gallipoli

We normally visit in November because it fits my son's work schedule and I don't like November in England! November in New Zealand is late spring. This means we are away for Remembrance Sunday. New Zealand commemorates Remembrance Sunday, but their National Day of Remembrance is ANZAC Day in April, which is a public holiday. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The ANZAC's played an important role in the Gallipoli campaign, which celebrated its centenary in 2015.

NEW Zealand – continued

The population of New Zealand in 1914 was only 1.1 million yet 100,000 men went to fight for the mother country. This represented 9% of the population or 18% of the male population.

A total of 18,000 men were killed (2,779 at Gallipoli and 12,000 on the Western Front) and 40,000 were wounded. Why did so many go 12,000 miles to fight in Europe? My guess is they were first generation immigrants and would be fighting alongside brothers, cousins and friends.

War memorials in New Zealand are often of grander design than those in the UK. We visited a small fishing village near Christchurch called Akaroa (population 624) which had a magnificent edifice as their war memorial. Other memorials include village halls as in Kihikihi and parks as in Te Awamutu.



Milk Prices

Commodity prices worldwide have fallen, including milk products such as milk powder, butter and cheese and this has resulted in a reduced price paid to farmers world-wide. This is particularly important to New Zealand because of the importance of farming generally to their economy and dairy products in particular. In the UK farmers are paid per litre of milk and in NZ per kg solids (fat and Protein). The population of NZ is so small that the liquid market is far less important than the export market of milk products, hence the difference in payment method. Three years ago Farmers were receiving NZ\$ 8.40 per kg and now are getting NZ\$ 4.70 per kg.

New Zealand used to be better known for its lamb exports but these have declined as sheep numbers have fallen. In 1982 there were 70.3 million sheep in NZ and now there are 29.6 million (that's still nearly 7 sheep per person!). The sheep have been replaced by dairy cows, especially in the South Island, and now dairy exports at NZ\$ 15.5 billion make up a third of NZ's exports. 43% of milk export is as milk powder.

A comparison between UK and New Zealand is shown below:

Country	No Cows (million)	Number of herds	Cows/herd	Av Milk yield (Lts)
UK	1.895	13453	140	7870
NZ	5	11400	438	4379

The lower average milk yield per cow in NZ reflects the difference in breed and lower intensity of production. NZ still has many pure Jersey herds (lower yields with higher fat and protein content) and cross bred herds (Jersey crossed Friesian).

Other aspects of life in NZ

The news media makes one aware farming is still an important industry in NZ and generally the population realises its importance to their prosperity, hence the strict security at airports. An outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease would be disastrous for this country.

NEW Zealand – continued

Our granddaughters go to the local school at Kio Kio (pronounced QQ), which is only about 3 miles from the nearest town and yet 103 of the 130 pupils come from farms. Each year this school, like all other rural schools, have an Agricultural Day when pupils bring in animals and produce; it is like a mini agricultural show. The most common animals are calves and lambs which are led round on halters. There is an impressive range of silverware to be won.

My son lives 6 miles from Otorohanga, a small town in North King Country at the southern end of the Waikato region. It is often referred to as Kiwiana because it has the Kiwi House that contains live kiwis. The population is 2673, which is not too different from Ipplpen with 2469. The similarity ends there because it is a bustling town serving a wide rural community. The long high street has a wide range of retail outlets, 4 banks, 3 veterinary practices, 2 garages, numerous cafes and a comprehensive range of professional services BUT no charity shops; indeed I cannot ever recall seeing a charity shop in NZ!



New Zealand is changing and becoming more cosmopolitan but essentially remains a rural country. One is reminded of this fact with water supplies. Except for towns and larger villages, there is no public water supply; Woodland would certainly have none. Water is obtained either from a bore hole or collection from roofs; large water butts are a common sight in the countryside. My son has a bore hole and my brother collects from the roof of his house and outbuildings. Roof water is far less reliable and in dry periods it can be serious. Water can be brought in by tanker, but it is very expensive and so conservation is paramount. The toilet always seems a waste of good drinking water and some farmers will service that area with water from a pond. It is always advisable to tell guests in case they think they are drinking the murky liquid. Others conserve by putting a sign on the door "If it's yellow let it mellow, if it's brown flush it down"

We escaped the grandchildren and spent 4 days in Christchurch; the city in the South Island that suffered badly in the earthquake of 2011 and lost both their Anglican and Roman Catholic cathedrals. That is for another article.

Ignation Spirituality

In 1491, at the castle of Loyola in the Basque region of Spain, a thirteenth child was born and named Inigo. In 1505 he was sent to court where he learned fighting skills and became part of the local army, later joining the army of the Duke of Nagera who was at war with France. At the battle of Pamplona in 1522, a cannon ball shattered Inigo's knee. Back home, he faced a long period of pain and slow recuperation. There were only two books to read, A Life of Christ and Lives of the Saints.

Inigo had an active imagination and as he read, he pretended he was leading the life of a saint and began to lose his deep feelings of depression.

As soon as he could, he went to the Abbey of Montserrat and asked for guidance in prayer. He tells us that it took three days to make his full confession!! Leaving his sword and dagger on the altar, he went to Manresa, where he begged for his food and worked with the poor and sick. He then retired to a cave in the mountains to practise prayer and to seek guidance for the future.

Ignation Spirituality (continued)



It was a difficult, lonely and challenging time of which he kept a record, calling it his Spiritual Exercises.

In 1530, he went to Paris to study for the priesthood, where he met seven other students who became his companions. In 1534, on August 13th, they formed The Society of Jesus. The final vow was that they would go wherever the Pope sent them... and this they did and are still doing... all over the world. Ignatius died in 1556.

Spirituality...

Ignatius' chief work was writing *The Spiritual Exercises*. He defined the heart of Spirituality as:-

- An intimate relationship with Jesus
- Putting this into our lives
- Learning how to practise this gentle ministry.

Spiritual Exercises give point, direction and depth to each person's intimate relationship with God, and to achieve this, Ignatius teaches us about imaginative prayer. This means that we use all our senses; hearing, seeing, tasting, smelling and touching... as we enter into a Gospel story. We talk to the people in the story; we share our feelings with the people and with Jesus, imagining His response.

To do this, we can go to a Spiritual Director, go to one of the Centres of Spirituality, and form a group....

There is far too much to share so I will offer two of my personal experiences and describe a little of Jesuit work in Canada.

At an 8 day silent retreat, my spiritual director suggested that I immerse myself in stories of St. Peter so I was led to the story of Peter walking on water. I saw the waves, smelt and tasted the water, heard the splashing, felt the cold water... at first I kept my eyes fixed on Jesus but then I wanted to be sure that my companions were watching and looked back... down I went! called for help, was rescued... I fell on the floor of the ship, sobbing." God will be so angry with me, disappointed with me..." Jesus gently said, "God is never disappointed with you, but God is disappointed for you.

Another year, my spiritual director and I decided we would use the story of the woman with the continuous flow of blood. There is not space to tell it all, but my request had been that I learned to forgive a certain person for all I had suffered; my non-forgiveness was draining my ability to love. Touching Jesus' robe did it! The sense of relief was overwhelming and remains with me to this day.

Near Lake Huron in Ontario, Jesuits, led by St. Jean de Brebeuf, set up a place of safety with the Huron tribe - the nearby Iroquois tribe were cruel and aggressive and shared their lives, conversion came only through example and never by force. Jesuits learned always from local customs. Spirituality was shared in song here, a carol written by Brebeuf**, who was later tortured to death by the Iroquois, has become part of our heritage. There is a shrine for him, and many Catholic Schools and institutions bear his name.

Jesuit spirituality has changed and filled my life.

**'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled,
That Mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead
Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round,
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt...

Patricia Stokes

FINDING A VOICE

A Lent Course on
THE KING'S SPEECH

HILARY BRAND



2016 Lent Course

Ipplepen Church Hall

Mondays 1.00-2.30pm

15th February – 21st March

(First date includes showing of the film)

Course book £6 please order in advance

Brilliant Lent course for individuals and groups, based on the Oscar-winning film 'The King's Speech'.

The purpose of 'Finding a Voice' could be summed up in the words of the King's speech therapist: 'To give them faith in their voice and let them know a friend is listening.'

The course, which offers five group sessions plus weekly material for private reading, uses the film as a discussion starter and relates it to what the Bible has to say about such universal issues as discouragement and determination, fear and friendship, calling and courage.

'The King's Speech' is such a runaway success because it holds that mirror to our world, and offers hope of overcoming the difficulties. It shows hope built out of friendship, trust and supportive love; and courage in the face of gathering evil. Lent is traditionally a time for strengthening resolve, bringing believers together in trust and encouragement as they strive to follow their calling.

Hilary Brand is the author of several books including the best-selling Lent course "Christ and the Chocolaterie".

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:

There are no sponsors this time for Denbury



Ipplepen:

Retrospective

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| 27th December | Elizabeth Joy Hothersall in memory of her mother, Doris May Hothersall, who died 30th December 2006 |
| 3rd January | Kay Anderson and her sister Kim remembering their beloved Mum, Betty Kitten, who died 7th January 2014 |
| 10th January | Phill and Charlotte Harvey in memory of Charlotte's Grandpa, Tony Hoar
Barbara and John Tuckett in memory of a dear Mum, Dora Bearne |
| 17th January | Phill and Charlotte Harvey to celebrate the 1st Birthday of their son, Sam |
| 24th January | Pam Sharland in memory of her husband, Ron, whose birthday would have been 24th January |
| 31st January | Someone who loves to see the floodlighting |

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| 14th February | Gill and Dennis Arnum who love to see the Church floodlit as they enter the village – it is so warm and welcoming |
| 28th February | David, Linda, and Katie Simmonds for Hannah's birthday on 5th March |



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On the TV !

Another photograph by David Hanks. He writes:

The sunrise one of Ipplepen which I casually sent in to the BBC over breakfast. At 7pm that evening my wife and I were having dinner in the caravan when it suddenly filled our TV screen behind the weather forecaster momentarily confusing me because I'd not been looking out for it, never expecting the BBC to use the first picture I'd sent to 'Weather Watchers' so all together, visiting your lovely village and St Andrew's Church enriched my stay in a variety of ways.

From the Editor

Welcome to the February/March 2016 edition of the Beacon. This contains reports of the events and activities in our Beacon Parishes over the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany season. I must thank the correspondents from each of the four parishes for their articles. The feedback from readers is always positive and the articles about “the other parishes” are often of considerable interest.



The liturgical year moves on to Lent, Palm Sunday and Holy Week leading to Easter Day on March 27th. Do keep your Beacon safely to hand for the Services and activities during this important time of year. There are special services to which all are welcomed. St Andrew's has a weekly service of Compline throughout Lent. This is a short quiet contemplative service of “night prayer” which is lay led. The Lent Course is again planned and will take place in St. Andrew's Church hall. The Palm Sunday Service is scheduled again as a joint Mission Community Procession and Communion at Woodland.

I went to the Easter Vigil service at St. Mary the Virgin on Easter Eve for the first time last year. It starts in darkness around a bonfire outside the Church when the Easter Candles for all the Mission Community Churches are blessed and lit. The service consists of four parts:

1. The Service of Light
2. The Service of Lessons
3. Renewal of Baptismal Vows
4. The Holy Eucharist with the administration of Easter Communion

It is very special. I commend it to you!

The next edition of the Beacon will be for April and May. Articles and photos should be sent to reach me by March 10th.

Michael Price - Editor

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