

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

**Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia**



We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song. We have waited 12 months to be able to say this again as we share in the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and rejoice at the gift he gave to us through his death. These are not empty words; rather, they are words which should ring in the ears of every loyal Christian. But just as we look forward it is important to reflect on what has happened. How was Lent for you? Did you give something up or take something on? Did you spend time with God in prayer so as better to understand the great mystery of faith? As I mentioned last time I undertook the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius and will continue with them after Easter. It is an important discipline for a priest as I strive to come closer to God through serious reflection on the sin of the world, Jesus' passion and death, and his resurrection. I can promise you that taking time to pray will not always be easy (and that worry can be part of our prayer) but it will always help us to connect with God in a deeper and more fulfilling way. I recommend that you have your own discipline. You can always do Morning or Evening Prayer or Compline through the Church of England website (www.churchofengland.org) or even, nowadays, on your mobile phone. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written to



Welcome banner seen at St. Michael's, Kingsteignton, designed by local artist and painted by local schoolchildren. Reproduced by courtesy of Angie and Tony Cox



The Doghouse - continued

every priest to encourage, especially, a week of prayer in the run up to Pentecost – look out for our contribution to this national witness of faith. And why not join us for our Quiet Day near Tiverton on 28th May too. Much has been happening in our Mission Community since the last edition of The Beacon and I commend everyone for their efforts and thank you for making our churches so alive. Once again, at our Annual Parochial Church Meetings, we will celebrate what we have been and are doing – do come along and see for yourself.

April sees us celebrating St. George's Day and the Queen's Birthday. The Church holds a special place in these celebrations and I am sure we will embrace the occasions with our usual sense of joy and life.

In May we begin the annual round of patronal festivals with Trinity Sunday at Torbryan on 22nd May. We are not organising a lunch afterwards because of the logistics but I encourage you to share your meal afterwards with others wherever you may wish to go.

We are also trying a couple of new services – Ipplepen knows its date of dedication (3rd May 1318) and so we will be celebrating that on Sunday 1st May. Everyone is welcome. It is also Godparents' Day so do invite your godparents or those to whom you are a godparent – it will enhance the work we already do with baptism ministry. Later in the year we will be introducing a Lammis Communion service – more of that in the next Beacon.

We have another Mission Community Confirmation service planned, this time at Ipplepen on Sunday 18th September at 11.00am. If you know of anyone who might be interested please get them to contact me for an informal chat. Everyone says they are not ready yet that very thought makes you very ready!

I wish you a blessed and peaceful Easter season as we unite in our love of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In Christ,
Peter

Thank you, Steve

I just wanted to thank Steve Bassett for the moving piece he wrote about the bells of St. Mary's for the last edition of The Beacon.

I've thought a lot about the piece since. It seems to me to tie in with the theme of this year's Lent Course, that we are called to do the will of God, even when we don't understand its significance. Those bells reached that young man in prison at a time when no-one else could have done. The bell ringers, celebrating the New Year didn't know that. But God did.

How many more lonely people, sitting at home and waiting for the dawning of an uncertain year, heard them too? We will never know, but God knows. And that is all we can ever do, play the part that he asks of us in his plan.

A lesson for us all I think. Thank you Steve.

Liz Lamport

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



The first few months of the year are usually a quieter time at St. Mary the Virgin allowing for some reflection and meditation particularly during Lent prior to the very busy period of services leading up to Easter.

Each Monday afternoon throughout the year the T Pot gathering is held in Church Cottage. This is a very popular opportunity for village folk to meet for a chat over tea and biscuits and has maintained a very loyal and enthusiastic following. The Teapot group held their annual party on the 11th January which as ever was well attended and much enjoyed.

The Appeal for the restoration of the church bells continues to flourish with some £34000 now raised towards our target. The support and enthusiasm shown by the village for the project has been very encouraging.

This was demonstrated in an Alexander Technique Workshop organised and presented by Kay Cady which was held in the function room of the Union Inn on 20th February. The workshop was hugely successful with all available places filled. The Alexander Technique centres on understanding how we move whilst carrying

out normal daily activities many of which cause unnecessary pressure on joints and muscles, and suggesting ways in which tension can be avoided. The consensus of those attending was that this was a very interesting and informative day and several expressed a desire to take their learning further.

The event raised the excellent sum of £260, all of which was donated to the Bell Appeal.

A small group of Denbury parishioners has been travelling to Ipplepen on Monday afternoons over the last few weeks to attend the Lent course based upon the film 'The Kings Speech'. The course discussions and the accompanying book have provided attendees with lots of suggestions for private thought and reflection and have been very worthwhile.

The annual Lent lunch was held in the Church Cottage on Saturday 5th March which provided a pleasant social time and the opportunity to raise funds for a local charity.

Our Mothering Sunday service was well attended and children collected posies of flowers for the mums during the service.

Our focus now turns towards Easter and the full programme of services to herald this most important period in the Church's calendar.

Mike Bray

Modern times - @@@@

The Rector is trying to build a database of people's email addresses. If you are happy for him to have your email address please send him an email (with your name in the title) to beaconparishesmc@gmail.com.

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



On January 31st we celebrated our Christingle Communion 'Presentation of Christ in the Temple'. Everyone was given an orange decorated with fruit sweets, a ribbon and a candle to represent each season. Candlemas marks the end of Christmas and after one week of ordinary time we entered the season of Lent.

The Ash Wednesday evening Service was rather special, Rev'd Peter Ashman and Rev Tony Meek marked a cross on each member of the congregation with ashes. The ash was made by burning palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday service and mixing it with holy oil. This is to signify the Biblical passage in Genesis 3:19 "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

The Service on 14th February was followed by a lovely Valentine's lunch in the Church Hall prepared by Jane and the hospitality team.

The following Sunday was a very busy Service, as well as Parish Communion there was also a Baptism. It was good to see so many family and friends supporting baby Jack who was really happy all through the Service.

Jo Innes-Lumsden was our leader at the Lay-led Service on February 28th, and the

interesting sermon given by Mr Steven Sheldon a reader from All Saints, Highweek. We were treated to some beautiful Welsh singing from Dr Tom Morris before and after the Service accompanied by Marilyn Ellis on the clavinova.

Several ladies from St Andrew's took part in the Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday March 4th at 6pm in the Methodist Church. It was a lovely colourful service, set in Cuba the church was decorated with the Cuban flags. The theme was Receive Children, Receive Me and we were blessed to have some little girls taking part. The music songs and hymns were delightful.

During Lent there has been the opportunity to attend a Lent Course in the Church Hall on Monday's 1.00 - 2.30pm based on 'The King's Speech'. On Wednesday evenings at 7pm for half an hour 'Compline' which is a quiet lay-led Service with good readings, meditations and appropriate music. A time to think and reflect.

Mothering Sunday, or the commercialised saying 'Mother's Day' as Rev'd Peter said in his sermon (not his words) or also known as Refreshment Sunday was a lovely well attended service. Posies of beautiful flowers were given out to all the ladies whilst the choir sang an anthem 'As a Mother cradles her child'.

We are now halfway through Lent and looking forward to Palm Sunday at Woodland, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday then the wonderful Easter Sunday.

Marilyn Clark

Funeral Ministry

The Rector would like to involve people from all parishes in ministering to those who have held funerals in our churches.

Please contact him for more information if you are interested.

News from Woodland

St. John the Baptist



As the quarter day of the year approaches and with it the end of Winter and approach of Summer, it becomes necessary to think about tidying the garden and embarking on spring cleaning our homes. Not to be left out, our church and village hall also receive the same treatment. The churchyard hedge has already had a trim and tidy up. Our Village Hall has a smart new pair of doors and we have plans to meet up and give the hall a good spring clean on 17th March. It has become a social focal point in our parish. Our regular library coffee mornings are incredibly popular (don't have any breakfast before you come) and as they pull in people from the edges of our scattered community who would not often meet, are responsible for the formation of acquaintances and development of friendships amongst us. The more often we meet, the more ideas we come up with for meeting up again. This has resulted in such events as the various crafts and skills which we have shared over the last couple of years,

a village team entered in the charity quiz evening at the Rising Sun and the recent leaving party held for a couple moving out of the village after living here for so long. It was nice to be able to collectively wish them well in their next great adventure.

At time of writing, Mothering Sunday is only a few days in the past and bouquets of spring flowers were given to all the women attending the church service. My dictionary defines 'mothering' as watching over, nourishing and protecting. In that case, there are several lovely ladies living in the parish who regularly carry out mothering activities for others. Three or four regularly meet to make quilts for a charity for sick children, one helps out at a group for people with Alzheimer's and two recently provided homemade Cuban style refreshments after the service for Women's World Day of Prayer in Ipplepen.

Plans for the future include, of course, the forthcoming Easter celebrations. If the weather is dry, on Palm Sunday there are plans to meet in the Village Hall and walk to the church in a procession. Plans are also starting to be made for celebrating the Queen's birthday in the summer.

Helen Pearce

Beacon challenge entry

A Beacon challenge was to précis the bible in 20 words. Liz Lamport sends us the following:

Man is in perfect relationship with God.
Man sins, repeatedly.
Jesus dies for us.
Our relationship with God is restored.

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



At last the return of Spring and the hope of some sunshine and dry weather. We seem to have spent much of the past few weeks checking on buckets to catch the drips coming through the church roof. After a quiet and thoughtful time during Lent comes the joys that are Easter; eggs, chocolate rabbits, golden daffodils and fat bursting buds. I always think of Christians as “Easter people” and that all they believe and hope for is manifested in the Easter events.

Although our church has been rather quiet lately, the village certainly has not. Lots of new activities have already started up in the new village hall and the official opening ceremony will be on Saturday 11th. June when the well known gardener and broadcaster, Ann Swithinbank, will be the guest of honour, declaring the hall officially open and enjoying refreshments and entertainments with the community.

Such are the changes that take place over time in our villages, while worship continues and one generation succeeds another. I thought you might like to hear a story from Broadhempston’s past – the Catholic secret of Broadhempston.

In the late 1660’s the Rowe family, who were Catholics escaping the excesses of prejudice and persecution in London, came to Broadhempston. They bought land to the west of the village and built Kingston House. They were kind and fair and good landlords. The fact that they seldom came to the church and had a secret catholic life would have meant fines, prison or even death by fire had they remained in London.

Their cousin, also called Rowe, was a fine artist, but he too was hounded out of London by an inferior rival, Hogarth, for painting miniatures for Catholic clients of the exiled king and his son, “Bonny” Prince Charles. He came to live at Beaston House.

So, what are the catholic secrets of Broadhempston? The first is that Kingston House has a hidden chapel where masses and baptisms took place, and both Kingston and Beaston Houses have priest holes to hide any Catholic priest on the run.

The second is that there was an underground Catholic priest at the time of the Rowes. His name was James Darbyshire. He pretended to be just a simple worker and gardener at Ugbrooke House and would visit the villages with a wagon selling vegetables. En route he would call at Kingston House and be priest there for the day. He left behind an extraordinary diary which reveals that he used to take lunch with the Church of England vicar of Broadhempston and with the Rev. Gilbert Burrington of Chudleigh. Both seem to have known what he was but they never betrayed him.

The third secret is an area in Broadhempston churchyard that is surprisingly devoid of headstones. This is where the village’s Catholics were laid to rest. It is by the side gate. This “secret” was passed on to each church warden and to each new priest to make sure that no new graves were dug there. A vault with a secret hatch holds coffins of the long gone Rowe family. It is nice to think that their secrets were kept, no complaints made, and a good family was able to live respected and loved in the village for several generations.

I will close with an anonymous poem which I thought you might like to share:

Faith and Doubt
Doubt sees the obstacles,
Faith sees the way.
Doubt sees the blackest night,
Faith sees the day.
Doubt dreads to take a step,
Faith soars on high.
Doubt questions, “who believes?”
Faith answers, “I”.

Pam Perriman

Honours for two members!

Two members of St. Andrew's congregation have been awarded military honours for services during the Second World War.

Nigel Serjeant, who writes on Facebook:

"It's a funny old world. At the age of 19, I landed on Sword Beach, a small cog in a mighty invasion force. Today, at the ripe old age of 91, I received a medal from the French Government and am now a Chevalier in the "Ordre national de la Legion d'honneur".



It arrived in the post. I'm honoured and grateful but sad that so many of my comrades died before they were also honoured."

And **Eric Waldron**, who was honoured by the Norwegian Government.

Eric is one of three surviving veterans involved in action in Nordland during May 1940. They have been awarded the Commemorative Medal, and Eric was presented his by the Norwegian Consul for Devon and Cornwall, Jill Saunders.

She said: "Eric is an amazing gentleman who is now 95 and had an incredible war record. He is probably one of the few remaining locals who can recall in detail his experiences during the war."

Quiet Day at Mill House Retreats near Tiverton



Saturday 28th May 2016

10am - 4.00pm



Addresses, reflections and lots of space and time to just enjoy the house, gardens and surroundings in your own way before ending the day with worship

A wonderful setting for beginners and experienced retreaters; highly recommended

Own/shared transport. £20 each. Tea, coffee and a soup and ploughman's lunch included

Contact the Rector for more information and to book; and visit millhouseretreats.co.uk

Let us pray – Thy Kingdom Come



When your bishop tells you that prayer is one of his three priorities you take **NOTICE**.
When the two Archbishops write to you to call you to prayer in the week leading up to Pentecost you take **ACTION**.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written to every serving parish priest to remind us that “ministry is empty and barren without prayer”. They invite us to join them in a week of prayer for the evangelisation of the nation. This will take place in the week leading up to Pentecost (May 8th-15th) and they hope to see a wave of prayer across the land.

You can find details on their website thykingdom.co.uk including details of the many “Beacon Events” around the country. Now if that title were not enough to stir you to prayer, and Morning Prayer at 8.15am is too early (it’s a service open to all but no one comes to join us) then let’s do something else.

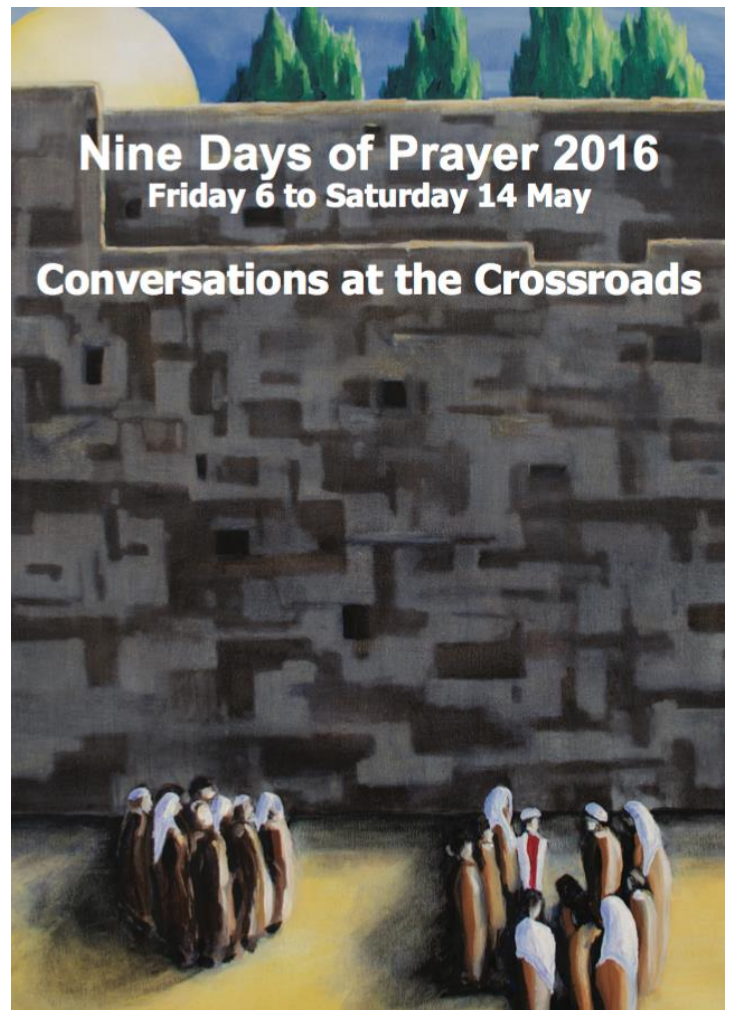
On the website are two ideas that might appeal to members of the various parishes. Firstly “A Novena Prayer” is a booklet of pictures, readings and prayers for each day from Friday 6th to Saturday 14th May. I am committed to this idea (it interrupts two days off) and, together with you, I propose to do this at 12.00 noon each day during that period in Ipplepen church (12.30pm on the Sunday). So, please join me in uniting our Beacon Parishes with the nationwide events for this initiative. I do not expect people to be with me every day (though that would be fantastic) but come and journey with me through the week. In addition, on the website, there is a

service called “An Hour of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament”. This will appeal to those who get strength and encouragement from praying before the exposed sacrament. I propose to lead this service at Denbury on Thursday 5th and 12th May at 4.30pm instead of the usual Evening Prayer. Anyone is welcome and may find it exciting as well as challenging (you never know until you try something).

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done...

In Christ,

Peter



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Sunday Services for April and May

Sunday 3rd April – Easter 2 – Acts 5:27-32, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

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 10th April – Easter 3 – Acts 9:1-6, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

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

Sunday 17th April – Easter 4 – Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson
11.00am	Morning Worship	Broadhempston	Lay-led
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Anne Burden

Sunday 24th April – Easter 5 – Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

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 1st May – Easter 6 – Acts 16:9-15, Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29

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

Sunday 8th May – Easter 7 – Acts 16:16-34, Rev. 22:12-14, 16, 17, 20, 21, John 17:20-26

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	Tricia Stokes

Sunday 15th May – Pentecost – Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, 25-27

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

Sunday 22nd May – Trinity Sunday – Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

11.00am	Torbryan Patronal Festival	Torbryan	Rev. Peter Ashman
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Sunday 29th May – Trinity 1 – Galatians 1:1-12, Luke 7:1-10

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

Mid-week Services for April and May

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

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

Intercessions for the Mission Community – April and May

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Apr 3 rd	Richard Innes-Lumsden in the office	Court Gate Close & Edgelands Lane	West End Terrace	Knowle	Oldstone House
Apr 10 th	The Beacon team	Croft Road, Croft Meadow & Croft Orchard	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Tor Farm
Apr 17 th	The website team	Crokers Way	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Lower Woodland Farm
Apr 24 th	Churchyard teams	Denbury Cross	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Woodland Cottage
May 1 st	Fabric teams	Dornafield Road & Dornafield Close	Shute Lane	Main Street	Wickeridge House
May 8 th	Bellringers	Dornafield Drive East, West & Fulton Close	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Oakdene
May 15 th	Messy Church	East Street & Foredown Road	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Orleycombe
May 22 nd	Sunday Club	Fore Street	North Street	Primary School	Hillside

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 – April and May

April

Saturday 2 nd	10.00 am	Woodland Library
Monday 4 th	10.00 am	PCC at Ipplepen
	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
	7.00 pm	PCC at Broadhempston
Tuesday 5 th	7.00 pm	Holy Communion at Ipplepen
Wednesday 6 th	12.30 pm	Lunch Club at Ipplepen Church Hall
	4.00 pm	PCC at Woodland
Thursday 7 th	5.30 pm	PCC at Denbury
Saturday 9 th	12.30 pm	Wedding of Alexandra Clyne and Duncan McAlpine
	3.00 pm	Wedding of Tiffany Darke and Timothy Smith
Monday 11 th	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Thursday 14 th	10.30 am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
	7.00 pm	Ipplepen Choir and Bell Ringers dinner
Monday 18 th	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
	7.00 pm	Ipplepen APM and APCM
Tuesday 19 th	7.00 pm	Broadhempston APM and APCM
Wednesday 20 th	4.00 pm	Woodland APM and APCM
Thursday 21 st	5.30 pm	Denbury APM and APCM
Sunday 24 th	12.30 pm	Lunch to celebrate St. George's Day and the Queen's birthday at Ipplepen Church Hall
Monday 25 th	9.00 am	Home Communion
	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage

May

Monday 2 nd		Denbury May Fayre
Wednesday 4 th	12.30 pm	Lunch Club at Ipplepen Church Hall
	7.30 pm	Archdeacon's Visitation Court
Saturday 7 th	10.00 am	Woodland Library
Monday 9 th	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Thursday 12 th	10.30 am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
Monday 16 th	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Friday 20 th	7.00 pm	Cheese and wine evening at Denbury
Sunday 22 nd	11.00 am	Trinity Sunday service at Torbryan Church
Monday 23 rd	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Saturday 28 th	10.00 am	Quiet Day at Mill House Retreats, Tiverton
Monday 30 th	9.00 am	Home Communion
	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage

Monday T Pot

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



Parish Giving Scheme - latest

I thought I should write following Madeleine's article 'Balancing the Scales' in the last edition of the 'Beacon' reporting on the joint PCC meeting held on 17th November when the Diocesan Mission Resources Adviser Katie Stevenson gave a presentation on the Parish Giving Scheme and a workshop on Christian Giving.

The PCC at St Andrews' has decided to adopt the scheme for use at Ipplepen and I have volunteered to be the Project Leader. I will not repeat Madeleine's words, but deal purely at this stage with the practical steps which will be necessary for those happy to join the scheme.

We are not having a separate special meeting for church members but I intend to give more information at our APCM on 18th April.

Essentially, for those members joining the new scheme a Direct Debit will take contributions on a regular basis. Most people pay their regular utility Bills for electricity, telephone etc. in this manner.

In particular, those of us already using a standing order will notice very little difference, and there is an opportunity, if you wish, to link future payments to inflation without having to be pro-active in considering increases. Weekly envelope users would also see the same benefits and would save the PCC time and money by switching to the scheme. If necessary reductions can also be made should your circumstances change. In addition there will be a time saving for your PCC Treasurer as the church department running the scheme will claim the gift aid tax repayments for our parish during the month of receipt. All costs are paid by the diocese.

I do hope you will consider using this new scheme and please contact me as soon as possible so we can make the necessary arrangements. I shall be very happy to provide further details. Thank you.

*Roger Chamberlain
(PCC Treasurer at Ipplepen)*

Reflections during a sermon

The Rector's sermon earlier this month about wonderful things on mountains reminded me of a holiday. 25 years ago this Easter we were in Flaine in the French Alps on a skiing holiday. I will make it clear at this stage that our daughters were skiing and Peter and I were walking and enjoying the scenery. The snow was not brilliant at low levels and they were bringing lorry loads down from the top of the mountain.

We realised that on Easter Sunday there would be a church service on top of the mountain. We duly took the lift to the top where we were in the sunshine and cold clear air. The Catholic priest was already at the altar made out of snow and ice with an ice cross on the top. We all participated in our own languages and it was a wonderful event. I think of it often and it certainly gave us space and time to listen to God.

Vanessa Bevan



Beacon humour

From Steve Bassett:

A priest was walking beside the lake in the local park when he saw a young man staggering towards him whom he recognised. The young man was obviously very drunk. "Hello", said the priest, "I know you, and you live in my parish although I've never seen you in church. Are you alright?" The young man, struggling to focus slurs, "No I'm very drunk and can't seem to find my way home".

The priest assumes that, as it is not even lunchtime, the young man has probably started on the long, deadly road, to alcoholism and is very distressed. "You need to see the Lord" he tells the young man, "come with me", and taking the young man by the arm walks him into the lake.

When they are waste deep, the priest grabs the young man by the scruff and forces his head under the water. "In the name of the Father" he says and pulls the young man out. "Have you seen the Lord?" he asks. Spluttering, the young man replies he hasn't. The action is repeated once more. This time the priest says "in the name of the Son" and, lifting him out after a considerably longer ducking repeats the question "have you seen the Lord?" Again the same answer. The priests plunges his head under a third time saying, "In the name of the Holy Spirit".

He holds the young man under for a very long time before pulling him out coughing and choking. "Now have you seen the Lord" the priest asks. "No" replies the young man, "are you sure this is where he fell in"?

and "anon" from Tony Standish:

"God made a wonderful beginning,
But man spoiled it all by sinning,
We hope that the story
Will end in God's glory,
But at the moment the other side's winning."

and finally from Mike Price:

A London Church once advertised its services with the words: "Tired of sin? Come right in."
Beneath someone had added: "If not, ring Paddington 1234."

Keep sending them in!

NEW Zealand – A personal view – Part 2

On previous visits to New Zealand we were invariably urged to visit Christchurch as it is the most “English” city in the country. This year we did but, of course, it had been completely changed by the earthquake in 2011.

Christchurch is the second most populous city with 367,800 (Auckland has 1,570,500). The Canterbury area of NZ only started to be developed in the 1850’s and Christchurch was first proclaimed a city in 1868 when my grandfather was 8 years old! Previously, the area had only been visited by whalers.

New Zealand is prone to earthquakes and schoolchildren have “Earthquake Practice” in the same way we have “Fire Practice”. Two major earthquakes hit Christchurch on 4th September 2010 and 22nd February 2011.

Year	Distance from Christchurch (miles)	Depth (miles)	Richter Scale
2010	25	6	7.1
2011	6	3.1	6.3

The 2010 earthquake was the strongest but it was deeper and furthest from Christchurch and caused little visible damage. Only two people were seriously injured – one from flying glass and one from a falling chimney.

The 2011 earthquake was 1.2 miles west of the port of Lyttelton and only 6 miles from Christchurch and relatively shallow. The result was devastating killing 185 people and injuring many more.

The central city lost 75% of its buildings. Damage occurred to older buildings constructed of stone and had not been adapted to withstand earthquakes. Wooden and modern steel framed buildings survived. The six storey Television Centre collapsed and caught fire resulting in the death of 115 people. The building also housed a medical centre and English Language School. On the day of the earthquake, the main teachers union had arranged an afternoon meeting for its Christchurch members and schools had closed early and most pupils had returned home before the earthquake hit; it is thought this limited casualties.

In the suburbs, 10,000 houses had to be demolished and many more suffered repairable damage, including driveways.

The trauma for the people was made worse by the “aftershocks”. There were 361 aftershocks in the first week and continued on a regular basis until January 2012. The aftershocks ranged from 5.7 to 6.2 on the Richter scale and caused damage, power cuts and 46 were reported injured on 13th June 2011.



ChristChurch Cathedral after the earthquake

NEW Zealand – continued

The earthquake affected local towns and villages, for example Lyttelton lost 60% of its buildings in the main street and 2 people died from falling rocks whilst walking local tracks. At the Tasman Glacier, some 120 miles from the epicentre, 300 million tonnes of ice tumbled off the glacier into the Tasman Lake and caused a Tsunami wave 12 feet high.

It is difficult to imagine the chaos after such an event. Not only was there severe visible damage but services such as water, electricity and sewage were severed. Water was restored after a week but electricity and sewage took much longer. There was a competition for the most innovative domestic toilet arrangements! Damaged roads made vehicular movement very difficult; farmers with tractors played a vital role.

The situation, when we visited the city in November 2015, was that all the damaged buildings had been demolished and the rubble removed, leaving large areas of cleared land, which is currently used as car parks. Apparently the rubble was dumped off the coast near Lyttelton and this created 17 acres of new land. There is significant rebuilding taking place in the form of steel framed structures which will change the character of Christchurch. The commercial life of the city was restored quickly by using shipping containers. An area known as "Restart City" comprises of shipping containers (sides replaced with glass) accommodating banks, shops, cafes and a police station. One of the first major building projects was a new replacement rugby stadium – Kiwis showing their priorities! Christchurch was set to host 5 pool matches for the 2011 World Cup but they had to be relocated.



A feature of Christchurch that has not changed is the preponderance of English trees. Parks, such as Hadley (395,000 acres), contain Ash, Oak and magnificent Elm trees with a noticeable lack of native species.

Many notable buildings were destroyed, not least the Anglican ChristChurch Cathedral and the Roman Catholic Basilica Cathedral. The earthquake destroyed the tower of the neo-Gothic Anglican Cathedral and aftershocks destroyed the iconic rose window. Parishioners will recall that Ian and Caroline Eglin worshipped in ChristChurch Cathedral shortly before it was destroyed and our Mission Community held a social function and raised £500 towards rebuilding the cathedral. At present the ruins of both cathedrals remain.

The Roman Catholic authorities have decided to rebuild their Cathedral retaining its original design. The Anglican authorities cannot decide if the rebuilt Cathedral should retain the traditional "English" style or a more modern design reflecting New Zealand rather than England. Indeed, this debate is affecting the re-development of Christchurch generally, which is particularly pertinent as it was the most "English" city.

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NEW Zealand – continued

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Jane and I attended Choral Evensong at 5.30 and were very impressed with the building that gave a sense of space and intimacy. It was the good old standard BCP service and we could have been at Woodland as the congregation was about 12! The difference was the choir, who were magnificent. The ChristChurch choir has sung evensong regularly since the Cathedral was opened in 1881. The Cathedral Grammar School was established some months before the Cathedral was opened to train choristers to sing at Cathedral services. This choir has maintained the unique English choral tradition in the Southern Hemisphere for 130 years. Following the earthquake the choir is now located in the Transitional Cathedral. The choir consists of 20 boys and 12 men. The boys receive scholarships to attend The Cathedral Grammar School. The men of the choir are either Lay Clerks (professional singers, highly skilled in the art of Anglican choral tradition) or Godley Scholars, who are talented young men training for careers as professional singers.

We spent a very interesting four days in Christchurch; saddened by the destruction but inspired by the hope and determination of the people.

John Usher

THOSE WERE THE HOLIDAYS

SATURDAY, 21st May. 3pm. ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL

Following on from the successful “Those were the days” afternoon tea we are inviting you to join us for another afternoon of memories and a delicious tea accompanied by Richard Lumsden's nostalgic records but this time our theme is past holidays.

We would like you to bring your holiday photos to share and reminisce.

Donkey Rides, knitted swimsuits, camping and picnic photos - we all have them somewhere. Please find them and bring them along for another trip down memory lane.

Tickets will be available at the end of April.

We look forward to seeing you again and thank you for your support.

Trips to the Cinema without Popcorn! **(Also called “Finding a Voice” - The Lent Course)**

If you have not seen the film “The Kings Speech” then I strongly recommend it to you. It forms the basis for the Lent course and is proving to be a powerful tool in assisting us to address some challenging issues together. Each session includes extracts from the film. It tells of the anxieties and humiliations suffered by “Bertie”, King George VI and of how he persevered to face his fears, to overcome his stammer and to grow in courage and esteem to “find his voice”. It is the story of the special lifelong friendship that developed between Bertie and Lionel Logue, his speech therapist. Logue supported Bertie to carry out his unavoidable duties as king following the abdication of his brother Edward VIII as Britain once again faced the possibility of war.

I have just taken part in the third of five weekly sessions. Our numbers grow each week with over twenty attending from all our churches. We bring a wide range of experiences to the group. The writer Hilary Brand’s book “Finding a Voice” gives us the format for the course, based on five sessions entitled:

- The stuff of nightmares and the power of friendship
- Chasing the dream or fulfilling the calling
- Pressing forward and breaking through
- Poisonous words and profane responses
- Faith in our voice

I have scribbled notes over my copy of the book as prompts for further reflection throughout each week between the sessions. Key words and phrases stay with me.

FINDING A VOICE

A Lent Course on
THE KING’S SPEECH

HILARY BRAND



The film is moving and not always comfortable viewing. The focus of our “work” also raises potentially uncomfortable issues but we are led sensitively and well by Peter assisted by Kevin. I find it reassuring to be reminded that there are no right or wrong answers and that encourages a range of views and beliefs to be expressed by those who wish to do so.

So although there is no popcorn at this church hall cinema (but thank you for the good tea coffee and biscuits) I do not feel that I am depriving myself of anything this Lent. The biblical references, and prayers challenge me to consider my beliefs, and goals and priorities in life and I hope I am gaining a new perspective. It is a great course shared with a great group of people.

Ann Holroyd

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:

April Elizabeth Burden: "Remembering family and friends"



Ipplepen:

Retrospective

6th March For all mothers, everywhere



13th March Beryl Morgan in loving memory of her husband, Trevor, who died 12th March 2014 and whose birthday would have been on 13th March

13th March Val and Peter Sleight remembering Val's mother, Phyllis Monks, whose birthday would have been on 17th March

20th March Val and Peter Sleight remembering Val's mother, Phyllis Monks, whose birthday would have been on 17th March

20th March The family of Muriel Stephens in loving memory of her on her birthday which would have been 24th March

27th March Bruce and Diana Harris and Ben Langler for their dear friends, Gary and Sue Hird, celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 27th March

New

3rd April The Moore family remembering with love Mum and Dad who were laid to rest in the Churchyard on 8th April 201

24th April Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the Wedding Anniversary of their daughter Alex and Jonas on 26th April

22nd May Linda, David, and Hannah Simmonds for Katie's birthday on 25th May

29th May Peter Mason remembering his wife, Jan, on 29th May when they would have been celebrating their 51st Wedding Anniversary

Quiet Day at Hole Farm near Denbury

Monday 18th July



10.00am - 4.00pm

Presentations, reflections and lots of space and time to just enjoy the house, gardens and surroundings in your own way – read, draw, paint, write, sleep – the choice is entirely yours.

Come for the whole day or just part – the important thing is to relax and feel at home.

A wonderful setting for everybody; highly recommended.

Own transport. The day is FREE of charge. Drinks included, bring your own lunch.

Contact the Rector for more information, directions and to book.

From the Editor



I write this on St. David's Day, also the first day of spring. In a sense therefore this is very much a work in progress editor's note with articles possibly still in the minds of the authors and not yet committed to paper!

By the time the Beacon for April and May is in your hand, Lent will be passed and the joy of Easter upon us. I hope that you will enjoy and benefit from this edition with our regular contributors giving an insight to you of the activities of the different Beacon parishes. My thanks to them and for the special reports of the Lent Course and the Lay led Compline services at St. Andrew's.

There is information about the Quiet Days. Always a sign that spring is on the way, I much enjoyed the peace and beauty of the Mill House near Tiverton with time out to ponder and reflect. I commend the experience to you if you have not been before.

The following edition will be the June and July number with a galaxy of Patronal festivals to look forward to!

A reminder that we would love to hear your story of "the encounter of the Beacon badge" furthest away from the mission community. Tell us of the time you've been asked about it and had that all important encounter with people.

The closing date for photos and articles will be Whit Sunday, May 15th.

Remember that past editions are all available on our web site-
www.missioncommunity.org.uk

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