

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



August is traditionally a time for family holidays. For those who are retired, September

is a better time for a break once the school children have gone back to school, childminding duties are over, and holiday prices return to a reasonable cost. In the Church we continue our journey through Ordinary Time and very often use the less liturgically-busy time to take stock, think ahead and, often, relax a little. I can promise you that I do some of those things!

Relaxing and resting are an important part of what we are called to do. After all, didn't God rest after creating the world? Physically we were created to rest i.e. sleep to relax, recharge the batteries, and prepare for another day. Busyness can be unhealthy unless we balance it with times of quiet and rest.

Thinking ahead is part of what I have to do with the complexity of churches, meetings and services. I am, as always, grateful to those who help make this task a little simpler. We have been working on our Mission Action Plan, our strategy if you like of how we can discern what God is doing in our Beacon Parishes Mission Community and joining in to the best of our ability. I urge you to really engage with the task and not just pay lip service. Do we not always try and give our best to God?

Making the best of what we have is very much the idea of the moment after the EU Referendum. Whatever your stance things will change and it is for us, not just others, to make this country the best we can. Big changes happen at grass roots level with people and organisations engaging, going the extra mile and wanting the best.

Locally people engage with our community in so many different ways (dare I suggest that there is so much choice that some people do not find time for church?) because it matters to them. You only have to look at how people get involved in local fairs and fetes, festivals and open gardens. We only need to amplify or multiply that energy to ensure that the Great remains in Britain. We are lucky to have so much – things we often take for granted such as freedom of speech and movement, benefits and healthcare, as well as the very basics of life such as food and drink, clothing and shelter. The language of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is all about “rights” but let's partner that word with “responsibility” – the two go hand in hand; we cannot expect one without putting something back with the other.



*Wild flowers at Broadhempston village hall*

# The Doghouse - continued

Further ahead we have the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of Ipplepen and Denbury churches in 2018 – there is so much to do. Please offer what help you can – together we will make them wonderful celebrations.

So, as we take stock and thank God for our beautiful creation, our wonderful county and country, and for all that we have may He strengthen us to go forward in faith and love for His glory and towards a better world where there is no more injustice, violence and hardship.

Enjoy your break!

With my thanks for our partnership in the Gospel,

*Rev. Peter*

## News from Denbury

### St. Mary the Virgin



We have reached the time of the year when many of the congregation join with friends throughout the Mission Community to celebrate their patronal festivals. A good number of Denbury folk were at Woodland to enjoy an uplifting service plus excellent refreshments in June and again at Broadhempston on 3<sup>rd</sup> July for a lovely service and enjoyable lunch with the opportunity for visitors to experience the facilities available at the new village hall.

On 5<sup>th</sup> June Denbury held its annual churchyard service, which as the sun was shining, was held outside in the churchyard. This was well attended and as it was dry we were able to move the Clavinova keyboard outside to accompany the singing of the hymns.

A really moving service especially for those attending whose loved ones rest in the churchyard.

As usual the service was followed by refreshments in the church cottage and a pleasant time of fellowship.

Jill Chapman again hosted a Wine and Cheese evening at her home which was a splendid evening for all those attending and which raised the excellent sum of £285 for the church.

The Bell Restoration Appeal fundraisers will be taking their gazebo to the Glas-Denbury event being staged over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> July and will be manning a stall selling cakes and soft drinks. We will also have a number of large photos of the bells and details of the stage reached with the appeal so that visitors to the event (and there are many) can be brought right up to date and also, hopefully, contribute to the fund campaign.

The level of enthusiasm and interest shown by the local community in the bell project from “day one” has been a great source of inspiration for the bellringers and all those involved with the fundraising and clearly shows the importance of the sound of the bells ringing out over the village to those who live here.

We now look forward to taking to the road again at the end of July to attend the Beacon Community Lammas service at Ipplepen.

*Mike Bray*



## News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



This has been a busy time for Patronal Festivals when the Mission Community move around to the neighbouring churches. The first one was celebrated at Torbryan on Trinity Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, it is always a rather special church to worship in. It was the turn of Woodland, St John the Baptist church on 26<sup>th</sup> June. It was a lovely service and everyone enjoyed the last hymn 'I the Lord of sea and Sky' which Jo conducted with ladies singing the first verse, men the second and everyone the last with the choir harmonising and singing descant to finish. Afterwards we all enjoyed a shared lunch with delicious strawberries and cream for dessert. The following week we travelled to Broadhempston to Ss. Peter and Paul Church. Another lovely service followed by a lunch of tomato and basil soup then cheesecake or trifle. This was in the brand new hall which was rather impressive. It was lovely for the Mission Community to all meet up again.



*Canon John Blair and Marilyn and badge*



In St. Andrew's in May the Congregation celebrated Betty Adams' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by singing 'Happy Birthday' and enjoying cake and champagne. The bellringers rang a peal especially for Betty on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> organised by her nephew Steven Came, also a ringer. The lay-led service on May 29<sup>th</sup> was most enjoyable with a patriotic theme of music played by Marilyn. Maureen Burley led this service with Tessa giving the address. Tom sang a beautiful solo accompanied by Marilyn Ellis.

The communion service on June 12<sup>th</sup> was busy with a baptism which Rev Anne took and there was a blessing for Tony and Huguette Standish who were celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary. A wonderful achievement and Congratulations to them and Betty Adams.

Five of us from the choir attended a workshop one Saturday afternoon in June organised by the RSCM at St. Paul's Church in Newton Abbot. It was entitled 'Hymns of Glory Songs of Praise' to celebrate the wealth and variety of congregational song with voices and instruments. It was enthusiastically led by Miles Quick and Andrew Maries and we had a good time enjoying learning new hymns and meeting people from the other churches.

*Marilyn Clark*

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost, four of us from St. Andrew's Church - Tony and Jennie Meek, Tony and Marilyn Clark - attended Holy Trinity Church in Funchal, Madeira which is otherwise known as 'The English Church'. The holy communion service is very similar to ours and the congregation is made up of regular church members and many visitors who return year after year.

I spoke to Canon John Blair the Chaplain after the service about the Beacon badge I was wearing and how it represents the Mission Community.

## News from Woodland

St. John the Baptist



The sudden arrival of the current dry spell of weather has seen tractors hard at work all over our rural parish harvesting a slightly late silage and hay crop and with the corn rapidly turning golden in the surrounding fields it looks like the combine harvesters will soon be out too. Not quite so dry, however, were our village celebrations for the Queen's birthday. On the Friday evening, despite a large range of outside games, such as a coconut shy and splat the corgi, the damp weather sent most people into the Rising Sun for shelter and the evening culminated with birthday cake, a glass of fizz and a royal quiz.

I'm told that the children's party in the early evening was also successful with several families participating. The Sunday afternoon cream teas in the village hall were also very popular. Plenty of cake too, although not specifically birthday cake this time!

Another village event of note was our church Patronal service. Joined by Ipplepen choir, there was also a 'bring and share' lunch followed by strawberries and cream for desert. We still continue to meet regularly in the village hall on the first Saturday morning of each month for our regular library and coffee morning event.

*Helen Pearce*

## Sharing the Vision

Bishop Robert sets out the new vision for the diocese to pray, grow and serve with joy. Come and share the adventure! Visit <http://www.exeter.anglican.org/sharing-vision-2016/>



## News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



When all the organisation is complete and we have decided which hymns to sing, how many will be coming and what shall we have to eat afterwards I really enjoy the services and social events that we, the Beacon Mission Community has together. We have just celebrated two Patronal services and hope that they were enjoyed by you all in worship and companionship.

I have been hearing how many of you were impressed by the wild flower beds at the village hall (see picture on front page). All credit must go to a hard working team of village gardeners who planned and now keep the gardens in order. It does open our eyes to the amount done by volunteers in our towns and villages and how grateful we should be to one and all that carry out the many tasks.

We are so pleased to say that in July we had a wedding in our church. This is quite an

event for us as in a small village they are very few and far between. The church was beautifully decorated by Diane Beer of Woodland and was a very happy occasion.

Our very best wishes go to Elizabeth and Johan for a long and happy marriage.

Our next event will be the bellringers' outing which is usually quite a riotous event.

Having now written my short report of Broadhempston news the next task will be the challenge of this week's Intercessions for the coming Sunday. This is a quote from an Intercessions handbook I have "Let us pray for the Church and for the world and let us thank God for a short sleep."

Not having a lot of confidence this is my worry of what will happen when I begin to lead the prayers on Sunday morning. We have had the readings, and then we had the sermon now it's my turn. I suppose the important thing is that we get on with the task of praying itself, to make these prayers useful and faithful to God. Maybe the whole point about Intercessions is not to understand it, but to do it.

*Pam Perriman*

*Pam sends in this cartoon*





# Charles Hudson VC and “The Butler Scout”

Charles Hudson VC, CB, DSO and Bar, MC, Croix de Guerre, Italian Silver Medal for Military Valour.



On the hottest day of the year, so far, the Victoria Cross Trust working party arrived at Denbury churchyard to carry out maintenance to the grave of Charles Hudson VC. I watched this dedicated group of men, from the shade of our well placed cherry trees, plying them with copious amounts of tea and biscuits. They carried out their work with skill, precision and feeling. Hudson VC was one of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's outstanding soldiers, earning a host of medals in the thick of the fighting on the Western Front and, aged 24, commanding a battalion of the Sherwood Foresters in the Ypres salient in 1917. He won his Victoria Cross on the Asiago Plateau in Italy on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1918, at the time he was the Commanding Officer of Edward Brittain, the only officer killed in that action, the adored brother of the famous author Vera Brittain. Hudson was certainly not like the man she would have him to be (Testament of Youth). After WW1 he went to Russia joining the British Northern Russian Expedition, the Archangel Campaign, which was part of the Allied Intervention in Russia after the October Revolution. The intervention brought about the involvement of foreign troops in the Russian Civil War on the side of the White movement. From 1933 to 1936 he was Chief Instructor, Royal Military College. During the Second World War Hudson distinguished himself at the retreat to Dunkirk, adding the Companion of the Order of Bath (DSO) to his other decorations. Commanding a Brigade in the summer of 1940, he was promoted to Major General becoming GoC 46<sup>th</sup> Division. He then commanded the Iraqi Levies in the Middle East and from 1944 to 1946 was Aide-de-Camp to the King, George VI<sup>th</sup>, finally, he was a

member of the British Control Commission in Germany. Hudson returned to England in 1947. No longer in the Army, he moved to Devon, eventually becoming Devonshire County Commissioner, St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and a local magistrate. In 1949 Edward Hudson and his wife Gladys bought Denbury Manor and attended services at St. Mary the Virgin regularly. On the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1959 Edward Hudson died whilst on holiday in the Scilly Isles. He is buried in Denbury churchyard. I would have liked to have met him. Below, before and after.

The VC Trust Team then moved on to the 'Butler Scout'. The Scout Movement have made a substantial donation to the VC Trust in respect of research into the relationship between the Movement and numerous VC recipients. Thomas Peter Butler was ASM (Assistant Scout Master) of Denbury St. Mary's Scout Troop. Thomas was only 24 when sadly he drowned whilst swimming in Torbay, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1932. Although Thomas was not a VC holder, the Team were so impressed with his 'monument' that after a couple of phone calls they offered, at their own expense and in their own time, to clean and re-gravel the 'Butler Scout'. How could I not accept such a kind offer? Below can be seen before and after condition.

*Mick Sutherland Cook*



*Charles Hudson's grave*

*The "Butler Scout"*



**W**HEN I FIRST visited Salisbury it was not the cathedral that arrested my attention, but Elizabeth Frink's statue 'Woman Walking' set on the cathedral green. Confident, graceful, womanly and enormously powerful she strides towards the cathedral, her face upturned to the sun.

A similar thing happened to me in Florence. It wasn't Michelangelo's monumental statue of David, beautiful though it is, that moved me but his four unfinished statues in the Academia. They are called 'The Prisoners' or 'The Wrestlers' because the figures are only half-formed. Their bodies are still imprisoned in the marble. An arm emerges here, a leg there, a face only partially carved peeps out of you from the side.

When asked about his work Michelangelo is reported to have said that the sculpture already exists, trapped within the block of stone. It was his job to release it by 'taking away that which is superfluous'.

I have always found his words a powerful commentary about the way God deals with us. It is as



## Walking in God's sunlight

if God is the sculptor and we his work of art. In fact in his letter to the Ephesians Paul describes us as God's 'handiwork' (Eph.2.10 NIV). It is as if each of us come to God's bench rough-hewn and is gradually fashioned by his hand to a truer beauty.

Paul goes on to talk about us growing up into a spiritual maturity, people who will be measured by nothing less than the 'full stature of Christ' (Eph. 4.13). All of us are on that journey. The process of maturing includes having that which is 'superfluous' in our lives chipped away, so that we are

no longer imprisoned, but released to be ourselves.

Sometimes our hearts can feel calcified, cold as marble, our minds and bodies good as dead. But God calls us to become who we are – his own work of art. God yearns to set us free, so that like the woman walking on the cathedral green in Salisbury, we stride into the sunlight breathing the fresh air of God's grace.

**THE RT REVD ROBERT  
ATWELL, BISHOP OF EXETER**



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# CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON

GOOD NEWS FROM THE  
DIOCESE OF EXETER AUGUST 2016

## Bishop Robert spreads vision in Tavistock

**T**HE BISHOP OF EXETER, Robert Atwell, began a year of visits to parishes to talk about the new vision for the Church of England in Devon with three days in Tavistock. Bishop Robert met with people from across the town and rural community, sharing conversations and listening to some of the problems people face.

He visited New Court Farm in Lamerton, where he met farmers, young and old, and discussed milk costs, TB, rural sustainability, food security and much more.

He said: "The government think their first priority is to defend the nation but actually it is to feed the nation. In terms of food security, in the event of a crisis, we only have six weeks of food stocks. That's why the farming community is so important. Thank you for all you are doing for all of us in the nation."



At a special service in Buckland Monachorum he confirmed 17 people of all ages, in a service where candidates profess their Christian faith. The service was "joyful and very moving" he said.

Bishop Robert launched the new vision and its three priorities to pray, grow and serve with joy this spring. He and the Bishop of Plymouth, Nick McKinnel and the Bishop of Crediton Sarah Mullally, are spending the year visiting parishes to talk with people about the priorities to grow the Church in Devon, and to serve the community.

Bishop Robert has produced a short film outlining the vision which can be seen on the diocesan website [www.exeter.anglican.org](http://www.exeter.anglican.org)

His stay in and around Tavistock had been a "fantastic start to Bishops in Mission," he added.

## A FAIR AND LOCAL HARVEST

**A** PACK OF IDEAS and useful links are available on the diocesan website: [exeter.anglican.org/church-life/faith-action/food](http://exeter.anglican.org/church-life/faith-action/food) ...to help parishes focus on both supporting our local farmers and others who grow our food this harvest-time. Social Responsibility Officer Sally Farrant said: "Farmers and food growers face deeply challenging issues and we need to review how we produce, distribute and consume food. Harvest celebrations offer a perfect time to do this."





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# Sunday Services for August and September

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 11 – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8 -16; Luke 12:32-40

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Anne Burden

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 12 – Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

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

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Trinity 13 – Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

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	Harvest Communion	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 14 – Hebrews 13:1-8, 15, 16; Luke 14:1,7-14

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
9.15am	Dedication Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Parish Communion with baptism	Broadhempston AT WOODLAND	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Morning Worship	Ipplepen	Lay-led

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 15 – Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

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 11<sup>th</sup> September – The Blessed Virgin Mary – Isaiah 61:10-11; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55

11.00am	Patronal Festival followed by lunch in the Village Hall	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
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## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 17 – service specific readings to be notified

11.00am	Parish Confirmation	Ipplepen	Bishop of Plymouth
6.00pm	Harvest Communion	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 18 – 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Canon Les Harman
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden
11.00am	Morning Worship	Ipplepen	Lay-led



## Mid-week Services for August and September

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 – August / September

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Flower arrangers	North Street & North End Close	The Green	Main Street	Waye Farm Cottage
Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kneeler makers	Orchard Road	Down View Road	Houndhead Way	Woodland Barn
Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	Deanery Synod members	Orley Road & The Glebe	Greenhill Lane	Vicarage Hill	White Eagle
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	Deanery chapter	Osborn Close	Fairview	Primary School	Higher Lake Barn
Sep 4 <sup>th</sup>	Users of the hall & church	Park Hill	Moorland Avenue	Community Shop	Well Farm
Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	Visitors	Poplar Terrace	Orchard Close	Radfords	Woodland Vale Farm
Sep 18 <sup>th</sup>	Readers	Thorn Orchard	Heathfield Road	Beaston	Crazy Acre Well Farm
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lay leaders	Torbryan	Heathfield Terrace	Downe	Dipwell Cottage

## Coffee Mates (Men of Denbury)

(and Friends)

this is your chance to become a 'Coffee Mate'  
gather around a cup of coffee, biscuits and cake  
2nd Thursday of each month at Church Cottage

10.30 am to 12.00 noon

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

## Dates Ahead – August and September

### August

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12.30 pm	Lunch Club at Ipplepen Church Hall
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Wedding of Silas Owens and Martel Fenton at Ipplepen
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	Joint PCC meeting at Broadhempston Village Hall
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	Baptism of Eli Squires at Ipplepen
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Home Communion
	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage

### September

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	Woodland Library
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	MC Patronal Festival at Denbury
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Ipplepen Standing Committee
	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Broadhempston Standing Committee
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Denbury Standing Committee
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	MC Confirmation Service at Ipplepen – Bishop Nick
		Followed by lunch in Ipplepen Church Hall
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Home Communion
	1.00 pm	Ipplepen PCC
	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Woodland PCC
	7.30 pm	Broadhempston PCC
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Denbury PCC

## Monday T Pot

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



## Biblical quotes:-You can interpret as you wish.....

The Rev Ian Paisley was not known for his mild manner. In the late 1960s James Callaghan, the home secretary, met the fire - and- brimstone preacher in an attempt to calm down the situation in Northern Ireland. Keith McDowall, a former government press officer writing in his memoirs 'Before Spin', explains that halfway through one of his famous rants, Paisley was interrupted by 'Sunny Jim'. "Come, come, Dr. Paisley, we're all children of God", said Callaghan. Paisley barked back: "We are not. We are all children of wrath - Ephesians ii, 3".



# 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 for Denbury this time

## Ipplepen:

### Retrospective

- April 10<sup>th</sup> Mark, Danielle and Samuel, Karen, Ellie and Ken Squire remembering Pamela who sadly passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011, and whose birthday would have been on 10th April. You will always be in our thoughts as a loving Grandma, Mother and Wife. We all miss you so much.
- June 19<sup>th</sup> Pam Lloyd thinking of Peter on Fathers' Day, with love from Andrew, Alison and their families
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Pam Lloyd and family thinking of Peter on his birthday
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Lucy and Ian Woolley to celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 6<sup>th</sup> July
- July 17<sup>th</sup> Roger and Rose Chamberlain to celebrate the engagement of their son Paul to Charlotte Ward. We wish them every happiness for their future together.
- July 24<sup>th</sup> Sharon and Alan Davey of Torbryan to celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary, and Alan's birthday on 24<sup>th</sup> July
- July 31<sup>st</sup> Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birth of their two grandchildren – Franz Alexander Mace and Enzo Jack Dewhirst
- Shirley Northwood in memory of her father, Douglas Moore, who died 45 years ago on 4<sup>th</sup> August

### New

- August 21<sup>st</sup> Phil and Charlotte Harvey to celebrate their daughter Rosie's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on 26<sup>th</sup> August



# The Altar mystery

After many years helping to look after the fabric of St Andrew's I thought I knew all I was going to find out about the building and its contents.

But the other day Madeleine Fedrick, starting to prepare for the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 2018, asked me about the altar. Was it original or how old was it? I glibly replied that it was Victorian, made when the chancel was altered in about 1890, and designed to fit the reredos behind.

How wrong can one be? Madeleine asked for a closer look and when we removed all the coverings it was immediately clear that we were looking at something unusual. It certainly wasn't Victorian, and underneath we could see ancient timbers with the shape of the trees from which it was made still visible.



*St. Andrew's altar – covered up*



*The original timbers*

Clearly this wasn't something chosen from a Victorian ecclesiastical catalogue and made in a standard workshop. The original wood had been cased in later timber to update it at some stage, and at an even later date some side panels had been added in much newer oak. Probably this was the Victorian addition - and the only part visible when a frontal was in place. Interestingly the altar doesn't have the usual five consecration crosses carved into the top.

So what were we looking at? The history of churches as old as St. Andrew's tells us that they would have had stone altars until the Reformation. The reformers were anxious to dispel any idea that the priest was offering a sacrifice at an altar, and so the stone ones were all removed.



## The Altar mystery - continued

The original Book of Common Prayer in 1549 stated that a *“table, having at the communion time a fair linen cloth upon it, shall stand in the body of the church, or in the chancel, where morning prayer and evening prayer be appointed to be said”*.

The table was placed to run east to west so no-one could mistake it for an altar, and the priest was instructed to stand at the North side of the table. This was sensible as there was more space available on the “long” side. Even today when the Prayer Book is used for communion a priest usually moves to the north side as the Gospel is read.

There is every possibility that within the present structure of the altar at St. Andrew’s is a narrow sixteenth century communion table, having survived for over 450 years. As an item of furniture in the church it is still of course a bit of a youngster compared with the screens, pulpit and font.

One question remains - what happened to the original stone altar? The one at Torbryan has been used as a ledger stone - a gravestone - let into the floor of the chancel there. In the sixteenth century, without modern machinery, large pieces of stone were difficult to move - and they were also valuable. A quick look around St Andrew’s will show how builders of the present structure used whatever they could from earlier buildings.



*Is this tomb top the original altar?*

It took a lot of effort to cut and shape a large block of stone and transport it from its quarry - so a piece big enough to be the top of an altar wouldn’t have been wasted. My guess - and it is only a guess - is that the original altar has been re-used to form the top of the chest tomb just outside the south wall. It is granite - so it must have been brought to Lpplepen at some cost and is atypical in the building. This particular tomb, because of its age and unusual structure, is one of only a handful which are Grade II listed, so this could just possibly be the very stone which was consecrated by Bishop Stapledon in 1318.

*Stephen Bryant*

## Friendship

Friendship is the greatest of worldly goods. Certainly to me it is the chief happiness of life. If I had to give a piece of advice to a young man about a place to live, I think I would say, “sacrifice almost everything where you can be near to your friends.” C.S.Lewis

*contribution from Tony Standish*

# What service floats your boat?

A reason sometimes given for not attending church is “I don’t like the service”. This raises the question, what is the most appropriate form of communal worship? This can be a very subjective matter and is often based on experience in childhood; this is certainly true in my case. I attended a Church of England village primary school and every boy aged 6 was expected to join the parish church choir. There was an entrance test carried out by the elderly organist/choir mistress named Miss Mathews. Mercifully for me it was not a singing audition; I passed because I could read the words *Cherubim* and *Seraphim*. New entrants were allocated their position, either Decani (means Dean side) south of the altar or Cantoris (means Cantor side) north of the altar. Fierce battles with paper darts propelled by elastic bands took place between the sides at choir practice – poor Miss Mathews. Hostilities ceased when the men and Rector joined the practice. For the first 6 months you were a probationer and only allowed to wear the purple cassock. You became a full chorister after a public ceremony when the Rector placed a white surplice over your head and shoulders. In an era when there was no television, no tablet, no X box and Sunday was still special, then meeting your mates twice on Sunday had some appeal. There was also the attraction of reward in the form of half an old penny per attendance!!

The Sunday service pattern was rigid with 8am BCP Communion (said), 11am Matins and sermon, 6.30pm Evensong and sermon. Every second and fourth Sunday there was a BCP Communion (said) after Matins. Matins and Evensong were the principal services and I still have an affinity for them. Is this just nostalgia? Past experience, of course, plays a role but it is more than that. The structure

and content of these services have great meaning. We are very fortunate at Woodland in that we have Evensong once a month and very pleased to welcome visitors from the other Beacon parishes.

Evening Prayer has formed an important part of Anglican worship since the reformation in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The service begins with an introit and then responses sung (said in Woodland) by the cantor and choir.

The heart of Evening Prayer is in the Psalm (Israel’s songs from the Old Testament) and Readings or Lessons. The Psalm is followed by the Lessons – the first from the Old Testament and the second from the New Testament. The readings follow sequences in which the story of God’s dealing with Israel (first lesson) and the story of Jesus and then the early Church (second lesson) are traced in the course of the year.

In response to the lessons we hear the Magnificat (Mary’s song) and the Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon). This leads to the recital of the Creed, the Church’s statement of faith. The responses after the Creed name 6 general petitions for the Church and the world and end with a special collect (prayer) that reflects the current season in the Church year. This is followed by collects for peace and help against all perils. After a hymn, prayers of thanksgiving and intercessions are offered for our own community and the wider world. The sermon is used to interpret the readings in to a current context. The service ends with the ancient prayer of John Chrysostom and the grace.

At the turn of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, services were primarily for the clergy and the participation of the lay people amounted to attending and watching. The services were in



## What service floats your boat? - continued

Latin and conducted in the chancel (choir), which was cut off from the people by a screen. The Bible was not read in English and often the prayers could not be understood or heard by the lay people.

Thomas Cranmer (1489 – 1556) was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by Henry VIII in 1532 and for a time had to hide his married status. After his appointment was approved by the Pope, he spent his time building up the case for the annulment of Henry's marriage to Catherine of Aragon and, eventually, declared the marriage void. Four months later he married Henry and Anne Boleyn. Under



Henry's reign, Cranmer made few radical changes in the Church because of the power struggles between the Conservatives and the Reformers. When Edward VI came to the throne Cranmer was able to make major reforms. With Thomas Cromwell he supported the translation of the Bible into English. In 1545 he wrote a Litany that is still used in the Church today. Edward allowed Cranmer to make the necessary doctrinal changes that resulted in the Book of Common Prayer in 1549, which is still in use 467 years later.

After Edward VI's death, Cranmer supported Jane Grey as successor. Her 9 day reign was followed by Roman Catholic Mary I, who had Cranmer tried for treason. After a long trial and proclaiming his error, he was burnt at the stake at Oxford in 1556.

In 1559 Protestant Elizabeth I reintroduced the Book of Common Prayer. In 1604 James I ordered further changes but a major revision was published in 1662. That edition has

remained the official prayer book of the Church of England, although in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, alternative provision under the title *Common Worship*, has largely displaced the Book of Common Prayer at most Sunday services in English parish churches. I am yet to be completely convinced this was a good move.

Recently, I have been much encouraged by two pieces of news. Whilst in Newton Abbot I

made a donation to a street collector for the Salvation Army and was given a copy of War Cry. In that edition there was a 2 page article on Evensong by Dr Guy Hayward who notes there has been a revival in attendance and wants to

put a "*wonderful tradition invented by Thomas Cranmer around 1549*" on the map by creating a web site [www.choralevensong.org](http://www.choralevensong.org). The site allows people to search for Evensong services throughout the UK. Dr Hayward also argues the value of Evensong as a form of worship.

The Times of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 had an article on Britain's Choral Tradition and its revival. It states "*One of the paradoxes about Christianity's supposed decline in Britain is that Choral Evensong has never been better attended in Cathedrals across the country, as well as in college chapels of Oxford and Cambridge.*"

Perhaps I am not an old Fuddy Duddy living in the past after all, but in the vanguard of a Christian revival thanks to Thomas Cranmer, a remarkable man to whom we owe a great deal.

John Usher

## Parishioner's profile

*Peter suggested that I might interview myself for the Beacon!*

Here is part of my tale.

I was born in Bridgwater in 1944, four months before "D day". My parents, Neville and Marjory had met at Bristol University where they had both studied sciences. When I was born my father, now a young captain in the Royal Signals was signals officer to Montgomery. I was to see little of my father until I was three. He was able to take leave though when I was baptised at St. Mary's Church Bridgwater and apparently I had been given a guinea as a christening present by the great General!

I initially went to school in Shropshire where my parents were now both teaching at different schools.

When I was thirteen I won a scholarship to Blundell's School. There, I was confirmed in school chapel by the Bishop of Crediton in February 1959. In 1961 I was in the school team for the Ten Tors and I remember arriving at the army barracks at Denbury later to become Channing's Wood prison. I was amazed when arriving in Ipplepen in 2004 to find the Dartmoor event was as popular as ever.

In 1962 I started to study Medicine, initially at Selwyn College Cambridge. It was there that I met Hilary, my future wife, in our last year. She was undertaking her nurse training at Addenbrooke's Hospital. We met just in time for a May Ball before I left Cambridge for the clinical part of the course at the Middlesex Hospital in London.



Before starting this I had my last long vacation holiday. I was fortunate to be part of "Comex 1", the commonwealth expedition overland to India. Two hundred students had the opportunity to travel through Europe, across the Bosphorus, from Damascus to Jordan and Jerusalem, then to Baghdad and Tehran and finally through Pakistan to India; 8,000 road miles from London to Delhi, completed in 33 days!

We were aboard five coaches from our five universities: London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Oxford and Cambridge. We did not just travel, we drove the buses ourselves. We slept in halls, schools and under the stars. We sang, we danced and performed at the Iron Curtain in communist Hungary, in the desert and in Simla in the Himalayan foothills.

Having arrived in Delhi we split up with each bus travelling to a different part of India. The Cambridge coach drove across the sub continent to Calcutta arriving in the monsoon season. We stayed at the university there and met and socialised with their students whilst preparing a production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream". During rehearsals some of us visited a run down collection of dwellings, a convent where the nuns were caring for the orphans and abandoned new born babies. It was some years later that I realised this was where Mother Teresa worked.

Only days after our convoy of buses crossed the border from Pakistan to India these two great Commonwealth countries went to war with each other.

## Parishioner's profile -continued

On several nights in the foothills of the Himalayas we shared with our hosts the air raid sirens and trenches. The performance by our Oxford colleagues of the Importance of Being Ernest had to be interrupted and we and the audience had to sit in darkness and silence until the All Clear was heard.

One of the Edinburgh students was Malcolm Rifkind, later to be Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. Perhaps this gave him some insights for his future role.

I arrived back in England three stone lighter and a month late for the start of the clinical course at Middlesex. Fortunately the Dean of the Medical School, an Australian, was understanding.

Hilary continued her career in east London and practised as a midwife. I qualified as a doctor in 1968. After various junior hospital posts in London I applied and became a partner in a general practice in Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire where I stayed very happily for the next thirty four years.

During this time, I served in the Royal Naval Reserve as a surgeon lieutenant commander. One highlight was the two weeks training on the introductory course at BRNC Dartmouth. Our group consisted of medics, clergy and nurses. We had some sea time as well as two days at CTCRM Lympstone.

After 6 years in HMS President, London Division RNR on the Thames Embankment I was transferred to HMS Warrior at Northwood. I was there during the Falkland Campaign and I was allowed to attend the daily morning briefings with Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse and fellow officers down in the "Bunker".

I also did some time each year as a cruise ships doctor. It was a busman's holiday but

provided a chance if not to see the world at any rate the Mediterranean. Hilary and our two sons had some memorable times and I some occasionally challenging clinical experiences.

In 1976 having passed the membership examination of the Royal College of General Practitioners I became increasingly interested in general practitioner training for registrars and was for some years a "trainer" before an appointment at the British Postgraduate Medical Federation, University of London as an associate Regional Adviser in general practice. This took me out of family practice for three sessions a week to run post graduate courses for registrars and general practice teachers, together with assessments of doctors as teachers and their clinical practices.

In 1984 I resigned my commission in the Navy as I had applied and was appointed as editor of the "News and Views" section of the Journal of British General Practice. Was this in preparation to be editor of the Beacon?!

We discussed at the Lent Course earlier this year what occupations or roles might be considered as "Vocations". I had certainly been a fortunate man to have been a family doctor in a community for such a time. I got to know families and their problems in an intimate and privileged way and patients taught me so much. I like to reflect there were some times in my career that were indeed also "vocational".

Hilary and I have been blessed with good friends and neighbours in Ipplepen. We have been fortunate too with our sons and their wives and our four grandchildren all now living in Devon.

**Deo gratias.**

*Michael Price*



## Well done !



*Linda and Jo at Durdle Door*

The Jurassic Coast Mighty Hike was on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July and Jo Scrase and I joined 548 other Mighty Hikers to walk 22 miles of stunning and challenging coastline from Weymouth to Corfe Castle in Dorset. I can truly say that even after 213 miles of training walks and several long days on the Devon coast path tackling some of the toughest sections South Devon has to offer, nothing had quite prepared us for the Jurassic Coast. I was on my hands and knees at one point but we made it through and although our toes will continue to remind us of the near vertical descents for many days to come, it was all definitely worth it when, after 10 hours and 36 minutes, we came round the corner above the finish line, saw our families waiting down below and heard that as a group, the Jurassic Coast Mighty Hikers are expected to have raised £290,000 - enough to fund a Macmillan Nurse for 5 years.

*Linda Simmonds*

## From the Editor



### IMPORTANT RECALL NOTICE - SPIRITUAL

The Creator of mankind is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the central component of the heart. This is due to malfunction in the original prototype units, codenamed Adam and Eve that has resulted in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically named, "Subsequent Internal Non-Morality", or S-I-N.

Symptoms include: loss of direction, foul vocal emissions, selfish behaviour, depression, fear, and aggression. The manufacturer, who is not at fault, is nevertheless providing a repair service, free of charge, to correct this SIN defect.

Contact him at [www.P-R-A-Y-E-R.org.universe](http://www.P-R-A-Y-E-R.org.universe) . Once connected, please upload you burden of SIN by pressing R-E-P-E-N-T-A-N-C-E. Next download J-E-S-U-S into the heart. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, the J-E-S-U-S repair will sort it out.

Please see operating manual, HOLY BIBLE for further details on the use of these fixes.

**Warning:** If you continue to operate your human unit without correction, you void the manufacturer's warranty. This is because you expose the human unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list. For free emergency service, call on J-E-S-U-S.

**DANGER:** The human units not receiving this recall action will eventually be scrapped. The SIN defect must not enter heaven, or else heaven will be infected.

*Michael Price - Editor*

PS. The date line for contributions for the October/November edition of the Beacon is **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September** prior to the Editor taking leave!

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