



I was recently reading an article entitled "On The Importance Of Disappointing Your Congregation..." It was written about an American pastor and scholar, most famous for writing *The Message*, a contemporary interpretation of the Bible, and his approach to ministry "Working the Angles" about the "Unbusy Pastor". Peterson is well known for his views on pastors and priests and how they live out their vocation. What follows is the text of the article, not my own musings, and I deliberately do not express a view on it. I hope you will take time to ponder what is said and let me know your views. Undoubtedly underlying the theory is the fact that we are Human Beings not Human Doings...

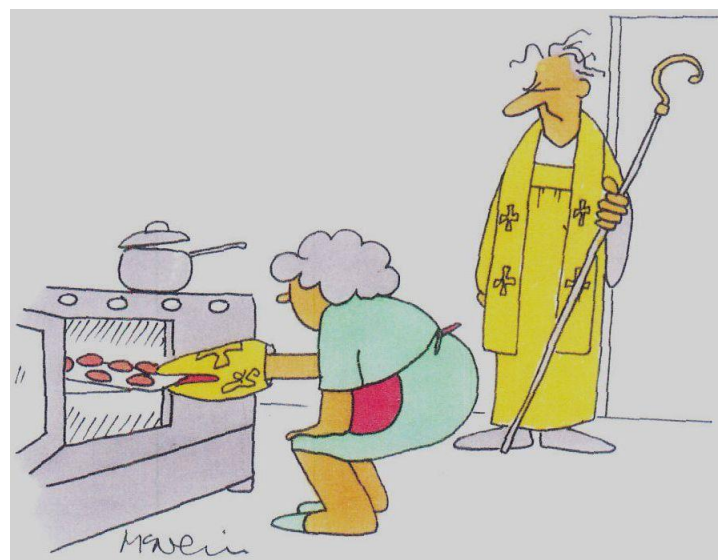
"Question: How are you doing? Answer: busy... how many times have you heard that? How many times have you said that?"

As a pastor, Eugene Peterson is the voice in the back of my head. When I experience challenges in my vocation, my sense of direction, or conflict in my understanding

my role as a pastor, I usually hunt around for what Peterson would say to my situation. He nearly always has the wisdom I'm looking for, and he never lets me off the hook.

Peterson's vision of the Unbusy Pastor has become the paradigm that I'm chasing. Busyness kills the pastoral vocation. Peterson says pastors become too busy for two reasons:

- I am busy because I am vain. I want to appear important. Significant. What better way than to be busy? The incredible hours, the crowded schedule, and the heavy demands on my time are proof to myself - and to all who will notice - that I am important. If I go into a doctor's office and find there's no one waiting, and see through a half-open door the doctor reading a book, I wonder if he's any good. A good doctor will have people lined up waiting to see him; a good doctor will not have time to read a book, even if it's a very good book. Although I grumble about waiting my turn in a



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busy doctor's office, I am also impressed with his importance... I want to be important, so I develop a crowded schedule and harassed conditions. When others notice, they acknowledge my significance and my vanity is fed. The busier I am, the more important I am.

- I am busy because I am lazy. I indolently let others decide what I will do instead of resolutely deciding myself. It was a favourite theme of C.S. Lewis that only lazy people work hard. By lazily abdicating the essential work of deciding and directing, establishing values and setting goals, other people do it of us; then we find ourselves frantically, at the last minute trying to satisfy a half dozen different demands on our time, none of which is essential to our vocation, to stave off the disaster of disappointing someone.

Peterson's probing question is essentially this: If I was not busy making my mark in the world and not busy doing what everyone expects me to do, what would I actually do as a pastor?

His answer is quite simple: pray, preach, and listen. The pastor must be a person who prays, which takes disciplined hours of time set-aside to engage with God. We cannot pray if we are busy. The pastor must be a person who preaches, stewarding the pulpit faithfully by speaking the language of the scriptures into our present day context in creative and compelling ways. We cannot preach if we are busy. The pastor must be a person who listens, spending time with the congregation over coffee and meals, learning about their lives and bearing witness to their struggle. We cannot listen if we are busy.

Busyness is the enemy of the pastoral vocation.

The problem is that, as Peterson says, if we decide to become an Unbusy Pastor we will become a huge disappointment to many people in our congregations. Peterson says that in order to be a good pastor, one of the first things you have to do is get used to disappointing everyone. "I think because of the culture we live in," Peterson says, "we almost have to disappoint people, at least at the outset, in order to get them to understand who we are and what we're doing."

Pastors cannot agree to meet the needs and whims of their congregation. We're not allowed to comply to their wishes, if their wishes require a superstar pastor who keeps the church upwardly mobile. This life, however, is not healthy for the pastor. Peterson's response is frank: "I refuse to give my attention to someone who encourages what is worst in me." Only in this refusal does the pastor offer his/her congregation the opportunity to deal with themselves, the pain that lives inside them, and the brokenness that keeps us all drinking from the same dirty cisterns year after year.

Today I am reminded of my own limitations and my need to take charge of my pace of life. I'm reminded of Peterson's sage advice: "How can I lead people into the quiet place beside the still waters if I am in perpetual motion? How can I convincingly persuade a person to live by faith and not by works if I have to constantly juggle my schedule to make everything fit into place?" The pastor who prays, preaches, and listens... that's who I want to be. I cannot do those things if I am busy."

God bless you.

Rev. Peter

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



The summer holiday period is traditionally a quiet time for St. Mary the Virgin and the pattern was repeated this year.

Our regular social gatherings continued, however despite the holidays with T-Pot every Monday in the Church Cottage and Coffee Mates held every second Thursday. Both of these provide a great opportunity to meet over a cup of tea or coffee to keep up to date with village events and to swap experiences, and the good numbers attending both gatherings show how well they are regarded.

The morning communion on 28th August had a different look to it as we were marking the church's dedication. The mobile altar was moved out of the way, with Father Peter conducting the service from the original altar below the East window from where the service would have been taken in days gone by.

On September 11th we will be celebrating our Patronal with the service being followed by a lunch in the Village Hall.

Last year's Patronal was very successful and we are looking forward to a similarly enjoyable and uplifting day this year.

The project to restore the bells at Denbury continues to progress well. On 1st September the tower was visited by our new Architect Russ Palmer, Andrew Nicholson (whose company will be carrying out the work on the bells, and Paul Carpenter, an engineer who will be advising on structural issues with the project.

All were very positive regarding our plans and Russ will be producing detailed drawings

and completing the considerable amount of paperwork to enable our faculty application to be submitted to the Diocese as soon as possible. We are also looking at the possibility of moving the ringing room up to the first floor level which will provide more space and a lighter, more comfortable area which again was considered to be a very practical and workable option by the experts.

We look forward to joining with friends from the Mission Community at Ipplepen to celebrate the Confirmation service with the Bishop of Plymouth and slightly further ahead to our Harvest events at the beginning of October.

Mike Bray



*The patronal festival.
Jean and Louise on an
average weekend!*

TWO AUTUMNAL EVENTS IN DENBURY

On Saturday 1st October we celebrate Harvest with a **SOUP & SWEETS LUNCH** in the Church Cottage. (12 to 1.30pm) A selection of super soups and sweets for your enjoyment. £7 pp, pay on the door, but an idea of numbers always welcome (813 993).

On Friday 18th November (7.30pm) we are delighted to welcome the **ABBOTSKERSWELL SINGERS** for a concert in Church - always an enjoyable evening. Tickets £7 pp (to include a glass of wine and nibbles during the interval) from Mary Head 812 092.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



On Sunday 31st July the Mission Community and Churches Together celebrated a Lammas Communion Service at St. Andrew's. This is the festival of the wheat harvest. Loaves of bread were made and brought to the service to be blessed. Afterwards there was a soup and bread lunch in the Church Hall.

August is 'holiday time' for a lot of people including Rev. Peter who I am sure was ready for a well deserved break. We were grateful to Rev. Tony Meek who covered the Ipplepen Services. Peter was welcomed back on August 21st and at this service it was good to welcome visitors from St. James' Exeter, his last parish.

Michael Price led the lay-led service on the 28th August; Tom Morris sang before the start of the service which is always much appreciated by the congregation.

It was good to welcome Ruth Bettesworth back again to give a memorable address and she also led the prayers.

There are further important services to come in September, occurring after this report must go to print:

The next Patronal Festival will be at Denbury on the 11th September followed by lunch in the Village Hall. It is hoped a goodly number of our congregation will be there.

We eagerly await the Mission Community Confirmation service at St. Andrew's on September 18th when the Bishop of Plymouth will be here to officiate. Lunch will be in the Church Hall afterwards.

The Hospitality Team have been busy with coffee mornings, an afternoon tea, and providing catering following funerals.

Preparations are underway for the big Christmas Fayre which will be held in the Village Hall this year on the 19th November, a very important date to put in your diaries!

Marilyn Clark



Some pictures from the Lammas festival, taken by Antony Mitchell

News from Woodland

St. John the Baptist



What a shock to find misty mornings and the nights drawing in after such a gloriously sunny summer, but with the hedgerows abounding with sloes, hawthorn berries and blackberries it suddenly seems like autumn. Preparations are well underway for our village harvest celebrations. I understand that four Woodland ladies joined forces with others in Ipplepen for an enjoyable afternoon baking harvest loaves to put on the altar. Other parishioners I'm sure are, like me, looking around their gardens to see what flowers, fruit and vegetables will be ready to take to the church to decorate for the Harvest

Festival service. This will be followed, a couple of weeks later, by Woodland's Harvest Supper at the Rising Sun on 30th September. A chance for us to get together in a less formal setting and compare notes on how the summer (and harvest) really went.

It has been so nice, recently, to welcome a new member into our village church family with the christening service of Elsie from Gurrington. Weddings and christenings are such special events celebrating new and exciting phases in life. Not so joyful but equally important is the support needed for the end of life. For this reason Woodland will once again hold a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan on Saturday 1st October starting at 10am. Please do come. It promises to be a fun and friendly morning yet every penny raised will go towards providing comfort for someone in this most difficult part of their life.

Helen Pearce

Developing a dementia-friendly church



There are currently around 850,000 people living with dementia in the UK and of course some are to be found in all communities and congregations, including each of ours. We all like to feel we are good at dealing with this situation and that we already do all we can to help those experiencing this condition. I am sure that in essence we are already a 'Dementia-Friendly' Mission Community. Some of you, like Jennie and I, may already be 'Dementia Friends'.

Our bishops have said they would like parishes to proclaim themselves as dementia-friendly and also to encourage their communities to do so. In Ipplepen we already have the excellent Memory Café at the Hub and Sharing Care and perhaps others have also done work on this subject.

It would be very good if some people from each of our churches could attend a Dementia Friends training session, which takes little more than an hour. It would be helpful if someone from each parish could lead this initiative and I am happy to co-ordinate for the Mission Community, arranging a convenient session for us.

If you are interested, please let me know. My phone number 01803 814370 and my email address is frtonymeek@aol.com.

Rev. Tony Meek

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



A Severe case of Dry Rot (No, this is not a metaphor!)

A few weeks ago we noticed a strange growth creeping from underneath the panelling on the South wall of the church (see photo). Those of us of a certain age were reminded of the horrors of the Quatermass series which, as young children, frightened the living day lights out of us. The growth, whatever it was, looked thoroughly evil! Photographs were quickly despatched to our church architect and he, with equal speed, came back with the diagnosis "Dry Rot" (*Serpula lacrymans*). Rip out the offending panels, pews and floor and destroy was his urgent instruction, if not tonight then tomorrow at the latest! At this point we knew that this was no joke, we had a very serious problem. Over the next few days we carefully removed the worst of the panels etc. and now await the permission of the Archdeacon to remove and store the remainder so that work can start on making good the wall. Our architect tells us that the particularly damp early summer together with a general rise in temperatures has encouraged the growth of such fungi, particularly in those areas of buildings which are prone to damp and are poorly ventilated. So be warned!!!



What rot!

Oh dear, what doom and gloom we have to report this month. We churchwardens do have fun living in a world of blocked drains, boiler problems, architects reports, intercession rotas, open gardens, I could go on but don't wish to bore you. So now on a lighter note I can assure you that our little team are a very 'happy band of pilgrims'. These problems arise; back in 1866 the Vicar and the Churchwardens had to sell the

Churchyard trees, five ash and eight elms to pay for the 'healing' of the church roof. In 1878 the chancel was restored with new choir stalls and a new East wing window, the bells were re-hung and a new organ installed.

Other tasks and improvements have followed through the years and we hope and pray with fund raising and the help of others we can overcome the latest problem. Also, always at the back of our minds are thoughts for the future.

How to attract the younger generations to join us. We do need to draw them in both as a good in itself and to hope that we won't be the last to care for part of the last collection of historic buildings in our country.

I will finish with a quote from the hymn 'O happy band of pilgrims':

"The trials that beset you the sorrows ye endure are known to Christ your Saviour whose perfect grace will cure."

So, here's hoping.

Chris Parker

Pam Perriman

'Bind us together Lord' or 'How to make a harvest loaf'

On a July Friday morning, seven of us met to bake harvest loaves, the dough having been prepared the day before. Geraldine Dennis, Marjorie Dommett, Pam Perriman, Jane Usher, Teresa Irish and myself watched as Sheila Ashford divided the dough. Working in pairs, we soon realised that the dough had a will of its own as we attempted to roll, shape and create our own masterpieces.

Stalks should be pencil size and bound together with a plait and eventually laid on the base of the wheatsheaf.

So far so good! Then divide the remaining dough into 60 pieces to form the ears of wheat.



Much laughter went into our creations and having snipped the dough with scissors the egg glaze was applied. Someone suggested including a harvest mouse so further rolling and sculpting ensued.

While waiting for the loaves to bake we agreed what a worthwhile morning it had been.

When you look at the loaves you are reminded of the various stages: from the work of the farmer ploughing, sowing and harvesting; milling the grain to flour and eventually to the baking of the bread. All from a seed of faith. Our efforts will be on display during harvest.

Marilyn Ellis

How to know when you're getting old

Everything hurts – what doesn't hurt, doesn't work ● The gleam in your eye is the sun shining on your bi-focals ● You feel like the morning after, but you haven't been anywhere ● Your black book only contains names ending in M.D. ● You get winded playing cards ● Your children begin to look middle aged ● You join a health club, but don't go ● A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable urge ● You have all of the answers but no-one asks you the questions ● You look forward to a dull evening ● You need glasses to find your glasses ● You turn out the light for economy instead of romance ● You sit in a rocking chair and can't make it go ● Your knees buckle but your belt won't ● Your back goes out more than you do ● You put your bra on back to front and it fits better ● Your house is too big and your medicine cabinet is too small ● You sink your teeth into steak and they stay there ● Your birthday cake collapses under the weight of the candles

Jane Outhwaite (source unknown)

News from Ipplepen's Roman/British Settlements

Nine years ago Jim Wills, who taught me to metal detect, made the find of a lifetime as numerous Roman coins came from the fields of three local farmers. A wonderful adventure for Devon archaeology began - the first Roman evidence of Roman influence beyond Exeter.

The next year "geo-fizz" showed evidence of buildings and features, now extending to sixteen fields. Being close to Exeter, archaeologists and their students came to dig trenches and locals came to help and kept the secret for several years.

With Sue unwell the digs provided the perfect holiday for me close to home. The first evidence was of a Roman road entering from Exeter and leaving towards Totnes complete with potholes. Well it is Devon. We found two skeletons and there was evidence enough to fund bigger digs and get in local volunteers. For two years we uncovered an old iron age round house and field enclosures, an older part of this village, it gave up artefacts, showed storage pits and farming life. This was life from 300BC to 400AD. Then for two years we unearthed that road and the edge of a huge cemetery - found to be 400 - 800AD –post Roman. Thirty one skeletons were carefully (and prayerfully in my case) brought to light. I found one, and with it glass, pottery and metal objects amounting to several thousand articles. By now we had open days and hundreds came to see, and we were on TV.

This year we went to a new location that showed life in the Roman period and answered many questions. The houses remained round and not square and Roman.

So it is a 'British' settlement taking on Roman articles and influence from the road. Rather like a 'Granada service station' it may have been half way between Exeter and say

Plymouth. The coins are from BC to 400AD - the whole of the Roman occupation - so they were in use all that time. The coins are low value 'soldiers' pay' and Dorset black ware (soldier issue pottery) is in the village and traded no doubt. But pottery comes from the Nene Valley and as far away as Spain, Italy and France too.

This year we uncovered a huge family round house nearly sixty feet across and evidence of village life; lots of finds. I found the rim of a large mortar, pottery, a hammer, the jaw of a cow and part of a brooch. My

back and knees however only allow one weeks digging out of the four.

My final find was a leather worker's sewing palm. This year's sites revealed a well, and far too close to it a water cistern hole lined with clay. My final day find of the sewing palm suggests it was for tanning.

I like other locals was a small 'cog' in the machine. But there will be more digs to come and add more to knowledge about our village ancestors.

Nicholas Pearkes



*More information on the site
can be found at*

<http://ipplepen.exeter.ac.uk/features>

Hurricane hits Plymouth

Deaths, injuries and serious damage reported

That might be how a newspaper would report something that happens in a small corner of the City about thirty times each year. It is part of the work of the staff of the Royal Navy Flag Officer, Sea Training – FOST. This is the organisation which welds the sailors on naval ships, and also ships from many nations of NATO, into operational crews. The Captain of HMS Ark Royal told his new crew, some years ago, that they were unlikely to fire their guns in anger, but more likely to be called upon to use their skills in humanitarian relief.

But this is not an article about FOST; it is to describe what a number of Ipplepen villagers help with frequently. We are members of an international charity called the Casualties

Union, which originated during the London blitz of 1942, so celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2017. We train to act as sick, injured or simply traumatised to help in a range of medical, nursing and rescue training. The main call on our time is our work with FOST, where we act as survivors of the hurricane-hit village of Bull Point or British nationals who need to be evacuated from dangerous situations abroad. We are also involved in a number of other traumatic situations, including simulated train and air crashes with the Fire and Rescue and Ambulance Services and the Police.

Casualties Union members in this area are part of the Torbay and Tamar Branch, which meets fortnightly in Paignton to train for this work. This training involves:

‘Make-up’ – not to beautify ourselves (some things are not possible!) but to represent injuries

‘Acting’ – to show how the injured would react to pain or disability

‘Staging’ – which is putting the injured person in a believable situation. For instance, a train crash needs a train!

Over-arching this is the need for safety; we take great care not to be injured ourselves, so we never actually show the accident happening – just 5 seconds afterwards!

We always have notice of our duties; the

shortest notice I can recall recently was a week but it may be several months. Being volunteers, there can be no requirement to take part in any particular event, but generally the more the merrier.

Reasonable expenses are paid to cover transport, make-up materials and damage to clothing. Our tailors of choice are Oxfam and similar shops.

We are always looking for new members. The lower age limit is eight, although to be honest, most of our duties happen during what I might call 'the normal working day' and they would have trouble getting time off from school to take part. Casualty Simulation is a recognised subject for Duke of Edinburgh awards. There is no upper age limit, a number of our colleagues are in their eighties and relatively fit.

This is a serious business, but it can be great fun and very satisfying.

If this interests you and you would like to know more, please ring Richard on 813702, Ann and Joe on 812596 or me on 812737.

Edward Goodman



Profile and Vision & Mission Action Plan 2016

The new 2016 Profile and Vision & Mission Action Plan documents are now available on-line on our website under 'ABOUT US - MISSION ACTION PLAN'

Bishop Nick has sent Peter the following comment:

"Thank you so much for letting me have a look at the new Profile and Vision and Mission Action Plan for the Beacon parishes. It forms a really helpful and clear document setting out both the priorities for the parish and the ways those will be achieved and seems to be something of a model of its kind. It sounds as if the whole process has been unifying for the parishes and writes a great platform for all that lies in store."

The Rt Rev'd Nick McKinnel, Bishop of Plymouth

November remembers



All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance Sunday, Armistice Day - yet long before the slaughter of two World Wars, November was the "month of the Holy Souls".

When someone dies it gives one pause to think. Of course it will come to each of us sometime, but these days it frequently takes place away from home, in hospital or hospice. Then comes the funeral and that so often takes the form of "Thanksgiving for a life". Once again we shy away from the fact of death.

Our Lord promises life beyond the grave, yet gives scant account of what it is like. Yes there are the parables of Judgement, the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, and the affirmation he draws from Mary of Bethany that her brother will rise again at the last day. Above all, of course, is the blissful promise to the Penitent Thief "today you shall be with me in Paradise".

Paradise is a beautiful word. It implies a garden, a place of rest, growth and maturing. So when it comes to the Minute Silence, what do you do? Is your mind a blank? Or perhaps you may call to mind the general slaughter, perhaps that of your particular friends or relations. Do you pray for or with them? Christians have always had a special respect for the departed. Their graves are often in or around our churches.

"Rest eternal grant to them O Lord" these are the opening words of the Holy Communion service of special prayer for the departed. In the Communion service one is always touching something of eternal life.

So it is, as it were, one is praying both with and for the Departed. It starts with the "Lord have mercy" for we come in penitence, and goes on to proclaim the saving works of Christ and giving us a tangible part with Him in Holy Communion. It is called a "Requiem" (Rest).







In this way it is that we can faithfully pray "May they rest in peace and rise in glory".

Canon Tom New





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Sunday Services for October and November

Sunday 2nd October – Trinity 19

Harvest – Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

Dedication – Ephesians 2:19-22; John 2:13-22

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

Sunday 9th October – Trinity 20 – 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Harvest – Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
11.00am	Parish Communion and Baptism of Harry Marsh	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
4.00pm	Harvest Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Woodland	Tricia Stokes

Sunday 16th October – Trinity 21 – 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Morning Worship	Broadhempston	Lay-led
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
2.30pm	Baptism of Alfred Ede	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	

Sunday 23rd October – Last Sunday after Trinity – 1 Cor. 12:4-13; John 3:1-8

11.00am	Deanery Communion Service	Ipplepen – Bishops in Mission	+Nick, Plymouth
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Sunday 30th October – All Saints – Ephesians 1:11-23, All Souls – 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 6:37-40

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Morning Worship	Ipplepen	Lay-led
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	All Souls Service	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman

Sunday 6th November – Third Sunday before Advent – 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Parish Communion and Baptism of Chloe Parsons	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman

Sunday 13th November – Remembrance Sunday – local readings or John 15:9-17

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Les Harman
9.00am	Remembrance Service	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
10.15am	Remembrance Service	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
10.55am	Remembrance Service	Broadhempston	Tricia Stokes
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Woodland	Edward Goodman

Sunday 20th November – Christ the King – Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

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

Sunday 27th November – Advent Sunday – Romans 13:11-end; Matthew 24:36-44

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
9.15am	Parish Communion/Posada	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Morning Worship/Posada	Ipplepen	Lay-led
6.00pm	MC Advent Carol Service	Woodland	

Mid-week Services for October and November

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 – October/November

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Oct 2 nd	Pastoral Care Team	Totnes Road	West End Terrace	Knowle	Daisy Park
Oct 9 th	Newly baptised & confirmed	Townsend Hill	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Higher Woodland Farm
Oct 16 th	Wedding couples	Tremlett Grove	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Larch Cottage
Oct 23 rd	Scouts & Guides	Two Mile Oak	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Wickeridge Cottage
Oct 30 th	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses
Nov 6 th	Dearly departed	Wesley Terrace & Wesley View	Shute Lane	Main Street	Levaton Farm House
Nov 13 th	Service planning group	Wrigwell Lane	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Dipwell Farm
Nov 20 th	Vision group	Beech Trees Lane	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Higher Lake Farm
Nov 27 th	Mission Action Plan group	Elliott Court	The Post Office and Shop	Primary School	Wickeridge Farm

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 – October and November

October

Saturday 1 st	10.00 am	Woodland Library
	12.00 noon	Denbury soup and sweets Harvest lunch. Church Cottage.
Monday 3 rd	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Wednesday 5 th	12.30 pm	Monthly Lunch Club at Ipplepen Hall
Monday 10 th	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Thursday 13 th	10.30 am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
Sunday 16 th	2.30 pm	Baptism of Alfred Ede at Ipplepen Church
Monday 17 th	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Friday 21 st	All day	Bishops in Mission weekend
Saturday 22 nd	All day	Bishops in Mission weekend
Sunday 23 rd	All day	Bishops in Mission weekend
Saturday 29 th	3.00 pm	Messy Church. Ipplepen Church Hall
Sunday 30 th	6.00 pm	All Souls Service at Ipplepen Church
Monday 31 st	9.00 am	Home Communions
	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage

November

Wednesday 2 nd	12.30 pm	Monthly Lunch Club at Ipplepen Hall
Saturday 5 th	10.00 am	Woodland Library
	10.00 am	Ipplepen Gift Day
Monday 7 th	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Thursday 10 th	10.30 am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod – venue tba
Sunday 13 th		Remembrance Sunday services
Monday 14 th	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Friday 18 th	5.00 pm	Shoebox service at Ipplepen Methodist Church
	7.30 pm	Abbotskerswell Singers Concert at Denbury Church
		Tickets £7 pp from Mary Head 812092
Saturday 19 th	2.00 pm	Ipplepen Christmas Fair – Village Hall
Monday 21 st	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Saturday 26 th	3.00 pm	Messy Church. Ipplepen Church Hall
	6.00 pm	Medieval Lantern Procession at Ipplepen – from the Village Hall
Monday 28 th	9.00 am	Home Communions
	3.00 pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage

Monday T Pot

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



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:

October Sponsorship for the month by an anonymous Denbury family who like to see the church tower lit up

Ipplepen:

Retrospective

August 21st Mandy Marks to mark the occasion of her retirement from Ipplepen Primary School on Friday 22nd July

Sept 11th Christine Lewis in memory of her parents, Ralph and Doreen Lewis, who were married at St. Andrew's Church on 12th September 1942

Sept 18th Peter and Val Sleight in memory of Val's mother, Phyllis Monks

Sept 25th Peter and Val Sleight in memory of Val's mother, Phyllis Monks

Sept 25th Phil and Charlotte Harvey to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on 27th September

New

Oct 16th Barbara and John Tuckett in memory of a dear Dad, Arthur Bearne, on 16th October

Year 6 Pupils Church Clean Up Day

As part of their Community Awards Project, 21 children from year 6 at Ipplepen Primary School visited St. Andrew's in July to help with the cleaning of the church and the clearing of ivy from the graveyard.

The children have all enjoyed visiting the church for many events from Carol Services to Harvest Festivals during their time at the Primary School and wanted to do something as a 'Thank you' before they left for secondary school at the end of July. The children were taught about how the people of the church work as a community to keep both the building and grounds looking neat and tidy. Volunteers work together to do this and the children soon realised how much upkeep there is for the parish of St. Andrew's to undertake.

It was a very wet day when the children arrived to help but armed with gardening tools, polish and enthusiasm the class set to work on the church, splitting into two groups where one group attacked the stubborn ivy on the gravestones while the others dusted, hovered and even polished delicate chandeliers!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, many for the simple fact that they were giving something back to the community but others realised that they liked gardening and cleaning, finding it rewarding and relaxing. Class member Hannah Simmonds said 'it was nice to come out of class and do something different and for the church - even if it was raining, we all enjoyed it'. While Wilf stated that 'I enjoy gardening and it was great learning about the different grave stones and to see how old they were as we uncovered them from the ivy'.



many hands

The class were especially thankful for the kind support of Vanessa Bevan, Stephen Bryant and Geraldine and Gordon Dennis who supported them in the clean up and kindly provided refreshments.

After a morning's work the children left the church gleaming, with Hoover, duster and even Brasso fully utilized. While outside, over 15 bags of ivy were stripped from grave stones! Afterwards, The Reverend Ashman came to visit the class and thanked them for their dedication and hard work and explained to them how valuable their help had been.

The school hopes that this will become a regular project for the Year 6 children from September.

Mrs Liz Hancox, Class 6 Teacher

The Great 700th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Bake Off...

Hopefully some of our readers have heard that great ideas are being generated and discussed to celebrate the dedication of the altar in St. Andrew's Church 700 years ago by Bishop Stapledon on May 3rd 1318.

We are planning events which will attract as many people in our village to take part, as St. Andrew's Church has been and will continue to be A Parish Church, open to all parishioners and all who live in Ipplepen.

This is one idea that our editor saw in a recent edition of the local Cambridge newspaper about the 40th anniversary of women being admitted to study at Selwyn College. As you can see from the picture, it is a brilliant idea and shows amazing skills of the baker. Great ideas are often worth copying and we wondered whether the great bakers of Ipplepen (we know you exist because of all the fantastic cakes that are baked by various organisation in the village) would like to join a team to create St. Andrew's Church as a CAKE for our May 2018 celebrations.

If you are interested please contact me or the editor.

Madeleine Fedrick 01803 814134



*The Selwyn College cake, created by
Carolyn Collins*

Humour

Thoughts of a calculating bride as she prepares for her wedding:

AISLE - ALTAR - HYMN

Marilyn Ellis

A Fool for Christ



The Rev. Roly Bain, one of the Church of England's more unusual priests, has recently died. There have been a number of obituaries in the press, and the following gives us the flavour of them.

After serving as a parish priest for 11 years, Bain decided to convey the Christian message through a different route, inspired by his lifelong love of clowns. As a young boy Bain had loved the sad-faced clown Coco, so he took a clown's training and became a free-lance clown-priest, presenting the Gospel message through jokes and pratfalls. In full clown's costume he performed in churches, conference halls, hospitals, schools, football fields, and prisons. He would enter the venue on a unicycle, open with the invocation "Let us play!", and preach while balancing on (or falling from) a slackrope.

During services he performed routines like juggling and egg-smashing and blowing soap bubbles. According to his website, he had custard-pied ten bishops, and "most were

grateful - or at least happy to play".

One of his more telling performances was arriving at a clergy conference which had met in a church to discuss spreading the faith in a way "suited to the modern age". He listened to much earnest discussion and then, in his

clown's outfit, slowly wandered round the building until he came to the lectern. He opened the Bible and (possibly by sleight of hand) blew a huge cloud of dust from it. Then he left without saying a word. This action was perhaps more

effective than all the eloquent speeches that had gone before.

Bain traced the origins of his clown ministry to the holy fools of the Middle Ages and quoted Saint Paul saying "We are fools for Christ." (1 Corinthians 4:10) He was the only Church of England priest to work (deliberately) as a full-time clown and was certainly a "one off". The internet will tell you much more about this interesting priest and his unusual ministry.

Stephen Bryant



Question !

Does anyone know what 'event' this is a picture of?

It is part of a stained glass window in Weston Super Mare.



Our Bishops *spread the vision*

OUR THREE BISHOPS Robert, Sarah and Nick have begun their nine months visiting every part of the diocese to talk with people about our new vision to pray, grow, and serve the people of Devon with joy. They have visited inspirational projects and met with dedicated people of all ages who are transforming lives and communities around them.

Bishop Robert has been to Tavistock, where he met with farmers and others, and Aylesbeare and Exmouth where he went to projects working to support some of the most vulnerable in the community.

Bishop Robert said: "I have met with people who, despite limited resources, have no limits to the love they are showing ... It has been an inspiration."

He added: "It is no accident that prayer is the first of our three priorities because unless we ground everything we do, all our decisions, in prayer then we can't hope to reach out and show others the transforming power of God's love. We can all play our part and the new vision - focussing resources on these three simple priorities to love, grow and serve - will help us do that."

As well as visiting the new cattle market and a bee keeper on his visit to Holsworthy Bishop Nick has also made a visit to Crediton as part of stay with the Cadbury Deanery.

He visited businesses and said he "really appreciated" meeting the people who "care for our historic buildings and who live out and share the Christian faith."

GOOD NEWS FROM THE
DIOCESE OF EXETER OCTOBER 2016



Bishop Sarah tries pottery in South Molton



Bishop Nick at the new Holsworthy cattle market



Bishop Robert with farmers in Lamerton

Bishop Sarah toured businesses and met stallholders at South Molton Market, and has also opened a community meeting space in Uffculme.

Bishop Robert launched the new vision this spring, to help parishes and mission communities focus on mission.

*For more on the vision and strategy go to:
exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/vision-strategy*

MODERN SLAVERY is happening all around us and we can help by raising awareness about it in order to stop it, so says Charlotte Payne.

Charlotte, aged 30, is a member of the St James' Church, Exeter, Social Justice Group. The group was founded with the aim of drawing attention to the problem with an estimated 20-30 million victims worldwide and between 10-13,000 in the UK. Modern slavery including human trafficking, sexual exploitation and forced labour, is now estimated to be the second largest illicit trade worldwide and is happening all around us. Charlotte explains that victims are often subject to violence and are unable to communicate freely and this may be something that we can identify and report to the police.

Charlotte's concern for those in need began when she was a small girl as she witnessed both the caring actions of her mum and a neighbour called Stella. Charlotte said: "I began to knit teddies and crochet items for people in Romania after seeing Stella doing similar things. She had a big influence on my life and used to buy me Bible reading notes."

Following the introduction of the Modern Slavery Act as law in March last year Charlotte and her husband Mike; along with the Curate of St James', attended a

briefing at Lambeth Palace and clergy and community representatives were invited to a training session run by Devon and Cornwall Police at Sandy Park, Exeter.

Charlotte said: "My faith won't allow me to do

nothing. I'd like people to really believe that modern slavery is happening here in Devon. This is a serious thing and we need to respond with love but also with a practical response with the help of the diocese behind us."

RESPONDING WITH

Love



Charlotte researches the facts around modern slavery

For further details contact Church and Society on 01392 294940. Freedom Sunday on 16 October is an opportunity to highlight this cruel trade. Visit unseen.uk.org and devon-cornwall.police.uk/3309

And for details of a local project which needs volunteers and donations to support survivors of human trafficking, go to www.to-restore.org

A future with hope

BISHOPS IN MISSION, in which one of the three bishops visits each of our 22 deaneries, is well underway. I have been to factories and farms, markets and youth clubs, pubs and offices, a host of places to learn of what goes on and to reflect God's involvement in all of life.

Then there have been meetings with wardens and church officers looking together at the three priorities which the Diocese has set itself, to grow in prayer, to make new disciples and to serve the people of Devon with joy. In honest discussions we have shared concerns over the age profiles of many of our congregations, and anxieties about the responsibility and expense of maintaining our beautiful but ancient buildings.

On the postcards given out for Bishops in Mission are the words: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." It is a sentence from a letter from the prophet Jeremiah to Jewish exiles taken into captivity in Babylon. In the midst of their difficulties they are to keep their eyes fixed on the character and purposes of God.

Of the great Christian trio of faith, hope and love, sometimes it is hope which can be the poor relation. But at a time when the good news of Christ offering God's grace to the world is needed as much as ever, we are called to be a people of hope.



Hope is not quite the same as optimism. In this part of the diocese we start each season with optimism for Plymouth Argyle which is not always justified. Christian hope is rather more solid. It rests on the power God so clearly demonstrated in the resurrection of Jesus, transforming the life of the first disciples and bringing into being his worldwide body, the Church. Just as those exiles were to keep their eyes on the great purposes of God, so in changing times we trust in the God who gives his people a future with hope.

+ Nick

**THE RT REV NICK MCKINNEL
BISHOP OF PLYMOUTH**



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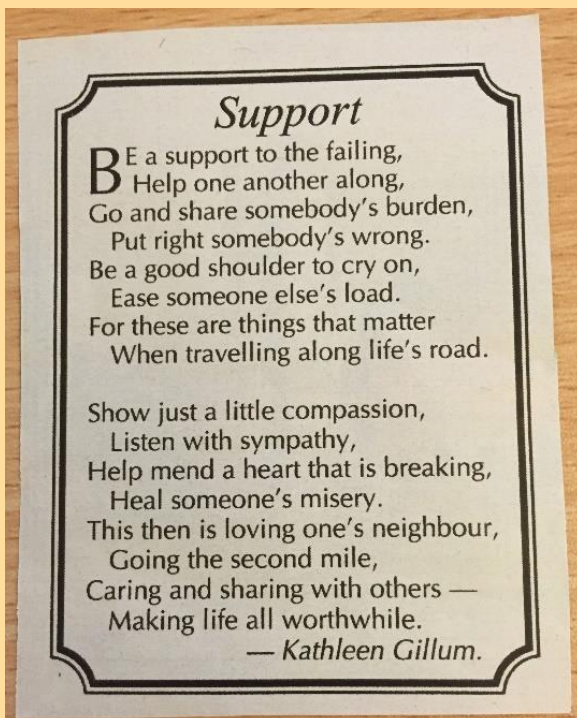


A blessing!



Guy and Kelly Price with Eleanor and Phoebe at Phoebe's blessing in August

Poet's Corner

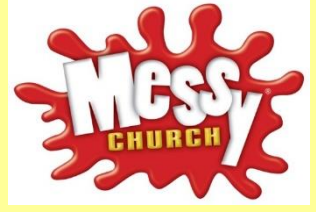


Marjorie Dommett has sent in this poem by Kathleen Gillum

Country Priest

Too many miles,
Too few faithful,
And most of those
Grown old and weary
Of the quest.
Somewhat puzzled,
He shook his head,
“They come,” he said,
“Seeking miracles.
I do my best.”

A poem by the late Brian Ryan



Messy Church meets on the last Saturday of the month in St Andrew's Church Hall in Ipplepen, starting at 3pm and ending at 5pm. Everyone is welcome.

From the Editor



Welcome to autumn and the October- November edition of the Beacon!

Activities in our parishes during July and August have been reported by our faithful 'local correspondents'. My thanks to them for what is not always an easy task during summer holiday time.

One important event took place on August 23rd when a joint meeting of the four Parochial Church Councils took place in the new and outstanding village hall at Broadhempston. What a magnificent addition to their village facilities. The floor plan would be suitable for a modern church with a large assembly hall, together with small and large seminar rooms, kitchen and toilets. Everything is to hand and outside spacious lawns and wild flower beds, no need to open church halls before services!

This is a personal view

The evening combined prayer, meeting with old and making new friends, a discussion of the meaning for us in small groups of St. John's chapter 15. For some it had relevance for what we were trying to work towards as we considered the Mission Action Plan reviewed and updated by the Wardens and Rector. This was discussed in detail and approved by all.

The Mission Action Plan can be reviewed on line at www.missioncommunity.org.uk.

Please do look at it as much work and prayer was spent. We are committed to encourage and improve our communication and relations through church warden meetings, joint PCC meetings, the Beacon magazine and the website- sharing skills and best practices.

The evening was completed with an excellent quiz organised by quiz master Steve Bassett.

The Beacon contains in the mid section:

- Sunday services for the next two months together with the set Epistle and Gospel readings and the Intercessions for the mission community.
- The dates of important events in all parishes over the ensuing two months
- A list of contacts you might require with telephone numbers.

It was agreed that this more than adequately replaced the information in the old pew leaflets. This is the equivalent of the Radio Times; you need to keep it to hand!

The next edition will be for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. The deadline for articles to be included is the 12th November.

Mike Price

Christmas Fair



Ipplepen Village Hall



Saturday 19th November

2.00 p.m.

Christmas Crafts

Books

Toys

Preserves

'Anali' Crafts

RAFFLE

Refreshments

Bottle Tombola

Stall

Bric a Brac



All Welcome

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