

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



As I write this letter we are still enjoying the wonderful June and July weather. Villages are having their fairs and fetes,

the school terms are approaching their end and people are enjoying God's creation to the full. That said, there's always someone who wishes it would rain! Are we never completely happy? Can we not trust God to provide? Perhaps being British means that it is hard!

Living as we do in rural communities I think we understand better than many how important, and how beautiful, the world can be. We are, to a large extent, protected from many of the bad things happening around us and, perhaps, as we get older we feel the need to concentrate more on ourselves and less on others. To do so is natural but not necessarily ideal. It is all too easy to become introspective and limited in our outlook and, when we do that we get a very distorted view of life. Looking outwards helps us to keep a real perspective on the world and those who

CAFÉ COMMUNION



Following on from the success of Café Church in Ipplepen Village hall we are trying a similar Mission Community service with an informal communion.

What does that mean? Well, we will sit around tables like a cafe, much of the theatre of a communion service will be stripped away, we will share communion on our tables with each other, and there won't be a vestment in sight!

Our guest speaker is Andrew Maries, Consultant for Liturgy and Music for the Diocese of Exeter. Andrew has a lovely pleasant and friendly manner and will lead us in some new and interesting musical parts of the service so that it will be a little different. He will also share something of his faith journey and ministry. Andrew is an accomplished musician and plays the oboe to accompany some of the music. He often leads music workshops for curates to give them the confidence to sing! Madeleine will lead us on the keyboard.

It would not be Café without tea so our service will be followed by afternoon tea.

All welcome!

Broadhempston Village Hall, Sunday 13th August 3.00pm.



Andrew Maries

The Doghouse - continued

surround us; and, as a church, it helps us to engage with our communities most effectively.

This is my last letter for The Beacon. While deadlines can be stressful I have never felt anything other than encouragement from the editorial team and it has been a real pleasure to see the magazine expand and flourish into what it is now. My thanks and congratulations to Michael and Charles, but also to the many of you who provide interesting and stimulating articles for us to read.

I leave here with enormous gratitude for the experience I have had as your Rector. Together we have grown from three distinctive communities into a mission community of 4 churches that models collaborative ministry at its best and one that is much admired across the Diocese. I may not have been here as long as you or I expected but we have done an enormous amount of work, often at breakneck speed, and I leave you in excellent health. My thanks to all who have engaged with the challenges and grasped the real meaning of active and reactive, dynamic and real, mission as we have sought to find out what God wants us to do in these places, together.

Vacancies are never easy. None of us likes change and sometimes we can feel like a

rudderless ship but the mission community has a wealth of talent and a focus on unity in diversity which enables you to carry on, as before, with confidence and faith. I am reminded of St. Peter walking on the water to meet his Lord and Saviour who, faced with the realisation of what he was doing, began to sink. Keep focussed, keep faith, and always ask whether you are doing what God would want you to do. WHY are we doing this and FOR WHOM? If you do that you will not sink.

Do I have any regrets? Of course, but we all learn through our experiences. My prayer is that you do not just GO to church but that you EXPERIENCE church; that you hear as well as listen; that you pray hard and frequently, listening to what God has to say to you; and that you take to heart the absolution that forgives you for the past so that you might live a better future. We are all called to bathe in the grace of God, to understand and accept his love, to seek a closer relationship with him, and to make the world a better place. That should be enough to keep you busy during the vacancy!

I pray God's blessing upon your journeys as we part our ways, giving thanks for all his gifts and for our time together.

In Christ,
Peter

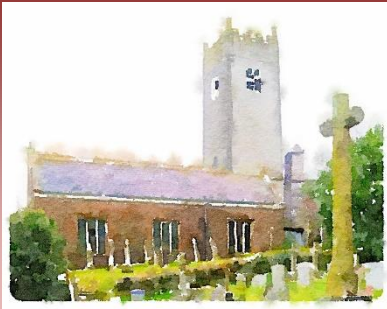


The Torbryan panels – rededication

Bishop Robert with Colin Shearer of the Churches Conservation Trust and Rev. Peter at the rededication service at Torbryan panels on June 11th

News from Woodland

St. John the
Baptist



The hot dry weather over the last couple of months has meant that our village has been a veritable hive of industry with farmers busy making hay and silage to feed their animals over winter or topping and tidying up the fields after grazing. Indeed, on some days, it has seemed that there have been tractors industriously driving around fields wherever you look. We have been very fortunate this year. Quality and quantity have been good and early indications, country wide, are for a good corn harvest too, with the price of straw dropping in anticipation. As I write, combines have started harvesting in the east of the country and may start harvesting fields in this village in the next few days. If all goes well it will be a relief to our farmers to know that they have all they need to feed and care for their livestock over the forthcoming winter.

Still being early, the date for our Harvest Festival service – to give thanks for the bounty and safe harvesting of our fields and gardens - has not yet been fixed but is likely to be either the last Sunday in September or the first one in October.

Giving thanks and praise in a special annual service is not limited just to harvest. We know that the Church has a calendar of special days, including saint's days, and we recently held our patronal festival, celebrating the patronage of St. John the Baptist, in our church. In times gone by this would have been referred to as a patronal feast and, indeed, we did feast afterwards – probably in a manner very similar to how people would have prepared the feast hundreds of years ago – with a bring and share lunch followed by strawberries and cream.

Another bring and share lunch is also being planned for the near future, this time to celebrate the marriage of Rob and Wendy. Taking place on the first Saturday in August, it is likely that the times of our usual library and coffee morning will change that day but I have no firm details yet as the bride and groom are still away on their honeymoon.

Helen Pearce



New trend at St. Andrew's?

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News from Denbury

St. Mary the
Virgin



With patronal festivals converging at this time of the year, Denbury parishioners have travelled to other parishes to celebrate with our friends across the Mission Community.

This year was no exception and we enjoyed an inspiring service with the Bishop of Exeter at Torbryan in early June. This service not only celebrated Torbryan's Patronal Festival but also provided an opportunity to re-dedicate the restored mediaeval panels.

Later in the month a number of Denbury parishioners attended a service at Woodland church to celebrate the joint Patronal Festivals of Woodland and Broadhempston. After enjoying a well attended service many of the congregation adjourned to the village hall where a tasty lunch was available and where we could continue to enjoy a very pleasant social time.

At the start of the month we held our annual churchyard service for those whose loved ones are buried in the churchyard and also for all

who look after and care for this peaceful place. For the last couple of years the sun has shone for us and enabled the service to be held in the churchyard; unfortunately this year we were not so lucky and drizzle and the threat of heavier rain meant the service had to be held in the church. Nevertheless this simple act of celebration and remembrance was no less moving.

Afterwards the congregation moved to the church cottage for a cup of tea, lovely cakes and a pleasant chat.

On the 24th June some 65 attendees were at Shute House to experience another of Mary Head's legendary Pudding Evenings. This is always a hugely enjoyable event with the chance to try a vast range of mouth-watering puddings and to relax in Mary's lovely garden.

Looking ahead we are arranging an exhibition of arts and crafts in the church and church cottage over the weekend of 22nd/23rd July entitled "Celebration of Creation" This event will demonstrate the wealth of creative talent in Denbury and will include exhibits of all types including painting, photography, textiles, ceramics, sculpture, woodwork and metalwork, poetry and music to name just some. In addition children's competitions and workshops are also planned. We are all looking forward to an inspiring and fun weekend.

Mike Bray

"THE WORLDE OF HAPPENIS"

(World of Happiness) through the eyes of a 6 year old

My granddaughter Eleanor brought this note into my room one morning while we were staying with them in Canada. She goes to a French speaking school - which might account for some of the spelling!

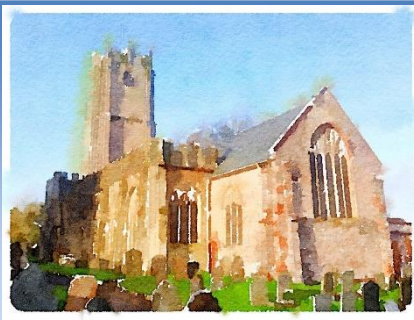
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8. Klin up after ethers (clean up after others)
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Who worries about spelling if a child of six can think like this?

Winnie Bryant

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



This is a wonderful time of the year with so much colour in the gardens, parks and lovely Devon countryside. We are also blessed with beautiful coastal views and recently, as I sat on the beach at South Milton where you can enjoy both sea and green fields with a perfect blue sky, I thought of the hymns *'For the beauty of the Earth'* and *'All things bright and beautifulhow great is God Almighty who has made all things well'*.

On Sunday June 4th Rev. Peter made the announcement in church that he is leaving in September to take up the new position as Rector of the church of St. John the Baptist Weston-Super-Mare. On holiday in Madeira we heard the news via email and a text - news travels fast! We were surprised and sad and felt the last four years have gone incredibly quickly. I know we all wish him and Chris God's blessing for the journey ahead.

Trinity Sunday on June 11th was celebrated at Torbryan with the Patronal Festival and re-dedication of the panels. The Rt. Rev. Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter, was the preacher and was welcomed by Rev. Peter. This lovely service in such a special place was made even more special as we celebrated the return of the historic mediaeval rood screen panels which were re-dedicated by Bishop Robert and welcomed members of the Churches Conservation Trust and those involved in the return and renovation of the panels. Thank you to the bellringers who rang before the service. The small choir led the singing of the hymns which sounded good as everyone sang well with the great acoustics in this church,

and also sang the anthem *'God the Holy Trinity'* by David Halls. Bishop Robert along with the Mission Community enjoyed a cream tea afterwards back in Ipplepen church hall.

It was a normal parish communion at St. Andrew's on 18th June before the next Patronal Festival of Woodland and Broadhempston held at Woodland Church at 11am on the 25th June. A glorious summer day to visit this lovely country church where Rev. Peter conducted the service and welcomed Ven. John Rawlings as the preacher. Once again many of us enjoyed a shared lunch afterwards and particularly the delicious strawberries and cream for dessert.

We look forward to the Confirmation service on Sunday 30th July when Bishop Robert returns to St. Andrew's to preside at 11am. The hospitality team will provide lunch afterwards in the church hall.

Marilyn Clark

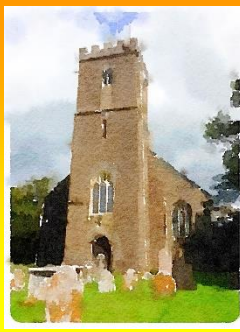
"The difference between
ordinary and
extraordinary
is that little **extra**."

~ Jimmy Johnson

Message given to the school leavers

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



CHURCH RENOVATION PROJECT

The work on re-rendering the south wall is now finished and we are very pleased with the results (see photo). The only problem is that, inevitably, it raises the question "When are you going to do the rest of the building?!" This will be a much larger and costly project and will require substantial funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and others. To this end, we have commissioned a consultant, Rowena Riley, to help us prepare our bid. Rowena is already known to the Mission Community through her work on the excellent heritage display in Torbryan church.

The family of the late Moira Mellor has recently held a sale of Moira's paintings and prints and donated the proceeds to the Church Renovation Fund. We thank the Mellor family for this exceptionally generous donation.



Broadhempston's "wall"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Broadhempston Church is hosting two exciting gigs for the autumn season:

Saturday 24 October - Beth Rowley

Friday 17 November - John Smith

The dates are subject to confirmation but please reserve the dates in your diary. The last gig - Tristan Mackay and Ben Morgan-Brown - was a huge success and played to a very full house. More details nearer the time.

Pam Perriman

Did you know?

Prayers are the only part of proceedings in the House of Commons that are not televised. The Speaker's chaplain reads the same prayer everyday which urges MPs to **"never lead the nation wrongly through love or power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals"**. MPs must turn and face the wall, which newcomers find bizarre. Apparently it is because in the past MPs would have struggled to kneel while wearing a sword.

Swords still play an important part in parliament. "One of the strangest things is I have got a ribbon on my coat hanger in the members' dressing room that allows me to hang my sword if I have one" said one puzzled newly elected MP.



Editor

When is Treasure, not Treasure?

I don't know about you but I like the feeling of belonging. I like being in a place where the sense of history and tradition is tangible.

An Australian experience

In 2010, Pam and I spent a few weeks visiting family in Australia. It was a marvellous holiday; we had a great time and travelled extensively. Melbourne was lovely and Sydney vibrant and impressive; the sheer size and vast emptiness of the 'Red Centre' was staggering and the Pacific Ocean and coastline stunning. There was however something missing: Not once did we get the feeling of age, of history, of tradition. We have travelled a lot in Europe and some parts of the Middle East and Asia and wherever we've been there has always been that sense of age and all it brings; millennia of human occupation, of culture, history, story and legend. In Australia, it was missing. Australia is, of course, a young country that to the casual observer has largely ignored its aboriginal heritage; it is a modern multi-cultural society that favours modern and foreign import. A visit to the National Museum of Australia reveals very little of aboriginal history, culture, tradition, art...what you will see are huge geological collections and little else.

Contrast Devon's history

'When Exeter was a furzy down, Denbury was the county town'; so, goes the old saying suggesting antiquity. Denbury Down was one of the hill forts of the Dumnonii, the ancient Celtic inhabitants of Devon and was historically known as Devenibyr or Devenibyrie, while another title, Defnas-burgh, roughly translates as 'The Fortress of the Men of Devon'.

In his book 'King Arthurs Realm – a history of the kingdom of Cornwall' [Publisher: Arthur Stockwell Ltd (ISBN-13: 978-0722335741) my dear friend and best man, David. P. Riley speculates that Denbury was the last place of resistance between the retreating Celts and the advancing West Saxons. In 1997, we re-rendered the outside of the church and the foundations of the East wall were found to be Anglo Saxon,

Further evidence of antiquity. And inside the church you will find a brass plaque recording that Aeldred, a former priest of Denbury, crowned William the Conqueror King of England on Christmas Day 1066.

Denbury, like all the villages of our Mission Community is a place where life is old.

***'There's a golden crown on Denbury Down'
and 'If Denbury Down a levelled were, England
would plough with golden share'.***

This time hinting at the promise of a treasure concealed somewhere on, under or in the Down and thought by many to be just story and legend until an amateur historian and previous churchwarden of St. Mary's, Adam Knowles, discovered a reference suggesting that when the Vikings raided Totnes the inhabitants fled to the security of a 'high hill fort overlooking South Devon' taking their wealth with them. Was that place Denbury? I suppose we might never know for sure just as it's not known if the Vikings ever actually did attack Totnes; but we do know that in 1001 they sailed up the Teign and burnt Kingsteignton just eight miles away. In the 1920's the remains of a Viking longship was found by workers excavating clay from a quarry in what is now Rackerhayes fishing ponds behind Tesco's and a wide navigable river like the Dart would have been a huge temptation. As for a 'high hill fort overlooking South Devon', Denbury hill fort certainly qualifies. And the thought that the Down conceals a buried treasure is certainly an attractive one.

Denbury church

Our church in Denbury has 'treasure'. It consists of a silver flagon, chalice and two patens all bearing the hallmarks for Exeter, dated 1733 and given to St. Marys' by the Taylor family of West Oghwell. For many years, their home used to be the Convent of Jesus the Good Shepherd and is now Gaia House, a Buddhist retreat centre.

In 1923, the treasure was deposited in the vaults of Lloyds bank underground storage facility in South Wales where it remained virtually

When is Treasure, not Treasure? - continued

forgotten about, the only evidence of its existence being the annual bill for storage. In 1969 Tessa's father, Colonel Townsend, churchwarden at the time, recovered it. It was photographed and valued at £2200 by Gerry's in Newton Abbot, recorded in the terrier and duly sent back to Lloyds for safe keeping. Very few in our church today could remember having ever seen it, the very poor quality black and white photograph in the terrier being the only image we had of it. So, in 2015 we recovered it once more. It was photographed and the Latin inscriptions translated. The question of how and where to get it valued, however, was an interesting one. To have an antique valued by reputable auction houses comes at a price and the enquiries we made ranged between a straight forward payment of between £100 and £150, to a percentage of the valuation. Then, by chance, we noticed an article in the Western Morning News informing readers that The Antique Roadshow was coming to Plymouth. And so it was that on a bright September morning a group of us set off in the car with our treasure securely wrapped in towels inside an ASDA 'bag for life'. If you've never been to an Antique Roadshow valuation day, I recommend it; great fun, exciting and lots to see, not just Fiona Bruce and the team of experts we have become so familiar with over the years.

After a time spent in a queue we eventually got to meet the top silver expert, Alistair Dickenson, who said that it was one of the most exciting things he had seen on the Roadshow in a long time. He asked us to wait while he raced off to find the producer to get it filmed. I must admit that we were all relieved to be told that there was no time slot available. The valuation was £50,000.



One thing I ought to mention here is that with no parking available on site the BBC lay on busses to transport people in and out of the city. The journey back to the outskirts and the relative security of the car in the knowledge of the valuation we had been given was quite different from the journey in.

For a brief time, we had the idea of perhaps being able to sell it and putting the money realised towards our bell restoration project and a very tentative enquiry was made to Archdeacon Douglas for advice. The answer was, as expected. No!

According to The Oxford English Dictionary, the word 'treasure' has various definitions. One [synonym] says 'to retain carefully or keep in store, to put away for security or future use....'

I'm not really sure what that 'use' may be, after all a flagon holding six-pints of communion wine (3.5 litres for all you under 50's) is of little use in our 21st century churches. And if it cannot be sold and its value realised...

I started by asking the question 'when is treasure, not treasure'? In the case of our 'treasure', it is, in a financial sense, worthless. And the juxtaposition that we mine and refine precious metals from the ground, sometimes at great risk and always at great cost only to bury them back in the ground in great vaults where no-one can see them, enjoy them or benefit from them does seem a strange one.

But of course, there is another side to this: Our treasure is a part of our history; and not just St. Mary's but of the whole village. It represents an age of different values and a different perspective, a link to the past, a belonging in a place where life really is old and where history and tradition really is tangible.

Steve Bassett

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Sunday Services for August and September

Sunday 6th August – Transfiguration – 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28-36

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Peter Ashman
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman

Sunday 13th August – Trinity 9 – Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

3.00pm	Cafe Communion	Broadhempston Village Hall	Rev. Peter Ashman & Andrew Maries
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Sunday 20th August – Trinity 10 – Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

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	Parish Communion	Woodland	Rev. Peter Ashman

Sunday 27th August – Trinity 11 – Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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

Sunday 3rd September – Trinity 12 – Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Preb. Alan White
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Preb. Alan White

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

11.00am	Patronal Festival followed by lunch in the Village Hall. Rev. Peter's last service	Denbury	Rev. Peter Ashman
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Sunday 17th September – Trinity 14 – Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Ven. Clive Cohen
11.00am	Morning Worship	Broadhempston	Lay-led
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00pm	Parish Communion	Woodland	Rev. Anne Burden

Sunday 24th September – Trinity 18 – Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-166:19-31

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Nicholas Pearkes
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Christopher Benson
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Smith
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 6 th	Flower arrangers	North Street & North End Close	The Green	Main Street	Waye Farm Cottage
Aug 13 th	Kneeler makers	Orchard Road	Down View Road	Houndhead Way	Woodland Barn
Aug 20 th	Deanery Synod members	Orley Road & The Glebe	Greenhill Lane	Vicarage Hill	White Eagle
Aug 27 th	Deanery chapter	Osborn Close	Fairview	Primary School	Higher Lake Barn
Sep 3 rd	Users of the hall & church	Park Hill	Moorland Avenue	Community Shop	Well Farm
Sep 10 th	Visitors	Poplar Terrace	Orchard Close	Radfords	Woodland Vale Farm
Sep 17 th	Readers	Thorn Orchard	Heathfield Road	Beaston	Crazy Acre Well Farm
Sep 24 th	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

Tuesday 1 st	7.00pm	Holy Communion at Ipplepen Church
Wednesday 2 nd	12.30pm	Monthly Lunch Club at Ipplepen Hall
Saturday 5 th	12.00 noon	Woodland Library bring and share lunch to celebrate the marriage of Rob & Wendy
Monday 7 th	7.00pm	Ipplepen PCC meet in Church
	3.00pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Tuesday 8 th	7.30pm	Broadhempston PCC meet in the Village Hall
Wednesday 9 th	4.00pm	Woodland PCC meet in the Parish Rooms
Thursday 10 th	10.30am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
	5.30pm	Denbury PCC meet in Church Cottage
Saturday 12 th	3.00pm	Messy Church at Ipplepen Hall
Sunday 13 th	3.00pm	Cafe Communion service at Broadhempston Village Hall
Monday 14 th	3.00pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Saturday 26 th	11.30am	Wedding Claire Mackriell & Tom Buckler at Ipplepen
	2.00pm	Wedding Abi Bishop & Nick Sleight at Ipplepen
Monday 28 th	9.30am	Home Communions
	3.00pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage

September

Saturday 2 nd	1.00pm	Wedding Clarissa Disney & Toby Freeborn at Denbury
Monday 4 th	3.00pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Tuesday 5 th	7.00pm	Holy Communion at Ipplepen Church
Wednesday 6 th	12.30pm	Monthly Lunch Club at Ipplepen Church Hall
Sunday 10 th	11.00am	Denbury Patronal Festival with lunch in the Village Hall; Rev. Peter's last service
Monday 11 th	3.00pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Thursday 14 th	10.30am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
Monday 18 th	3.00pm	T-Pot at Denbury Cottage
Monday 25 th	9.30am	Home Communions
	3.00pm	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:

August Anonymous Denbury family who like to see the tower lighting on entering the village
September Clarissa Disney and Toby Freeborn in celebration of their marriage at Denbury church

Ipplepen:

Retrospective

- July 9th Dennis and Gill Arnum who love to see the Church floodlit as they enter the village - it is so warm and welcoming
- July 27th Brenda and Barrie Morgan remembering Roger Griffiths, a loyal friend to St. Andrew's

New

- Sept 3rd Ted and Wendy Wonnacott to celebrate their Golden Wedding on 2nd September, and also the 12th birthday of their granddaughter, Libby Pritchard, on the same day
- Sept 10th Christine Lewis in memory of her parents Ralph and Doreen Lewis on the 75th anniversary of their wedding at St. Andrew's on 12th September 1942



Reader in training!

My name is Hillarie Griggs and I have just been accepted to train as a Reader. Over the next two years I will be doing practical training within the Mission Community and academic studies with South West Ministry Training Course.

I live in Denbury and will have been married to Dave for 35 years in August. We have two children, Christopher and Elizabeth, both now in their thirties. We moved to Denbury in 2003 from Bracknell in Berkshire as part of the Met Office move and very quickly loved living in this part of the world as we have always been very keen walkers and love being up on Dartmoor.

When we were first married Dave and I spent two years working and living in Toronto, Canada. We came back six weeks before our son was born. Living abroad was such a positive experience for both of us that when the children were growing up we always said that once they had left home we would work in a different country again. In 2007 Dave was approached by Monash University in Melbourne, Australia and as I was a primary school teacher and would be able to work there we decided this was an opportunity not to be missed. So after much discussion with our children and other family members we flew out for what we thought, at the time, was a three year contract. We ended up living there for 7 years full time and for the next 2 years we split our time between both countries. Due to changing family circumstances, elderly parents, I returned to live here full time in June last year and Dave returned last month. We both always knew we would return at some point as this is where we wanted to spend our retirement years. During our time in Australia we were lucky to be able to travel to many different places and countries and experience living and working in a different culture.



As a small child my only experience of church was going to Sunday school with a friend, occasionally going with my grandmother when we went to visit and then later going to Brownie/Guide church parades. In my first year at university my Hall of Residence was attached to a convent and I ended up volunteering with some of the activities run by the Catholic Chaplaincy.

Now looking back I can see God was probably making himself known to me but I was not ready to accept any of His invitations. It was not until after my son was born that I really began to want to know more and started attending my local church. As I am not one to take commitments lightly I was eventually baptised and confirmed at the age of 27. Then I became an active, committed and regular churchgoer.

It was in Melbourne that I had a real time of growth in my faith and in my spiritual maturity and practice which lead me, through numerous discussions with my then priest, to a growing sense of some kind of vocation within the church. I was encouraged to take on more roles especially as part of the Pastoral Care Team and leading and planning Children's Activities including the Children's Sermon. All these experiences lead me to apply for and then hold an Honorary Lay Minister's Licence.

I wish to thank Peter, who from our first meeting has been very supportive and encouraging, but especially through this last year when I have come back from the Foundation in Christian Ministry Course with a request to lead part of the Advent and Lent Course. I would also like to thank all those from Denbury, and the rest of the Mission Community who have encouraged me during this last year and I look forward to getting to know more of you in the future.

Fr. Tom returns to Guildford

On the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of June I had the privilege of accompanying Fr. Tom New back to his old stamping ground of Guildford to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the consecration of All Saints' Church. The church was built by Tom; he oversaw difficult negotiations, design, the planning and eventually the construction.

The original All Saints' was a "*pre-fab*" built in the 1930's as a daughter church for St. Nicolas', a large Victorian church and one of the main town churches. It was built in a suburb known as Onslow Village on the western outskirts of Guildford where it was known fondly as the 'Tin Tabernacle'. By the 1960's however, with an increasing population and congregation, All Saints' became a parish in its own right and a new church was needed.

Firstly, a Church Hall was built, where Tom held all the services as befitted a parish church including a daily Eucharist and social activities including Scouts, Guides and a youth club were accommodated. Business continued while the old building was demolished, foundations were laid and construction begun and completed. I was impressed to see photographs of clergy, choir and members of

the congregation balancing their way on scaffolding planks through building site rubble and mud during those times.

Today with its unusual parabolic roof, All Saints' Church is very light and airy. A large congregation, a warm welcome and a great 'feeling' about the place, that sense of being in a sacred space; as T. S. Eliot's describes in "Little Gidding", 'a place where prayer has been valid'.

With a full church of people of all ages, a large choir and several families, the Eucharist was led by the parish priest – Rev. Beverly Watson. This was followed by tea, coffee and biscuits in the hall, which was a prelude to an afternoon of celebrations; attended by over two hundred, it included a hog roast and, importantly, a beer tent. We even had a visit from the Bishop of Guildford!

It was a great occasion and a pleasure to meet some of Tom's old parishioners, some whom he had married and clergy friends he had worked with and hear their stories and reminiscences and see the obvious delight they felt in welcoming him back. I know from talking with Tom the full story of the struggles he had to endure in getting All Saints' built. It stands as a testament to him today.

Steve Bassett



*Fr. Tom and
Rev. Beverly*



*Font area
suitable dressed*



*Outside view
of All Saints'*

The Nave



*The Church Hall
where services
were held during
the build*





NEW DIOCESAN SECRETARY APPOINTED

Inside:

CHORISTERS TACKLE THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE



The team will take on an extra challenge by singing at a church in each area

PALS AT PRAYER IN EXMOUTH!

An Exmouth school prayer initiative proves popular with children

While some of us as adults may struggle with prayer, an Exmouth school prayer initiative is so popular with children, it is more a problem having enough time for all of the children's prayers! At the Beacon CofE Primary School children are part of an initiative called Prayer Pals, pioneered by church worker Abi Tokens and Nigel Candelent, the Youth & Families Worker for the Littleham-cum-Exmouth with Lymestone Mission Community.

Children in each class are encouraged to pray and to write down prayers about anything ranging from giving thanks for family or friends, to those who are unwell and the needs of the wider community and world.

In each class two boys and two girls are nominated as Prayer Pals. They meet together across the year groups regularly with the



Head Mrs Sue Lockwood, and they pray through the prayers which have been collected up from each class.

Revd James Hutchings, Team Rector, said: "Prayer Pals show how we should not be fearful either about the capacity of children to pray or about the roots of faith which our church schools are laying down. Indeed the adult church needs to look at how prayer is a natural God-planted instinct and the ways in which the church can help nurture this in all ages".

The Beacon School enjoyed hosting the recent visit of Bishop

Sarah on Ascension Day when she was visiting Exmouth to launch Thy Kingdom Come. The Prayer Pals met and prayed with Bishop Sarah, bringing a lovely mix of enthusiastic questions and intense prayerfulness.

The school and church would recommend Prayer Pals to others as an effective way of helping children to pray, to show that prayer is taken seriously, and to deepen the sense of loving community within the school.



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Year 6 lend a hand !

On Wednesday 19th July armed with dusters, gardening tools and wellington boots, Year 6 from Ipplepen Primary School visited St. Andrew's Church as part of their Community Awards project.

The children worked hard to make the inside of the church sparkle and shine - this even involved carefully cleaning a very precious chandelier that was taken down from the ceiling!

More hard work took place outside where the children helped to trim back the trees, remove Ivy from the grave stones and weed the church yard.

The pupils all reflected on how much they had enjoyed this experience as well as feeling proud that they had undertaken a task to benefit their community. They have enjoyed visiting the church while they have attended Ipplepen Primary School, understanding that the church belongs to everyone and that we must all work as a team with regards to its upkeep.

Pupil Toby Parsons stated: *'I enjoyed clearing up the church yard and cutting back the trees and piling up the ivy, it was good to be able to give something back to the church by being a helper'.*

Fellow pupil Maria Owen commented on how much she had enjoyed the dusting: *'I have loved this, the church now sparkles and shines. I would now like to go and offer to help clean the local church where I live'.*

All of the pupils and myself, would like to say a huge **Thank You** to Vanessa Bevan and the team of very kind members from St. Andrew's Church for giving up their morning to come and support us in this venture. You all made us feel so welcome and we enjoyed working with you.

Thank you,

Liz Hancox (Class Teacher), Eline Walker (TA) and Year 6 children from Ipplepen Primary School.



Many hands.....

WHY? FOR WHOM?

I wonder what you do when you are really angry or worried about something. There can be all sorts of emotions and all sorts of ways of dealing with your concerns. At one end of the scale you might let loose with all sorts of unreasonable thoughts and behaviour, not caring who crosses the firing line. At the other end of the scale you might wait, pray, listen and await inspiration from God. The first causes hurt and demonstrates failure; the latter does not. Christian contemplation and prayer take us to another, safer place where we can hear what we should and only say what we should. You see, the first option denies the very being of our Christian nature in which we are called to love – love God and our neighbour before anything else.

The news that any priest is leaving is bound to cause mixed and sometimes extreme emotions. A vacancy is a form of grieving period in which one adapts to the fact that things will never be the same again – they may be better or they may be worse – but inherently it is a time of uncertainty, change, waiting, and is a time to re-adjust, and a time to reflect, on the past and on the future. It is easy to feel alone and vulnerable – we enter a sort of panic phase – but, if handled well, everyone will feel that they have had the opportunity to speak and to be heard – yes, they are two different things and both are essential.

The process that defines a vacancy means that looking for a new parish priest cannot begin until I start my new job at the start of October. At that point the wardens are in charge and, together with and supported by, the Rural Dean and Archdeacon (both of whom are experienced and efficient) they run the churches and the everyday business of being a Christian presence. Perhaps it goes without saying that the Christian presence must be even more real and visible when there is no one wearing a clerical collar all the time. It can be a

stressful time and there is a lot of work to do so please pray for them and support them – that is the most important way that you can show you are right behind them. During the process they must make difficult decisions, mindful that they will not be able to keep everyone happy. At the end of the day they will do their best and I have every confidence in them. The opposite of helping them do the job is, of course, making the job more difficult. They will be guided and advised through the process and so trust them and those who advise them.

Over the last four years we have built a model mission community, the envy of the Diocese and other benefices. It has been hard work as we have talked, discussed, reasoned and, most of all, learned to trust each other. Rome, it was said, was not built in a day but it was easy to destroy it that quickly. Trust involves listening and learning and understanding in love. Failure to do any of those three things can be seen to be selfish and unloving. Careless words thrown away without a thought can cause untold and lasting damage and that damage is not easy to repair. We are led to believe in the twenty first century that we have a right to an opinion, a right to voice it and an expectation that we will be heard. Many of us have at times professed knowledge based on spurious news, web searches, or simply gossip. Fake news, spin, gerrymandering and political posturing have no place in civilised society let alone in a Christian community.

In all we do I counsel two important questions – WHY? And FOR WHOM? If, before we act or speak, we ask ourselves why we are doing something we will at least have a go at reasoned reflection. And if we ask for whom we are doing it, and the answer is for God and for the good of the Kingdom, it becomes unselfish and impartial.

Have a safe journey, in Christ
Peter

Harvest Fayre

at St. Andrew's Church

Saturday October 7th
10.30am – 1.00 pm



**Sale of
Produce
&
Preserves**



Coffee & Refreshments

From the Editor



It seems a long time since **Mr** Peter Ashman featured in a St. Andrew's Magazine or had it evolved into JAM? It was an article about his experience here as an ordinand but was accompanied by a picture of him as a no nonsense looking lawyer complete in court gown and wig.

Since then he had been a regular reader of JAM magazine until he arrived in October 2013. He was still very complimentary about our efforts which as editor were pleasing and very encouraging. Then the bombshell hit. Could we increase production from quarterly to bimonthly? How on earth was an editor to find sufficient material?

I need not have worried. The Beacon became very much an organ of news and interest for the mission community which Peter had so spectacularly encouraged and promoted. He became an integral part of a production team with me and the magnificent Charles Quartley bringing out a packed and colourful magazine every other month. Members of all four churches have unfailingly produced valuable articles and their contributions have been appreciated and enjoyed.

Editorial meetings to put each addition to bed with the printers have been greatly enjoyed with proof reading reaching highs in friendly competitive spirit.

I shall much miss Peter's input, not only the regular Doghouse articles but encouragement and sense of fun. It has been Peter's first parish as a rector and it was an interesting revelation of Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, at the Church of England's General Synod last month that the most stressful part of his church career had been the "isolation" of being a parish priest. He was speaking during a debate on clergy well being. He spoke of priests who often faced "poisonous" expectations from their congregation. Synod voted in favour of creating a "covenant for clergy wellbeing". The archbishop was vicar in the village of Ufton in Warwickshire from 1995 to 2002.

It is to be hoped that we can come together as a mission community to say farewell to Peter and Chris and to wish them well in the next stage of ministry thanking them for their contributions to us, our churches and mission community.

As I write this I hear the church bells ringing for the start of the Cottage Garden show at Ipplepen. The weather is fine and warm and as yet no rain on this St. Swithun's or Swithun's Day July 15th.

*St. Swithun's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St. Swithun's day if thou be fair
For forty days t'will rain nae mare*

Traditional rhyme

St. Swithun was a Saxon bishop, famous for charitable gifts and building churches; his emblems are rain drops and apples. Swithun died on July 2nd 862. According to tradition, Swithun had asked to be buried humbly. His grave was just outside the west door of Winchester Old Minister, so that people could walk across it and rain fall on it in accordance with Swithun's wishes. On July 15th, 971 Swithun's remains were dug up and moved to a shrine within the Minster. However, the removal was accompanied by ferocious and violent rain storms that lasted 40 days and 40 nights and are said to indicate the saint's displeasure at being moved. This is probably the origin of the legend that if it rains on St. Swithun's feast day, then the rain will continue for 40 more days. Hopefully not an indication that need worry us this year!

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