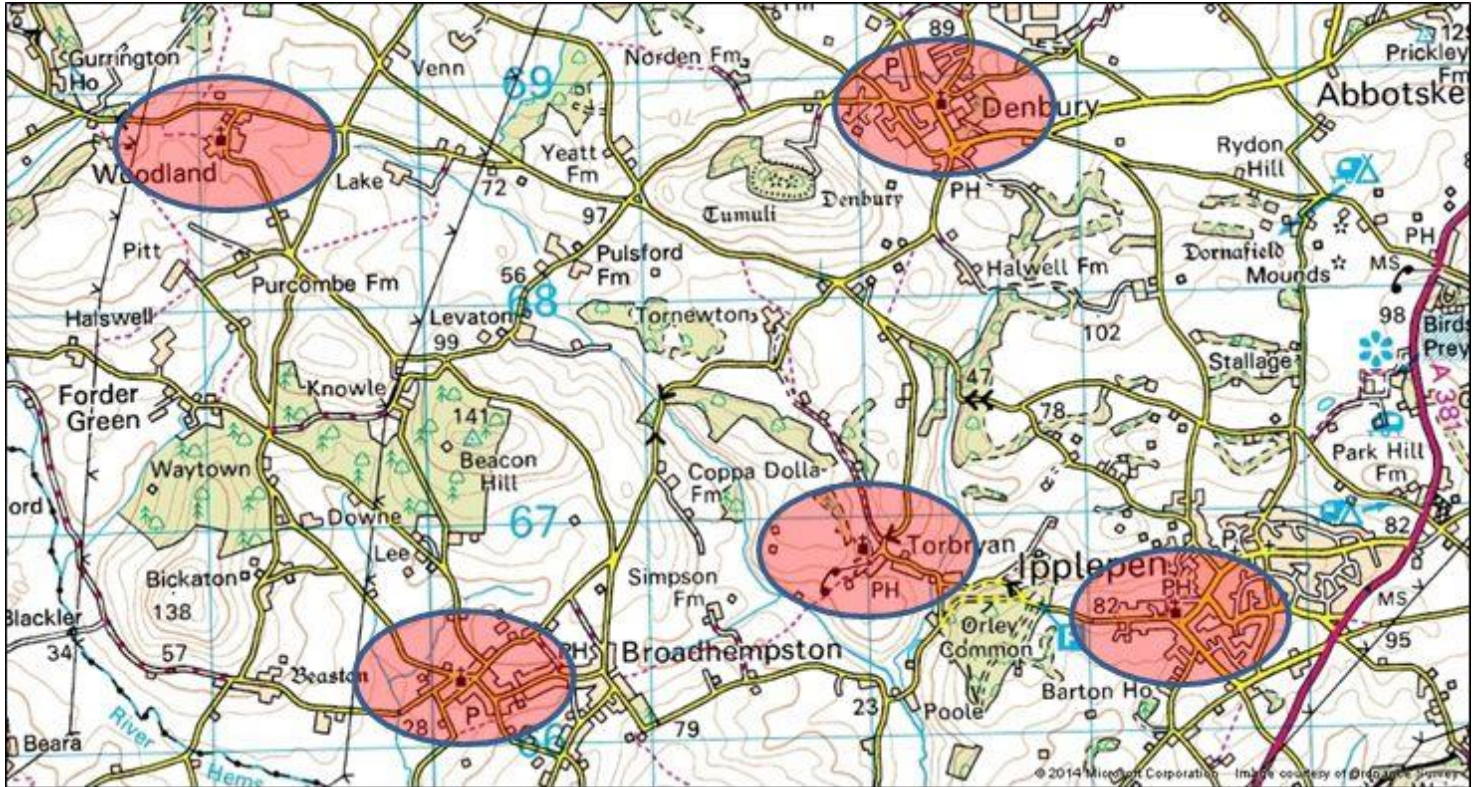


Mission Community of Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury and Broadhempston with Woodland

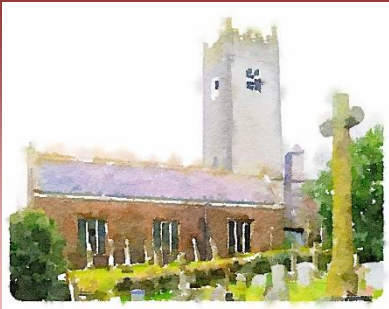


The Beacon Mission Community



News from Woodland

St. John the
Baptist



I have always enjoyed watching the effect that the changing seasons have on our wildlife and countryside. Autumn particularly heralds a huge changing point in our year. Our forefathers, living even closer to the changes in the weather and the seasons than we perhaps do, had many wise words about change, passed down to us in the form of sayings, such as *"A change is as good as a rest"*, *"Make hay while the sun shines"*, *"All good things come to an end"*. The biggest change about to affect not only our parish but also the whole mission community is, of course, the departure of Peter and Chris off to pastures new. They will be missed and I expect it will be a long time before we have the next change when someone new is appointed.

With the onset of autumn the next priority on the farming calendar is the planning and planting of next year's crops. Any planning must include an element of looking back over

the past year and, as a village, this takes place in the form of our annual harvest supper at the Rising Sun on 22nd September and Harvest Festival Service on 8th October. I expect that decorating the church with the fruits and flowers from our village gardens may take place the day before but that will also be a busy morning in the village hall as we will be holding a coffee morning to raise money for McMillian cancer support as part of our usual series of monthly library and coffee mornings. All are welcome to come along and participate in this fun filled charity event.

Over the last couple of months our village has come together for several other fun filled events, most notable being the bring and share lunch in celebration of Rob and Wendy's marriage and our village fete held this year in the grounds of the Rising Sun. Thankfully a sunny afternoon, there was plenty of opportunity to let off steam by attempting to splat the rat or win a coconut at the coconut shy, followed by eating a relaxing cream tea surrounded by the melodies of the string quartet.

Helen Pearse

TWO AUTUMNAL EVENTS IN DENBURY

On Saturday 21st 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.

Tickets £6 pp – contact 01803 813 993

On Saturday 25th November, **COFFEE, CAKES & CHRISTMAS** in the Church Cottage.

10am to 12 noon

Christmas stalls, goodies for sale, coffee

And lots of cake!

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



The weekend of 22nd/23rd August provided a great opportunity for the villagers of Denbury to show off their creative talents in an exhibition held in the Church and Church cottage entitled "Celebrating Creation". Some 24 exhibitors showed what a huge amount of artistic expertise lies within the village with a wide variety of craft items on view including paintings, prints, models, pottery, stained glass, mouldings, textiles, photographs and many more - all completed to a very high standard.

The exhibition attracted a steady stream of visitors throughout the weekend with very many favourable comments received. In between viewing the exhibits there was the opportunity to sit in the church to listen to some relaxing piano music or to enjoy tasty cakes and refreshments in the cottage.

This was a brilliant event which was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended and a great credit to Tessa and her team for organising it.

The following weekend, a contingent of Denbury parishioners visited St. Andrew's for the Beacon Community Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Exeter. An uplifting service was followed by a pleasant lunch and an opportunity to socialise with friends from our neighbouring parishes.

Our appeal to refurbish and augment our church bells continues to make progress. We understand that our faculty application is virtually complete and it is hoped this will be submitted to the Diocese by the end of September. Once this is in place we can apply to further grant sources to hopefully obtain

the balance of our funding needed to complete the project.

The church will be celebrating its 700th anniversary in September 2018. Following a very successful initial meeting, village organisations have really taken the event on board and much planning work has already been completed with a view to transforming the village back to the 1300s for this weekend. This promises to be a fun-filled event which is eagerly anticipated.

We approached our Patronal Festival on 10th September with mixed feelings this year. The Patronal is always a well attended, uplifting service which is eagerly anticipated, however this year the day was tinged with sadness in that this was also the last service conducted by Peter before he takes up his new ministry in Weston. The service provided an opportunity to reflect on the huge positive effect Peter has had on the Beacon Community churches and to appreciate just how far we have come over the last 4 years. This was very graphically shown in the fact that St. Mary's was packed with attendees from all the Beacon Community churches across a wide age group with extra seating needed in the chancel to accommodate everyone and with over 100 communicants.

Our very grateful thanks Peter for all you have done and best wishes to you, Chris and all your family for the future.

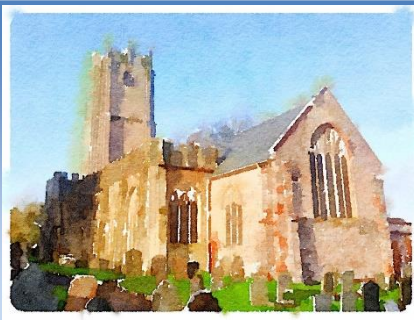
Mike Bray



Denbury church for the Patronal, and Peter's last service

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



On Sunday 30th July the Beacon Parishes Mission Community celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at St. Andrew's. The Right Reverend Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter, was welcomed by Rev. Peter and presided.

Being baptised was:

Benedict William Webber (infant)

Those being baptised and confirmed were:

Myles Atticus Evanson

James Charles Webber

Those being confirmed were:

Rachel Avery

Abigail Kate Bishop

Amanda Jarvis-Evanson

Alan James Northwood

Isabella Yasmin Webber

Samuel Robert Webber

This was for all a moving and meaningful service, with a full congregation. The ladies were busy with refreshments afterwards, followed by lunch prepared by Jane and her team in the Church Hall.

Sadly Rev. Peter's last 11am service at St. Andrew's was on August 20th. The choir sang an anthem '*May the Grace of Christ our Saviour*' to Peter to wish him well in his next parish.

It was a perfect summers day for the Lay-led service on Sunday 27th August, with thanks to Jo Innes-Lumsden for leading and Michael Price for his address and the prayers. Marilyn Ellis played some lovely music before and after the service.

Rev. Peter, churchwardens and the bell-ringers were busy on Saturday 26th August with two weddings taking place at St. Andrew's. These were:

Claire Mackriell and Tom Buckler

Abigail Bishop and Nick Sleight

Marilyn Clark



The Baptism and Confirmation group

The mystery of the smell resolved !!!

At St. Andrew's we were delighted when the new boilers were finally installed back in April. Not so pleasant was the smell which occurred at the same time in the area under the tower. GAS! we immediately thought as several noses carried out personal "sniffs". The installation engineers were called in with their instrument, and they declared that there was no gas leak. One favourite theory was that it was the body of a dead rat or mouse located within a space within the tower wall, and that in time it would stop.

The weeks went by and still the smell was there, so Geraldine called in the gas people. They had a more sensitive instrument and lo and behold, there was a leak in the supply line near the meter after all!

Simples!



Ipplepen Gift Day

The Gift Day at St. Andrew's is on October 7th. This annual event is an appeal to all of the residents of Ipplepen to make a contribution to the cost of the upkeep of St. Andrew's. Pictured are volunteers putting together the appeal letters which members of the congregation then deliver to all of the houses in the village.

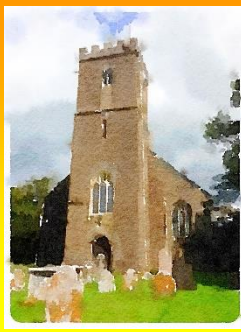


Lantern Procession

The annual Ipplepen Village Lantern Procession takes place on Saturday November 25th. The procession starts at the Village Hall and finishes at St. Andrew's where refreshments are taken and the winners announced.

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



We hope that all of you who came to the Café Service enjoyed this event. We are very lucky with our new Village Hall that enables us to hold events like this with all the facilities on the premises to make it easy. We had a very lively afternoon with Andrew Maries to lead us in new hymns and also his own story of his life and work.

We had a 'novelty' Communion Service around the Café tables all sharing bread and wine with each other. It was a shame that many friends were unable to come, we had rather a lot of cake left at the end of the afternoon but it soon disappeared in 'doggy bags' for those who had attended. Thank you to all the ladies who supplied us with a lovely tea.

We are holding another Village Hall event on the 4th November at 7.30 pm. with a Grand Village WHIST DRIVE.

This will be a social evening for all ages with a bar, snacks, raffle and great prizes. We would love to see you if you can come along on the night. The money raised will go to the Devon Historic Churches Trust.

We are all change here in Broadhempston with a new headmaster, Daniel Turner, now with us to open the new school year and now the start of preparations for our Church vacancy. This is something that I have not experienced before. I am sure that if we can all pull together this will all run smoothly and we will find a new vicar to lead our Mission and the growth of our Churches.

I must say however that life isn't going to be the same without Peter and his emails! I am sure we can all keep going and make a good job of it.

I will close with a Bible quote from a handbook I have been given called 'Growing Through A Vacancy' which is from Philippians 4 *"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength"*. Let's hope this proves to be right.

Pam Perriman

Editor's musings:

Leadership

Leadership begins with knowing how to bring out the best in others. As a rather more successful US Presidential candidate, Harry S. Truman, once said *"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit"*.

The Good Snooze

The Rev. Steve Morris, a London priest, warns new clergy to manage their expectations. After one of his very first services, a parishioner came up to ask if he wrote his sermons down and if he could have a copy. He wrote in *Christian Today* that he felt a "flurry of pride" and wondered if the man wanted to keep it for posterity or to go over its message again. The worshipper replied: *"No Steve. I fell asleep as you started speaking and only woke up when you said 'Amen'."*

So! the Rector has left

If you have been living in a Beacon Parishes Mission Community parish for the last 100 years you will have lived through an average of 14 interregnums. Some incumbents stay for a long time such as Rev. Robert Cooke, Vicar of Ipplepen (1897 to 1939) and some not so long, the Rev. Kenneth J.S. O'Ferral stayed only two years at Denbury.



What is an interregnum?

It is defined by the Church of England as an interval between the periods of office of two incumbents in a parish or in our case a mission community. We should be mindful that as well as Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury, Woodland and Broadhempston will also be without a Rector.

What happens during a vacancy?

Firstly church life continues.

Churchwardens, together with the Rural Dean, become Sequestrators and, are responsible for arranging cover for church services including 'occasional offices' – weddings, baptisms and funerals and, ensuring that the PCC meets regularly. If you require any information about church activities during the interregnum the first port of call should be one of the Churchwardens. The Beacon Parishes Mission Community churchwardens meet regularly.

Once the 'vacancy' has been declared by the Bishop, which cannot be before the current Rector (Peter) has officially left (2nd October 2017), can the process of recruiting a new Rector begin. However, background work with the Archdeacon and Rural Dean has already started. The Bishop and the

Archdeacon together with the Patrons and the PCCs are all involved in the recruitment process and must be mindful of the views of parishioners. It can take 9 to 12 months before a new Rector arrives. Sometimes it takes longer.

Life as we know it

All the Beacon Parishes Mission Community churches have major projects either underway or in the pipeline.

These will continue along with the 700th Anniversary celebrations for Ipplepen and Denbury next year. With regard to our Services we have managed to cover regular services, with help from visiting clergy and local retired clergy. Therefore, you can rest assure that Sunday and Mid-week Services will be as normal. But please check the Beacon for details. 'The Beacon' magazine will continue to be published every second month and the website

www.missioncommunity.org.uk will be maintained and updated regularly; we are extremely grateful to Charles Quartley and Michael Price.

We are endeavouring to keep 5th Sundays as 'Mission Community Communion together Sundays' when there will only be one service across the Beacon Parishes: 29th October at Denbury, 31st December at Ipplepen.

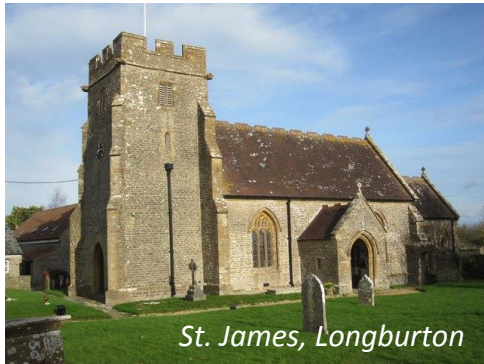
Commenting on having seen many vacancies go well, and some not so well, Keith Sinclair, Bishop of Birkenhead said, "*It is not rocket science; it is about being the church of Jesus Christ. He does not leave any church in vacancy*" - extract from 'Growing Through a Vacancy', a handbook.

Mick Sutherland Cook

Broadhempston ringers' outing

Very nearly 50 people clambered aboard the bus early on a cloudy Saturday morning for the Annual Bellringing outing. As usual the route and venues were a closely guarded secret. Once the last person had boarded at Ashburton all was revealed - this year the route took us to Dorset, to four excellent venues with lunch taken at Blandford Forum.

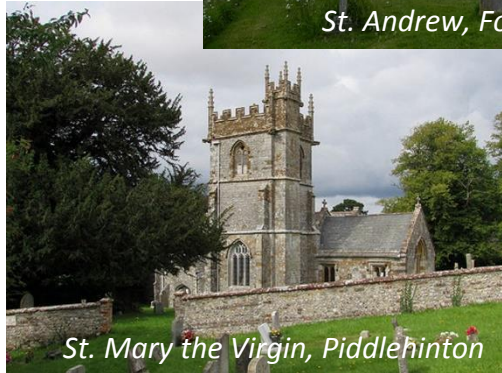
The first stop was at Longburton, a lovely little church with the local pub open for breakfast right next door. Early ringing was enjoyed by the assembled campanologists whilst several of the



St. James, Longburton



St. Andrew, Fontmell Magna



St. Mary the Virgin, Piddlehinton



St. Osmond, Evershot



accompanying members sought out a hearty breakfast. One or two even took part of, to quote the marvellous Henry Blofeld, an "early sharpener".

Onwards then, to the beautiful village of Fontmell Magna, where the impressive church provided excellent ringing. Several of the group took the chance to climb the stone staircase to the roof of the church tower. Excellent views of the surrounding countryside were observed but some of the party were a little taken aback by just how much the tower rocked as the bells were being rung!

Lunch was at Blandford Forum where the plan was to picnic alongside the lovely River Stour. Unfortunately the by now inclement weather put paid to this idea, but not to worry there were many local hostelrys which provided food and shelter.

First stop after lunch was the aptly named Piddlehinton as by now it was raining very hard. The quaint parish church provided lovely bells, which were rung from an open space in the church not shut away in a tower.

Last ringing stop was at Evershot, an elegant village with its own community shop, grand little church and excellent pub which provided marvellous hospitality for the non-ringers.

Best bells of the day were undoubtedly Piddlehinton, although all were good and had their own character which the ringers enjoyed.

A stop for evening meal at the Heathfield Inn at Honiton rounded the day off, and we arrived back at the village tired but all in agreement, another splendid day - roll on next year.

Julia Jarvis, Tower Vice-Captain

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Sunday Services for October and November

Sunday 1st October

9.15am	Harvest Communion	Denbury	Rev. Preb. Alan White
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Ann Burden
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Ven. Douglas Dettmer

Sunday 8th October

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Nick Pearkes
11.00	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Preb. Alan White
4.00pm	Harvest Festival	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden
6.pm	Harvest Festival	Woodland	Lay led Stephen Harris

Sunday 15th October

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Preb. Alan White
11.00am	Morning Worship	Broadhempston	Lay led
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Cannon Les Harman
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Pred. Phillip Darby

Sunday 22nd October

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Canon Leslie Harman
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	TBA
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Lay led

Sunday 29th October

11.00am	Mission Community Communion	Denbury	Rev. Christopher Robins
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Sunday 5th November

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson
11.00am	Parish Communion (All Saints)	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00pm	All Souls	Ipplepen	Churchwardens
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Anne Burden

Sunday 12th November

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
9.15am	Remembrance Service	Denbury	Rev. Preb. John Good
10.15am	Remembrance Service	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
10.55am	Remembrance Service	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00pm	Remembrance Day Evensong	Woodland	Edward Goodman

Sunday 19th November

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Ven. Clive Cohen
11.00am	Morning Worship	Broadhempston	Lay led
11.00am	Morning Worship	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Preb. Alan White

Sunday 26th November

11.00am	Patronal Festival and lunch	Ipplepen	Ven. Douglas Dettmer
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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 1 st	Pastoral Care Team	Totnes Road	West End Terrace	Knowle	Daisy Park
Oct 8 th	Newly baptised & confirmed	Townsend Hill	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Higher Woodland Farm
Oct 15 th	Wedding couples	Tremlett Grove	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Larch Cottage
Oct 22 nd	Scouts & Guides	Two Mile Oak	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Wickeridge Cottage
Oct 29 th	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses
Nov 5 th	Dearly departed	Wesley Terrace & Wesley View	Shute Lane	Main Street	Levaton Farm House
Nov 12 th	Service planning group	Wrigwell Lane	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Dipwell Farm
Nov 19 th	Vision group	Beech Trees Lane	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Higher Lake Farm
Nov 26 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

Monday 2 nd	9.30am	Ipplepen School Harvest Service at St. Andrew's
Tuesday 3 rd	7.00pm	Holy Communion at Ipplepen Church
Wednesday 4 th	12.30pm	Monthly Lunch Club at Ipplepen Hall
Saturday 7 th	10.00am	Ipplepen Gift Day
Thursday 10 th	10.30am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
Saturday 14 th	3.00pm	Messy Church at Ipplepen Hall
Saturday 21 st	12.00 noon	Harvest Soup & Sweets Lunch. Church Cottage, Denbury

November

Saturday 4 th	7.30pm	Grand Village Whist Drive. Broadhempston Village Hall
Tuesday 7 th	7.00pm	Holy Communion at Ipplepen Church
Wednesday 8 th	12.30pm	Monthly Lunch Club at Ipplepen Church Hall
Thursday 9 th	10.30am	Coffee Mates at Denbury Cottage
Saturday 25 th	10.00am	Coffee, Cake & Christmas. Church Cottage, Denbury
	6.00pm	Ipplepen Village Lantern Procession. Start Village Hall – end St. Andrew's

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:

There are no sponsors for Denbury for this issue

Ipplepen:

Retrospective

- July 23rd Winnie and Stephen Bryant to celebrate the birth of Harry Robert, a son for Caroline and Charles Gordon
- Aug 13th Dennis and Gill Arnum who love to see the Church floodlit as they enter the village – it is so warm and welcoming
- Aug 27th Betty Bennett in remembrance of her granddaughter, Amy Victoria Hird, on 28th August – her 21st birthday
- Sept 10th The Mission Community thanking Peter Ashman for his Ministry here, and wishing him and his family every happiness in Weston-super-Mare
- Sept 11th Rose and Roger Chamberlain to celebrate the birth of their first grandchild, Isabella Madeline Imogen, to Claire and Ant, on 16th August, and the wedding of Paul and Charlotte on 2nd September

New

- Oct 15th Christine Lewis in memory of her father, Ralph Lewis, on the 20th anniversary of his death on 16th October 1997
- Oct 15th Barbara and John Tuckett in memory of a dear Dad, Arthur Bearne, on 16th October

Medieval Market Fair:

700th Anniversary of the Church in Denbury

A quick update on the celebrations planned for Saturday September 8th 2018 (Church service, lunch and REAL Bishop on Sunday 9th). Building on the success and enthusiasm of our initial planning meeting back in April, things have been moving on apace. We now have a basic shape to the day, and various groups and individuals are already planning:

- Late morning: gather at the School
- “Bishop Stapledon” arrives on horseback
- Bishop leads procession to the Church (hopefully summoned by newly restored bells!!)
- Short re-enactment of the dedication of the Church
- Continue to the Green where Fair takes place (lunchtime and afternoon)

We'll have games and races and entertainment, stalls, food and country crafts. Archery, hobby horse races (the original Denbury Fair was a horse fair), hog roast and Maypole dancing. The children from the school will be learning about Medieval Denbury in the summer term and will give a performance at the Fair based on what they have learned. The Archive Group are helping with this. The May Fayre team will be organising the lay out and activities. The Gardening Club have teamed up with the Allotments Group and the Flower and Produce people and are planning all sorts of food and produce already. The School is planning an Art Week which will create a permanent memorial of the Anniversary. The Stitchers group are exploring medieval costume and decoration... SO much already going on!

Everyone is welcome: groups and individuals. There's lots to do:

- Do you have a horse we could borrow??!
- Volunteers to be the Bishop!?
- Could you be eligible for the Most Revolting Peasant competition?!
- We need Monks! Denbury Priory would have been full of 'em!!
- Are you/do you know a traditional craftsman?
- Do you know a good recipe for mead?? Or similar...
- Could you help children make hobby horses (easy – even I managed it!)
- Fancy making some costumes?? Bunting??
- Do you know a potential sponsor, to help with set up costs, insurance etc?
- Do you have anything to sell? (doesn't have to be Medieval!)

This last point is important. It's a Market we're planning, NOT a fundraising event. All profits to the producer!!

All ideas and offers of help most welcome. Medieval costume will be encouraged, but not imposed (!). But could we all start praying for good weather from now on!!

Contact Rachel: 07751804007; rachel@belringer.co.uk

CAFÉ COMMUNION



The service, held at Broadhempston Village Hall on 13th August and conducted by Peter Ashman, was attended by 35 parishioners in the lovely vaulted village hall. Madeline and I provided the accompaniment (keyboard and guitar respectively).

Our guest speaker was Andrew Maries, Consultant for Worship and Music in the Diocese of Exeter. He is also currently Chairman of the Royal School of Church Music, Devon. Andrew has dedicated his professional life to assisting groups & individuals in making the most of music in their worship.

The first occasion I encountered Andrew was at a large conference which he had organised in Exeter Cathedral. Like our rector, Peter, my lasting impression was of Andrew's utterly beautiful oboe playing! Aside from learning new musical pieces I came away from the conference more convinced that music should be as rich an element of our spiritual life as I knew, from my profession, that it was for our health and well-being.

In our service, Andrew described to us how he became involved in his role within the church starting with a desire to play the organ. He later became interested in how music communicates with people. In a church music magazine in 2009, Andrew wrote: *"Music is a language which communicates on a deep and often subliminal level, with a unique ability to trigger powerful emotions and convey significant messages. This is why it can be such an emotive element within church life and worship"*.

In our Café-style service we sang lovely traditional hymns of praise including "O praise ye the Lord" to the uplifting tune "Laudate Dominum" by Parry as well as a Taizé chant and some hymns accompanied by familiar tunes (Salley Gardens, Sound of Silence).

When our children were in primary school, my wife, Sue, and I attended a monthly service at St. Paul's church, Newton Abbot, which was set up in the church hall so that the service could be led using a power-point presentation and in "café-style" — just as we had in Broadhempston. Back then, we had an orchestra of talented children to accompany the hymns - how lucky we were! None-the-less, despite having fewer instruments, enthusiasm and spirit carried the singing along and with Andrew's oboe floating high above our voices in the final hymn, *Angel-voices ever singing*, suddenly the hymn's meaning became more apparent.

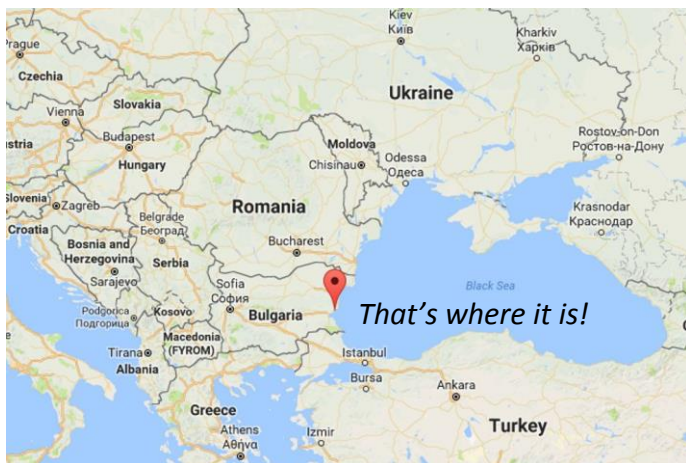
*Yea, we know that thou rejoicest o'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure for thy pleasure all combine.*

Huge thanks was offered to members of the Broadhempston parish for the use of their Village Hall and, in particular, for the delicious cakes & tea enjoyed by everyone after the service.

Dr Tom Morris

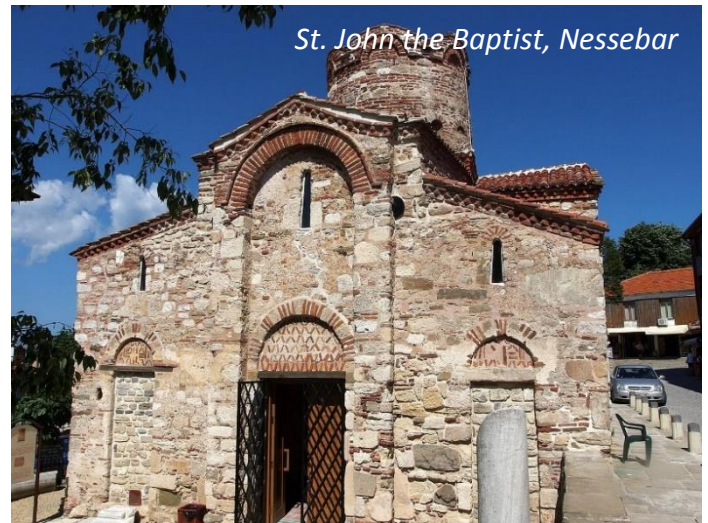
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST GETS EVERYWHERE

This year we had a holiday on the Bulgarian Black Sea coast near the historic town of Nessebar (population circa 12000). The abundance of historic buildings resulted in UNESCO nominating the town as a World Heritage Site in 1983. As we wandered through the narrow streets we came across a magnificent small Church named after.....St. John the Baptist! It was in the midst of a busy street rather than a farmyard; I know which I prefer! This discovery initiated some investigation.



Nessebar is reputed to have the highest number of Churches per capita. Today 40 churches survive, wholly or partly, in the town. The oldest is St. Sophia, built in the 5th century, followed by the Basilica of the Holy Mother of God Eleusa in the 6th century and then St. John the Baptist built in the late 10th century. St. John the Baptist is one of the best kept churches and of key importance to Nessebar because its architectural design and picturesque decorative effects are said to be one of the main reasons for UNESCO nominating the town as a World Heritage Site.

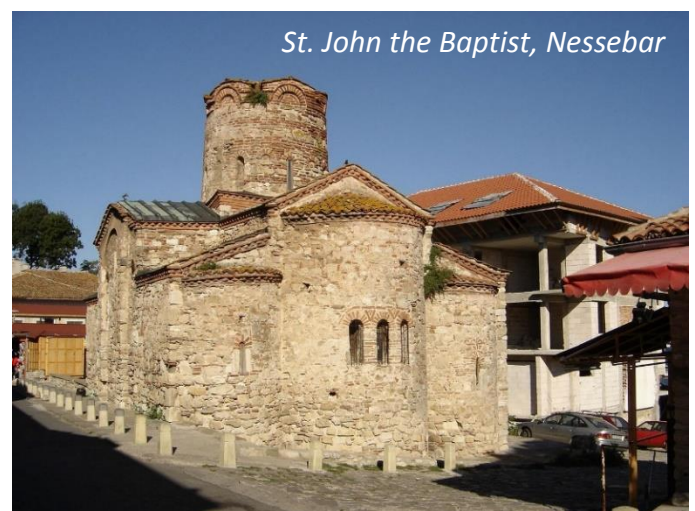
St. John the Baptist is described as a Byzantine Cruciform church. Apparently, Nessebar was a stronghold of the Byzantine Empire from the 5th century onwards. The



Byzantine Empire, also referred to as the Eastern Roman Empire, was the continuation of the Roman Empire in the East during the Late Antiquity and Middle Ages, when the capital city was Constantinople (now called Istanbul). It survived the fall of the Western Roman Empire in the 5th century and continued to exist for another 1000 years until it fell to the Ottoman Turks in 1453. During its existence, the Empire was the most powerful economic, cultural and military force in Europe.

Nessebar is an attractive town to visit, but unfortunately the "Tat" shops of nearby Sunny Beach are moving in and rather spoiling an otherwise historic gem.

John Usher



Lest we forget



Thomas Quartley (Tom) was my first cousin twice removed (he and my grandfather were cousins). When war broke out in July 1914, Tom had just had his 18th birthday in June and he had matriculated for university. Like many young men he volunteered, and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant into the 3rd (Special Reserve) Battalion, King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment on 15th August 1914.

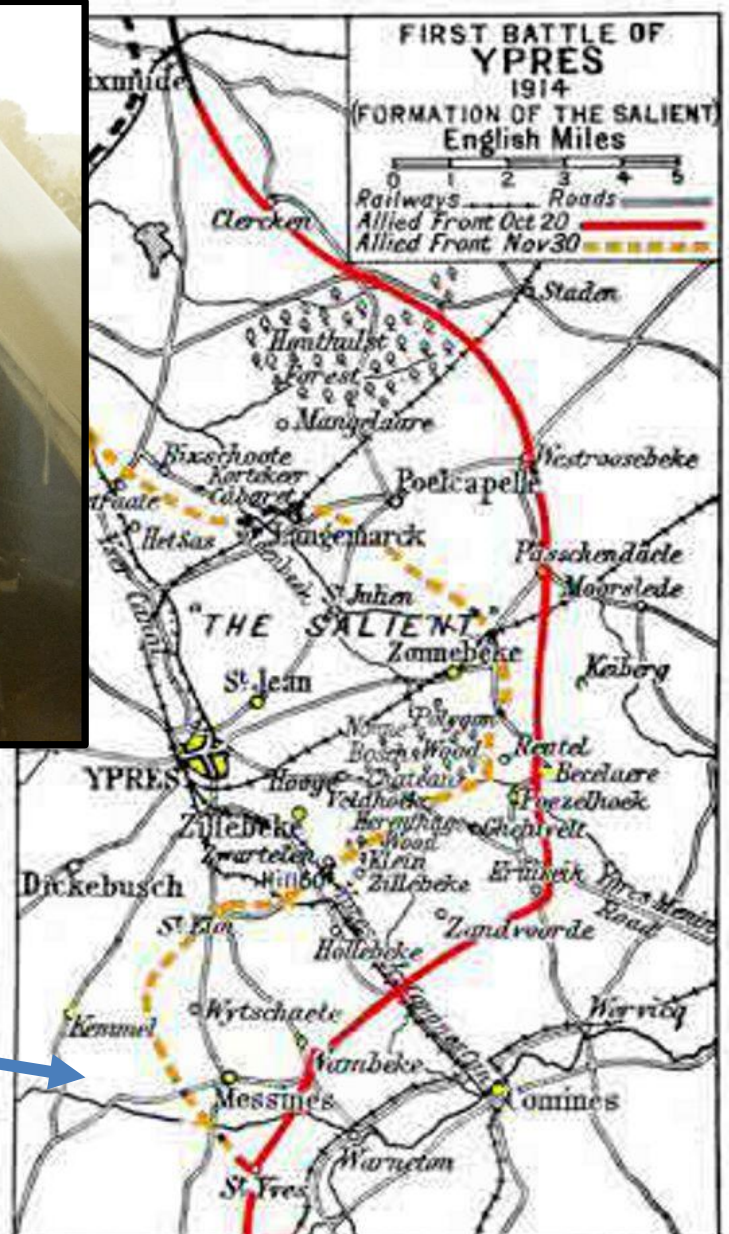
He arrived in France on 25th November and was attached to the 2nd Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment from December 1914. The battalion had fought at Nonne-Bosschen in the First Battle of Ypres during October and November and had suffered considerable losses, being down to less than company strength (there were four companies in a battalion of about a 1000 men). At the end of November the allies had been driven back and the front at that date is shown as a yellow dotted line on the map.

Tom was presumably sent as part of the re-enforcements after the battle. He was killed in action on 15th January 1915 between Kemmel and Messines, aged 18½. He had lasted 6 weeks in the battlefield. He is buried in a cemetery 10 miles south of Ypres.

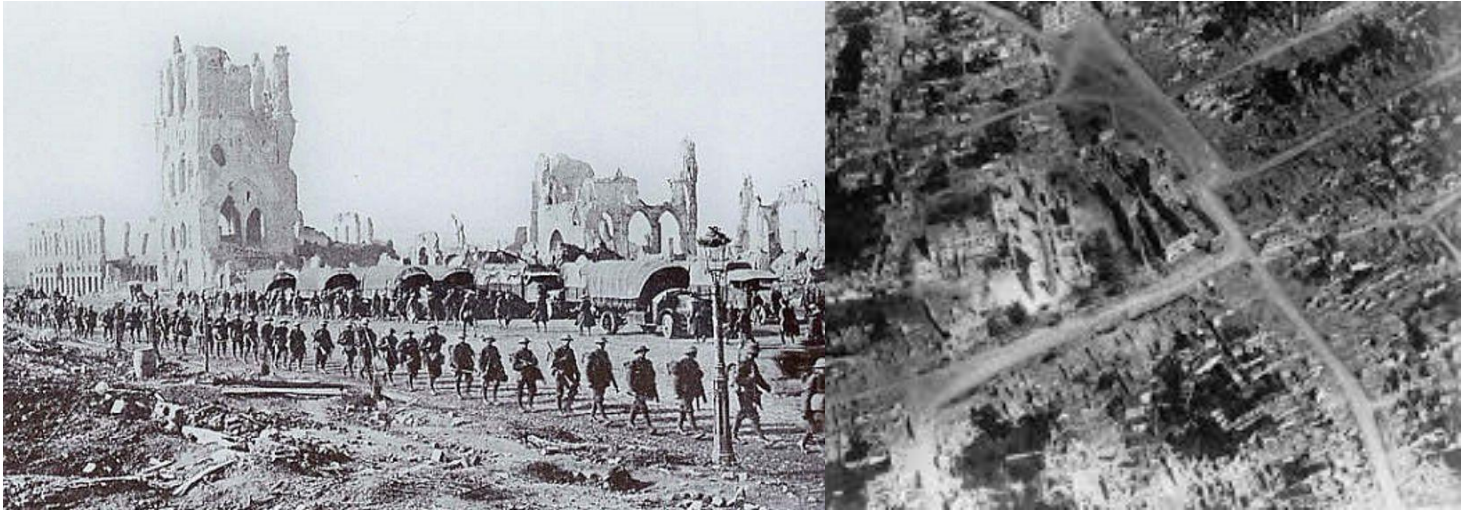
2nd Lt. Tom Quartley
– aged 18



Tom Quartley's grave



Lest we forget - continued



Ypres [leper is the Flemish spelling] was virtually destroyed by shelling during the war. It was of strategic importance, as it controlled the vital links with the supply lines via the channel ports, and had been defended by the allies throughout the war. More than 300,000 Allied soldiers lost their lives here, while the front line barely moved. The place was so irredeemably shattered that it caused Winston Churchill to say, in January 1919: "I should like to acquire the whole of the ruins of Ypres... a more sacred place for the British race does not exist in the world." Incredibly, after the war, Ypres was completely rebuilt – exactly as it was before 1914.

Part of the reconstruction of Ypres included a new church – St. George's Memorial Church. It was completed in 1929, and while it had a tower, for reasons unknown a ring of bells for it were never commissioned.



Ypres rebuilt!

The detail of the buildings is amazing and a fitting memorial to all those who died



Lest we forget - continued



Forward to 2014 and with the centenary of WW1 a project to correct this omission was formed and a charity set up to raise funds to install a ring of 8 bells and fit out the belfry. An appeal went out on 2016 to raise funds, primarily by enabling donors to sponsor having a memorial inscription cast on a bell.

Within a very short time the funds were raised so the project could go ahead. Some bells have several names on them and one of those inscribed on the 3rd bell is "Second Lieutenant Thomas Warner Quartley". The bells were cast at Taylors of Loughborough, and Jenny and I went along in June to see the 3rd bell being cast. The bells were transported to Ypres at the end of August, via the Dorset Steam Fair where they were on display on two 1915 lorries from the war. These same lorries were in Belgium [they were put on to a low loader for the long journeys] for the dedication arrangements, which included the lorries with the bells on board visiting five cemeteries, the daily "Last Post" ceremony at the Menin Gate, the Grote Markt in Ypres and the final delivery to St. George's Memorial Church. The bells were displayed in the aisle of the church for the dedication ceremony, which was a moving occasion with all of the inscriptions being read out in turn.

The bells are now being installed in the tower and they will first ring out at the blessing ceremony on October 22nd. Yours truly will be there to take part!!

Many of you will have visited the WW1 sites in Flanders. This was my first time and the sheer scale of what went on is deeply moving. It is amazing how Ypres was rebuilt and it is a place well worth visiting. If you do, why not pop in to St. George's?

Charles Quartley





Ships

There is an old proverb
and this is how it goes
'A ship is safe when harbored,
Snugly in land that's closed.'

But ships weren't meant to be harbored,
They were not built to be snug but free,
Their masts to fly high and proud,
Through the stormy waves of seas.

David Doran December 2014

Our Mission Community is now in a “Vacancy”. We have said our farewells to Peter and Chris. During his four years with us the Mission Community has grown from four very separate churches into four churches sharing expertise and resources on appropriate occasions. This month we report the visit of Bishop Robert to the MC baptism and confirmation service and we look forward to sharing in Denbury’s Patronal Festival which will mark Peter’s final service with us.

Already the seeds are sewn to continue with preparation for a ‘Christmas Experience’ for our three primary schools as a follow on from the successful ‘Easter Experience’ earlier in the year run with volunteers from all our four parishes. There is no doubt that other lay led involvement will continue at St. Andrew’s with innovations which Peter enabled with lay led compline and a monthly lay led Morning worship.

I think of Rev. Peter as a pilot tug sailing alongside a large newly launched ship heading out to sea; the ship being our mission community. There may be some turbulence as we navigate some stormy waves but we have learnt that we have much more in common than issues that separate us. It is good to know that there is already a meeting of our wardens and that a joint PCC meeting is taking place in October.

It is heartening that our search for a new rector will be a joint mission community project. We must all pray for wardens and those with responsibility during the vacancy that they will be inspired by the Holy Spirit. Stormy seas can provide threats and opportunities.

I hope you enjoy this edition. My thanks to the contributors who respond so willingly to my requests for articles.

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