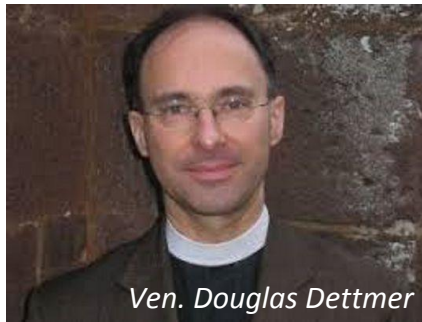


### The Archdeacon writes:

As your Archdeacon, I have very much enjoyed worshipping with the Beacon churches on recent Sundays—Woodland in early October to celebrate the inauguration of the parish, Ipplepen in late November for the Patronal Festival, and Denbury in January to celebrate the Epiphany. I look forward to visiting Broadhempston next June for the Patronal Festival, and Torbryan as soon as soon as an opportunity presents itself! It has been good to experience the warm welcome of each church community and the well-ordered state of each of the church buildings. The churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils of each parish are to be commended for their dedicated care of the life of each church, not least during the present vacancy in the benefice; and thanks are due to the Revd Peter Ashman for preparing everyone so well for this stage of transition. One has the sense that the Beacon Parishes are in good heart, and I am thankful for God's grace as you seek to continue growing in prayer, making disciples and serving the people of your communities with joy.

I have been asked to write something for The Beacon about the process for appointing your new Rector, now well underway. An incumbent (parish priest) for an English parish is appointed by the patron of the benefice, sometimes the diocesan Bishop but generally an institution or a member of a family with which the parish has been associated over time, often for many centuries. In a multi-parish group such as yours, several historic patrons may be involved—sometimes working together and sometimes taking turns. In your case, the patron for this turn is Her Majesty the Queen. When the right of appointment belongs to the Crown, in practice



*Ven. Douglas Dettmer*

most of the work is done by the Ecclesiastical Secretary in the Cabinet Office in London; she will be visiting Devon in late March to interview prospective candidates together with a panel including the Bishop of Plymouth, representatives appointed by each of the Parochial Church Councils, and myself. The appointment will be advertised in late January and is open to any priest who may apply, whether presently ministering in this diocese or further afield. If following interviews in March the post is offered to one of the candidates, a provisional announcement will be made as soon as possible and we might expect the ministry of the new Rector to start in the mid to late summer. Otherwise, we will go round the course again until the right priest is found.

Although the process of application, shortlisting and interview by a panel is outwardly similar to that for appointment to a post in any area of work, the selection of a new parish priest is approached as prayerful discernment of the person God is calling to a particular ministry at a particular time. For the information of potential candidates and the key point of reference at interview, the Parochial Church Councils have contributed a Benefice Profile giving a picture of the Beacon Parishes and the qualities sought in a new priest. It is accessible from late January on the 'Vacancies' section of the Exeter diocesan website:

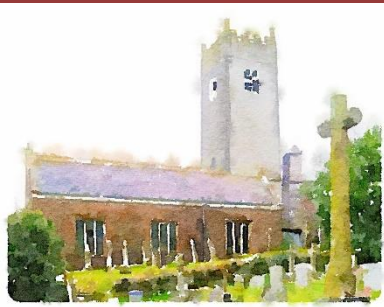
<http://exeter.anglican.org/vacancies/>

May I invite your prayers for all involved in the appointment of a new Rector for the Beacon Parishes, and for those clergy who will be considering whether God may be calling them to serve among you as your new parish priest.

*Douglas Dettmer, Archdeacon of Totnes*

## News from Woodland

### St. John the Baptist



The run up to Christmas was a very busy one in our Parish this year. As well as our regular library and coffee mornings having a festive theme, with mulled wine and mince pies, we met at the Rising Sun to celebrate with a village Christmas lunch and held a workshop, taught expertly by Dianne, for creating floral Christmas table decorations. The candlelit Advent carol service was as lovely as ever, despite the hiccups produced by our organ feeling its age. Due to a very unfortunate illness our Christmas carol service was held in the church instead of a repeat of last year at Gurrington House.

With the organ behaving itself and refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall it was a convivial evening with a strong sense of the community coming together to celebrate and the service on Christmas morning was taken by the Rev. Philip Darby.

The excitement and sparkle of Christmas may be over now but life is far from dull and gloomy in our little parish. As I write the evenings are getting noticeably lighter and snowdrops and daffodils are beginning to be seen in the hedgerows and gardens. Plans are currently being made for more village social events, such as a Snowdrop Lunch, to give us something other than winter weather to look forward to but as yet nothing is finalised.

*Helen Pearse*



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## Thank you!



This is a photograph of the presentation of a cheque by Dan on behalf of the Co-op in Ipplepen for St. Andrew's Church Hall for the sum of £1449.23. There to receive it were Jane Outhwaite, Geraldine Dennis, Madeleine Fedrick and Shirley Northwood. We would like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who chose St. Andrew's Church Hall for their local Co-op charity this year. The money raised was far more than we ever thought we would receive so it will go towards putting a non-slip surface on the floor of the ladies lavatories in the Church Hall.

*Madeleine Fedrick*

## News from Denbury

### St. Mary the Virgin



Returning to work, starting back at school, decorations taken down; in the blink of an eye it seems the main period of Christmas has come and gone once again. However it is a good idea to look back at what is always a very vibrant and busy period for the church and its congregation.

The Christmas celebrations got off to a good start with a Coffee, Cake and Christmas morning held in the Church cottage at the end of November. This was a good opportunity to purchase some Christmas items whilst enjoying a pleasant social get together.

The traditional re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem known as Posada commenced at the communion service held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The figures representing Mary and Joseph (plus their donkey) stay at a different house each night before being passed to the next host family until the journey is completed by their return to church at the Crib service on Christmas Eve. This is a popular tradition, particularly among the children, and helps to bring the Christmas story to life.

Naturally, at this time of the year, carol singing was very much to the fore. On the 17<sup>th</sup> December a packed church celebrated Denbury's Nine lessons and Carol Service. The village choir, conducted by Chris Eastman performed several carols and seasonal pieces and helped to lead the congregation in many traditional favourites.

About a dozen church people visited Brambledown Nursing home which is situated on the outskirts of the village to sing a number of carols, many of which were suggested by the residents and staff at the home. After singing several carols in the lounge area the singers

proceeded around the home so that those residents who were unable to leave their rooms could hear the carols and join in. This is always a lovely occasion which is enjoyed by all those taking part. The singers are treated to mince pies and a glass or two at the end of the evening.

The annual Carols on the Green event was held on the following evening. Families from the village and beyond met outside the Union Inn to sing a number of carols and to enjoy the convivial atmosphere. Once again mince pies were served with warming mulled wine to soothe tired throats. A collection was taken to support the work of the South West Children's Hospice.

The Christmas programme of services commenced with the Crib service on Christmas Eve afternoon. This service is always very well attended by local families. The theme of the service was Jesus' birthday and a huge birthday card was taken around the church by the children for everyone to sign. Much of the service took place with the children gathered around the crib scene which is constructed within the main altar and is very impressive, particularly when lit. It has become something of a tradition for the children to have a go at chiming the church bells at the end of this service and this year was no exception, with most of the children, and several parents, trying their hand at ringing.

The church was full for the Midnight Mass and many were in church again early on Christmas morning for the Christmas Day communion.

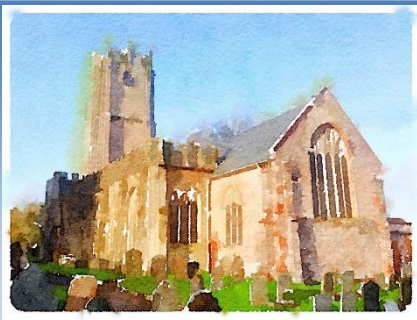
The church Christmas tree has now been taken down and over the next couple of weeks the crib figures will be returned to their storage and we now look ahead to what will be a very important year for the Mission Community.

*Mike Bray*



## News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



The busy Christmas season began on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Parish Communion at 11am in St. Andrew's officiated by Rev. Anne Burden, who later led the Advent Carol Service held in candlelight at Woodland Church at 6 pm. During this service the choir sang two anthems and Madeleine played an organ solo. This was followed by excellent refreshments in the Parish rooms.

On December 10<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Rev. Preb. Alan White to take our Services at 8am and 11am. Rev. Tony Meek took the Parish Communion on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Later that day he and Rev. Anne Burden officiated at our candlelit Carol Service at 6.30 pm. The church was full, lessons were read by representatives from various organisations within the church.

Jo Innes Lumsden had augmented our small choir with friends from other choirs to lead the carols and in addition two anthems were sung.

We were pleased to welcome Ipplepen School choir who sang the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' and another carol.

Refreshments served in the Church Hall afterwards including mulled wine, mince pies, and shortbread, were as always much appreciated. The church looked splendid with the beautiful flower arrangements, Christmas tree and crib. Well done to everyone involved.

The following evening Rev. Tony led the Service of 'Carols in the Square' which was well supported by over 130 villagers. Thanks to Tony, the readers, musicians, and the bell-ringers all of whom were busy over this Christmas time.

The Crib Service was held at 11am this year on Christmas Eve with Edward Goodman leading. It is always lovely to see excited children with their families enjoying the Christmas story.

The bells rang out on Christmas Eve to call people to Midnight Mass taken by Rev. Anne. Christmas Day services at 8 and 10.30 were taken by Rev. Tony who also took the Mission Community service the week after. We are most grateful to our honorary assistant priests for their much valued assistance at this time.

Some 105 people attended St. Andrew's for the Eucharist services over Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

At the Epiphany parish communion service on 7<sup>th</sup> January the three Kings were processed to the crib arriving after their long journey to visit Baby Jesus in His crib with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

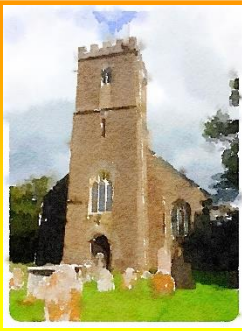
*Marilyn Clark*



*Some images from Christmas at St. Andrew's*

## News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



Well, what a great time that was and aren't we lucky!

Christmas really went with a swing both in the village and in the church. We had a great Christmas Bazaar with various stalls, games and a home made soup lunch. Best of all Father Christmas came to join us much to the excitement of all the children present. The Bazaar raised excellent funds for both the village school and the Devon Wildlife Trust.

The church was beautifully decked out for our Carol Service. The school choir came to sing carols with us and that was made special this year as they were accompanied by Evan Craven, a ten year old pupil, on the church organ. What a talented young man he is. As Churchwarden I am going to keep an eye on him for the years to come.



We were joined for Carols in the Square by members of the Totnes Brass Band and with an impressive performance by our newly formed village choir. Mulled wine went down well to keep us singing and keep out the cold.

The PCC would like to thank the many people who came to our Christmas Services and with their generous donations have helped us to support the many who have not enjoyed Christmas as we have been able to do. From our Church collections we will be able to make a generous donation to The Church Children's Society.

Christmas decorations are now back in the attic and we have snowdrops flowering in the garden a sure sign that spring is on the way. This means garden chores starting once again. I find it easy to moan over muddy dog walks but must not forget how lucky we are with no hurricanes, earthquakes or forest fires to cope with. Let us hope that we will have a gentle and colourful spring to look forward too and also some exciting times ahead with future developments in our Mission Community.

Best wishes to you all,

*Pam Perriman*

*Evan on the organ at the Carol Service*



# Bishop Sarah to be Bishop of London



*As Bishop Sarah prepares to leave our diocese, she shares her hopes and reflections...*

In a historic move the Church of England has appointed Bishop Sarah Mullally to be Bishop of London, the third-most senior role in the Church of England. She will also take up a seat in the House of Lords.

Bishop Sarah will be installed as the 133<sup>rd</sup> Bishop of London in St. Paul's Cathedral in May, with a date for the farewell service in Exeter Cathedral to be announced.

Bishop Sarah said: "Being nominated as the next Bishop of London is clearly an exciting next step in my Christian journey but maybe the hardest step will be leaving Devon and the Diocese of Exeter."

Bishop Sarah came to Devon to be Bishop of Crediton from Salisbury Cathedral in 2015. She previously had a career in nursing and rose to be the government's youngest ever chief nursing officer. She was made a Dame in recognition of her contribution to nursing.

"I have made many friends and good colleagues in the last two years and I have felt privileged to have come to know the many communities across Devon.

"It was a joy to be able to speak in London about Exeter being a diocese which is growing and in which there are good models for partnership."

The Bishop of Exeter, the Rt. Rev. Robert Atwell said: "I am delighted for Bishop Sarah and for London, though I am desperately sorry to lose her. During her two years in Devon, Sarah has made a huge impact on churches and communities, and transformed so much of the way the diocese works."

Bishop Sarah said: "I would like to give a particular thanks to Bishop Robert and Bishop Nick who have been inspirational colleagues.

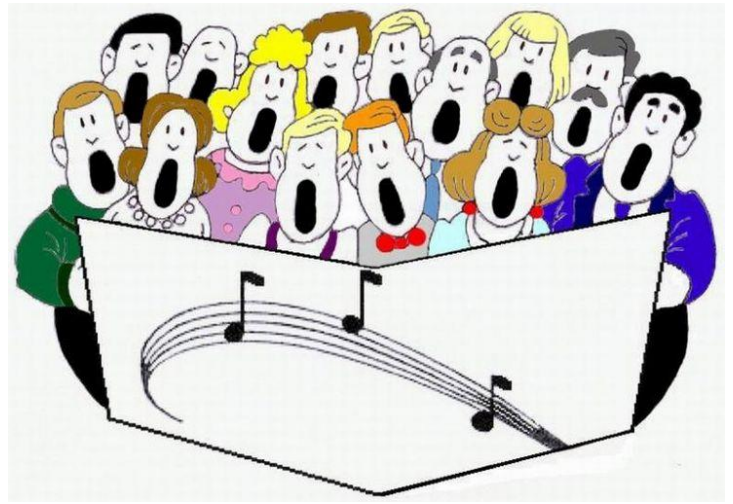
"I would encourage you to continue to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy. You will remain in my prayers."

## Broadhempston Singers – just the beginning!!

On 18<sup>th</sup> December, Broadhempston village gathered in the square to join voices for the traditional Christmas carolling. This year also saw the inaugural performance of the newly formed choir of Broadhempston, who, under the skilled tutelage of Bob Humphrys, have gone from strength to strength.

Not long ago, the choir was no more than an idea, born out of the need to more effectively utilise the church building, in order to support the bid for much needed heritage lottery funding to repair the fabric of the structure. In the autumn of 2017, the stars aligned and we were able to have our first practice session, which was made possible by the enthusiasm of many folk in the village who were keen to join a choir, and the generous offer of time and leadership from Bob, who conducts the group.

The first practice surprised all of us I think it is fair to say, both in terms of attendance and the wonderful sound produced from a chorus of people who had never sung together before- indeed many who had never been part of a choir before!



Although still in our nascence (we have yet to formally decide on a name for the group), we are an inclusive and friendly bunch and practice on a Thursday in the Church at 19.30. We have plans for further performances through 2018, and will be singing an eclectic mix of traditional, gospel, soul and modern music in harmony. The choir is always looking for new members (especially male voices!) and all are welcome, no experience required, and you do not have to live within the village. If you are interested in learning more or joining the singers, do please come along to one of the practices or get in contact with myself at [afp01@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:afp01@hotmail.co.uk) . I very much look forward to meeting and hearing more of you in what promises to be an exciting 2018!

*Alex Paton*

## Torbay and District Organists Association

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00 pm the above association will be coming to St. Andrew's Church. The numbers are about 15 and they are organists at all levels. It would give them great encouragement if they had an audience and so all are welcome to come and listen. They will be breaking at 4 pm for tea but not sure if they then carry on playing.

*Vanessa Bevan*

## At the start of an important 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year at Ipplepen and Denbury, a thought.....

Looking in all directions:

LOOK UP .....with wonder  
LOOK BACK .....with gratitude  
LOOK AROUND .....with love  
LOOK WITHIN .....with honesty  
LOOK AHEAD .....with expectation



## The 4<sup>th</sup> mouse

*Anne Burden read this story as one of the lessons during the Carol Service at St. Andrew's*

Once upon a time there were three mice - very clever, quite rich, and they lived in a smart house together. Actually there was another mouse who lived there too - a poor relation who helped out with this and that. Most of the time, the three mice forgot about him. You see they were busy with their studies, and had found out that a very special baby was going to be born. He was going to be king and would save the world. The three mice thought they would like to go to see this special baby. They packed their bags, wrapped up some special presents for the baby, and set off. The fourth mouse heard them talking and thought that he would like to go to see this special baby too. "Wait for me" he said. "I'm coming too". "Oh no, you're not" said the three mice. "The baby won't want to see you - you stay behind and look after the house". The fourth mouse was very sad for a moment - then he jumped to his feet. "I will go too" he said. Then he sat down again. "But I've got no present to take the baby. Nothing at all - except three little pieces of cheese." So he wrapped up his cheese, and ran as fast as he could to catch up with his friends.

He could just see them at the end of the village, when suddenly he heard a sound. It was an old mouse sitting in a doorway coughing. He looked very old and frail - and he said "Please help me, I've had nothing to eat today." The fourth mouse felt sorry for him - and he gave him one of his pieces of cheese. He thought "Never mind, I've still got two pieces of cheese to give to the baby", and he hurried on his way. A bit further on he saw a young mouse with a black eye. He said "Please help me. My Mum and Dad have been fighting - and then they said it was my fault and they threw me out. I'm going to see my Gran, but she lives a long way away. I won't get there until tomorrow and I've got nothing to keep me going." First of all the fourth mouse said "I can't stop - I'm in a hurry." Then when he saw the

look on the young mouse's face he said "All right. You can have one of my pieces of cheese. I'll keep the other for the baby." And he went on his way. By this time his friends were just climbing the hill outside the village - and he ran and ran. Until he heard a cry - it was a baby - in the arms of a young lady mouse. "Please help me" she said. "My brothers and I have got no money. Our parents are ill. The house is cold and we have no food." The fourth mouse said "I'm sorry, I can't help you. I've only got one piece of cheese, and that is a present for a very special baby. I must give it to him". The young lady mouse said "Where is this baby - I can't see him". At this moment the fourth mouse saw his friends disappear over the top of the hill - he just had to catch them up - but he couldn't leave this poor family in distress. So he gave them his last piece of cheese and said "Good luck to you" - and he ran. "If only I can catch up with my friends before they get to where the baby is - maybe they will let me go with them and share their presents.

But he couldn't run fast enough. He puffed and he panted, and when he thought he just couldn't go any further - he saw in the distance his friends going into a sort of shed - and they closed the door. "I'm too late" he said, and he cried. He looked through the window and he saw a man and a lady and a baby lying in a box filled with straw. There was a donkey standing near. As he looked he caught the lady's eye and she beckoned. "Come inside" she said "and see my lovely baby". "Oh I can't" said the fourth mouse. "I haven't got a present to give the baby." Then the lady said "I know what happened. You had three presents, and you gave them to the old mouse, and the young lad, and the family of baby mice. That was a very good and kind thing to do - and it makes my baby very happy - because he wants everybody to care for each other. Come and sit very close." And the fourth mouse did. And when the baby opened his eyes, he smiled at the mouse who was so kind and generous. And the fourth wise mouse was so proud and so happy that he thought he would burst.



## Time for a smile.....

A minister was giving a children's address on the subject of 'big words which are difficult to understand', with the object of explaining the meaning of some of the more obscure words in the Bible. He asked at one point if any of the children knew what a Thesaurus was and a bright young girl at the front shot up her hand and said, "It's a dinosaur named Roget with a big vocabulary."

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The church youth group were holding a music session in the church, adjacent to the church hall where a leadership meeting was taking place. The music was so loud that one of the leaders said, "I reckon all those young folk will be deaf by the time they are twenty five." The minister responded, "That won't help us – they'll then just play it louder still."

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A lady in the church was well-known for looking on the black side of every situation. It was always bad news and never good news. She went to her doctor one day for a general medical examination. When this was finished the doctor said, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that you are not a hypochondriac."

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A Sunday school teacher had a group of boys and he was talking to them on one occasion about being strong and tough when sad things happened to them. Three little boys started bragging about how tough they were and the teacher wasn't sure that he had got through to them. One boy said, "I'm so tough that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week." A second boy said, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day." Whereupon a third boy said, "When my parents take me to see Grandma and Grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

## Thoughts for the day....

- God must work in you before He can work on you and through you.
- God will never become disillusioned with us because he has no illusions about us in the first place.
- Having one child makes you a parent; having two you are a referee. (David Frost)
- I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life; instead He gave me life so that I may enjoy all things.
- The best gifts you can give: To your enemy, forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a customer, service; to every person, love; to every child, a good example; and finally, to yourself, respect.
- The biggest mistake we can ever make is not to learn from the ones we make.

## 700<sup>th</sup> – Denbury style

Rachel Belringer reports on exciting progress with plans for Denbury's 700th anniversary celebrations:

Things are really beginning to roll, as we move towards our 700th Anniversary weekend: Saturday 8th Sept, Medieval Fair with Bishop Stapledon; Sunday 9th Sept, Thanksgiving Service and lunch with a REAL Bishop (!).

Interest is still high, and we have some amazing individuals working hard behind the scenes. Some excellent research has been passed into Denbury School to support their Summer Term project and Pageant for the September Fair. The school has secured partial funding, and booked an artist for the creation of a permanent memorial of the occasion. Brambledown residents have now been roped into the Stitchers production line of bunting and musical instruments and a start has been made on costume production. Mick says the place would have been crawling with monks, from the Manor Priory – so there's an idea already. The Gardening Club, Allotments Group and Flower and Produce Committee plans are well advanced, and we have a pie stall!! Still looking for a **horse** – and a Bishop to ride it! – but I have been offered three crumhorns (**anyone play??**). The Bible Group is planning an exhibition, and Colin (the current owner) has offered to research a history of the old Church House. And with luck, or maybe intervention by the Holy Spirit, we should have the new bells in place to ring in the day. The call has gone out now for **stall holders**: come and sell your wares (doesn't have to be Medieval, though we'd appreciate you in costume). Remember, you keep the profits – this is NOT a fundraiser. Finally, are there any **craftspeople** out there, prepared to demonstrate their skills? **Lace making, carpenters, wood/ stone carving, candlestick makers....?**



## Ipplepen Lantern procession – November 25th



*Lanterns galore!*

*Photos by Anthony Mitchell*

Rector	Vacancy	☎
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# Sunday Services for February and March

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Christopher Robin
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Anne Burden

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
4.00pm	Holy Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00pm	Evensong	Woodland	Edward Goodman

## Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday

7.00pm	Parish Communion and distribution of the ashes	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden
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## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Preb. John Good
11.00am	Family Service	Broadhempston	Lay led
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Preb. Philip Darby

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Smith
11.00am	Morning Worship	Ipplepen	Lay led

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Christopher Robin
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Anne Burden

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
4.00pm	Holy Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00pm	Evensong	Woodland	Mrs. Tessa Amies

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Passion Sunday

9.15am	Parish Communion – Reading of the Passion Gospel	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson
11.00am	Family Service	Broadhempston	Lay led
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden Mrs. Tessa Amies
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Preb. Alan White

# Holy Week Services

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson
11.00am	Holy Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Smith
11.00am	Parish Communion – Reading of the Passion Gospel	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Maundy Thursday

11.00am	Parish Communion – Reading of the Passion Gospel	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden
7.00pm	Parish Communion and stripping of the altar	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
9.00pm to Midnight	Maundy Watch	Denbury	Rev. Tony Meek

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday

10.30am	United Service at the Methodist Church	Ipplepen Methodist Church and St. Andrew's	Rev. Kevin Hooke and Edward Goodman
11.30am	Walk of Witness to St. Andrew's followed by hot cross buns		
2.00pm	Parish Communion – Reserved Sacrament 'The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ'	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson

## Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Eve

8.30pm	Easter Vigil	Denbury	Rev. Preb. John Good
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## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Day

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
9.15am	Parish Communion (Easter Egg hunt)	Denbury	Rev. Chris Benson
10.00am	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Christopher Robin
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Tony Meek
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden

## Other Mid-week Services for February and March

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

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)

For Lent, the Service of Compline will be held at St. Andrew's on the following Wednesdays:

21<sup>st</sup> February  
28<sup>th</sup> February  
7<sup>th</sup> March  
14<sup>th</sup> March  
21<sup>st</sup> March

# Intercessions for the Mission Community – February and March

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Hon. Asst. Priests	Blackstone Road	The Green	Main Street	Chardanay
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Electoral Roll Officers	Bowden Road	Down View Road	Houndhead Way	Sunset Cottage
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	Servers	Bridge Street & Fore Street	Greenhill Lane	Vicarage Hill	Hawkes Farm
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharistic Ministers	Caunters Close & Harris Court	Fairview	Primary School	Orchard Cottage
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sidespeople	Church Path & Paternoster Lane	Moorland Avenue	Community Shop	Pulsford View
Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sacristans	Clampitt Road and Clampitt Close	Orchard Close	Radfords	Pulsford Farm
Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	Organists	Clarendon Road & Motehole Road	Heathfield Road	Beaston	Wickeridge Lodge
Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	Choirs and Musical Directors	Cooke Drive & Lang Way	Heathfield Terrace	Downe	Quarry Farm

## Dates ahead – February and March

### February

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 to 5.00pm	Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE PARTY – Church Cottage Denbury
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Torquay & District Organists – St. Andrew's
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>		Home Communion

### March

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Fundraising Concert – John Smith – Broadhempston Church
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 to 5.00pm	MESSY CHURCH – St. Andrew's Church Hall
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>		Home Communion

## Monday T Pot

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



## 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



# 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:

February Tim and Pam Howe

Mavis Gooding in memory of husband George

Karan and Alan Lambert in memory of their mothers Bertha Lambert and Pat Belcher

March Tim and Pam Howe

## Ipplepen:

### Retrospective

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Jean Preston Woon remembering John Woon who passed away 2010

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Shirley Baldock, and family, in loving memory of her husband Eric who passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Barbara and John Tuckett in loving memory of Mum, Dora Bearne, on 13<sup>th</sup> January

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Wishing Tony Clark a very happy 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on 25<sup>th</sup> January, with love from Marilyn, Andrew, Claire, Fiona, Lee, and all the grandchildren

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Pam Sharland in loving memory of Ron whose birthday would have been on 24<sup>th</sup> January

### New

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Margaret Kemp, Sheila, Graham, Beckie, and Hannah Needs – remembering Paul on his birthday January 30<sup>th</sup>

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Nigel Hawkins in memory of the passing of Wendy Hawkins on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Rex Osborn and family in loving memory of Wendy on her birthday on 26<sup>th</sup> February

Mar 4<sup>th</sup> David, Linda, and Katie Simmonds for Hannah's birthday on 5<sup>th</sup> March

Mar 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Val and Peter Sleight remembering her parents, Phil and Peter Monks, at this time of their birthdays



## 'Holiday' trees ??????

Winnie Bryant writes:

*Apparently the White House referred to Christmas Trees as Holiday Trees for the first time last year which prompted CBS presenter, Ben Stein, to present this piece which I would like to share with you. I think it applies just as much to our country as it does to America.*

"I am a Jew, and every single one of my ancestors was Jewish. And it does not bother me even a little bit when people call those beautiful lit up, bejewelled trees, Christmas trees. I don't feel threatened. I don't feel discriminated against. That's what they are, Christmas trees.

It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, 'Merry Christmas' to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a manger scene on display at a key intersection near my beach house in Malibu. If people want a crèche, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away.

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around. I have no idea where the concept came from, that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat.

Maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and we aren't allowed to worship God? I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to.

In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke; it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.

Billy Graham's daughter was interviewed on the Early Show and Jane Clayson asked her 'How could God let something like Hurricane Katrina happen?' Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said, 'I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?'

Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. Funny how you can send 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing. Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

Are you laughing yet?

Funny how when you forward this message, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it.

Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.

Pass it on if you think it has merit.

If not, then just discard it.... no one will know you did. But, if you discard this thought process, don't sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in.'

# The Altos lament



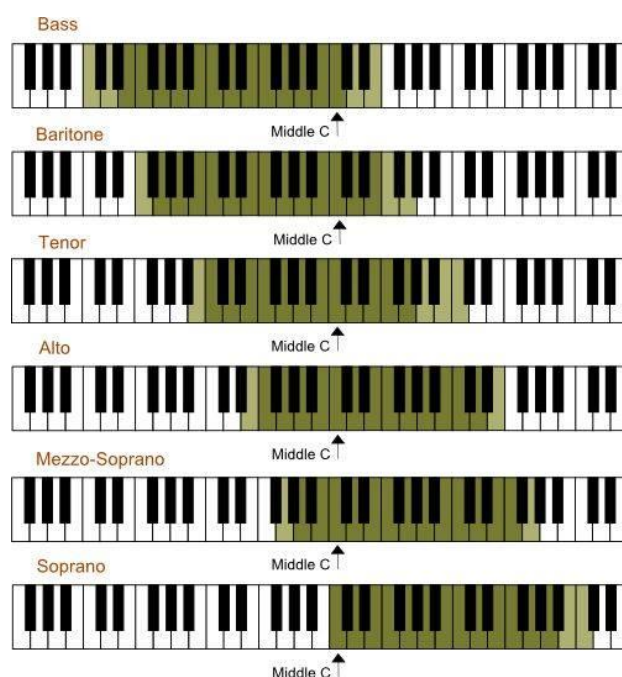
It's awful being an alto when you're singing in the choir,  
Soprano's get the twiddly bits that people all admire,  
The basses boom like big trombones, the tenors sing with glee,  
The alto part is on two notes, or if you're lucky, three

And when we sing an anthem and lift our hearts in praises,  
The men get all the juicy bits and telling little phrases.  
Of course, the trebles sing the tune—they always come off best -  
While altos only get three notes and twenty two bars rest.

It doesn't matter what we sing, from hymn books or from psalter.  
The choir leader looks at us—our voices start to falter;  
Too high! Too low! Too fast! Too slow! You hold that note too long!  
It doesn't matter what we do, it's certain to be wrong.

Oh! Shed a tear for altos: they're the martyrs and they know  
In ranks of choral singers they're considered very low.  
They are so very humble that a lot of folks forget 'em:  
They'd love to be sopranos but their vocal chords won't let 'em.

And when the final trumpet sounds and we are wafted higher,  
Sopranos, tenors, basses, all will form the heavenly choir.  
When they sing Alleluias to celestial flats and sharps,  
We altos in the corner will be polishing our harps







The Ven Christopher Fitcher  
Archdeacon of Exeter

# Practicing Love at Lent

**W**hat a joy and opportunity this year that Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday are the same day! How will it affect the text in Valentine's cards?

For my wife I am tempted by: "I invite you to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, oh and by the way, I love you"

Perhaps we should exchange cards in a "solemn silence" – with an appropriate gravity – but I suspect we won't manage it! For one thing she will be shocked to receive a card at all!

I would love to know what you would consider the most appropriate thing to write in an Ash Wednesday Valentine card.

Certainly it would be most inappropriate to start a season of penitence with – Love means never having to say you are sorry!

I did a brief search online and found: "I am opening an emotional bank account for you sweetheart, so deposit your love in it and you will get the interest. Will you be my valentine?"

I think we have been married too long for that! And of course interest rates are still just so low.

But I did like: "Love is an unconditional commitment to an imperfect person. To love somebody isn't just a strong feeling. It's a decision, a judgement and a promise."

I could write that for Valentine Ash Wednesday – it sounds a bit like something to do with faith.

I have found it to be true in my life that when we

love we come closer to God. I have also found it to be true that I still need lots of practice at being a loving husband, son, and father, and lots of forgiveness. Just as I need lots of practice at living the Christian faith, because we are human love and forgiveness always belong together. Jesus showed us that on the cross.

There are all kinds of spiritual and practical things we can do to make a good Lent preparation for the celebration of Easter. Ash Wednesday is just the beginning.

This year on Valentine Ash Wednesday I think I might simply write on the card: "I love you. Thank you for loving me. Forgive me when I am not very good at loving you. Help me to do better."

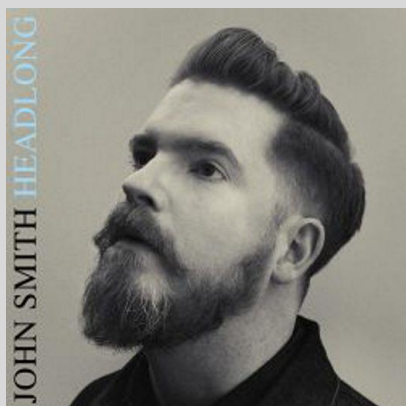
It is for my Valentine's Day card, and it can also be my Ash Wednesday prayer to God at the beginning of Lent.



## Lent Course

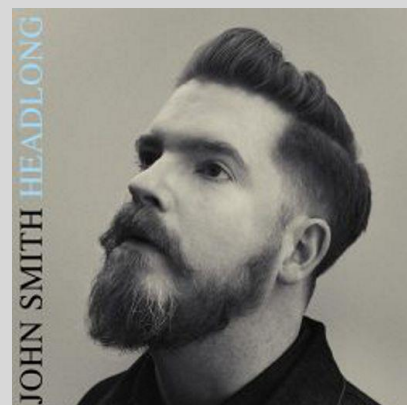
There will be a Lent Course at Ipplepen this year. Details will be published on the web site, notice boards and weekly pew leaflets.

# Fundraiser for Broadhempston Church



**Saturday, 3 March 2018**

**7.30pm (doors 7pm)**



Tickets are now on sale for the John Smith gig ([www.johnsmithjohnsmith.com](http://www.johnsmithjohnsmith.com)) in Broadhempston Church on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

John is an exceptionally gifted artist, described in Music Radar as “one of the World’s best acoustic guitarists.” Other than the name, there is nothing commonplace about him. John has played to audiences all over the world, in living rooms, festival tents and sold-out concert halls, with a powerful singing voice that critics have compared to the likes of John Martyn and Ray Lamontagne. He plays a rumbling finger style and sometimes uses a slide, sometimes plays the guitar on his lap, sometimes he detunes mid-song. His guitar work and honey-on-gravel vocals have brought crowds to pin-drop silence and rapturous applause.

John's latest album, Headlong, produced by Sam Lakeman, has received wide critical acclaim:

*“He’s a magician.” - Ben Howard.*

*“You’re smiling even as tears catch in your throat” - Mojo*

*“These 11 warm and gentle songs are exquisitely rendered” - Guardian*

*“Staggeringly good.” - Acoustic Magazine*

John has opened shows for Iron and Wine, Tinariwen, Gil Scott-Heron, John Martyn, and John Renbourn; and has performed alongside artists including Jackson Browne, Jerry Douglas, Chris Thile, Martin Carthy, Richard Hawley, Jarvis Cocker and Rodney Crowell. In his role as a gun for hire in the studio and on the road, he has played with David Gray, Lisa Hannigan, Joe Henry, Gabrielle Aplin and Lianne La Havas.

There will be a support performance, details of which will be announced soon, together with a licensed bar and light food. All profit will go to the fund established to equip the Church for wider community use.

We expect this gig to sell out quickly, so please do not delay in contacting Anna for tickets (£15 each) - 01803 812426 and [annabeadel@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annabeadel@yahoo.co.uk)



# “Experience Christmas”



*Hillarie Griggs, who led the team, writes:*

‘Organising Experience Christmas for the three primary schools in the Mission Community started back before the summer holidays with fixing dates with the head teachers after checking the availability of the volunteers. I'm sure the schools were keen to be involved as they had all sent children to Experience Easter back in March and had confidence in how the sessions were run.

In early November the team met to discuss who was going to do what and how we were going to organise the afternoons. This was made easy because of the enthusiasm of the team and their willingness to take responsibility for gathering and making the props needed for their stations.

Each afternoon ran to the same format and lasted about an hour and a half. The children were welcomed and told the Christmas Story and then split into five groups. They then rotated around five different stations. Each station was beautifully set up and illustrated the part of the story perfectly. The children certainly looked engaged with the stories, the questions asked and the various tasks they were given at each station. At the end they were then gathered together to think why Jesus is sometimes referred to as a gift.

The stations focussed on the following events:

**The Preparation** - thinking about preparing our hearts as well as our homes during Advent

**The Announcement** - the angel visits Mary

**The Promises** - the birth of Jesus is foretold

**The Journey** - Mary and Joseph make their way to Bethlehem

**The Message** - the angels appear to the shepherds

**The Gift** - God's gift of Jesus is given to the world



## “Experience Christmas” - continued

Some comments from the Experience team were:

*“In spite of all the rush of Advent, our time was well spent bringing an extra dimension to the story of the birth of Jesus to the youth in our communities. Hopefully it will remain with them long after the last present has been unwrapped. - Thanks to all.”*

*“Thank you to all the children from each of the schools. They showed us how well they can listen to adults and to each other and they participated willingly and enthusiastically in the activities. It was a lot of fun.”*

*“What a rewarding event the Christmas Experience was. I am sure that the presenters enjoyed it as much as the children who attended which makes it all very worthwhile.”*

*“Overall very positive. There were a few “wise guys”, but generally the youngsters were very attentive and interactive. A good experience aided by comprehensive preparation of effective visual aids prior to the event. I think the programme should be repeated.”*

Experience Christmas would not work without the volunteers who I would like to thank for their enthusiasm and dedication to this worthwhile event. They were Pam Perriman, Jane Usher, Tessa Amies, Fran Howells, Charles Quartley, Jo Innes-Lumsden, Ann Holroyd, Hilary and Michael Price.’

## Reflections

Reflections on the Thursday 10.30 am Communion Service in St. Andrew’s:

### “Friendship”

On Thursday mornings I worship with Anne,  
With Jill and Audrey and the rest of the gang.  
The meeting starts close to half past ten,  
It’s usually six ladies with only three men.

We love to pray and talk about God,  
Who looks after us daily as we work, rest and play.

Roses are red and violets are blue,  
I look forward each week to being with You.

John Berry

# What kind of Messiah?



The Ipplepen Carol Service was a wonderful candlelit service with an augmented church choir and a choir from Ipplepen School whose members also read the account of the appearance of the angels to the shepherds.

Different members of the church read traditional readings telling the Christmas story. One read by Stephen Bryant representing our bell ringers was from the book of the prophet Isaiah in which the prophet foretells the righteous reign of the coming Messiah.

At a carol service at St. John's Church Ealing in 2012 this Christmas commentary written by Godfrey Rust a parishioner was read following the messianic prophecy in Isaiah 9, 2-3 and 6-7.

What kind of Messiah does anyone want?  
What sort of Saviour will do?  
Before we subscribe and get dunked in the font,  
what kind of Messiah are you?  
What kind of Messiah does anyone need  
in our postmodern hullabaloo?  
What qualifications will help him succeed?  
What kind of Messiah are you?

Will you stop us from worry and calm us from fear?  
Will you free us from debt and fatigue?  
Will you send \*\*\*\*\* packing next year?  
Will you put us on top of the League?  
Will you heal our diseases with mystical magic  
so we'll live to 102?  
Will you make it all better when things turn out tragic?  
What kind of Messiah are you?

Will you find me a partner and get me a job?  
Will you save me a good place to park?  
Will I be superfit even though I'm a slob?  
Will you keep me a berth in the ark?  
Will you answer my prayers (but not everyone else's)?  
Will you make all my wishes come true?  
Will you bless all of Arsenal's strikers (not Chelsea's!)?  
What kind of Messiah are you?

# What kind of Messiah? - continued

Will you be kind to Hindus and good atheists?  
Will you send all the bad ones to hell?  
Will you show Richard Dawkins he doesn't exist?  
What is it you're planning, *do* tell!  
Will you stop every war, every flood and tsunami  
and remove the excess CO2?  
Will you fix all the people who're driving me barmy?  
What kind of Messiah are you?

Will you make sure my mortgage rate doesn't go higher?  
Stop me drinking too much alcohol?  
Can I win EuroMillions and go and retire  
to a house on the Costa del Sol?  
Will you bless my belief and ignore my behaviour  
and vindicate all that I do?  
Oh, just be my own private and personal Saviour—  
what kind of Messiah *are* you?

Now why not read the original passage from Isaiah again?

## Ypres bells – an update



Back in the October issue I wrote about the new peal of bells for St. George's Memorial Church in Ypres. Jenny and I travelled over for the blessing service on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. A wonderful occasion with a full church including over 100 ringers from the UK. I had the honour of being in the first 'official ring' after the service, although we did have a practice the previous afternoon during which the BBC filmed us for a report which went out a couple of days later – Youtube [search 'ypres bells'] - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKWZSx85wF0> . A recording was also made for BBC 'Bells on Sunday' and this went out on Remembrance Sunday. This is on BBC iPlayer - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09drkkm> .



To finish things off I went over on 10<sup>th</sup> January to ring a full peal [just under 3 hours long] of Ypres Surprise Major. It has been a privilege to have been involved, but also humbling when one remembers why the "memorial" is there, and on each occasion I have been able to take the opportunity to visit the grave of my relation Tom.

R.I.P.

Charles Quartley

# From the Editor



## What does the editor do?

The Beacon magazine is one of the most important ways of passing our church news out to all our congregations but, perhaps even more important, to those who live within our parishes but don't come to church.

We must never forget that some of these people may have attended church in the past but through illness or infirmity may be unable to come now. The magazine should still be there to keep them in touch with their church.

Others may be young parents with children for whom events at schools and other things in their lives sadly don't leave time for church.

We always leave spare copies at the Hub and Post Office in Ipplepen and it is available on line at our website - see below. We now also leave copies at Messy Church for Mums and Dads.

In this edition I am grateful to the Ven. Douglas Dettmer who has written about the process involved in the selection and appointment of our new rector from a Diocesan (and Crown) perspective following on from Mick Sutherland Cooke's excellent article in the last edition describing what the parishes' PCCs had done.

In this edition we have included the reading given by Rev. Anne Burden at the St. Andrew's Carol Service which is appropriate for all but easily assimilated by younger members! As always grateful thanks to all our regular and faithful contributors.

Editors responsible for producing church magazines have to think about the interaction of everyone and everything associated with the magazine if it is to be a success. Among the most important considerations are to:

1. Provide accurate factual information
2. Remind readers of forthcoming activities and events
3. Communicate a Christian message
4. Educate and entertain readers
5. Provide a service to the church and local community

On top of all this is the hope that our magazine will look inviting and be visually attractive to all its potential readers, and that it can be read with joy!

Articles for the April /May edition should reach me by 15<sup>th</sup> March

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