



## **Programme of Events to mark the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Andrew's Church Ipplepen in 2018**

**Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm  
in the Village Hall**

**Ipplepen Garden Club have invited Ali Marshal  
Head Gardener at Torre Abbey to speak about  
Mediaeval Plants and their uses.  
Open to all.**



**Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm  
in St. Andrew's Church Hall**

**Dr. John Maddicott  
Emeritus Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford  
will give a talk about  
Walter de Stapeldon, Bishop of Exeter, 1307-26  
'Good Man or Bad Man'?**



**Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.00 pm  
in St. Andrew's Church**

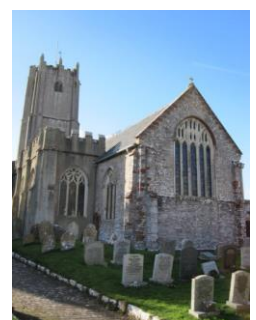
**The Right Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter  
will celebrate the Eucharist and  
re-dedicate the High Altar and bless  
the wall hanging.**



**Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fayre  
in the Village Hall  
from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm.**



**Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> the bells will be rung at 2.00 pm.  
Afterwards the Tower will be open to visitors  
and timed tickets will be available from the  
700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fayre in the Village Hall**



## News from Woodland

### St. John the Baptist



With the weather over the last couple of months fluctuating daily between warm spring and deep winter it has been a challenging time for our local flora and fauna. Snowdrops and daffodils have still managed to put on their magnificent show and we celebrated that in February with a Snowdrop lunch. Well over 30 of us squeezed into the Village Hall with our contributions of food towards the “bring and share” meal and the wine and conversation flowed throughout – a most enjoyable afternoon.

Our regular February library and coffee morning went ahead as planned and by popular request plans were put into place for the March one to include a full English breakfast. Due to the snow and icy road conditions that weekend, however, this was cancelled and is now due to take place after Easter on the 7<sup>th</sup> April. I’m sure that the breakfast will be well worth waiting an extra month for!

Easter will, of course, involve all the usual services and the progression of the seasons will hopefully bring our sheep farmers some better weather for their new born lambs.

*Helen Pearce*

## An egg with no Easter?

Cadbury appears to have reversed a decision to remove the word 'Easter' from the name of its annual egg hunt for children. This year's event, which is run in partnership with the National Trust, has been advertised on merchandise in supermarkets as the Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt. The chocolate maker, now owned by Mondelez International, was criticised last year by public figures including the Prime Minister for referring to the family activity simply as the Cadbury Egg Hunt.

Last April, Theresa May condemned the decision to drop the word Easter from the egg search as "absolutely ridiculous", while the Archbishop of York, Dr. John Sentamu accused the firm of spitting on the grave of its Christian founder, John Cadbury.

A Cadbury spokesperson later said: “We have used the word Easter in our marketing and communications for over 100 years and continue to do so in our current Easter campaign and National Trust partnership. Each year, we review our campaign materials and Easter products and make changes to keep them fresh and exciting and reflect what we know our consumers want. Part of this includes the naming of our Easter Egg hunt as the Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt – something we know is important to our consumers.”



## News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



With Christmas celebrations done and dusted for another year our minds are now focused on the forthcoming periods of Lent and Easter.

A Pancake Party was held in Church Cottage on Shrove Tuesday between 3 and 5 pm to enable children to attend after school. This event is popular with families from the village and a great way to reach out into the community. The event raised £60 for church funds.

The following day Rev. Tom New conducted our Ash Wednesday service including the Imposition of Ashes. This was a thoughtful and moving service marking the start of Lent.

This period in the church's calendar is always a quieter time with the accent upon meditation and prayer, preparing ourselves for Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. Lots of work and thought is going on behind the scenes arranging and preparing for the numerous services to be held at this time.

An uplifting service was held on Mothering Sunday which was conducted by Tessa. This

was well attended by many local families, helped to some extent no doubt by the later start time of 10.30, and it was great to see so many visitors at church. Rachel accompanied the hymn singing on her guitar and most of the congregation were able to meet in the Cottage afterwards for a chat over coffee.

A major step forward in our plans to refurbish our peal of bells recently occurred as the Diocese has formally sanctioned our Faculty application for the project. This means we can now press on with approaching several grant providers to try to raise the balance of the project costs. We are already over 50% funded and are confident that the balance can be raised in the near future now that the Faculty is in place.

We are currently awaiting quotes for the building work involved in physically removing the bells i.e. trapdoors required in each floor, and also to move the ringing room up a level which will make the ringing a much lighter and more comfortable experience for the ringers. It is hoped the new peal will be installed and operational sometime next year.

Arrangements for the church's 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are also in full swing with most of the organisations from the village actively involved in preparing costumes/activities and events to ensure this will be a fun-packed weekend in September.

*Mike Bray*

## The day Radio 4 led us into temptation



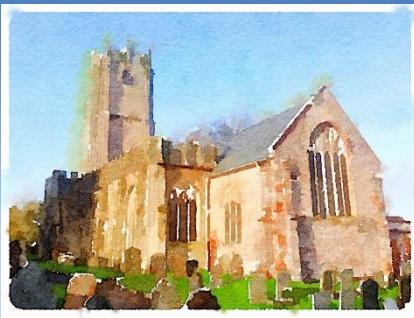
Radio 4's Daily Service, which this year celebrates 90 years of continuous broadcasting, has had an unexpectedly racy past. Canon David Winter, a former head of religious broadcasting at the BBC, recalls the fuss when the programme once featured "a particularly juicy passage from the Song of Solomon".

Listeners immediately called the BBC switchboard. "Half the complaints were about such sexual material in a religious service," says Canon Winter writing in the Church Times. "The other half wanted to know where they could get the book."



## News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



As I start to write this report we are surrounded by snow although as it starts to melt we see the daffodils poking through so we know spring is around the corner. Today Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>, there should have been a Parish Communion at 11am with lunch afterwards in the Church Hall. However thanks to the 'Beast from the East' leaving a covering of snow and ice it was cancelled. It seems strange not to hear the church bells ringing on a Sunday morning as we normally do.

On 21<sup>st</sup> January many members of St. Andrew's joined with our friends in the Methodist Church for a united Service of Holy Communion taken by Rev. Kevin Hook and Rev. Anne Burden. A service which was much enjoyed by all was followed with refreshments served afterwards and also a shared lunch in the 'Hub'. During the vacancy we are so fortunate to have both Rev Anne and Rev Tony taking our services.

On Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm there was Parish Communion and distribution of the ashes as members of the congregation were marked on the forehead with a cross.

Each Wednesday during Lent at 7pm there has been a service of Compline lasting a half an hour with time to reflect, listen to readings from the gospels together with spoken meditations, prayers and music.

Our lay-led Service on 25<sup>th</sup> February was taken by Jo Innes-Lumsden with Tessa Amies giving the address and intercession. We were also treated to Dr. Tom Morris singing "All through the Night" beautifully in Welsh accompanied by Marilyn Ellis, who as always played some lovely music before and after the service which was much enjoyed.

Rev. Tony Meek led a lovely, busy Mothering Sunday Service which also incorporated a Baptism of a delightful baby girl - Beatrix-Rose Laura Amber Scrase. In addition all the ladies in the congregation received a pretty posy of flowers given out by Jane, Geraldine and some little helpers.

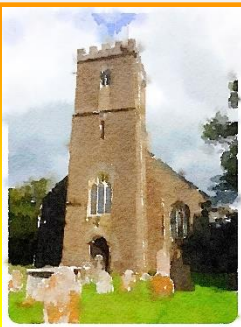
The previous day at Messy Church Tessa based the theme on 'Mother's Day' and explained to the children the reasoning behind this special day. They enjoyed making cards, decorating cookies, making a posy and decorating and planting up a pot. Thank you to Vanessa, Amelie and Hilary for helping Tessa.

We look forward now to the Easter Season with Services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and glorious Easter Sunday.

*Marilyn Clark*

## News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



I can't believe it, it's time for the Beacon once again and for me to provide some up to date news from Broadhempston. I suppose in a way we are lucky that there aren't any big dramas to report on apart from the weather and life has been fairly cool and calm.

The main hiccup the snow caused here was that we had to postpone the John Smith music evening which Chris Parker will update you in his article.

During the Vacancy our church services have been running smoothly thanks to the much appreciated support of Rev. Anne Burden and the Rev. Anne Smith. We had a great gathering for Mothering Sunday with flowers for the mums followed by tea and a delicious Bara Brith made by Jane.

Mothering Sunday can be quite a difficult event to hold. On one hand we don't want to be too sentimental but on the other hand there is a genuine desire in most of us to give thanks for our mothers as is clear from the commercial success of Mother's Day. Our Mother Church embraces us all of course and it is important to remember this at all times.

I once read a very good quote of 'What is a mother?' stating that a mother is a person who wouldn't have half the worries in her life if she hadn't married father in the first place!

One piece of news is a coming facelift for Broadhempston Community Shop. We have secured funding for this project with grants from the Post Office Ltd's Community Branch Fund, the Awards for All Fund of the big lottery and help from other village support. The shop is proving to be a great asset in the

village, particularly in the snow, and we have been able to donate £8,000 to various community activities. For the work to take place the shop and Post Office will be closed for two weeks from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

By the time we receive the next edition of the Beacon Easter will also have arrived. On Easter Sunday I have some '*eggciting*' news of an '*eggcellent*' egg hunt and learning all about '*eggstraordinary*' Jesus and an '*uneggspected*' messenger so do come along on Easter Day at 11.00 and join us for Eggs '*Eggsplained*'.

With all these '*E's*' being mentioned, here is-

**'E'** is for Easter coming soon

**A** is for angels near the tomb

**S** is for stone which was rolled away

**T** is for tomb found empty that day

**E** is for early morning the woman are glad

**R** is for risen Lord, no need to be sad.

Best wishes to you all from Broadhempston.

*Pam Perriman*

## Smile - 1



- A worried wife sent a text to her husband from home on a very cold winter's morning: "Windows frozen, won't open." He texted back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it." She replied five minutes later: 'Computer really screwed up now.'
- A vicar was relaxing on the sofa after a very busy day, and watching TV, when he heard his wife's voice from the kitchen: "What would you like for dinner, my love, chicken, beef or lamb?" He replied, "Thank you, darling. I think I'll have chicken." She called back, "You're having a peanut butter sandwich; I was talking to the dog!"

# What's happened?

We met and we married a long time ago,  
We worked for long hours and wages were low.  
No telly, no bath, oh yes, it was hard  
And just one cold water tap way up the yard.

No holidays abroad, no carpets on floors,  
But we'd fuel on the fire and we never locked doors!  
Our children arrived - no pill in those days,  
And we brought them all up without welfare aids.

No valium, no drugs and no LSD,  
We cured our pains with a good cup of tea.  
If any were sick, they were treated at once,  
Not 'fill in this form and come back in six months.'

No vandals, no burglars – there was nothing to rob,  
In fact we were rich with a couple of bob!  
People were happy in those far off days,  
Kinder and caring in so many ways.

Milkmen and postmen would whistle and sing,  
And a night at the flicks was a very big thing.  
We all had our share of trouble and strife  
But we just had to face it and get on with life.

And now as we look back through so many years,  
We don't dwell on bad times, the troubles and tears,  
We remember the blessings of family accord  
And give thanks to God who is Father and Lord.



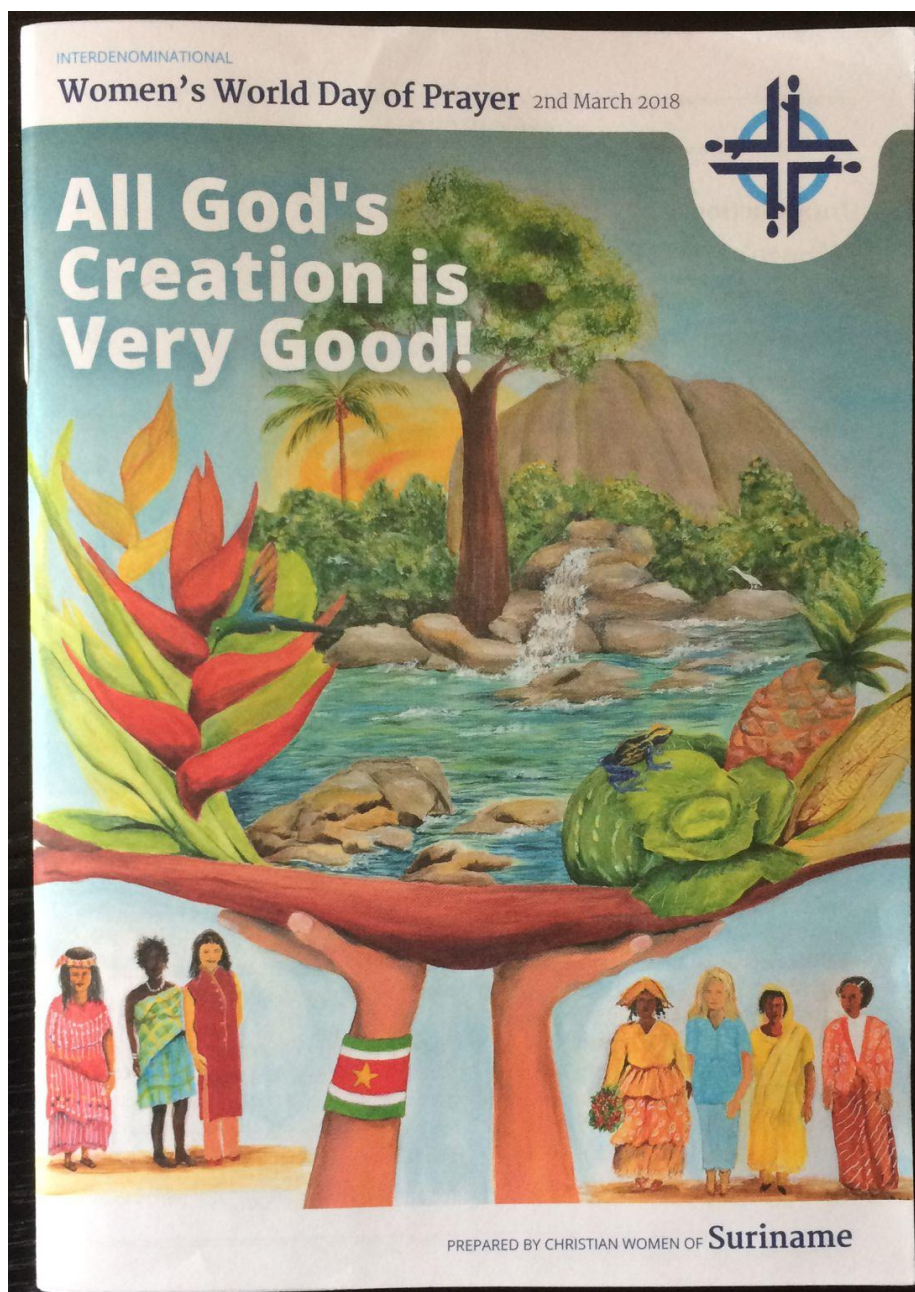
# Women's World Day of Prayer

A select few from various churches including the Catholic Church gathered at the Methodist Church in Ipplepen on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March for the Women's World Day of Prayer service postponed from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March due to the snow.

This year's service had been prepared by the Christian women of Suriname which is to the north of South America. 90% of the population live in coastal areas and 10% live in the vast forests of the interior. The official language is Dutch but Creole is spoken too. There is a freedom of religion laid down in the Constitution with 48.4% Christianity, 22.2% Hinduism, 13.8% Islam, traditional religions 1.8%, 0.8% Javanism and a small percentage Jewish and other religions. The women in Suriname believe that the Christian faith community can make a great contribution to the preservation of a living, healthy and safe environment.

It is a country of beauty and high biodiversity with 715 species of birds, many orchids and over 60 species of lobster claw flower, the blue frog and the giant sea turtle. Laws have been passed to ensure protection of the environment but there is concern due to land loss as water levels rise and not everyone has access to lean drinking water. There is also concern for species such as the green sea turtles endangered by the over-harvesting of their eggs.

These services are held worldwide on a fixed day which unfortunately for us had to be



*The front cover for the service*

changed this year but we know that the Christian women of the world would not worry about this. The service gives us an insight into the daily lives of women in different countries with different traditions and includes traditional songs and the use of local language. There is also a lot of symbolism in the service.

It would be lovely if, next year, we could have a few more (women and men) to attend this service in March which will be prepared by the women of Slovenia.

Our thanks to Maria Alsop and the Methodist Church for their hospitality.

*Vanessa Bevan*

# In the Footsteps of Jesus the Messiah - A Holy Land pilgrimage



In early January I joined a pilgrimage to the Holy Land lead by Bishop Brad Billings and the Rev. Dianne Sharrock, both from the Diocese of Melbourne, Australia. Dianne is the vicar of my former parish when I lived out there and I had already been on a Lenten pilgrimage with her to Turkey two years ago. When this trip was proposed and with Dianne's assurance that it would be very easy for me to meet up with the group at Tel Aviv Airport I signed up to go. There were 41 pilgrims made up of the leaders, other clergy from the diocese and members of Dianne's parish.

We visited places associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We started our pilgrimage in the Shepherds Field in Bethlehem and ended at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem. From Bethlehem we headed to the River Jordan and then onto the shores of the Sea of Galilee. We went as far north as Caesarea Philippi before heading back to Jerusalem to follow the events from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Each day we were given study notes on the place we were going to visit. These contained biblical references and other facts associated with it. Bishop Brad, a New Testament scholar, also gave three informative evening talks on Four

Gospels, One Jesus, the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Community at Qumran and Early Christian Worship. We also visited other tourist sites my favourites being the hill forts at Herodium and Masada and the experience of swimming in the Dead Sea.

The Holy Land has three types of religious sites. There are sites that are places that Jesus was certainly present. The pools at Bethesda, The Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane and the shores of the Sea of Galilee are places that would fall into this category. Then there are sites that Jesus likely visited and that are traditionally associated with events in his life. We know Jesus was born in Bethlehem but not the exact spot, although the Church of the Nativity was originally built by Constantine the Great's



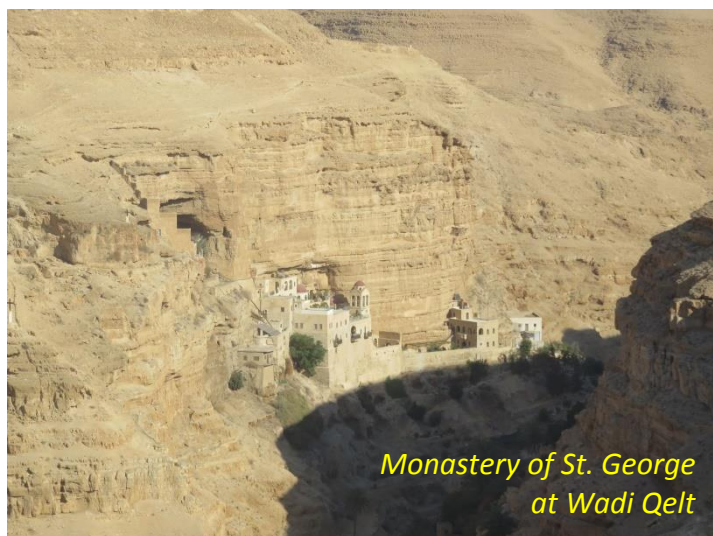
mother Helena in 327CE over a cave that, even at that time, was associated with the birth. These sites have been places of pilgrimage for a long time. The other type of site are ones that no one can be sure where events actually took place. The Mount of the Transfiguration is an example of this. There are two main contenders, Mount Hermon and Mount Tabor. During the pilgrimage it didn't matter which category of site it was. It was



# In the Footsteps of Jesus the Messiah - A Holy Land pilgrimage - continued

the services and reflections that took place that helped you to place yourself in the readings and gain a much better understanding of the context of what was happening there. I certainly will not read certain passages without remembering and visualising where the event took place. There was a variety of services each appropriately fitting what was being remembered. Brad had given thought about which clergy was to lead as they came from a variety of traditions within the Anglican Church, from the Anglo-Catholic to the Evangelical.

Some places now stand out for me more than others. One was standing looking down on the Monastery of St. George at Wadi Qelt on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. It is a

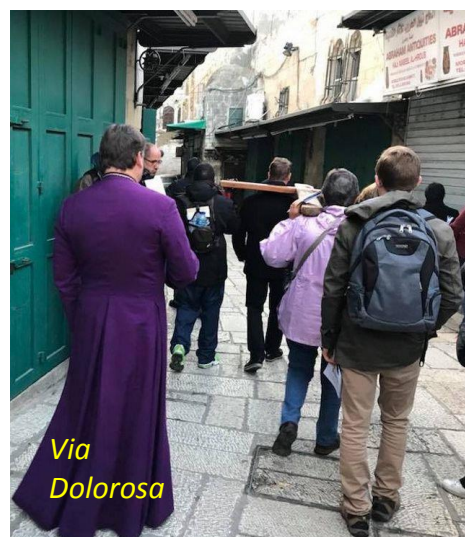


place of barren rocks and a very deep valley with no shade from the sun. We thought about the words "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death" found in Psalm 23 as this place is associated with these words, as well as the parable of the Good Samaritan. Looking around at the wilderness none of us thought we would like to spend a night there never mind 40 days there.

I was also moved when we went down into a cell in which Jesus was believed to have been held in what is believed to be Caiaphas'

house. Psalm 88 was read, about being cast into the pit and all acquaintances being taken away. This is also the site of St. Peter's denial. I had never given much thought about how Jesus felt during his trial.

Walking the Via Dolorosa early on the morning of my own son's 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday made me reflect on two things Jesus as a man in the prime of his life, and



what it might have felt like for the Virgin Mary. As we walked and reflected at each of the stations, daily life continued around us. We were in the Moslem Quarter and Orthodox Jewish men were walking either to or from the synagogues but everyone was very respectful of what we were doing. People moved around us.

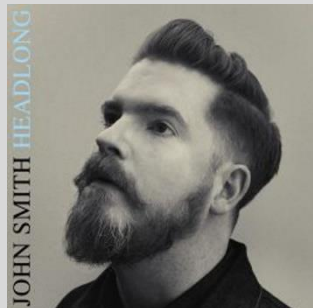
Something else I will remember is going to St. George's Anglican Cathedral in Jerusalem for their Sunday Eucharist service. It was conducted in both Arabic and English, made more special because of the shrinking Palestinian Christian population in Jerusalem.

The whole trip was memorable not only for the insights into Jesus' life and being able to places events in their geographical and historical contexts and to reflect upon them, but also for the fellowship of the group. There was plenty of time for laughter and I would recommend a similar trip to anyone.

Hillarie Griggs

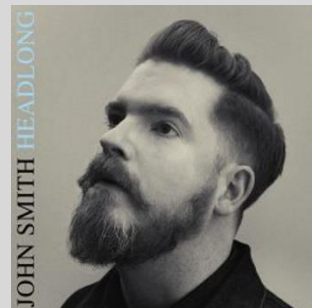
# Fundraiser for Broadhempston Church

## New Date!!!!!!



**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**7.30pm (doors 7pm)**



The Beast from the East prevented us from staging John's gig on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We are sorry for the disappointment. However, we now have a new date - **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> April.**

Ben Morgan-Brown was to have supported John. Unfortunately, he will be away. We have been lucky enough to secure Mark Abis to replace him - <https://youtu.be/SONYiMAN78U>. You may remember him as a member of Three Pilgrims who have played in the church previously.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> March date was sold out well in advance with a waiting list in case of returns. Indications are that most ticket holders can make the new date. The date will not suit everyone so there may still be some tickets available.

**Existing ticket holders:** if you have not already done so, please contact Anna to confirm attendance and numbers or to make arrangements for a refund

**New tickets:** please contact Anna Beadel who will be able to say if we have any tickets remaining. contact details - [annabeadel@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annabeadel@yahoo.co.uk) and 07880 554834 and 01803 812426

**More of God for the BBC!**



The BBC has promised to do better religious broadcasting. After conducting a review of its faith-based programming, the network said it wants to raise its game across all religious output, reach as many people as possible and portray the diversity of beliefs and society.

BBC presenter Roger Bolton, who was consulted as part of this review, said that it's a step in the right direction. "If you have everyone paying for the license fee, then you have the responsibility to everybody no matter what their faith background is," he said.

"On the other hand, the majority of people of faith in this country are Christian so I would always expect Christianity to have a predominant position."

Director General Tony Hall said, "The review found that audiences of all faiths and none want to learn more about religion and ethics. They recognise that, if we truly want to make sense of the world, we need to understand the systems of belief that underpin it," The BBC pledged to not let Christian programming suffer under the move to give other faiths greater coverage.

Rector	Vacancy	☎
Hon Asst. Priests	The Reverend Tony Meek	☎ 814370
	The Reverend Anne Burden	☎ 813520
	Canon Tom New	☎ 813775
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	Ms Tricia Stokes	☎ 762158
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	Madeleine Fedrick	☎ 814134
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# Sunday Services for April and May

## 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	Ven. Clive Cohen
10.00am	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Christopher Robin
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden
11.00am	Holy Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Tony Meek

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April

10.30am	Morning Worship	Denbury	Mrs. Tessa Amies
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
4.00pm	Holy Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00pm	Evensong	Woodland	Mr. Edward Goodman

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Preb. Alan White
11.00am	Family Service	Broadhempston	Lay led
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden Mrs. Tessa Amies
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Anne Burden Mrs. Tessa Amies

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Preb. Alan White
9.30am	Café style service in the Village Hall	Ipplepen	Rev. Kevin Hooke
11.00am	Parish Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Smith

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

11.00am	Mission Community Parish Communion	Woodland	Rev. Tony Meek
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## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Christopher Robin
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Tony Meek
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Preb. Philip Darby

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Preb. John Good
10.30am	Morning Worship	Denbury	Mrs. Tessa Amies
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Preb. John Good
4.00pm	Holy Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00pm	Evensong	Woodland	Mr. Stephen Bryant

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Preb. John Good
11.00am	Family Service	Broadhempston	Lay led
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Anne Burden

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Trinity Sunday

11.00am	Mission Community Parish Communion	Torbryan	Rev. Tony Meek
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## Mid-week Services for April and May

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)

## Intercessions for the Mission Community – April and May

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Innes-Lumsden in the office	Court Gate Close & Edgelands Lane	West End Terrace	Knowle	Oldstone House
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	The Beacon team	Croft Road, Croft Meadow & Croft Orchard	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Tor Farm
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	The website team	Crokers Way	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Lower Woodland Farm
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Churchyard teams	Denbury Cross	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Woodland Cottage
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fabric teams	Dornafield Road & Dornafield Close	Shute Lane	Main Street	Wickeridge House
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bellringers	Dornafield Drive East, West & Fulton Close	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Oakdene
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church	East Street & Foredown Road	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Orleycombe
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Club	Fore Street	North Street	Primary School	Hillside

## Dates ahead – April and May

### April

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7 for 7.30pm	John Smith gig in Broadhempston Church
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Ipplepen Garden Club talk in Village Hall
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Talk about Bishop Stabledon in St. Andrew's Church Hall
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>		Home Communions

### May

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	Bishop of Exeter re-dedicates St. Andrew's High Altar
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 to 4.00pm	700 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fayre Ipplepen Village Hall
	2.00pm	Ipplepen tower visits [timed tickets]
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 to 5.00pm	MESSY CHURCH – St. Andrew's Church Hall
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>		Home Communions

## 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:

There are no sponsors this time



## Ipplepen:

### Retrospective

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| Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Nicholas Jeffery in memory of his mother, Roselyne Jeffery, who died on 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018               |
| Mar 11 <sup>th</sup> | Beryl Morgan and family in memory of her husband, Trevor Morgan, who passed away on 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2014     |
| Mar 25 <sup>th</sup> | Nicholas Jeffery remembering his mother, Roselyne Jeffery, whose birthday would have been on 26 <sup>th</sup> March |

### New

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| April 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Dennis Hurrell and family in memory of his wife Sally, whose birthday would have been on 14 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Mark, Karen, and Ken Squire remembering Pamela whose birthday would have been on 10 <sup>th</sup> April. A lovely wife and mother who passed away on 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2011 |
| April 15 <sup>th</sup> | Dennis Hurrell and family in memory of his wife Sally, whose birthday would have been on 14 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| April 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the Wedding Anniversary of their son, Alex, and Jonas on 26 <sup>th</sup> April   |

# Safeguarding

On 27<sup>th</sup> January seventeen of us met in St. Andrew's Church Hall for the Diocesan safeguarding course. This was delivered by volunteers trained by the Diocese.

The Diocesan training programme is welcomed as we strive to become more confident in the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone. The trainers delivered an extensive power point presentation and we were reminded that "the welfare of any person who feels vulnerable...child or adult...must always be paramount, no matter how uncomfortable that may be, because only in that way can we create a church that is safer for everyone."

It was not an easy or comfortable morning. There was little time for discussion but we were provided with very useful background information to take away to consider and it gave us all a great deal to think about. We are reminded sadly too often by media headlines that we cannot be complacent about safeguarding issues and that this is everyone's business. The coffee/tea and biscuits provided by Jane, Charlie and Seona were much needed and appreciated for a few moments of reflection.

Whilst already we endeavour to provide a safe environment in our churches, and our associated activities, we wish to continue to improve our practice in relation to safeguarding. Our policy is reviewed annually through the Mission Action Plan review and it is through this process that we can identify our further developments. The course on the 27<sup>th</sup> January contributes to this process.

Everyone present has now completed the C1 training. This is recommended for all PCCs and others. All those who are leaders of activities need to have completed this course before they continue to C2 training. Please inform Carol Robinson, the Safeguarding officer, or Ann Holroyd, the local advocate, when you have completed the training or if you wish to discuss this further. It is important that the records are up to date.

*Ann Holroyd*



## Smile - 2



"Oh Mother dear, please do be seated  
We think a long, frank talk is needed.  
This house is large, a move is due,  
A sheltered flat is best for you.  
And, Mother, we will need to know  
About the arrangements when you go."

So Mother, when she went to bed,  
Thought it over as they'd said.  
She sold the house, she spent the money,  
She cruised the world, she tasted honey.

She stayed away a long, long time  
Living it up on the Cunard Line.  
The arrangements were her very own,  
She was buried at sea and never came home!



## Disturb us, Lord

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true  
Because we have dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely  
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when  
With the abundance of things we possess  
We have lost our thirst  
For the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,  
We have ceased to dream of eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wider seas  
Where storms will show Your mastery;  
Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.  
We ask You to push back  
The horizons of our hopes;  
And to push into the future  
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

*(attributed to Sir Francis Drake -1577)*



# A personal look back

*Richard Innes-Lumsden has been a tireless worker over many years not least for all parishioners in our Mission Community. He was responsible for photocopying all of our service sheets for the various services as well as the weekly pew leaflets. Many a few hours are spent in St. Andrew's church hall in the office. Our churches are dependent on his production skills.*

*I am grateful for his contribution telling of earlier life experiences. - Editor*



*Richard on his retirement with his son, daughter and son-in-law*

I have been asked to write a few words about my life so if anyone is interested here goes.

My life seems to have been in stages. As I move on I leave behind the stage I take only memories of things that have implanted themselves in me. I rarely think of previous times. I am always more concerned with the present.

I was born in the suburbs of Nottingham. My father was a professional soldier, an officer commanding tanks at the local army camp. As the 2<sup>nd</sup> Second World War was going on and my father was away for long periods, I really never got to know him until I was about five. A memory from that stage that I still think about was how I got my second Christian name Eric. I was told that on the day when I was born, because my dad was away, my uncle, dad's brother, rushed over from Lincoln to see my

mother in the maternity hospital. He then went back to his RAF base, and flew off on a bombing raid over Germany. He did not come back. My Uncle Eric- I think of him. What was he like?

When I reached the age of eleven I was given a place at a Grammar School in Long Eaton in Derbyshire. It was a strong industrious school serving an area where there were three coal mines. As a result there were many children of coal miners in the school. They came from a totally different background from me, the son of senior army officer, and it was here that I learnt to appreciate strengths and values of different elements of society. These students had managed to gain a place in a grammar school and it was a way to escape from having to go down the mines. As a result they pursued their studies vigorously. They worked hard and were encouraged to do so by their parents and this rubbed off on me. It was something that was implanted within me.

At eighteen I moved on for a short term in the RAF. I was granted a short term commission as a pilot. I became involved in the 'cold war' and after training was drafted to a fighter squadron. I only flew for a short while but in this time spent much time intercepting Russian Bombers, the Tupolev Tu95 ("Bear") a four engine piston aircraft. They were still in use, causing a stir in 2014 by flying close to Cornwall.

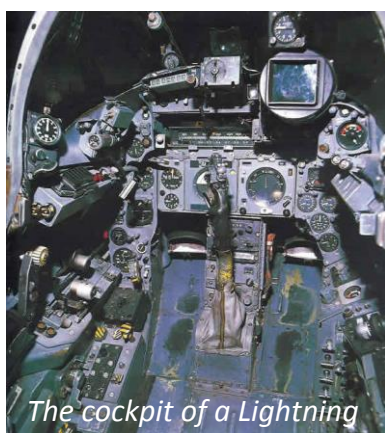


*Two Lightnings of Richard's squadron (74 Squadron, the "Flying Tigers") intercepting a Russian Tu95 Bear*

## A personal look back - continued

As pilots we built up a relationship with the Russians, visually recognising many. They would wave then slowly turn back with a long flight before them. In fifteen minutes we would be back eating a hot breakfast, unlike them. There was one observer on one of the bombers who was always reading magazines. He would hold up the magazine and show us pictures from it. We could just make them out. You can imagine what the pictures showed! They were aircrew like we were but simply in a different uniform.

In this short period an incident happened that has stayed with me all my life. My closest friend, a Welshman, was our aerobatic ace. We flew English Electric Lightnings and he was



practising for a display when during a loop he lost control and hit the ground. I was watching and saw it happen. For the first time I had experienced the loss of someone close. Later, as a result of a back injury, I turned down a ground job and left the RAF, though I had to remain in the air force reserve and go for periodic training. I also was subject to the official secrets act so I got into the habit of not speaking about my RAF period.

Having left the air force I went into a more dangerous occupation - teaching young children. Originally I was going to teach maths in a secondary school but during my training I had to do a stint in a primary school. I enjoyed it and came to the conclusion that in a secondary school I would be stuck teaching the same material year after year. Teaching the older primary pupils I would cover a variety of subjects - maths, language, arts, sport, and so on. For several years I worked in primary

schools in Nottinghamshire, Hertfordshire and finally became a head teacher of a small village school in Cambridgeshire and then a larger community primary school there. During this period I got married and we had two children, a girl and a boy. Not being too settled in Cambridgeshire, we set about where we would like to bring our children up and we got it right. We decided upon Devon. I was fortunate enough to get appointed to the headship of a large school in Paignton where I remained head for 23 years until I retired.

It was here that I formed the majority of my educational aims. The main one was to understand that all children need to be educated to their personal levels. A child's success should not be measured by their test results. One has to consider where they are starting from. How ridiculous it is to compare schools by their results in tests. How can you compare schools from the back streets of a large city with the leafy suburbs in a Thameside town by this method? Where was the best teaching going on? I am proud of the success of many of my ex pupils. Many have achieved great heights in the world of business and the arts, and also those less able pupils who had a poor start in life but at their level have achieved greatly. It is especially pleasant when I am greeted by ex- pupils when I am around the area.

During this period in my life I made two great choices in my life. I remarried and my new wife brought two further children into my life and between the four of them they have given us eleven wonderful grandchildren. The other great choice was moving to Ipplepen twenty plus years ago. Something I have never regretted. It is a village where community and people are important.

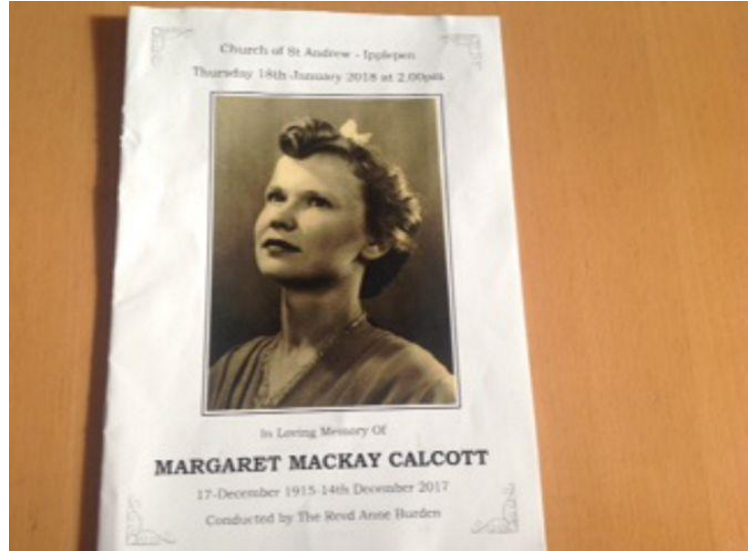
*Richard Innes-Lumsden*

## Two ladies who will be missed at St. Andrew's

*Memorial Services were recently held for two member of St. Andrew's congregation, Margaret Calcott and Pam Ward.*

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January many members of St. Andrew's attended a service to celebrate the long life of Margaret Mackay Calcott. She was a remarkable woman who just missed her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. She enjoyed attending church until very recently and loved any social occasions especially coffee mornings and lunches.

It was good to hear family memories from her granddaughter Rebecca Brooks-Daw and she sounded a fun grandmother. The family and friends enjoyed a tea in the Church Hall afterwards prepared by Jane, Debbie and Marilyn. There was a toast with her favourite tipple.



A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Pamela Blanche Ward (Pam as we all knew her), who died on February 14<sup>th</sup>, was attended by a full congregation of family and friends on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. She was a faithful church member who will be so very much missed. Her daughters Anna and Jessica gave us some lovely memories of her full life with Sam to whom she had been married for nearly sixty years and of course she loved having the grandchildren around.

Pam always loved to hear Dr. Tom Morris singing in Church and he sang 'All through the Night' in Welsh during her memorial service.

Pam will be remembered for her hats she loved to wear, her friendliness and fun, her, love of conversation, and her famous cheese scones which she always brought along to coffee mornings.

God Bless Margaret and Pam.

*Marilyn Clark*



# A plea from Prince Charles

Prince Charles has urged Christians in the UK not to take for granted the freedom to practise their faith, as he pointed to extreme persecution against believers in the Middle East. The Prince of Wales issued the stark warning after meeting Christian children forced from their homes by the bloody conflict to grip Iraq and Syria. His Royal Highness said: "It is heart-breaking beyond words to see just how much pain and suffering is being endured by Christians in this day, simply because of their faith."

As Christians we remember of course how our Lord called upon us to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute, but for those confronted with such hatred and oppression I can only begin to imagine how incredibly hard it must be to follow Christ's example." More than 700,000 Christians have left Syria during a conflict which is now into its seventh year, while the major city of Aleppo has shed 75 per cent of its Christian population; only 35,000 remain.

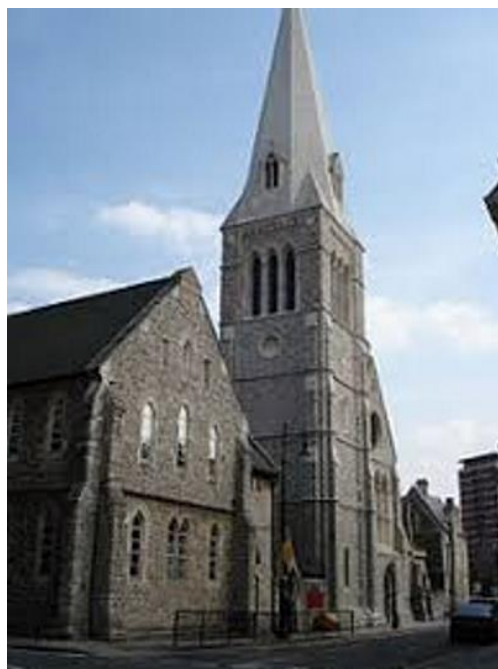
Prince Charles attended a prayer service in central London recently at St. Barnabas Church Pimlico, an Anglican church which also hosts a Middle Eastern Catholic congregation. Addressing members of the local Melkite Greek-Catholic community, he said: "It is so vitally important that Christians in this country and elsewhere, who enjoy the rights of freedom to



worship and freedom of expression, do not take those rights for granted. And that we remember to do what we can to support our fellow Christians."

Islamic extremism remains the primary factor behind Iraq and Syria being ranked two of the countries where living as a Christian is most difficult, according to the anti-persecution charity 'Open Doors'.

So a focus for our prayers?



Open Doors released recently its 2018 World Watch list. It ranked fifty countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution, with scores based on restrictions on private life, family life, community life, national life and church life, as well as violent acts. The ten worst places listed were: North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, Pakistan, Eritrea, Libya, Iraq, Yemen and Iran.

*St. Barnabas Pimlico*



# The Timeless Gardener

There is a Gardener, a Timeless Gardener.

One, who, like all gardeners, carefully, each day, watches and observes the growing cycle of his plants and trees.

He tends them, waters them, cultivates them and sees them blossom and bear fruit,

He prunes them and lets them die back in their allotted season.

He mulches them over winter and lets them rest, to regain their strength until the growing season brings longer daylight hours and increased temperatures.

Some plants live for one season only but there are trees that survive for many years, far out reaching the length of a person's life.

Yet the Gardener knows each type of plant species, its characteristics, its likes and dislikes. He encourages each one to grow, to reach its full potential as he gives it the best growing opportunities.

Who is this Timeless Gardener? Who does all these things?

It is the Gardener whom Mary saw in the garden on Easter Morn.

Jesus Christ the Gardener, tends to the Souls of mankind for His Father who created this wonderful and diverse world.

Jesus Christ watches, guides, cares and provides for each one of us through the seasons of our lives. Just as the gardener does for each of his plants.

Those whom He has chosen to follow in His steps in the garden, learn the art of The Master.

So good gardeners can learn how to be patient, understanding and caring and apply these principles not just to plants but to people.

They learn how to be 'in tune with God,' for in the garden, they learn to listen and understand the words of the Timeless Gardener.

When it is time for the earthly gardener to put away his hoe, his spade and his fork for the last time, he can look back over his life with knowledge and contentment as he has brought about beauty in the garden, and joy to those who have received the riches he has produced: the fruit, the vegetables and the flowers.

He has seen the wild life benefit too as he has given them food, material for their nests and a safe haven for them in which to live.

When the Timeless Gardener comes to beckon the gardener to follow Him to His garden in Heaven, the gardener may be full of wonder as he stands and gazes in awe at the magnificence of the Heavenly Garden.

Here the gardener may dwell in peace with his loved ones and continue to learn for all eternity, the wonders of God's Creation from the Timeless Gardener, Jesus Christ.

*Written by Madeleine Fedrick in memory of our loving father and grandfather,  
Gerald Fedrick 1923-2018*

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# Binder string forever!

During the cold weather we have been going through old family photographs. One which caught my eye was of harvest in 1926, cutting corn with a binder and three horses. The binder was an innovation then - the great thing was that it cut corn and tied it into sheaves making it much easier and quicker to handle.

The by-product of this was binder cord, or string. A lazy farmer would mend anything possible - gates, fences, tools, machinery - with the ever present binder cord. There was a poem about this, no-one is sure who wrote it - but a number of counties have adopted it, usually turning it into their own dialect and claiming it as their own.

In essence it was about a farmer, called Bill, who mended anything and everything with binder string, was able to lasso his escaped bull with it, and even used it as a wedding ring. The last verses, as far as I remember, are as follows:

*Now time went by and old Bill died and went to heaven's door  
He heard them loudly singing there and he was worried sore.  
He said to good St Peter "Sir, I never learnt to sing,  
I was always kept too busy mending things with binder string".*

*"Don't worry Bill" St Peter said, "the good Lord understands,  
A carpenter himself - he likes to see folk use their hands  
We're very pleased to see you here, we've thousands that can sing,  
What we need's a handy chap like you - did you bring some binder string?"*

*So Bill lives up in heaven now, he's very happy there.  
He's got a little workshop in behind St Peter's chair.  
And while the angels play their harps and saints forever sing  
He mends the little cherub's toys with bits of binder string.*

Stephen Bryant

## Smile - 3



- *According to obituary notices, nobody who is mean, awkward, or unhelpful ever dies.*

# From the Editor



Forgive me for being provocative, but this has caught my eye:  
How about removing the pews?

Following a decision by a Church of England court, pews can be removed permanently and replaced with stackable chairs at Bath Abbey. In 2015, the historic church received a £1.5m donation and Heritage Lottery Fund money for a restoration project which included creating eco-friendly under-floor heating and repairing the collapsing floor. Included in these plans was the controversial move to get rid of the pews to make it a more flexible space. After nearly 10 years of planning, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Bath and Wells has granted them permission.

In a statement on the church website, Rev Edward Mason of Bath Abbey said: "We are delighted with the decision of the Consistory Court. We strongly believe in the benefits of removing the pews. It will enable us to open up the Abbey's nave and side aisles to all and make it possible for people of different physical ability to sit where they choose. Stackable chairs mean that the nave can be used for a wide variety of traditional and contemporary worship and restore the Abbey to the community use for which it was first designed."

This will always be a battle but, as the years go by, surely more places of worship will have to face this issue.

In the meantime the Editor was elated to receive the following email:

*"Just read the latest edition of The Beacon and I must say it's a corker - the best to date! Anne's 'little stories' always carry a much deeper meaning; the Christmas Commentary by Godfrey Rust really hits the mark for me; The Altos Lament is a hoot (where did this come from?); and, of course, we are very grateful for the full page spread on the John Smith gig. So thank you Mike and Charles for pulling all this together, inspiring/cajoling people to contribute as you do and presenting the end result in such an attractive and readable format.*

*A joyful reader!*

*Chris P "*

My thanks to Hillarie Griggs and Richard Innes-Lumsden for their insights as well as the report from Ann Holroyd on Safeguarding which has become such a hot issue in the news. I commend these articles to you.

Thanks to our regular faithful reporters from the parishes for their contributions.

During March work has continued on the appointment of a new Rector for the Mission Community. Please pray for the person to be chosen and for all those that are involved in the discernment of who this will be.

Articles for the June/July Beacon should reach me by May 17<sup>th</sup> 2018.

A Happy Easter to you.

Mike Price

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