

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



ST. MARY THE VIRGIN 700TH ANNIVERSARY

Throughout August

In the Church: Exhibition of documents relating to the history of
Denbury Church and Village.

Information boards displaying provenance and use of items within the church

Saturday 18th August

7pm in the Church

Talk – “Denbury Church, the Early Years”.

Researched & presented by Mick Sutherland Cook.

Free, followed by light refreshments

Saturday 8th September

11am - 4pm

Denbury Medieval Market Fayre

Sunday 9th September

11am

700th Anniversary Re-Dedication and Communion Service

The Right Reverend Nick McKinnel, Bishop of Plymouth celebrating.

Lunch afterwards in the Village Hall



Denbury Village Medieval Market Fayre

To be held on Saturday, 8th day of September 2018
in celebration of the 700th Anniversary
of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, A.D.1318

11am Assemble at the School

11.30am Bishop Stapledon (on horse) arrives,
Church bells peal,

Musical Procession to the Green,
calling at the Church (for a short re-enactment)

12.30pm Bishop opens the Market Fayre on the Green

Attractions: School Pageant; Mummers Play; Maypole dancing; Tug of war; Hobby Horse races; coconut shy; wandering minstrels; poetry; Medieval photo booth; Country craft displays; medieval stocks; Most Revolting Peasant competition; Mad Monks

Stalls: pie-man; soup stall; hog roast; cakes and sweetmeats; Real ales; Medieval Icecream (!); Plague posies; wood carving; Local honey; handmade craft items; allotment produce...



And **SO** much more!



4pm (approx): Closing ceremony & toast
to the next 700 years in Denbury

Planning a Medieval Market Fayre: The Denbury Hug revealed!

Back at the end of 2016, the question of what to do for the 700th Anniversary of the Church in Denbury reared its head in a PCC meeting. I don't know when or how we decided on a celebration weekend, but we "booked a Bishop" for the Sunday marking our Patronal. Then came the question, "What shall we do on Saturday?"....

So...I've got used to being volunteered by now! With some trepidation I called a meeting of the groups within the village, back in April 2017. 25 people packed into the Church Cottage! (We almost ran out of cake!). Right from the start, we had in mind that this should be the "Secular" day, celebrating the Church's history in Denbury, with Sunday as the "Sacred" celebration of the Church's role within Denbury. I proposed a Medieval Market Fayre. A proper Market, NOT a Church fundraiser... lit the blue touch paper and stood back!

Wow! What a response! The **School** took on the idea of creating a permanent memorial (which will be stunning), held a Medieval Arts Week, and will provide a Pageant and Maypole dancing as entertainment on the day. The **Gardening Society**, **Flower and Produce Show** and **Allotment Society** are providing food and produce stalls. The **Stitchers** group have been creating costumes and bunting all year. The **Coffee Drinkers** are selling pies. The **Denbury**



May Fayre Committee have twice supported us with generous grants. The awesome **Glas-Denbury** team will set up the site and run activities. A **group of villagers** are putting on a

Mummers Play. The **Arts Group** – a themed artwork, and a Medieval photo booth (!). The **Bible Group** – an exhibition in Church. Members of the **Archive Group** – background research and displays. **The Union** will have a hog roast, **Aunty Moo's** is creating a Medieval icecream flavour (!), and all the planned stalls and sideshows are from **Denbury based enterprise and talent**. Even the **Coffee Mates** are threatening to come – as mad monks!

We've had individuals offering everything from borrowed bunting, to making souvenir pilgrim badges for those coming in

Medieval gear, to cutting 200+ coppiced sticks for a hobby horse project. Musicians for our parade to the Church & Green – why not? Would we like some crumhorns? Will you be Bishop Stapledon? No problem! A horse? – for the Bishop – of course! All I've had to do is keep people informed and try not to get in the way too much!

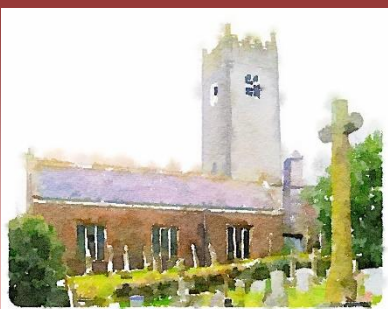
It has yet to happen. It may get rained on, the tents might fall down but – you know what? – it won't matter. Because the extraordinary wave of goodwill which has carried this project forward HAS happened. Denbury people have proved once again that the Denbury Hug is real. It exists! We've seen it in action now, and so many times over the years...and I've no doubt it helped build the Church, 700 years ago, too!

Rachel Belringer



News from Woodland

**St. John the
Baptist**



Looking out over the brown scorched fields and drooping trees and bushes it seems strange that last time I wrote it was about all the winter snow which we had had and the late spring time. With the ground as dry as I have ever seen it I can now say that the benefits of the weather are that our local farmers have so far been able to make good silage and dry hay. The winter cereal crops, which are currently being harvested, are coming in dry, as is the straw. Certainly corn and straw yields are lighter than expected and there may be shortages this coming winter. Certainly some people are facing challenging times now with shortages of grass and water for their livestock.

The heat and blazing sun has not put a stop to our regular village gatherings in the Village Hall and I've also come to appreciate how cool our churches can be on a hot day. Our patronal festival was held this year at Broadhempston church, as it was their turn to host, and was followed by a chance to socialise and eat together, Broadhempston parishioners providing the savoury course and Woodland strawberries and cream.

Looking ahead, preparations are already underway for our annual village fete. This will once again be held in the grounds of The Rising Sun, on the afternoon of the 11th August. There will be plenty of stalls, games and competitions for all the family, including the ever popular bottle tombola and George's famous 'Splat the Rat' game. I'm quite sure that cream teas won't be too far away either!

Helen Pearse

700th Anniversary Celebration Talk

'Denbury Church: The Early Years'

Denbury Parish Church

Saturday 18th August 2018

At 7.00 pm

Followed by refreshment at Church Cottage



Free entry

*Based on research by
Mick Sutherland-Cook
and others*

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



The sun shone on Denbury on June 10th meaning we were able to hold our annual churchyard service out of doors this year. Once or twice in recent years we have had to hold the service in the church due to inclement weather which slightly reduces the impact of the event.

The service provides an opportunity for families whose loved ones lie in the churchyard to meet to give thanks for the lives of those they no longer see and also to experience the atmosphere of this special place. The number of attendees this year exceeded expectations with extra seats having to be produced from all directions as people continued to arrive.

Tessa led an uplifting and thoughtful service which was followed by refreshments and conversation in the church cottage.

The churchyard looked in tip top condition for the service due to the fact a working party had been held the day before to give the church and the churchyard a spring clean.

A good number of villagers and church folk arrived for duty armed with spades/forks/secateurs and buckets and worked for several hours in the heat weeding and pruning, clearing gravestones, tidying paths, clearing gutters etc.

A further working party concentrated on cleaning the church which looked in tip top condition following a lot of concentrated hard work by the team.

Preparations for the 700th anniversary of the church are proceeding at a pace. With the encouragement of Monica, our commissioned

artist, the schoolchildren have been instrumental in producing a fabulous mosaic with all the children contributing to its creation. The Denbury Stitchers group have produced some authentic costumes for villagers to wear on the day. A very full, varied and exciting weekend beckons.

The monthly meeting of Denbury menfolk "Coffee Mates" held on the second Thursday recently celebrated its 5th anniversary.

The idea originally stemmed from a conversation between Tom New and Mick Sutherland-Cook and has continued to grow over the years. On occasion up to 16 attendees have squeezed into church cottage to enjoy an hour and a half of conversation on hugely diverse topics over a coffee or two and a piece of cake (or two). This has become a very popular part of village social life.

The village is settling down again following the conclusion of the annual, hugely popular Glas-Denbury festival held over the weekend of the 9th/10th July however this quieter period will not be for long. We have the arrival of our new rector Andrew at the end of August quickly followed by the 700th anniversary celebrations.

Lots therefore to look forward to.

Mike Bray

Technically, Moses

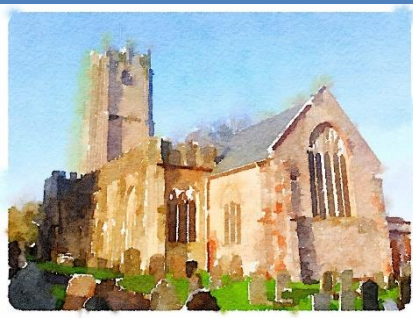


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with a tablet
downloading data
from the cloud**

Thanks to Rachel Belringer for sending this in

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



From our tour of Scotland taking in the 500 miles North Coast we were so blessed with superb views, mountains, lochs and glens and a deep blue cloudless sky. God's beauty was shown at its best; who would have thought when we planned our trip on a snowy day in March that we would be so lucky.

Sunday June 3rd Rev. Tony Meek had a very busy Service at 11am as there were three Baptisms of three cousins: Buster Bellas, Oscar Holloway and Matilda Farrell. The parents, godparents and supporting family members including several children certainly swelled the congregation which was lovely to see.

The following Sunday's service was taken by Rev. Preb. Alan White who was welcomed back to St. Andrew's.

Rev. Anne Burden took the Parish Communion service on 17th June. The Mission Community joint Patronal Festival for Woodland and Broadhempston on 24th June was held at Broadhempston Church led by Ven. Douglas Dettmer, Archdeacon of Totnes with lunch afterwards in the Parish Hall.

There was a further Baptism at the Parish communion on Sunday July 1st when Oliver William Ede was christened. It was good to welcome him with his parents, family and friends.

We look forward to the Mission Community Communion service on 29th July and the lunch afterwards in the Church Hall prepared by the Hospitality Team.

It was good to read about the appointment of our new Rector Andrew in the last Beacon. We will be welcoming him and his wife and children at his induction Service on the Tuesday evening of August 28th.

Exciting times!

Marilyn Clark

Meet our new Rector and his family.....

There will be a Coffee & Cake morning for Andrew, Claire, Charlotte and Joseph to meet St. Andrew's congregation informally on Saturday, September 15th from 10.00 - 12.00 in the church hall.



School children working party!



No excuses for not helping at home now!

On Friday 6th July, 33 students from Year 6 at Ipplepen Primary School together with their teacher Mr. McCauley and Teaching Assistant Mrs. Petty, came to St. Andrew's as a working party to help clean the church and churchyard.

They were split into two groups - the first in church with Rose and Roger Chamberlain who were on cleaning duty, and the second in the churchyard with Stephen Bryant to clean ivy off the gravestones and generally help clear branches and put them on the heap for the bonfire the following day.

After 40 minutes (and 3 empty polish cans and 15 wet dirty dusters) drinks and biscuits were served and although the groups had the chance to swap over they all preferred to be outside where they really enjoyed themselves. Ivy was cleared from walls and gravestones and there was great excitement when broken stones were lifted to reveal very large spiders (black widow according to some!). The students had come equipped with gloves and scraping implements and I have a lasting image of 2 girls sitting outside the south door - one with a toothbrush - cleaning around the cobbles there.

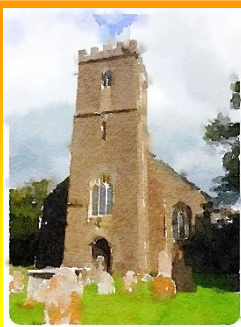
All rubbish was bagged for the bonfire the following day by the church working party.

I am indebted to Jane Outhwaite for the refreshments, Rose and Roger for helping, Stephen for the work in the churchyard and the teachers.

Vanessa Bevan

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



We are having a heat wave! I was hoping that it would bring a few more people into church if only just to sit in the cool and enjoy a service with us but no luck so far.

It was great to see you all at our combined Broadhempston / Woodland Patronal Service. We are sorry that we clashed with one of the 'big matches' but our Saints had to have pride of place. My thanks to all who helped on the day with the service and the lunch which we hope you all enjoyed. It was good to be able to welcome Ven. Douglas Dettmer for a first visit to our church to lead the service.

The sun has shone on all our village events which has been wonderful. People from all around flocked to the fete; what a difference a sunny day can make. I am sure that the fete committee did well financially which is good with the support they are able to give to the village. Many thanks to them all for their hard work.

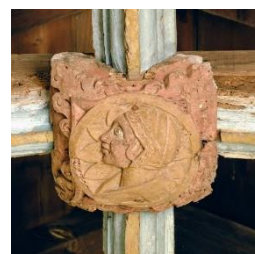
We might not be so lucky with entries for the Produce Show on the 18th August this long dry spell must be telling on the fruit, vegetables and flowers in our gardens and allotments. It seems very unusual here in Devon to be longing for rain, we are usually moaning about it!

We would like to say a very big thank you to the Rev. Anne Burden and the Rev. Anne Smith who have supported us at our Communion Services throughout the Vacancy. This has been a great help and we have really appreciated having you with us. We are all looking forward to welcoming Andrew and his family to our parish. A new era begins, let us hope and pray that it will be a long and happy one.

Pam Perriman

Renovation project: we are now into phase 2 of the project and have applied for a Faculty to cover the following: a temporary screen between the Tower and the Nave to reduce heat loss through the Tower; steel beams to strengthen support under the bellframe; display panels and a computer console for a proposed Heritage area in the South Aisle. In addition, it is planned that Carrek, the contractor who did such an excellent job re-rendering the outside wall of the South Aisle, will return in November to repair the damaged plasterwork on the inside of the South wall. This will be a 4 to 6 week job.

Heritage area: the proposed heritage area in the South Aisle will provide a permanent site in the village for the Broadhempston Archive and Local History Group (BALHG) to mount displays and provide access via touchscreen technology to records on the history of the village and its people. Initially, the displays will focus on the history of the church and its interesting artefacts. The two photographs are of roof bosses in the church and are examples of the surprises in store: the first shows four gossiping people, probably dating back to the late medieval period; the second shows a female face in profile with cloth cap.



Bell ringing news: the third picture (not to be confused with the photos of roof bosses!) is of our Bell Tower Captain Graham Pascoe and Vice Captain Julia Jarvis with the Bill Hine Memorial Trophy won recently by the Broadhempston 'A' team at the annual invitation 6 bell competition at Stoke Gabriel. Well done the 'A' team!



Chris Parker

| Rector | Vacancy | ☎ |
|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Hon Asst. Priests | The Reverend Tony Meek | ☎ 814370 |
| | The Reverend Anne Burden | ☎ 813520 |
| | Canon Tom New | ☎ 813775 |
| Readers | Mrs Tessa Amies | ☎ 813993 |
| | Ms Tricia Stokes | ☎ 762158 |
| St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen | | |
| Churchwardens | Mrs Geraldine Dennis | ☎ 813077 |
| | Madeleine Fedrick | ☎ 814134 |
| Deputy Wardens | Mrs Jane Outhwaite | ☎ 812879 |
| | Dr Michael Price | ☎ 813472 |
| Choir | Mrs Jo Innes-Lumsden | ☎ 812654 |
| Bellringing | Mr Colin Clark | ☎ 01626 354561 |
| PCC Secretary | Mrs Vanessa Bevan | ☎ 812812 |
| PCC Treasurer | Mr Phill Harvey | ☎ 812273 |
| Church Hall | Mrs Shirley Northwood | ☎ 813980 |
| Flowers | Mrs Sheila Stacey | ☎ 813609 |
| Hospitality | Mrs Jane Outhwaite | ☎ 812879 |
| St Mary the Virgin, Denbury | | |
| Churchwardens | Mr Steve Bassett | ☎ 812537 |
| | Mr Mick Sutherland Cook | ☎ 813871 |
| Deputy Warden | Mr Mike Bray | ☎ 812941 |
| Bellringing | Mr Steve Bassett | ☎ 812537 |
| PCC Secretary | Mr Mick Sutherland Cook | ☎ 813871 |
| PCC Treasurer | Mr Mike Bray | ☎ 812941 |
| Cottage | Mrs Fran Howells | ☎ 812971 |
| Flowers | Mrs Ann Toler | ☎ 813255 |
| Social | Mrs Tessa Amies | ☎ 813993 |
| Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston | | |
| Churchwarden | Mrs Pam Perriman | ☎ 812986 |
| Deputy Wardens | Mr Chris Parker | ☎ 762543 |
| | Mrs Tracy Lambert | ☎ 813708 |
| Bellringing | Mr Graham Pascoe | ☎ 812102 |
| PCC Secretary | Mrs Maggie Sercombe | ☎ 813790 |
| PCC Treasurer | Mr Chris Parker | ☎ 762543 |
| Flowers | Mrs Jane Parker | ☎ 762543 |
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| | Mrs Jane Usher | ☎ 01626 353454 |
| PCC Secretary | Mr David Wrayford | ☎ 01364 652323 |
| PCC Treasurer | Mr John Usher | ☎ 01626 353454 |
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| | Mrs Carol Robinson | ☎ 812800 |
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| Editor | Dr Michael Price | ☎ 813472 |
| Production | Mr Charles Quartley | ☎ 812238 |

Sunday Services for August and September

Sunday 5th August

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| 9.15am | Parish Communion | Denbury | Rev. Preb. John Good |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion | Ipplepen | Rev. Anne Burden Preacher: Mrs. Tessa Amies |
| 6.00pm | Holy Communion | Woodland | Rev. Preb. Alan White |

Sunday 12th August

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Ipplepen | Rev. Tony Meek |
| 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 | Edward Goodman |

Sunday 19th August

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| 9.15am | Parish Communion | Denbury | Rev. Christopher Robin |
| 11.00am | Family Service | Broadhempston | Lay led |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion | Ipplepen | Rev. Anne Burden |
| 6.00pm | Holy Communion | Woodland | Rev. Anne Burden |

Sunday 26th August

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Ipplepen | Rev. Tony Meek |
| 9.15am | Parish Communion | Denbury | Rev. Preb. John Good |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion | Ipplepen | Rev. Tony Meek |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion | Broadhempston | Rev. Anne Smith |

Sunday 2nd September

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| 9.15am | Parish Communion | Denbury | Rev. Andrew Down |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion | Ipplepen | Rev. Andrew Down |
| 6.00pm | Holy Communion | Woodland | Rev. Andrew Down |

Sunday 9th September

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| 11.00am | Mission Community Communion Service for Denbury's 700 th Anniversary | Denbury | Rev. Andrew Down Bishop Nick McKinnel |
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Sunday 16th September

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| 9.15am | Parish Communion | Denbury | Rev. Andrew Down |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion | Ipplepen | Rev. Andrew Down |
| 11.00am | Family Service | Broadhempston | Lay led |
| 6.00pm | Holy Communion | Woodland | Rev. Andrew Down |

Sunday 23rd September

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Ipplepen | Rev. Andrew Down |
| 9.15am | Parish Communion | Denbury | Rev. Andrew Down |
| 11.00am | Morning Worship | Ipplepen | Lay led |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion | Broadhempston | Rev. Andrew Down |

Sunday 30th September

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| 11.00am | Mission Community Parish Communion Service | Broadhempston | Rev. Andrew Down |
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Mid-week Services for August and September

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

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| Tuesday | 7.00pm | Ipplepen | Holy Communion (first Tuesday) |
| Wednesday | 10.00am | Denbury | Holy Communion |
| Thursday | 10.30am | Ipplepen | Holy Communion |
| Thursday | 4.30pm | Denbury | Evening Prayer (said) |

Intercessions for the Mission Community – August/September

| Sunday | Mission Community | Ipplepen | Denbury | Broadhempston | Woodland |
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| Aug 5 th | Flower arrangers | North Street & North End Close | The Green | Main Street | Waye Farm Cottage |
| Aug 12 th | Kneeler makers | Orchard Road | Down View Road | Houndhead Way | Woodland Barn |
| Aug 19 th | Deanery Synod members | Orley Road & The Glebe | Greenhill Lane | Vicarage Hill | White Eagle |
| Aug 26 th | Deanery chapter | Osborn Close | Fairview | Primary School | Higher Lake Barn |
| Sept 2 nd | Users of the hall & church | Park Hill | Moorland Avenue | Community Shop | Well Farm |
| Sept 9 th | Visitors | Poplar Terrace | Orchard Close | Radfords | Woodland Vale Farm |
| Sept 16 th | Readers | Thorn Orchard | Heathfield Road | Beaston | Crazy Acre Well Farm |
| Sept 23 rd | Lay leaders | Torbryan | Heathfield Terrace | Downe | Dipwell Cottage |
| Sept 30 th | PCCs & Rector | Parish Council & local businesses | Parish Council & local businesses | Parish Council & local businesses | Parish Meeting & local businesses |

Coffee Mates (Men of Denbury)

(and Friends)

this is your chance to become a 'Coffee Mate'
gather around a cup of coffee, biscuits and cake
2nd Thursday of each month at Church Cottage

10.30 am to 12.00 noon

Treat it as a 'coffee shop',
bring your newspaper, book, do the crossword

Dates ahead

August

Saturday 18th 7pm Denbury Church: The Early Years
St. Mary the Virgin and afterwards in Church Cottage

Tuesday 28th 7pm Induction of our new Rector, Andrew Down
St. Andrew's Ipplepen
Followed by refreshments on the Ipplepen School Hall

September

Saturday 8th 11am to 4pm Denbury Medieval Market Fayre

Sunday 9th 11am 700th Anniversary Re-dedication service
Denbury, followed by lunch in Denbury Village Hall

Saturday 15th 10.00 to 12 noon Meet the Rector and family. Coffee and Cake Morning
St. Andrew's Church Hall

October

Saturday 6th 10.30 to 12 noon St. Andrew's Harvest Fayre. St. Andrew's church

Monday T Pot

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



Floodlighting

The towers at both Denbury and Ipplepen have floodlighting which needs sponsorship to cover the cost of electricity and maintenance. Sponsorship is usually for a week at a time, and people often like to sponsor to mark a special occasion.

For Denbury, contact Mick Sutherland Cook on 01803 813871

For Ipplepen, contact Winnie Bryant on 01803 812066

Denbury:

There are no sponsors this time



Ipplepen:

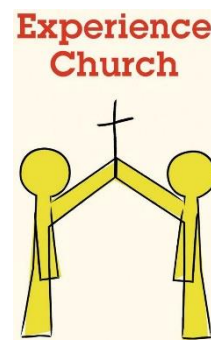
Retrospective

- June 10th Margaret Kemp, Sheila, Graham, Becky, and Hannah Needs remembering Paul who passed away two years ago on 12th June 2016
- June 24th Ivor Partridge, Janice and Julie in memory of a dear wife and mother, Daphne Partridge, who died 28th June 2017
- July 8th Ivor Partridge remembering his wife, Daphne Partridge, on their Wedding Anniversary on 13th July
- July 15th Rod and June Wilkins to celebrate their grandson Buddy's 1st Birthday on 17th July
- July 22nd Margaret Kemp, Sheila, Graham, Becky, and Hannah Needs remembering Michael who passed away a year ago on 24th July 2017

New

- Aug 26th The Mission Community welcoming the Rev. Andrew Down and his family to their new home
- Sept 1st The Mission Community welcoming the Rev. Andrew Down and his family to their new home

Experience Church



The Experience Team invited the Mission Community's Primary Schools to come into their parish church and take part in Experience Church, an interactive and multi-sensory programme. It followed the same format as the previous Experience afternoons but unlike the others it looked at the church and how Christians worship and practice their faith rather than on one of the major festivals. This time the stations were The Font: The Church Welcomes, The Pulpit/Lectern: The Church Teaches, The Prayer Desk/Kneelers: The Church Prays, Stained Glass Windows: The Church Serves, The Altar: The Church Celebrates and The Door: The Church Shares. Each station focused on what happens there, what did Jesus do, what does the Church do and what can we do?

I must again thank everyone who took part to make this such a worthwhile event for the two schools that were able to send a class along. Without them and their enthusiasm it would not have been the success it was. The children always seemed very engaged in every activity and wanted to stay longer at a station than time would permit. I must also thank the volunteers for the amount of preparation they put into the art and craft items and the altar frontals, one for each church, which were completed by the children. The children really appreciated having so many lovely things to take home. Below is a report from Rose Darnley.

Hillarie Griggs

On the 7th June, Sycamore Class (Year 6) from Ipplepen Primary School went to St. Andrew's to take part in some activities, to help find out about the Church. In five groups, we learnt about the High Altar, the font, the pulpit and made paper doves, wrote our own prayers and designed stained glass windows.

The High Altar

We all sat down and listened to information about the High Altar. Then, we cut out felt shapes of the chalice, the paten (a small plate used to hold the Communion bread) and the cross. These were then attached to an altar cloth. At the end, the leaders gave us flying saucer sweets to represent the communion bread!

The Font

The font is where people come to be baptised. At the font we gently folded paper up, wrote the word, 'welcome' on it and put it in the water where it slowly opened out. You can be baptised at any age. It is a welcome to the Church.

Paper Doves and the Pulpit

We had to cut out the shape of a dove with a hole in the middle, fold up another piece to make a fan and slot it through the hole. We coloured them in and hung them up in a small tree. The pulpit is where some words in the bible are explained in easier words so everyone can understand it more.

Stained Glass Windows

In our groups, we all looked at the stained glass windows. Everybody was given a jam jar to decorate with coloured pens. At the end, we carefully placed a candle inside.

Writing Prayers

Everyone wrote two prayers on a blue and a yellow piece of paper. On one piece, we wrote a worldwide prayer like, "I pray to stop pollution." Then, on the other piece was a more personal message. After we had finished we stuck the prayers on the wire cross.

We really enjoyed all of the lovely activities we took part in. It was an interesting way to end our day and learn more about the Church.

By Rose Darnley (Year 6)

Experience Church - continued



Time for a smile



A mother and daughter, who belonged to a small country church, were on a first outing to a big city. On arriving at the hotel where they were staying, they stood in the foyer gazing at the ornate door of an impressive lift. "What do you reckon that door is for?" asked the mother. Before her daughter could reply, a rather scruffy old man walked up, pressed the button, got into the lift and the door closed. A minute later the door opened and a very handsome young man stepped out. With a disbelieving look, the mother said to her daughter, "We'll bring your father next time."

The church rambling group were hopelessly lost, in spite of being led by a self-assured leader who regularly said he knew the area very well. Some of the people in the group became edgy and mumbled some criticism for being led astray. One of them said, with a touch of sarcasm, "I thought you said you were the best guide in Devon!" He replied, "I am quite sure I am, but I think we are in Somerset now."

Two paramedics were asked to visit a Rev Thompson, a retired elderly vicar, after being told he lived on his own and was becoming somewhat forgetful and disorientated. They decided to take him to the hospital for evaluation. On the way there, as they weaved through the traffic with the blue light flashing occasionally, they questioned the man to determine his level of awareness. One of them said, "Tell me Mr Thompson, do you know what we're doing right now?" The old man slowly looked up, gazed out of the ambulance window, and replied, "I'd say about sixty-five, possibly seventy."

An orthopaedic surgeon was moving his equipment to a new office and he asked his secretary to move a display skeleton with great care. She managed to lift it onto the front seat of her car and drove carefully across town. Stopping at some traffic lights, she noticed a driver in the car next to her was staring in disbelief. She wound down the window and shouted across, "I'm delivering him to my doctor's office." The other driver shouted back, "I think it's too late."

Seeing the moon in the sky during the daytime for the first time, a little girl said in her prayers that evening, "Dear God, I think you made a big mistake today."

Patrick and Michael had been obsessed with golf for many years, playing together regularly. They promised that the one who died first, and went to heaven, would come back to earth and tell the other if golf was played in heaven. One day, Patrick died, and Michael waited patiently with the news. Finally Patrick returned and said to his friend, "I have good news and bad news. I'll tell you the good news first. There is a great golf course in heaven." Michael said, "That is really good news." Then Patrick said, "Now for the bad news – you'll be teeing off first tomorrow night."

Never mind the preacher - what about the listener!

(I am sure this is good advice for all readers today!)

One of the great preachers of the 18th century, George Whitfield, once preached a sermon at Christ Church, Spitalfields in London on Luke 8.18,

“Take heed, therefore, on how you hear.”

He not only advised his listeners to pay careful attention when listening to sermons, but he also gave a list of practical points on how they should hear.

Hear sincerely, with a humble heart

Hear diligently, as listening to a royal proclamation

Hear humbly, with due deference to the preacher as God’s gift to the church

Hear impartially, by not having favourites

Hear obediently, as God may be speaking to you

Hear prayerfully, particularly that God will endue the minister with power

In summary he said “Take heed, you careless and curious...how you hear.”

During the Vacancy we have been blessed with our retired clergy and visiting readers at lay led services for their contributions in their “PPs” (Preaching and Prayers).

We give them our thanks.

Michael Price

One liners.....

- Silence is the absence of noise, but peace is the presence of God.
- Some people come into your life as blessings, while others come as lessons.
- Think like a person of action and act like a person of thought.
- Think once before you speak, twice before you act, and three times before you post on Facebook.
- I am really easy to get on with, once people agree to see things my way.
- A good thing about feeling over the hill is that you at least have an opportunity to pick up speed.
- It is not how much we have that makes happiness, but how much we enjoy, (C H Spurgeon)

Words for Today - Taki Miyashina

In the mid-1960s, a Japanese woman named Taki Miyashina wrote a striking version of Psalm 23. We know the original well; it is frequently quoted at funerals: “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...” But her translation of this familiar Scripture was fitting for a world caught up in busyness. It suits our world today, too. (*Let the words speak to you* - Editor)

*The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush,
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.
He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind,
And His guidance is peace.*

*Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,
I will not fret for His presence is here.
His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity.
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility;
My cup of joyous energy overflows.*

*Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours.
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord and dwell in His house forever.*

Professor Stephen Hawking –“food for thought”

Homeless people in Cambridge enjoyed a three course lunch on the day of Professor Stephen Hawking’s funeral, thanks to his family.

About 50 people were fed at Wesley Methodist Church on the day of the funeral, where notes on the diners’ table read:” Today’s lunch is a gift from Stephen.” Alex Collis, the regional manager for Food Cycle, the charity that received the donation that helped make the lunch possible, said that the professor’s daughter, Lucy, had wanted to “do something positive to mark the day”. The meal, made from food that would have been wasted, included leek and parsnip soup, ratatouille, and fruit sundae. Food Cycle served more than 6,300 meals in Cambridge last year.

During her marriage to Stephen Hawking while dealing with the progression of his illness, Jane Hawking suffered from depression. In a 2004 interview, she cited her Christian faith as giving her hope during her marriage and the depression she experienced as a result of being his then-caregiver.

In that interview, Jane noted the irony in her faith-based strength to support him in light of Stephen Hawking's well-known atheism.

Harvest Fayre

at St. Andrew's Church

Saturday October 6th
10.30am – 12 noon

**Sale of
Plants
&
Produce**



Coffee & Refreshments

More good ideas!

Following on from the last edition:

- To sharpen scissors, simply cut through sandpaper
- Use rubber bands to help open a jar easily; place one around the jar lid and another around the middle of the glass. The rubber provides friction to prevent your hands from slipping
- To prevent your eyes watering while chopping onions, wipe the board with white vinegar (which won't affect the taste of the onions)
- Store bed sheets inside their pillowcases for easy storage and access
- Use upturned cupcake cases to cover drinks glasses in the summer - and poke a straw through to prevent flies from dropping in
- Use chalk to remove grease stains from clothes. Simply rub white chalk on the affected area and wash as normal - the chalk will absorb the grease and be washed away in the cycle
- Wrap rubber bands around the ends of coat hangers to prevent things slipping off

From the Editor



Within our Mission Community, our parish reports give news of successful Patronal festivals and another mission activity for Year 5 and 6 children at Broadhempston and Ipplepen schools with “Experience Church”. We are very grateful for the contributions of all and particularly for the pupils’ reflections.

We have much to look forward to. There is a feeling of increasing excitement with the approach of the Denbury 700 year celebrations and the preparations to welcome our new Rector, Rev. Andrew, with his wife Claire and children Charlotte and Joseph. His Induction to the Mission Community Parishes takes place at St. Andrew’s on August 28th at 7.00pm and preparations are ongoing.

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