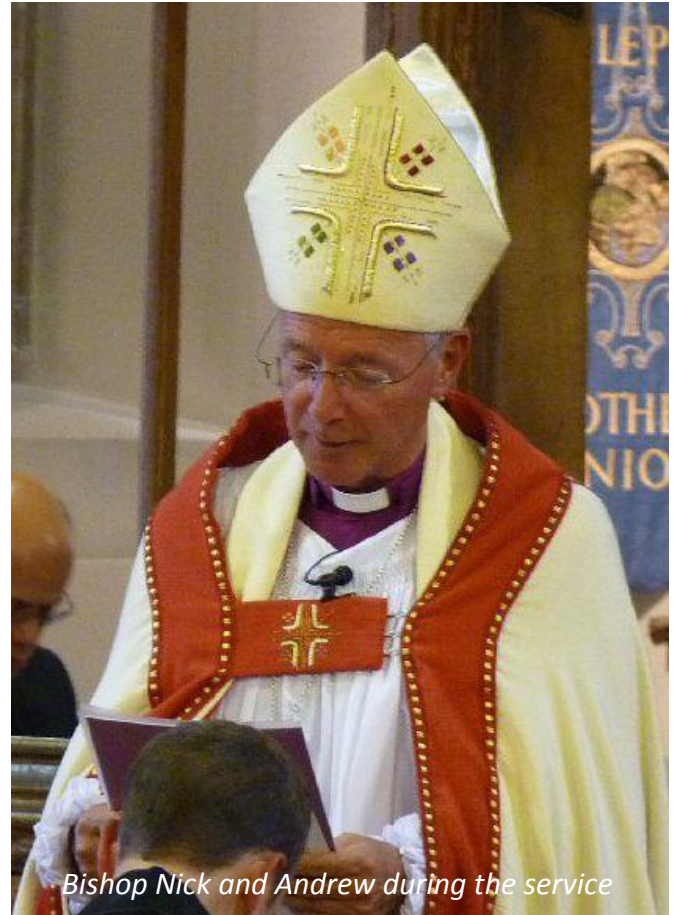


Mission Community of Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury, Broadhempston and Woodland

Well, we have arrived. The boxes are mainly unpacked, the children are settling into school and we have bought a new car (well new to us). Thank you all for the welcome we have received both formally in church services and informally through homegrown produce and flowers on the door step, conversations and smiles in the street and offers of help. We have received a lovely metaphorical hug from you as a community.

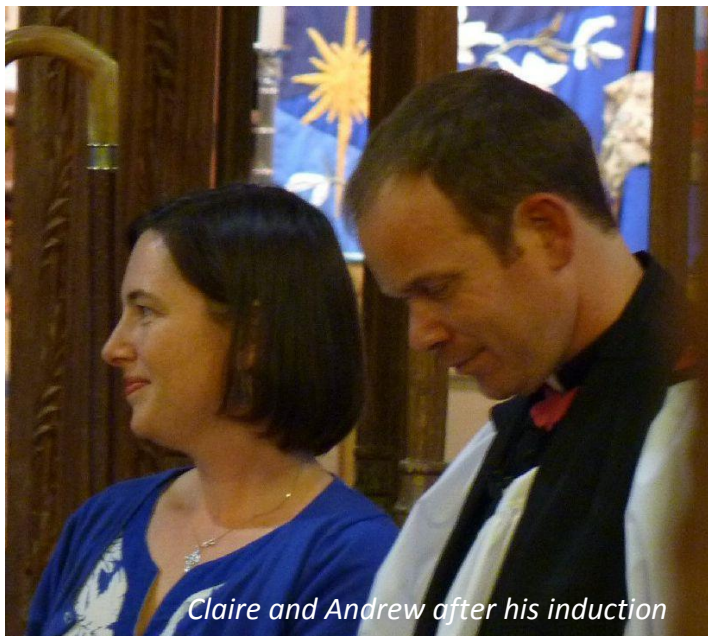
It brings to my mind the story Jesus told to his friends about the kingdom of God being like a mustard seed: the smallest of seeds and yet when fully grown the largest of shrubs. This is a picture of how the small things we do for those around us make a huge difference and build community. This is what we have already experienced as we have been welcomed by you. Jesus went on to point out that this shrub is big enough for birds to come and make their nests in its branches. The image of birds in Jesus' time symbolised those people who were on the outside, on the edge



*Bishop Nick and Andrew during the service*

of society. What a great picture of what small acts of kindness do. They create spaces where all people can shelter and make home. Even 'blow-ins' like us!

Having landed amongst you we look forward to joining in and taking our place as together we continue to make the communities of Ipplepen, Torbryan, Denbury, Broadhempston and Woodland places in which all can make home and shelter. This will come about as it always does through many small and perhaps seemingly insignificant acts of kindness by friends, neighbours and strangers. How will you help build your community today?



*Claire and Andrew after his induction*

*Andrew*

# Denbury's Medieval Market Fayre

**"A fantastic success" ... "a credit to our beautiful village" ... "Brilliant turnout" ... "well done everyone who had a hand in making it such a good event" ... "imagination, hardwork and enthusiasm" ... "Days like these are one of the reasons I love living in this village" ... "we had a lovely time planning and organising ourselves – and with such a lovely result!" ... "A triumph" ... "woo Hoo!!" ... "what a great day"**

WOW! A brilliant day and a wonderful weekend of celebrations. Denbury turned out in force to celebrate Denbury – although the **Denbury Hug** was extended to visitors from elsewhere, who "couldn't believe it – wonderful, amazing, welcoming". Andrew, our new Rector, has already experienced it, talking about a Metaphorical Hug (I'll advise him of the correct terminology later!). The day went splendidly from the moment the procession, led by the Bishop on his steed ('Lordy'), started off from the School. The Market was packed. All the stalls and nearly all the entertainment came from Denbury people and organisations – the School, the Union 'Folkies', a Mummers group... It was all that we hoped for – and more. The crowd was still there when we stood at the end and toasted our beloved Denbury, its community, its Church and its future...

When coordinating this sort of thing, you can sometimes feel as though you're swimming hard to keep things going – maybe even against the tide. Not with this celebration. It's been more like surfing a huge wave. My task has been not to fall off!! The practical and emotional support has been incredible. I've said my thankyou's individually, and the list would be far too long to include here, anyway. It's been a roller coaster – exciting, exhilarating, occasionally terrifying (!) and the most enormous FUN. This was Denbury's Day, Denbury Did it and Denbury will Do it again! (For those reading this who don't live in Denbury – our apologies....and sympathy!) As our new Rector emailed – *he's proving to be one of those people who can put their finger right on the crux of the matter* – **"What a great team!"**

*Rachel Belringer*



*A toast to Denbury*



# Denbury's Medieval Market Fayre - pictures



*Revellers on the Green*



*The Bishop in procession*



*Processing musicians*



*Medieval church goers*

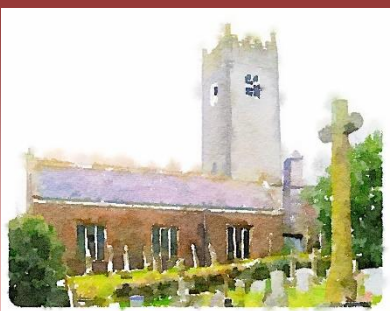


*Hobby Horse trough!*



## News from Woodland

St. John the  
Baptist



As I write this today, for the first time this year it feels like autumn is here and the summer is over. Fog this morning and a weather forecast which talks of wind and rain. We've had just enough rain over the last couple of months to keep the grass green and ripen the fruits and berries, which abound this year in our hedges and orchards, yet not enough to soften the ground which is still as hard as iron. With such a long, hot, dry summer you would expect that this year's Woodland Village Fete would have been a blazing day of shade seeking, cool drinks and ice creams but a quirk of the weather meant that it took place on one of the few wet days of the season and shelter, hot tea and burgers were of far more importance. Still a convivial afternoon with many parish residents present, the proceeds will be split, as usual, between the church and the village hall.

The end of summer is always a turning point for many people, as well as a turning point in the year. Many children have started schools for the first time, or changed schools

– many leaving Primary schools behind them as they embark on a new life at Secondary school - and, of course, our Beacon parishes have started a new chapter now that the Reverend Andrew Down has taken over the reins. There were many people at his induction service to welcome him and his family into their new life with us. One new beginning unique to Woodland was the wedding of one of our local farmers, which took place in our parish church. How lovely it was to enter the church afterwards and find the air filled with the fresh, delicate scent of roses from the floral displays. Not exactly new, but the celebration of steadfastness and continuity within the community, was Denbury Church's 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, which were attended by many Woodland residents.

Looking ahead we have a busy few weeks in our parish. Firstly with our Harvest Festival celebrations on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, decorating the church to take place on the morning of 22<sup>nd</sup> September, and our Harvest Supper is again to take place at The Rising Sun on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – tickets costing £9 a head. Our regular monthly library and coffee morning in the village hall will also play host to a Macmillan Coffee morning on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Plenty of coffee, cake and fun, all for a very worthy cause. Please do come.

*Helen Pearse*

## TWO AUTUMNAL EVENTS IN DENBURY

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October we celebrate Harvest with a **SOUP & SWEETS LUNCH** in the Church Cottage. (12 to 1.30pm) A selection of super soups and sweets for your enjoyment.

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, **COFFEE, CAKES & CHRISTMAS** in the Church Cottage.

10.30am to 12.30pm

*Christmas stalls, goodies for sale, coffee*

*And lots of cake!*

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

## News from Denbury

### St. Mary the Virgin



Our feet are just beginning to touch the ground after an incredibly busy but immensely satisfying few weeks.

A contingent of Denbury folk attended the induction service for Andrew, our new rector at St. Andrew's. This was a very moving and inspiring occasion conducted by Bishop Nick and it was fascinating to see the different parts of the service i.e. the Declaration and Oaths, the Induction and Installation and the presentation of the symbols of ministry come together. It was great to have the opportunity to meet Andrew and his family afterwards at the reception held at Ipplepen school.

Andrew's first communion service at St. Mary the Virgin followed on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

As we are probably all aware this year marks the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the altar at St. Mary the Virgin by Bishop Stapledon in 1318. This important event was celebrated over the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Saturday started with a procession led by 'Bishop Stapledon' on horseback which included musicians, monks/nuns, knights in armour and assorted peasantry in authentic mediaeval outfits plus many parents and grandparents moving from the school to the church where a peal of bells rang out to welcome them. The church was literally filled to capacity and once the 'Bishop' was seated in the chancel the congregation was entertained by an amusing account of the original dedication of the altar by Mick Sutherland-Cook.

This was also the occasion for the formal unveiling of the anniversary mosaic completed by the children of Denbury school over many months under the guidance and encouragement of Monica Shanta Brown, our

commissioned artist. The end result looks fantastic and it is the intention to site the mosaic in the churchyard where it will be easily viewable and hopefully will stand for many years as a reminder of a great commemoration.

The procession then moved on to the village green where authentic eats, drinks, crafts and entertainments could be experienced.

The event closed at about 4pm with a toast to the next 700 years of the village of Denbury.

On the Sunday Bishop Nick led a communion service celebrating 700 years of the life of the church in the village during which the altar was re-dedicated. The church was again packed for this service.

Rachel had assembled and rehearsed a choir for the occasion to lead the singing. The words of one of the hymns had been re-written by Tom New to reflect the occasion with references to the church and the village. The hymn was sung to an ancient tune 'Agincourt'.

A very pleasant lunch in the village hall followed which was attended by 63 people.

The whole weekend will long be remembered as a great time of fun, fellowship and celebration.

The preparation and planning for the weekend had been underway for many months. As part of the lead up to the day Mick Sutherland-Cook presented a fascinating talk and slide-show entitled 'Denbury Church; the Early Years' which gave a large audience a fascinating insight into aspects of life in Denbury in the early 14<sup>th</sup> century. Mick also produced a number of information panels which have been attached to the walls around the church giving information on that part of the church fabric and furniture. These can be viewed as a self-guided tour around the church and this has proved very popular with locals and visitors alike.

With just a couple of weeks to draw breath we now look forward to our forthcoming Harvest celebrations.

*Mike Bray*

## News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



The church bells rang out a welcome before a new exciting era began with the wonderful service on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August of the Institution and Induction of the Rev. Andrew Down. St. Andrew's Church was full of regular church members from our Beacon Parishes, plus a coachload of friends from St. James' Church Exeter, where Rev. Andrew was a Curate. There were also family supporters, visiting clergy, the Rural Dean, Archdeacon and Churchwardens. The Bishop of Plymouth The Right Reverend Nick McKinnel led the service with The Greeting and an inspirational sermon.

The Presentation was read by Mr. Robin Barlow who is Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant for Devon. The lovely hymns were well chosen and well sung. Afterwards the school hall was the venue for everyone to enjoy a wonderful variety of refreshments provided by all the churches in the Mission Community and organised by Jane and the hospitality team with extra helpers pouring wine and juice. A splendid evening for Andrew, Claire, Charlotte and Joseph to meet new friends and old.



There was an air of excited anticipation for Rev. Andrew's first Sunday service on 2<sup>nd</sup> September which was uplifting. The congregation were all buzzing afterwards, full of praise for our new Rector and looking forward to the future of our church. It was good also to see Claire, Charlotte and Joseph and other family members there.

During the vacancy we were so lucky to have Rev. Anne Burden and Rev. Tony Meek conduct so many of our services. They also covered baptisms, weddings, and funerals. The Churchwardens and PCC acknowledged their appreciation and presented them with

gifts at the Parish Communion service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

Have you noticed the stone work on some of the windows have recently been repaired internally and externally and look really good?

The coffee and cake morning on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September to meet the Rector and his family was most enjoyable. It was relaxed and informal with a lovely

selection of home made cakes and cheese scones. Rev. Andrew and Claire chatted to everyone (so many names for them to remember) and lovely to see Charlotte and Joseph tucking into chocolate crispy cakes.

As the weather becomes autumnal we look forward to our Harvest Fayre on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> incorporated with Gift Day from 10.30 -12 noon. Harvest Festival is on the 7<sup>th</sup> with a Harvest Lunch to follow.

*Marilyn Clark*



# Broadhempston bellringers outing 2018

The annual outing took place recently and as is traditional, the route was a closely guarded secret until the day of the trip.

The group assembled at 8am, pickups at Staverton and Ashburton en route. It was now that the secret was unleashed, we were to head west towards the home of Captain Poldark and jam on first!

First stop was St. Agnes, a lovely village with the church at the centre. Light bells meant a gentle introduction for the ringers. Many of the non ringers sampled the excellent fare on offer from the local bakery.

Onwards to Lelant, a beautiful setting for the church with sweeping views from the churchyard towards Hayle.

Lunch was taken at St. Ives, where we had to dodge the crowds and the showers but refreshment was welcome.

After a short trip affording glorious views of St. Michael's Mount, the first stop for the afternoon was Gulval. A very pretty setting with a tower containing 8 bells for the ringers to indulge themselves. Some of the non ringers were forced to sample local ale at the intriguingly named Coldstreamer Inn.

Last stop of the day was at Stithians, most ringers thought these were the best bells to ring. An all female team of 6, the youngest of which was only 10 years old produced an excellent peal which provided a wonderful finale to the day's tintinnabulation.

All boarded the bus ready to head home via the Highwayman Inn at Dobwalls. A sumptuous supper was well received after which all agreed an enjoyable day was had by everyone.

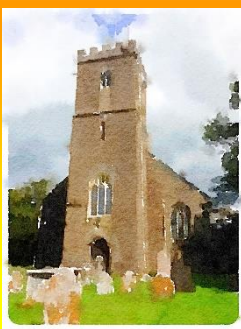
*Julia Jarvis, Vice-Captain*





## News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



Things seem to have gone quiet all of a sudden don't they? After all the excitement of Village Fetes, Carnivals, Produce Shows, Denbury's 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and of course Andrew's great service of induction to name but a few we seem to be having a lull but knowing our community it won't last for long, I'm sure.

We had a great Produce and Craft Show with many entries even with the hot dry weather affecting gardens I am not really into growing vegetables myself, what one needs for gardening is a cast iron back with a hinge in it which I certainly have not got. I have included a photo of Nicola Krusin's award winning Showstopper Cake which really was outstanding.....Great British Bake Off here we come !!

We have some more events on the horizon,



Nicola's showstopper!

the Devon Sent concert in the church of which I have enclosed details. In November we will be holding a Whist Drive in the village hall with a bar, hot snacks and a raffle. This will be to raise funds for the Devon Historic Churches Trust. We prefer to hold a social event each year to support them as most of us are getting a bit past it for long distance walks and bike rides, unfortunately I don't own a horse! Come on you young ones it is time for you to step out and take it on!

Our regular church services continue with quite small congregations each week but we are hoping with Andrew's arrival that numbers will improve. We have Harvest Festival on 16<sup>th</sup> October at which we will be supporting the Teignbridge Food Bank. The Community Shop always help us with this and there will be a collection container in the shop for the week leading up to the service. Please do leave a contribution if you are shopping for the many in need.










































Best wishes from us all in Broadhempston, let's hope for a mellow autumn before the cold sets in.

*Pam Perriman*



A new young ringer at Broadhempston?



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# Sunday Services for October and November

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October Trinity 19

9.15am	Harvest Thanksgiving and Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Andrew Down
11.00am	Harvest Festival and Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Andrew Down
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	Rev. Andrew Down

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October Trinity 20

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Andrew Down
10.30am	Morning Worship	Denbury	Lay led
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Andrew Down
4.00pm	Holy Communion	Broadhempston	Rev. Andrew Down
6.00pm	Evensong	Woodland	Rev. Andrew Down

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October Trinity 21

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 28<sup>th</sup> October Simon and Jude, Apostles

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	t.b.c.
9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	t.b.c.
11.00am	Morning Worship	Ipplepen	Lay led
11.00am	Holy Communion	Broadhempston	t.b.c.

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 4 before Advent

9.15am	Parish Communion	Denbury	Rev. Andrew Down
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ipplepen	Rev. Andrew Down
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Woodland	t.b.c.
6.00pm	All Souls service	Ipplepen	t.b.c.

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ipplepen	Rev. Andrew Down
9.15am	Remembrance Service	Denbury	Rev. Andrew Down
10.15am	Remembrance Service	Ipplepen	t.b.c.
10.55am	Remembrance Service	Broadhempston	Rev. Anne Burden
6.00 pm	Evensong	Woodland	Rev. Andrew Down

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2 before Advent

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 25<sup>th</sup> St. Andrew's Patronal Festival

11.00am	Mission Community Parish Communion Service	Ipplepen	Rev. Andrew Down
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## Mid-week Services for October and November

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 – October/November

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pastoral Care Team	Totnes Road	West End Terrace	Knowle	Daisy Park
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	Newly baptised & confirmed	Townsend Hill	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Higher Woodland Farm
Oct 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wedding couples	Tremlett Grove	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Larch Cottage
Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts & Guides	Two Mile Oak	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Wickeridge Cottage
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dearly departed	Wesley Terrace & Wesley View	Shute Lane	Main Street	Levaton Farm House
Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Service planning group	Wrigwell Lane	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Dipwell Farm
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	Vision group	Beech Trees Lane	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Higher Lake Farm
Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Action Plan group	Elliott Court	The Post Office and Shop	Primary School	Wickeridge Farm

## Coffee Mates (Men of Denbury)

(and Friends)

this is your chance to become a 'Coffee Mate'  
gather around a cup of coffee, biscuits and cake  
2nd Thursday of each month at Church Cottage  
10.30 am to 12.00 noon  
Treat it as a 'coffee shop',  
bring your newspaper, book, do the crossword



## Dates ahead

### October

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 to 12 noon	St. Andrew's Harvest Fayre and Gift day. In Church
	10am	MacMillan Coffee Morning. Woodland Village Hall
	12 to 1.30pm	Soup and Sweets Lunch. Church Cottage Denbury
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Harvest Lunch. St. Andrew's Church Hall
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3 to 5pm	Messy Church. St. Andrew's Church Hall
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Broadhempston PCC
	2pm	School in Broadhempston Church
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	School in Denbury Church
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Broadhempston Church Gig

### November

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Standing Committee. St. Andrew's
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2pm-4.30pm	St. Andrew's Christmas Fayre
	7.30pm	Whist Drive. Broadhempston Village Hall
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Ipplepen PCC
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 to 12.30pm	Coffee, Cakes and Christmas. Church Cottage Denbury
	1.30pm	Wedding of Anthony Cork and Claire Chamberlain at St. Andrew's.
	6pm	St. Andrew's Procession of Lights

## 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:

### Retrospective

Elizabeth Burdon thanking family and friends for all the lovely cards and gifts in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## Ipplepen:

### Retrospective

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| Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>  | A kind lady and gentleman of the congregation who love to see the Church floodlit at night                        |
| Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Jill and Mike Berry in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 14 <sup>th</sup> September              |
| Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> | Dennis and Jill Arnum who love to see the Church floodlit as they enter the village – it is so warm and welcoming |
| Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup> | A kind lady and gentleman of the congregation who love to see the Church floodlit at night                        |

### New

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| Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Fiona Muddeman to celebrate eight family birthdays during October and November                           |
| Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> | John and Barbara Tuckett in memory of a dear father, Arthur Bearne, on 16 <sup>th</sup> October          |
| Oct 28 <sup>th</sup> | Ingrid and John Marsh celebrating their 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 28 <sup>th</sup> October |



# Exeter Cathedral Library

In August I was fortunate to visit Exeter Cathedral Library with a group from the Devon Archaeological Society. The Library is housed in a wing of the Bishop's Palace next to the Cathedral and was originally started by Bishop Leofric (1050–1072) who presented the cathedral with 66 books.

Only one of these remains in the library. This is the Exeter Book, a unique and beautiful volume of Anglo-Saxon poetry. It dates from 965 to 975 AD and is written on 131 pages of vellum. Sixteen more of Leofric's books have survived and are in the British Library, the Bodleian Library or Cambridge University Library.

During our visit we were shown the Foundation Charter from 1050 when Bishop Leofric moved the Episcopal seat from Crediton to Exeter. This is in wonderful condition and still easy to read.

We were shown the Exon Domesday. This is the original survey of Devon, Somerset, Cornwall, and parts of Dorset and Wiltshire, carried out by William the Conqueror's commissioners in 1086. Information in this book was used to make the great Domesday Book covering the whole country. It contains a mass of detail not included in the final Book and provides a wealth of

information about 11<sup>th</sup> century Devon. It is one of the greatest treasures of the library.

We saw much else, including a long inventory of the relics of saints (dubious and far-fetched to modern eyes) which the cathedral held - all of which disappeared at the Reformation.

There is a large and beautifully illustrated set of medical books, the earliest dated 1497, and we should be grateful that medicine has progressed since those days!

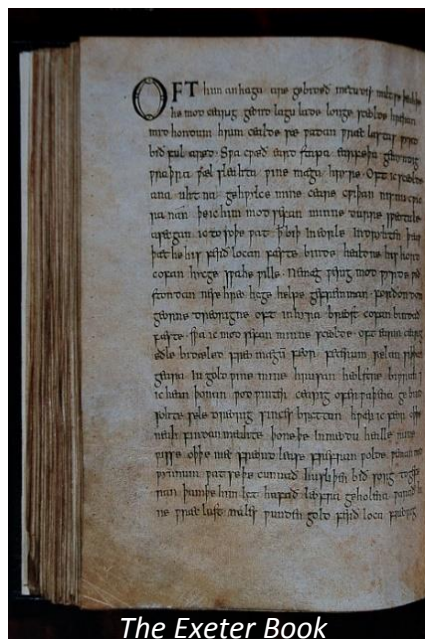
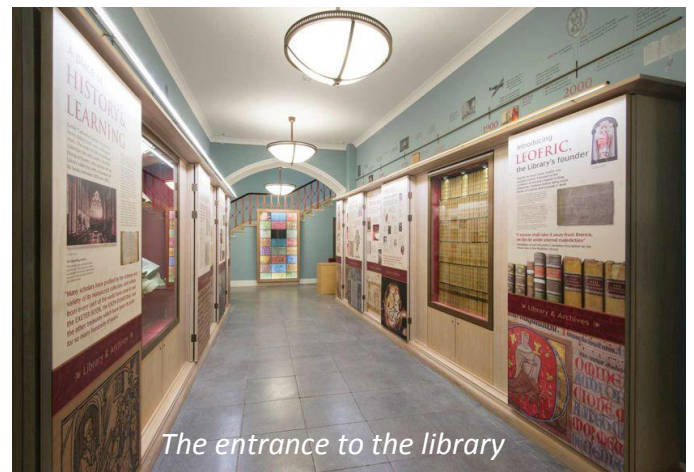
The archives contain a great quantity of mediaeval deeds, and documents and deeds from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. There are ancient charters signed by kings and popes. In contrast there are the daily records and accounts of the building

of the cathedral - the 'Fabric Rolls'. They date from 1279 to 1514 and give every detail of wages, costs, materials used and exact dates when building or repairs took place.

A short article like this cannot begin to cover the wide range of books and archives which the library possesses. It is impossible to do any sort of justice to the full contents and history of the cathedral library and archives, nor to the dedication of those who care for it and make it freely available for research.

We had a most enjoyable morning, and I was told that if we wanted it would be possible to arrange a Mission Community visit to the Library, combining it with tea in the Cathedral café, followed by Evensong.

Stephen Bryant



The Foundation Charter

## Perspectives, the Crown's view-

*The Churches of St. John the Baptist Woodland and St. Peter and St. Paul Broadhempston have the Crown as the Patron of their parish church. The Patron of St. Andrew's is the Dean and Chapter of St. George's, Windsor and the Patron of St. Mary the Virgin, Denbury is the Society for the Maintenance of the Faith.*

*In the selection of a new Rector earlier this year it was the turn of the Crown as Patron of Broadhempston and Woodland to be involved in the selection process.*

*We are grateful to Helen Dimmock for kindly agreeing to write a short article for the Beacon when approached by your editor following her visit: she writes -*

"It was a very great pleasure to visit your beautiful churches in March in my role as the Ecclesiastical Secretary to the Crown and the Lord Chancellor. It is a very grand job title, much grander than I am in person I assure you. In reality it means I represent the patron when it is the Crown's turn and you need to appoint a new incumbent.

Patronage in the Church of England is a historic concept. Most people don't even know their church has a patron until a stranger suddenly appears when a new appointment needs to be made, but every parish has one and it can be an individual, a Bishop, an Oxford college or in about 8% of cases it is the Crown.

When parishes come together to form a larger benefice the patrons usually unite to appoint the incumbent, however this cannot happen when the Crown is involved. For constitutional reasons the Crown cannot share patronage but has to take turns instead. So when Rev. Ashman moved to



Weston-super-Mare and Archdeacon Dettmer contacted me to let me know I would be visiting the beautiful Devonshire countryside where I had spent many happy childhood holidays I was delighted.

I spend a lot of my time in trains and automobiles (but fortunately not planes) as the Crown has patronage in all of the 41 dioceses of mainland England. I was very grateful to Mick Sutherland Cook for collecting me from the station and taking the time to show me round your churches. I was impressed with how well you have looked after them, and by the sense of light and grace they all have. I was also very impressed by Mick's reversing skills!

It was a joy to make such a good appointment for you. I am sure Rev. Down and his family will be very happy living with you and I know you will all support him in his ministry. It is a shame that I won't be acting as your patron for many years to come but I keep my Beacon Parishes Mission Community badge pinned to my handbag with pride and maybe I will stop by for a visit incognito the next time I am visiting the area for pleasure. I wonder if an Ecclesiastical Secretary is as easy to spot as a member of the clergy in the back row of the congregation..."



## Interesting statistics

*Some interesting figures in the paper caught my eye:*

“Allowing women to become bishops in the Church of England appears to have broken the ‘stained glass ceiling’ with figures showing a doubling of women in senior church posts” was a report in a recent article in The Times.

It went on to report that seventeen women have been appointed to bishoprics since the ban was lifted in 2014. Before 2014 the only senior roles open to women were as archdeacons, deans or residentiary canons at cathedrals.

Now with the inclusion of bishops, 23 per cent of the church’s senior roles were filled by women last year compared with 12 per cent in 2012. Six more women have been appointed as bishops since these figures were compiled, including the Right Rev. Sarah Mullally as Bishop of London, the first woman to hold one of the church’s five most senior posts.

She entered the priesthood after a successful nursing career. The figures show a rising number of women joining the priesthood later in life, often after a career in another sector. As indeed was the case in our own Rev. Anne Burden’s journey to ministry. The number of women aged 40 to 54 accepted for ordination has increased by 32 per cent since 2016.

Of the 20,000 ordained ministers, 30 per cent are now female. For the second year running women outnumber men among trainee priests, making up 316 of the 518 new ordinands.

The number of people aged under 32 who started training for the priesthood has risen by almost a third since 2016, from 128 to 169. Just over 6 per cent of trainee priests were from ethnic minorities. Fewer than 4 per cent of serving clergy are non-white.

It is hoped that a new cohort of younger and more diverse priests will help to attract people back to its pews after decades of decline. .

*Michael Price*

## Some new book releases

“How to Write Big Books” by Warren Peace

“The Art of Archery” by Beau Narrow

“Irish Heart Surgery” by Angie O'Plasty

“Desert Crossing” by Rhoda Camel

“School Truancy” by Marcus Absent

“I Lost My Balance” by Eileen Dover and Phil Down

“Keep 'em Laughing” by Benton Halph

“My Life at the Cemetery” by Doug Graves

*(Can you think of any more, especially those which are church related. We will publish the best! - Ed.)*

# Time for a smile



Little Johnny was eating breakfast one morning and got to wondering about things: “Mummy, why has Daddy got so few hairs on his head?” he asked. “It’s because he thinks a lot and he is intelligent” replied his mother, pleased that she had come up with a good answer to her husband's baldness. Johnny thought for a while and then asked, “So why do you have rather a lot of hair?”

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*A man parked his bicycle near a big, important Church in a city centre and as he was walking away a policeman stopped him and asked, “Why did you park your bicycle there? Don't you know this is an important building and the bishop comes past here from time to time?” The man replied, “Don't you worry about it officer, I made sure it was locked.”*

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A three year-old was looking out of the bedroom window with his daddy one night, just before saying his prayers and he spotted a half moon. He turned to his daddy and said, “Does someone have to go up there on a ladder to fold it?”

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*Forty robbers arrived at the famous Pearly Gates and they were met by St. Peter. After a brief exchange, St. Peter went into the gatehouse and contacted God. He said, “I've got forty robbers here; can I let them all in?” God answered: “I'm afraid we're over the quota on robbers, so tell them to choose between them which are the 12 most worthy, and I will let just those in”. Two minutes later St. Peter spoke to God again and said, “They've gone”, God said, “What? All forty of them?”, an anxious St. Peter replied, “No, the gates!”*

## One liners.....

- Always pray to have eyes that see the best, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith.
- People are funny creatures; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.
- Some people treat the ten commandments like a history exam – they attempt only three.
- Silent company is often more healing than words of advice.



# THE LEISURE SOCIETY

Broadhempston Church Gig

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October



Devon Sent is delighted to be promoting The Leisure Society as the next headline act to appear at Broadhempston Church. For those interested in attending, please apply early as we have had unprecedented applications for tickets already and the gig will sell out very quickly.

*Even before you get to the music there's plenty to pique one's interest with The Leisure Society. Main-man Nick Hemming began his career in shoegaze band The Telescopes and shared a further outfit with Paddy Considine and Shane Meadows. They've had two consecutive Ivor Novello nominations for Best Song Musically and Lyrically, and have enjoyed the endorsement of everyone from Guy Garvey to Brian Eno. They've collaborated with Ray Davies and the Heritage Orchestra, not to mention soundtracking a few films, most notably Mr. Considine's brutal masterpiece Tyrannosaur. Now putting the finishing touches to their long awaited fifth album, the band are emerging this October for their first full-band shows in some time. Expect to hear brand new Hemming masterpieces alongside favourites like The Last of the Melting Snow and Fight For Everyone.*

*"Gorgeously delicate" - **The Guardian***

*"A true gem" – **Brian Eno***

*"Warm, colourful, literate songs that reach into the heart and the head" - **The Independent***

*"As close to any of [The Beatles](#)' greatest records as anything I've heard in the last five years or so" - **Drowned In Sound***

Tickets (£13.00 each) from Anna on 01803 812426 or at [annabeadel@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annabeadel@yahoo.co.uk)  
Doors 7pm with performance beginning at 7.30pm

There will be a licensed bar serving beer, wine, soft drinks and light food throughout the evening.

As always, all profit goes to the fund established to better equip Broadhempston Church for community wide use.



# Harvest Fayre

at St. Andrew's Church

Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12 noon

**Sale of  
Plants &  
Produce**

Coffee & Refreshments





# Who name Watt?

The **Bel** and its smaller brother the **Decibel**, were named after Graham Alexander Bell, of phone fame.

The **Ampere**, often shortened to amp, is named after André-Marie Ampère (1775–1836), French mathematician and physicist, considered the father of electrodynamics.

The **Volt** is named after the Italian physicist Alessandro Volta (1745–1827).

The **Ohm**, the unit of electrical resistance, is named after German physicist Georg Simon Ohm (1789-1845).

The **Celsius** scale, also known as the centigrade scale, of temperature, is named after the Swedish astronomer, Anders Celsius (1701–1744), who developed a similar temperature scale to:

The **Fahrenheit** scale, proposed by Amsterdam-based Polish physicist Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit born in Gdansk Poland (1686–1736), after whom the scale is named.

*No doubt, with a little research, we could find many more!*

## From the Editor



### A New Era!

I write this a few days after the Induction of our new Rector. It was a moving and inspirational service for many judging by comments and feedback heard. There is a sense of anticipation and excitement as we look forward to travelling on our continued pilgrimage together with Rev. Andrew.

The church tower lit on behalf of all the churches in the Beacon Mission Community to welcome Andrew, Claire, Charlotte and Joseph also reminded us that the Vacancy was over. Relief surely for hard working churchwardens and so many others who had worked **together** so well with our assistant priests and other clergy. It was a time which taught us much particularly the value in being a joyful Christian community working together in harmony.

The Denbury 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations are continuing with the Fayre and Re-Dedication and Communion Service on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. I am sure this will be recorded for readers now and in years to come. So my thanks to all our contributors including Helen Dimmock, the Crown representative who kindly agreed to let me have an article on the role of Patrons in Andrew's selection.

The next edition of the Beacon for Christmas will be available on Advent Sunday and copy and pictures for that edition should be sent by November 18<sup>th</sup>.

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