

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

The journey through February and March



February 2nd - Candlemas

March 5th - Shrove Tuesday



ASH
WEDNESDAY

March 6th - Ash Wednesday



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Mothering Sunday



March 31st - Mothering Sunday

Relationship, Worship and Collaboration

In the last two months and after consulting with the churchwardens we have had the first shot at developing a pattern of worship that I feel will help the mission community grow and that we can sustain. The necessity to do this so early on in my time with you came out of my inability early on to understand and plan your existing pattern of worship, my desire to give those who had carried so much in the vacancy a break and the knowledge that my first Christmas was going to be busy and the usual pattern disrupted. I am thankful for the churchwardens' support and guidance in this and recognise that there have been some significant gains and losses for people as we have begun this process. One of my certain failures has been in the area of effective communication and what follows is an attempt to give some background and then highlight the significant changes that there are.

Called to relationship

When Claire and I were listening for God's call with our time in Exeter coming to an end, we wondered long and hard what the new beginning would look like and what God's call might be. We started by looking at what type of church and context we might be able to offer something to, looking at our skills and experience. This was an obvious start but when the call came it wasn't about any of these things. It was about first and foremost being called to simply be and to being in relationship. That is what we heard in the conversations, paperwork and at interview for the Beacon Parishes. We heard the desire for someone to come and be - to be known and to know and we realised this was God's call for us - to be ourselves and share this. We had got the cart before the horse - the doing would obviously come but the being was first. We are human beings not human doings.

Called to worship

The place I am most able to simply be is in worship and prayer - the place where I can experience and explore what it means to let myself be me (not striving to be anything else) and let God be God (not using Him for my ends or trying not to cast Him in my image). Worship is therefore for me a place of love and freedom that truly transforms me and allows me to live the rest of my life with greater love and freedom.

Relationship and worship are therefore central to my being with you. What I simply try to do as your priest is say my prayers and love you. I obviously do this very imperfectly but it is what I am called to and what I try to do.

Being human

This leads me to the challenge of being human. We are physical beings with the gift of being bound by space and time. How do I therefore say prayers and love the people of four parishes as their priest? Not to mention giving time to my primary vocations as a husband and father of two small children. The answer lies I believe in living out that call to worship and being in relationship.

It is in prayer and worship that I understand and learn how to be and what to do. The weight of this calling cannot be born alone and I need others to join me and help me. My calling as your priest to pray and love people is also your calling and I need you as much as you need me. We are called to each other, to relationship, to collaboration.

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Sunday worship

All of the above underpins how I am being with you and what I am doing with my days. The start of this is our weekly gathering for worship. I would like to be available and in relationship with each community on a Sunday in worship. This will be challenging and has a number of clear implications. Each community needs to have a set time that does not clash with another. In order to be available sustainably in this way I will need to work in collaboration, sharing the leading of worship. Having set times each week makes a huge difference to my ability to plan and pace myself, and in doing so draw in others. It also makes it easier for our wider communities to know when we worship.

What does this mean on a Sunday?

Adding in an extra service for Denbury, Broadhempston and Woodland - before the vacancy each would have had three services a month, so moving them to four.

Setting a weekly time for Broadhempston of 4pm every week (a very significant change)

The aim is to get round most of you on a Sunday each week. Well hopefully! I can in theory see each community each Sunday. All of this will need to be tweaked and refined, so feedback is really important. For example in the last two months we have had more Mission Community Services based on the belief that in this busy time such whole community gatherings were attractive and desired. The feedback from this however has been that there have been too many and therefore this will be incorporated into our worshipping plan.

Pattern of services

Taking all of the above into account and the feedback received the pattern of services for the next period will be:

Sunday services

8am	Ipplepen	BCP Communion (2 nd and 4 th Sundays)
9.15am	Denbury	Communion (2 nd Sunday Morning Worship)
11am	Ipplepen	Communion (4 th Sunday Morning Worship)
4pm	Broadhempston	1 st and 3 rd Celtic Evening Prayer 2 nd and 4 th Communion
6pm	Woodland	2 nd and 4 th Communion 3 rd Evensong

Weekday services

Monday - Friday	9am	Ipplepen	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	12noon	Denbury	Communion
Thursday	12noon	Ipplepen	Communion
Thursday	4.30pm	Denbury	Evening Prayer

Monthly Services

Second Thursday	7pm	Ipplepen	Communion
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Please note the following changes:

- **Sunday 8am BCP Services in Ipplepen restart in February and then will be reviewed**
- **Monday - Friday Morning Prayer will be said at 9am in Ipplepen**
- **The weekday communion services have moved to 12noon - please continue to give feedback on this new time**
- **From February the monthly 7pm communion service in Ipplepen will move to the first Thursday of the month**
- **My day off will usually be a Tuesday**

As I learn what it means to be your priest, I ask for your prayers and understanding as we worship together and in doing are drawn more fully into love and freedom of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew

Straplines

- Treat the earth well, because it is not inherited from your parents, it is borrowed from your children. *(Old Kenyan Proverb)*
- *The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong. (Mahatma Gandhi)*
- Some people spend their time either re-living the past or worrying about the future and forgetting about the important bit in between.
- *Prayer is important when things get hard and you find it difficult to keep going. It's worth remembering it's often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock.*
- People who sing their own praises usually do so without accompaniment.
- *The PCC treasurer says the church welcomes all denominations, especially tenners and twenties.*
- Many parents find that by the time their son or daughter is fit to live with, they are living with someone else.

News from Woodland

St. John the
Baptist



Whilst still finding bits of tinsel and pine needles to vacuum up from around the house, it seems appropriate to reflect back over the last month or so on Christmas and all its associated festivities. Some years there seems to be a definite trend evident on the Christmas cards, be it in shape, size or a similar theme of picture. This year was no exception as there appeared to be a large number of robin paintings and photographs - showing just how much we Brits appreciate our native wildlife! One card, however, had the word 'celebrate' printed on the front, which made me pause and think 'Did we celebrate?' On reflection, I think that indeed we did - not only as a family but also as a community and as a congregation. In fact Christmas celebrations in Woodland began right back at the end of November when the church was beautifully decorated with greenery and candles prior to our Advent carol service on 2nd December. A beautifully atmospheric service, it was lovely to share the

event with many others from outside our little parish and meet up with them afterwards in the village hall for refreshments.

The village hall is, of course, a very useful social hub, particularly at this time of year and was used on several other occasions throughout the month. In a similar way to the Advent service, the Christmas carol service (during which the church was filled with a lovely large number of villagers all coming together to sing carols to the accompaniment of clarinet and cello as well as the organ) was followed afterwards with coffee, mince pies and nibbles in the village hall. It was a great opportunity for us to swap Christmas cards, news, plans and recipes for our own individual Christmas festivities. This was not our only pre-Christmas get together as we also had a village Christmas lunch at The Rising Sun on 15th December. Our regular monthly library and coffee mornings continue to be very popular. January's started the year with a full cooked English breakfast. This was so successful in fact that, deep in multiple conversations, we had to be politely reminded that it was time to go home at 12 o'clock.

Future plans are currently being made, probably to be finalised at our February get together, for our annual bring and share snowdrop lunch on 24th February.

Helen Pearse

Coffee at Christmas

Business was brisk in St. Andrews church on 1st December as we held our Fund Raising event, Coffee at Christmas.

The tables were laden with Christmas cakes, craft items, preserves and a name the hedgehog game.

It was lovely to see so many people chatting over coffee, thanks to the hospitality team, having completed some early Christmas shopping.

Thanks to Stephen Bryant and the work party for organising the tables and chairs

We raised £305 as a result everyone's support whether selling or buying.

A big thank you from the Fund Raising Team. If you feel you would like to be involved in fund raising please speak to one of the team: *Jo Innes Lumsden, Sue Sanders, Sheila Stacey or myself Marilyn Ellis.*

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



Among the many joys of the Christmas season it is always a pleasure to experience, and take part in the traditions which are so familiar to us and form such an integral part of our celebrations.

In Denbury the preparations for the Nativity commenced right back at the start of Advent with the Posada journey setting off from the school. The Holy family figures are passed from family to family around the village recreating the journey to Bethlehem. The journey ends at the Crib service on Christmas Eve when the figures are processed to the crib constructed within the altar. This has been part of the Christmas tradition in Denbury for several years and is particularly enjoyed by the children of the village.

The number of singers visiting Brambledown Nursing Home on the Thursday before Christmas had grown considerably this year and they led the residents and staff assembled in the lounge area in the rendition of numerous carols. It is always rewarding to see the residents joining in and requesting their favourites. Later the singers processed around the corridors of the home so that residents who are unable to leave their rooms were able to join in and experience the singing. A moving and very worthwhile part of the Christmas programme.

More carols followed the next evening on the village green outside the Union Inn. The evening was not too cold and a damp mist held off until the carols had all but finished allowing a large crowd of village families and friends to join in the singing. Voices were soothed by a glass or two of mulled wine and mince pies were plentiful. A collection was held with the proceeds going towards the local charity HITS.

Following the carols, the audience were treated to a short traditional mummers play performed by villagers which was a lot of fun for those watching and also, no doubt, for the cast.

The Denbury Christmas choir had been practising hard for several weeks under the direction of Chris Eastman and this was demonstrated in a polished performance leading the singing at our 9 Lessons and Carols service on 23rd December. The choir performed several pieces on their own and helped boost the congregation with the singing of the traditional carols. A fantastic attendance ensured an inspiring service.

A full church was again the order of the day for the Crib service on the afternoon of Christmas Eve. The many children attending coloured in paper angels which were then hung on a line across the front of the altar for all to appreciate. The service was introduced by Father Andrew and led by Tessa and Rachel with a lot of help from the children.

Just a few hours later we were back in church for Midnight Mass where again we had an impressive attendance. This is always a moving service and a great way to see in Christmas Day. Father Tom led the communion service on the day itself bringing the main part of the very busy Christmas programme to a very satisfying conclusion.

Our bellringers rang in the New Year at midnight as is traditional in Denbury and were joined by some 25-30 villagers who gathered at the tower as the clock struck 12. Following a short peal the bells were lowered and many took the opportunity to chime the bells whilst everyone enjoyed a drink or two and some refreshments.

Once again Christmas produced many fond memories to treasure in the months ahead, however the sight of the church filled with so many visitors will be a source of encouragement and inspiration to us all for a long time to come.

Mike Bray

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



I am writing this report whilst still on a high from performing in Newton Abbot's Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' with the songs and routines still in my head from nine performances plus all the rehearsals beforehand. What a wonderful experience it was returning to the stage and seeing the teamwork of director, choreographer, musical director, lighting and technical crew, wardrobe, props etc. I felt privileged and also proud as my daughter and granddaughter were performing as dancers - so three generations!



Family love reminds of the wonderful Christmas season we have just had. It started with Advent a time of preparation and on 2nd December the 11am Service was a Mission Community Communion at Broadhempston. In the evening the choir took part in the beautiful Candlelight Service at Woodland Church. Always very special and it was led by Rev. Anne Burden with Rev. Andrew Down assisting. Many members of St. Andrew's congregation attended and they also enjoyed the excellent refreshments and hospitality in the Parish Rooms afterwards.

Vernon Kerslake retired from the choir recently and he was presented with a gift token for the appreciation of his loyalty over many years. He will be very much missed.

Messy Church was on Saturday 8th where many children enjoyed crafts and cooking of the Christmas Cake. December 9th was the second

Sunday of Advent when two candles were lit and we sang the entrance song *Word of Justice, Alleluia, Come and Dwell here, Maranatha!*

The following Sunday was a busy day with two Services at 11am and 6pm. The Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was well attended and the bells rang out to welcome everyone. The lessons were read by various members of the choir and congregation. Jo Innes-Lumsden once again augmented our small choir with friends from other choirs to lead the Carols and descents. We sang two anthems '*Christmastide*' by Bob Chilcott and '*Rejoice and be Merry*' by John Rutter. We also welcomed Ipplepen Primary School choir who sang '*O Christmas Tree*' and it was particularly lovely to see Rev. Andrew's daughter Charlotte singing in the choir. He said it was an appropriate song to sing as several of the children had helped to decorate the beautiful Christmas tree. Welcome refreshments of mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread were served in the Church Hall afterwards and we sang '*Happy Birthday*' to Charlotte as it was her 8th birthday.

The following evening Carols in the Square was well supported by many village people. Sunday 23rd December Morning Worship was led by Michael Price with Tessa Amies giving the address and intercessions. Afterwards there was a celebratory cake that Marian and Brian Tuckett brought as it was their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 27th December. They had a card from the Queen and their wedding photos.

On Christmas Eve the Crib Service was at 4.30pm with our normal Midnight Mass at 9pm so that Rev. Andrew could take the 11pm service at Denbury. The Christmas Day service was at 10.30am. Mission Community Communion was at Denbury on 30th December.

I was unable to attend the Epiphany service on Sunday 6th January but my friend Trish took notes for me and said the chandelier was lit for this special



News from Ipplepen - continued

occasion and it means God's light for all. The three Wise Men were processed to the crib by members of the congregation. It is written that it was a long hard journey and T.S. Elliot's poem, *'The coming of the Magi'* was read out and Tom sang about the three Magi and their quest to find the child. A music group led the singing at the front of the Church. Rev. Andrew blessed the chalk to mark the lintel of our front door or porch so may Christ bless our home. Michael read this out in Latin.

It has been a busy time for Rev. Andrew and his family with so many services in St. Andrew's and the surrounding Mission Community but trust they have enjoyed their first Christmas here in Ipplepen.

Marilyn Clark



The chandelier lit for Epiphany

The Tucketts celebrate gold!

Marian and Brian Tuckett celebrated their Golden wedding on December 27th. After St. Andrew's ringers AGM in January [when everyone was re-elected – Brian is 'President' once again] they kindly laid on food and drinks to share with the ringers.

Brian explained to us that before they could get married at Wolborough, he had to get Baptised and Confirmed, which was all done in a bit of a rush while he was serving with the RAF in Cyprus.



Ipplepen ringers

Smile - 1



Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers.

The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him £50."

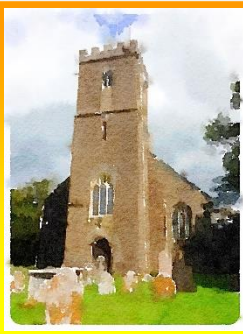
The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him £100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

Edward Goodman

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



Things are looking up, we have snowdrops in the garden. I am sure everyone else has as well but I thought I would mention it. I felt quite uplifted last week; I walked down to the church to check on roof leaks, break-ins etc. and to put the bins out as a churchwarden does, and in the church was a big vase containing 'a host of golden daffodils' as Wordsworth would have said. Roll on the spring! At my age I must stop wishing my life away and enjoy every day as it comes.

We have enjoyed a great Christmas here in Broadhempston. Our church was full for both the Carol Service and the Christmas Day Family Service. Each year we have a Christmas Charity Appeal at these Services and thanks to the generosity of the congregation we have been able to donate £400 to the Children's Hospice S.W. The school sang for us at the Carol Service as well as entertaining the village with their Christmas Nativity Play.

The Broad Harmony village choir entertained us with an evening of songs and singalong carols in the church and to

finish off a season of singing many folk braved the cold for Carols in the Square. We are approaching a dusty month in the church with work commencing on re-plastering of the South Aisle and a few other nooks and crannies. It will be great when it is completed and our History and Archive group can start setting up displays for us to see and enjoy.

I hope that you are all managing to keep up with your new year resolutions. I think I will stick to some good advice I was once given by a friend which was '*Whenever you get the feeling that you need exercise go and lay down for half an hour until the feeling passes*'. Wishing you all a rather late happy new year and looking forward to a great year for the Beacon Mission Community.

Pam Perriman



Broad Harmony Choir

Smile - 2

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil.

One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?"

The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad."

Edward Goodman

Shrove Tuesday

Have you ever wondered why the day before Ash Wednesday is called Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day?



*'The Battle between Carnival and Lent' (1559)
by Pieter Bruegel*

In Christian traditions, the 40 days before Easter are known as Lent, and they mark the time that Jesus spent fasting in the desert. Traditionally, Christians would mark the period with prayers and fasting, abstaining from a whole range of foods, including meat, fish, eggs, fats and milk. All the forbidden foods needed to be eaten before Ash Wednesday so as to remove any temptation to consume them during Lent. This consumption took place over a period called 'Shrovetide' Meat was consumed on 'Collop Monday' (Collop is a thin slice of meat). On 'Shrove Tuesday' stocks of eggs butter and milk would be used up. The easiest way of using these foods would be to make pancakes. The custom of British Christians eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday dates to the 15th century.

The Monday and Tuesday before Lent were seized upon as an opportunity for great merriment and feasting before the 40 days of abstinence. In some countries the day is called *Mardi Gras*, which is French for 'Fat Tuesday', referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual of

fasting the Lenten season. Children would go 'Shroving' on the Monday and Tuesday visiting neighbours and singing:

On Collop Monday:

*Once, twice, thrice
I give thee warning
Please to make some pancakes
'Gin tomorrow morning.*

On Shrove Tuesday:

*We be come a-shroving
For a piece of pancake
Or a bite of bacon
Or a little truckle of cheese
Of your own making*

Eventually fish (fresh and salted) was allowed as it was considered a virtuous food on account that two of Jesus' apostles were fishermen. The Lenten diet comprised of fish, bread and vegetables; goat's milk was replaced with almond milk.

The word 'Shrove' comes from the English word 'Shrive' meaning to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and doing penance. In some Christian parish churches there is still the tradition of ringing a church bell on Shrove Tuesday, called the 'Shriving Bell' the purpose of which is 'to call the faithful to confession before the solemn season of Lent'.

The Pancake has a very long history and featured in cookery books as far back as 1439. The tradition of tossing or flipping is almost as old: *'And every man and maide doe take their*

Shrove Tuesday - continued

turne, And tosse their pancakes up for feare they burne' (Pasquil's Palin 1619). The tradition of pancake races is said to have originated in 1445 when a housewife from Olney in Buckinghamshire, was so busy making pancakes that she forgot the time until she heard the Shrivings bell. She ran out of the house to church still carrying her frying pan and pancake, tossing it to prevent it from sticking to the pan. The tradition continues and the Olney pancake race is world famous. The competitors have to be local housewives and they must wear an apron and a hat or scarf. The race is over 415 yards and each contestant has a frying pan containing a hot pancake. She must toss it 3 times during the race and the first woman to complete the course and arrive at Church, serve her pancake to the bell-ringer and be kissed by him, is the winner.

Shrove Tuesday was once known as a 'half holiday' in Britain. It started at 11am with the ringing of Church bells followed by pancake races.

There are many traditions associated with Shrove Tuesday including the one at Westminster School in London where the annual Pancake Grease is held. A verger from Westminster Abbey leads a procession of boys into the playground where the school cook tosses a huge pancake over a 5 metre bar. The boys then race to grab a portion of the pancake and the one who ends up with the largest portion receives a cash prize from the Dean.

The Olney Pancake Race



A Pancake Recipe

The ingredients for pancakes can be seen to symbolise 4 points of significance at this time of year.

Eggs – Creation

Flour – The staff of life

Salt – Wholesomeness

Milk – Purity

To make 8 pancakes you will need 8oz plain flour, 2 large eggs, 1 pint milk, salt.

Mix altogether and whisk well. Leave to stand for 30 minutes. Heat a little oil in a frying pan, pour in enough batter to cover and cook until the base of the pancake has browned. Then shake the pan to loosen the pancake and flip the pancake over and brown the other side. After picking up the pancake from the floor put on your running shoes.

Shrove Tuesday has greater religious significance than I realised; any opportunities for the Mission Community?

John Usher

My college at Cambridge which had strong Anglican connections had a magnificent Fellows Feast which ended on Shrove Tuesday at 11.59 pm precisely with Grace.

As undergraduates we were amused as college fellows struggled out as midnight was chiming.....

Michael Price

The Kenya Orthopaedic project – an update and thank you!

On behalf of The Kenya Orthopaedic Project, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the PCC for once again supporting our work in rural East Africa. The support that we received from you this year and last, enabled us to provide surgical camps in two separate centres over a two week period in November last year.

The first week was spent in Nyahururu, where over the last few years we have established strong and lasting links with our Kenyan colleagues. The second week was in the Northern Kenyan County of Marsabit, near the Ethiopian border. Marsabit county is the same size as Southern England, with a population of just 300,000. Many patients travel up to 300 km just for an outpatient appointment.



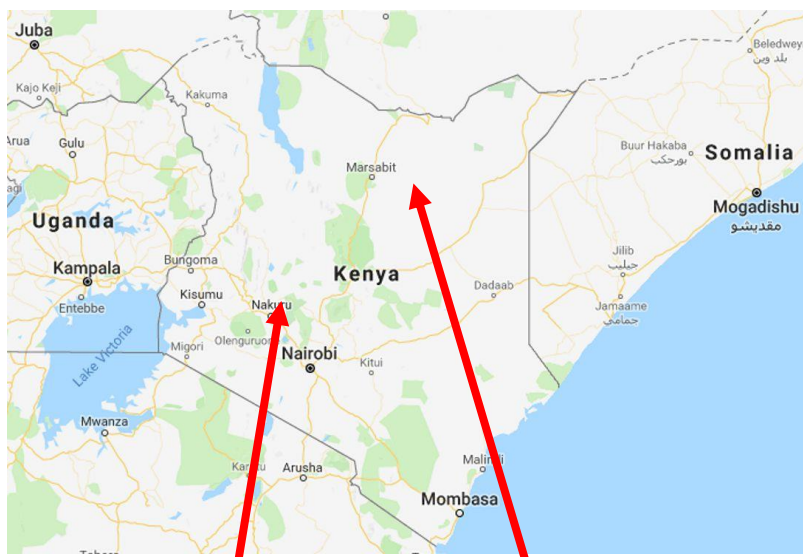
level is the knowledge and transfer of skills to local healthcare workers, so that they can continue to provide care for the local population. Gold level is sustainable service development; the most difficult to achieve, but ultimately providing greatest benefit to the Kenyan's living in rural areas.

Over a two week period the team performed over 50 operations, 500 outpatients were seen (Bronze) and importantly a pilot scheme to introduce a new tablet based app for local medical officers to triage patients for local Kenyan surgeons was trialled (Gold).

This year the charity is changing its name to Future Health Africa to celebrate ten years of working in Kenya and to more accurately reflect our aspirations.

As a team we are continually amazed by the stoicism of many of our patients, and the professionalism, skill and ingenuity of our Kenyan colleagues who often work in a difficult environment with limited resources. The support of the PCC is greatly appreciated a long way from our beautiful home village in rural South Devon.

Ben Holroyd



Nyahururu

Marsabit County

As with many other charities working in healthcare, we like to consider the work that we do in terms of Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Bronze level is medical care for the people that we operate on and treat ourselves. Silver

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Services for February and March

Sun 3rd Feb	Presentation of Christ in the temple (Candlemas), 5th Sunday before Lent	
9.15am	St Mary's Denbury	Communion
11am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	Communion
4pm	St Peter and St Paul Broadhempston	Celtic Evening Prayer
Sun 10th Feb	4th Sunday before Lent	
8am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	BCP Communion
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Sun 3rd Mar	Sunday next before Lent	
9.15am	St Mary's Denbury	Communion
11am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	Communion
4pm	St Peter and St Paul Broadhempston	Celtic Evening Prayer
Wed 6th Mar	Ash Wednesday	
12noon	St Mary's Denbury	Communion with Imposition of Ashes
7pm	St Andrew's Ipplepen	Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Sun 10th Mar	1st Sunday of Lent	
8am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	BCP Communion
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Prayer Workshop

This workshop was devised believing that it is through prayer that we deepen and sustain our relationship with God and that it is an essential part of our Christian faith that we pray regularly. It also acknowledged that we have times when our prayer life is difficult to maintain. Different ways of praying, some would be familiar and some maybe not be, would be explored and experienced with the hope that everyone could find something that would help them now or something they would like to try in the future.

At the time of writing this one session of the workshop, held on January 16th, has taken place. In it, as a group, we explored what prayer is, why we need to pray and questioned whether prayer is always answered. Practically we looked at our personal part in the two way communication with God by writing our own prayers. You are welcome to join the group at any time and the topics still to be covered are:

- January 23rd : Listening to God using Scripture and silence
- January 30th : Objects as an aid to prayer
- February 6th : Praying in community with a focus on intercessions during the Sunday Service

The workshops are held at **Halwell Farm, Denbury** and tea and coffee will be served afterwards. For more details please contact **Hillarie Griggs on 812197**

Hillarie Griggs

Intercessions for the Mission Community – February and March

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Feb 3 rd	Hon. Asst. Priests	Blackstone Road	The Green	Main Street	Chardanay
Feb 10 th	Electoral Roll Officers	Bowden Road	Down View Road	Houndhead Way	Sunset Cottage
Feb 17 th	Servers	Bridge Street & Fore Street	Greenhill Lane	Vicarage Hill	Hawkes Farm
Feb 24 th	Eucharistic Ministers	Caunters Close & Harris Court	Fairview	Primary School	Orchard Cottage
Mar 3 rd	Sidespeople	Church Path & Paternoster Lane	Moorland Avenue	Community Shop	Pulsford View
Mar 10 th	Sacristans	Clampitt Road and Clampitt Close	Orchard Close	Radfords	Pulsford Farm
Mar 17 th	Organists	Clarendon Road & Motehole Road	Heathfield Road	Beaston	Wickeridge Lodge
Mar 24 th	Choirs and Musical Directors	Cooke Drive & Lang Way	Heathfield Terrace	Downe	Quarry Farm
Mar 31 st	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses

Mid-week Services for February and March

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

Monday - Friday	9am	Ipplepen	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	12 noon	Denbury	Communion
Thursday	12 noon	Ipplepen	Communion
Thursday	4.30pm	Denbury	Evening Prayer
Second Thursday	7pm	Ipplepen	Communion

Dates ahead – February and March

February

Monday 4 th	2pm	St Andrew's Standing Committee
Wednesday 6 th		Lunch club
Wednesday 6 th	1.30pm	Prayer Workshop
Saturday 9 th	3 to 5pm	Messy Church at St. Andrew's Church Hall
Saturday 16 th to Saturday 23 rd		Rector on annual leave
Monday 25 th		Home Communions
	7pm	St Andrew's PCC
Thurs 28 th	5pm	St Mary's PCC

March

Wednesday	6 th	Ash Wednesday – Communion at Denbury (12noon) and Ipplepen (7pm)
Monday 25 th		Home Communions
Saturday 30 th	3 to 5pm	Messy Church at St. Andrew's Church Hall
Sunday 31 st		Mothering Sunday

The next meetings of **Messy Church** are February 9th and March 30th

Ipplepen Church Hall 3 to 5pm

If this is something you feel you could help with please contact

Tessa (813993) or Linda (812619)



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:

Retrospective

For January: Harriet and Mick Sutherland-Cook celebrating the birthdays of daughter Rebecca and grandson Toby

New

For February: Mary Head in memory of husband Peter
Mavis Gooding in memory of husband George

Ipplepen:

Retrospective

Dec 23rd Bryan and Marian Tuckett to celebrate their Diamond Wedding. They were married at Wolborough Church on 27th December 1958

Dec 23rd Richard, Tim, Gemma and family in loving memory of Susan Davida Kadow who died 17th December 2016

Dec 30th Dennis and Gill Arnum who love to see the Church floodlit as they enter the village – it is so warm and welcoming

Jan 13th Barbara and John Tuckett in memory of a dear Mum, Dora Bearne, on 13th January

Jan 13th An anonymous sponsor for a friend who is unwell

Jan 20th Pam Sharland in loving memory of Ron whose birthday would have been on 24th January

Jan 27th Sheila, Graham, Beckie, and Hannah Needs remembering Paul Kemp, a dear Dad and Grampy, on his birthday on 30th January

New

Feb 10th Sam Ward, Anna and Jessica in memory of Mum, Pam, who died on 14th February 2018

Feb 17th Ingrid and John Marsh in memory of her mother, Trudy Hitchen, who would have been 91 on 15th February but who sadly died on 1st January 2019

Mar 10th Val and Peter Sleight remembering her parents, Phil and Peter Monks, at the time of their birthdays

Mar 17th Val and Peter Sleight remembering her parents, Phil and Peter Monks, at the time of their birthdays



Local clergymen - the Rev Francis Lyte

Looking through our bookshelves I came across a biography of the Rev. Francis Lyte which I had no idea we possessed. I knew nothing about Francis Lyte other than that he was a clergyman at Brixham and wrote the well-known hymn *'Abide with me'*.

I read the book which was written by a Methodist minister in 1957 and it contains a brief outline of Lyte's life (37pages) followed by 230 pages of extremely (to my mind) sentimental and heart rending accounts of how people's lives were dramatically changed when they heard, read or sung the words of *'Abide with me'*. I am the last person to doubt the appearance of choirs of white-robed angels singing the hymn at deathbeds, but they do appear surprisingly frequently in this book.

Francis Lyte led a charmed life, even though he was dogged by ill health. To begin with his father deserted the family at an early age, his mother went to find work and left him in the care of another lady and while he attended the Royal Portara School in Eniskillen, funds from both parents dried up and he was more or less adopted by the headmaster who paid for his education.

At the age of 16 Francis went to Trinity College in Dublin, graduated with a BA degree with the intention of studying medicine, but felt called to the ministry. He was shortly afterwards ordained and was appointed to a remote, isolated little church near Wexford. Eventually his health gave out and after convalescence he moved to a church in Marazion where he met his future wife. The damp climate of Cornwall caused another bout of ill health, and he eventually moved to Dittisham, where he visited Brixham and preached at St. Mary's. He then took up a curacy at Charleton and one Sunday was asked to preach at Saltram. George Canning, then Foreign Secretary and later Prime Minister, who was in the congregation, was impressed by Francis and offered him the new parish of Lower Brixham. At the same time Francis's wife inherited enough money for them to live comfortably, and they



eventually bought Berry Head House which had been a hospital for the military fortress on Berry Head. Francis enjoyed laying out the grounds and gardens and he amassed a huge quantity of books, said to be the most extensive library in the West of England. When it was eventually auctioned in London the sale took seventeen days.

There is no doubt that, despite increasing bouts of ill health, and time spent in the south of France convalescing, Francis was a dedicated parish priest, spending much time with the local fishermen who grew to love him. He did much to ease their harsh lives and poor standards of living, and it was with them that he wrote the famous hymn *'Abide with me'*. His congregations grew so much that he had to rebuild the church at Lower Brixham, and he started the first Sunday School in the Torbay area - so successful indeed that the annual treat was attended by 800 -1000 children. He also worked with William Wilberforce to help abolish slavery.

Sadly, Francis became involved with the High Church Oxford movement and most of his congregation, including the whole choir, left him. He applied for the post of Vicar of Crediton, but was turned down because of his ill health. In his last years he spent increasing amounts of time in the South of France, while his senior curate, who had married Francis's daughter, ran the parish. He died in Nice in 1847, aged 54.

Of Francis Lyte's vast, highly acclaimed, literary output - books, poems and hymns, very little is remembered today apart from *'Praise my soul the King of Heaven'* and *'Abide with me'*.

Francis Lyte rose from obscurity and poverty in childhood, via friends and a good education, to comparative wealth and a memorial in Westminster Abbey where the words of his lasting legacy *'Abide with me'* are inscribed.

We value the local connections of Francis Lyte and are proud of all that he achieved in this part of Devon.

Stephen Bryant

Safeguarding



Safeguarding is a major issue nationally and locally and Anglicans are no different to anyone else in society. A point recently made by the new Bishop of Crediton, Bishop Jackie Searle.

I am grateful to the Safeguarding Team for our Mission Community for an update of what safeguarding means in the Beacon Parishes. Their telephone details are listed under 'Contacts' in the Beacon. Editor

"Bishop Robert's vision for the Diocese of Exeter is that as a church we are growing in prayer, making new disciples and serving the people of Devon with joy.

Safeguarding underpins each of these aims and is vital to the spiritual development and fulfilment of the people coming into our churches and all who we meet and serve in our communities" (taken from the Diocese of Exeter website).

Safeguarding means the action that the church community takes to promote a safe culture. The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of us all. Therefore, within our Mission Community we strive for best practice in implementing the Safeguarding policy and following the guidelines detailed in the Diocesan documents. We aim to develop our work using the resources available to us from the Diocese.

Here are some of the ways in which we are currently developing our practice.

- Safeguarding was one of the subjects at a joint PCC meeting on the 28th January where the focus was 'Compassion and Vigilance'.
- The policy is being updated and will be available for all to access easily in all our churches.
- Attendance at training opportunities is encouraged. The Safeguarding representative and the local advocate will attend a seminar in March on domestic abuse. This abuse is described by Bishop Jackie Searle as a 'hidden danger in our relationships, as prevalent amongst those involved in the church as other parts of our communities.'
- Safer recruitment practices are expected to result in safer working practices which not only protect children, young people and vulnerable adults but those people, often volunteers who provide activities for them. The DBS checks are just one aspect of this and the Diocese has recently issued more detailed guidance.
- We will continue to raise awareness of issues through future editions of the Beacon.

Everyone who participates in the life of the church has a role to play in promoting a safer church for all.

The Safeguarding team

Whatever you do – don't

Don't grow tired of being helpful,
Don't get bored with being nice.
Don't lose heart with being hopeful
When you want to sulk - think twice.
Don't let little things upset you
Don't be easy to annoy.
Don't be miserable for nothing
There is plenty to enjoy.
Go on trying to be decent,
Go on working to be kind.
Let the blessings of a lifetime
Take the worries off your mind.

(Attributed to K M Watson)

Smile - 3



A large city centre church which had problems with break-ins decided to employ a night watchman so that there was always someone on the premises. Interviews were held by the vicar and church wardens. They greeted the first candidate and asked him, "What are your qualifications for the job of night watchman?" He replied, "The slightest noise wakes me up."

A retired vicar and his wife were feeling their age but managed to struggle by with their various ailments. One morning, before getting out of bed, the vicar heard his wife say, "I think I am dead." Not unnaturally the vicar was concerned about this remark and he said to his wife, "What on earth makes you think you are dead?" His wife replied, "I am absolutely sure I must be dead." The vicar thought he would play along with this, so he said, "Give me one good reason why you think you are dead." His wife said, "Because I have woken up this morning and nothing hurts."

A visiting vicar was very long-winded. Worse, every time he made a good point during his sermon, a member of the congregation responded with "Amen" or "That's right, vicar." He would then get wound up even more and launch into another lengthy discourse.

Eventually, the incumbent also started responding to every few sentences with "Amen, Pharaoh!" The guest vicar wasn't sure what that meant, but after several more "Amen, Pharaohs" he finally concluded his very lengthy sermon.

After the service, when the congregation had left, the visiting minister turned to his host and asked, "What exactly did you mean when you said 'Amen, Pharaoh?'" His host replied, "I was telling you to let my people go!"

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.....

- You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- The batteries were given out free of charge.
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles - U.C.L.A.
- A dentist and a manicurist married and fought tooth and nail.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.
- A bicycle can't stand alone – it's two tired.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
- He had a photographic memory, which was never fully developed.
- When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end.

A.Lex O'Phile

The most popular Bible verse

The most popular verse in 2018 was Isaiah 41:10 which says: *'Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.'*

It overtook Joshua 1:9 (*'This is my command: be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go'*) which was the most popular quote in 2017.

Offering 1,800 versions of the Bible in 1,250 languages, the You Version Bible app has now been downloaded more than 350 million times globally since its launch a decade ago. Founder and pastor, Bobby Gruenewald said: "This year's data shows people worldwide are continuing to turn to the Bible in search of comfort, encouragement, and hope."



Bobby
Gruenewald

The biggest Gospel audience ever

When Bishop Michael Curry was asked to speak at the wedding of the year, he thought it was a joke. "I got the call from a member of my staff and I was like, 'Is it April? Is this an April Fool?'" It did seem unlikely - a charismatic African-American preacher in the pulpit at one of the Royal Family's most intimate occasions. But the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the soldier prince and the Hollywood star, broke down cultural barriers in a way unprecedented for the House of Windsor.

And the surprise guest star was this 65 year-old from Chicago, raised in the civil rights movement, with a message of love that touched so many in St. George's Chapel, as well as those watching on televisions around the world. "The power of love is demonstrated by the fact that we're all here," said the Bishop, beaming. "Two young people fell in love and we all showed up." The groom laughed when he heard those words and held the hand of his bride, who looked delighted. The Queen and other senior Royals visibly wondered what to make of the Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, who was dressed in familiar Anglican robes but talked with an unusual ease, fluidity and warmth.



He certainly had the potential to be controversial. The church he leads supports same-sex marriage. And the Bishop did not shy away from mentioning slavery, as the descendant of slaves himself. The pressure was on for him too; with a global audience of 2 billion, this was the biggest single presentation of the gospel in human history.

But what a presentation it was - funny, generous, inclusive, human, twice as long as scheduled and unapologetically full-on about the reason everyone was there in church. "It's not just for and about a young couple, who we rejoice with. "It's more than that," he said, seizing his moment. "The source of love is God, who is also the source of life, and he made that love known in Jesus."

Smile - 4



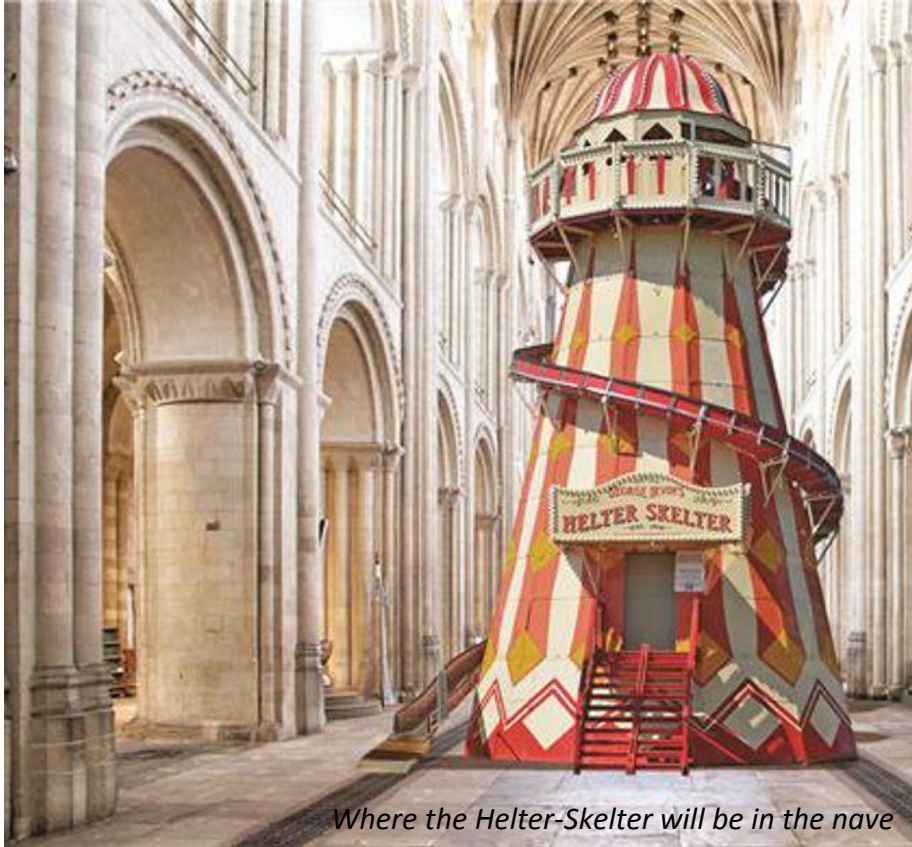
Visiting his grandparents a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages.

"Grandma, look what I've found" he called out.

"What have you got there dear" his Grandma replied.

With astonishment in his voice the boy answered "I think it's Adams underwear!"

No more backsliding?



Where the Helter-Skelter will be in the nave



Norwich Cathedral

Staff at an English cathedral hope installing a 40ft helter-skelter will “open up new conversations about faith” and ensure visitor numbers do not spiral downwards. The temporary attraction will appear in the western end of the Nave at Norwich Cathedral between 7th and 18th August 2019 as part of a special exhibition called Seeing It Differently.

Rev. Canon Andy Bryant, Canon for Mission and Pastoral Care, said: “A cathedral may not be the natural home of a helter-skelter but that is precisely part of the draw. We will be doing what cathedrals have always done: helping people see things differently and make connections with the things of God.” Guests are being promised ‘unique’ views from the slide of the historic cathedral which boasts a medieval roof depicting Biblical scenes.

Rev. Bryant added: “The helter-skelter and all the other activities will be a way for visitors old and new to explore Norwich Cathedral in

an entirely unique way and we hope people of all ages will enjoy taking part”. During the special event, visitors will be able to lie down on yoga mats in the east end of the nave and admire the cathedral's 69ft-high ceiling. A blindfolded trail will challenge people to navigate a special route around Norwich Cathedral, using their senses of hearing and touch.

One local resident told the Daily Mail “It is basically dumbing down our faith. Whatever next - goldfish in the font so kids can feed them?”. In an apparently sarcastic response, a reader told the Eastern Daily Press newspaper: “Coming soon. Market stalls in the aisle and money-lending, at variable rates, from the chancel”.

Does this approach have any possibilities in Devon?

Or answers on a flying saucer?.....

Editor

Does this make you feel uncomfortable?

Jacqueline Hunt wrote in the Christmas edition of the Beacon about the new 'A' level course for Religious Studies including a study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was a German Lutheran pastor who was arrested during the 1939-45 war and eventually killed by the Third Reich for the stance he took against them. He had an unnerving knack for writing paragraphs that can make one feel profoundly uncomfortable, such as this:

“If it is I who determine where God is to be found, then I shall always find a God who corresponds to me in some way - who is obliging, who is connected with my own nature. But if God determines where he is to be found, then it will be in a place which is not immediately pleasing to my nature and which is not at all congenial to me. This place is the Cross of Christ. And whosoever would find him must go to the foot of the Cross, as the Sermon on the Mount commands.”



Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Have you been there?

I like to travel, but I've never been in **Kahoots** because you can't go there alone.

But I've been in **Cognito** and no one recognized me.

I have often been in **Sane** and I was driven there each time by my family.

I refused to go to **Conclusions** because they like you to jump all the time and I'm not fit.

I've been in **Flexible**, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I find myself in **Capable** and I expect to go there more often as get older.

A great place to be is in **Suspense** because you feel you are living life on the edge and at my age I need all the stimulus I can

Editor

To obey or practice civil disobedience?

A further point made in her article Jacqueline Hunt alluded to the debate in the student's course as to whether Christians should obey the state or practise civil disobedience. This seemed a current example of what could be called 'Faithful disobedience'



Jiang Rong & Pastor Wang Yi

Recently, over 100 members of a Christian Church in Chengdu, China were arrested. Among those taken away were Pastor Wang Yi, senior pastor, and his wife, Jiang Rong. Foreseeing this, Pastor Wang Yi wrote a letter to be published by his church should he be detained for more than 48 hours. In it he explained the meaning and necessity of faithful disobedience, how it is distinct from political activism or civil disobedience, and how Christians should carry it out. This is a short extract from his astonishing letter.)

“The mission of the church is only to be the church and not to become a part of any secular institution. From a negative perspective, the church must separate itself from the world and keep itself from being institutionalized by the world. From a positive perspective, all acts of the church are attempts to prove to the world the real existence of another world. The Bible teaches us that, in all matters relating to the gospel and human conscience, we must obey God and not men. For this reason, spiritual disobedience and bodily suffering are both ways we testify to another eternal world and to another glorious King. This is why I am not

interested in changing any political or legal institutions in China. I'm not even interested in the question of when the Communist regime's policies persecuting the church will change. Regardless of which regime I live under now or in the future, as long as the secular government continues to persecute the church, violating human consciences that belong to God alone, I will continue my faithful disobedience. For the entire commission God has given me is to let more Chinese people know through my actions that the hope of humanity and society is only in the redemption of Christ, in the supernatural, gracious sovereignty of God.

If God decides to use the persecution of this Communist regime against the church to help more Chinese people to despair of their futures, to lead them through a wilderness of spiritual disillusionment and through this to make them know Jesus, and if through this he continues disciplining and building up his church, then I am joyfully willing to submit to God's plans, for his plans are always benevolent and good.”

Editor

Ipplepen Clock - update

St. Andrew's clock has been repaired and is now up and running under test at the Cumbria Clock Company. To see a video of the clock ticking away go to the Mission Community website:

www.missioncommunity.org.uk

and click on the link on the home page.

We await to hear about the date it will be back in the tower – it will be soon!

Charles Quartley

*The clock under test
at the workshop*



The adventure of English

In Melvin Bragg's book, he tells us how the English Language developed in spite of the incursions of the Germans, Scandinavians, French and other invaders. This has resulted in the plural form taking on many aspects, some Old English, some German, some French. He quotes a "scroll of doggerel" which he says is in use even today. I can't think that I've been taught it, but it does show the why English is so hard to learn as a second language, compared to German where, always, you seem to say what you see - Editor

We'll begin with a box and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox should be oxen not oxes,
Then one fowl is goose, but two are called geese,
yet the plural of mice should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a whole load of mice,
but the plural of house is houses not hice.
If the plural of man will always be men,
why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
The cow in a plural may be cows or kine,
but the plural of vow is vows not vine.
I speak of a foot and you show me feet,
If I give you a boot, would a pair be a beet?
The masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
but imagine the feminine - she, shis and shim!
So our English, I think you all will agree
is the trickiest language you ever did see.

Broad Harmony Choir - update



As I write this we start back in our second year as a community choir; a wonderful achievement, and testament to the hard work and dedication shown by the members and our ever supportive choirmaster Bob Humphrys.

After performing for the village fete last summer, we returned in September to get started on a new set of arrangements. Peter Sheridan invited us to sing at the Broadhempston Soirée where we performed both new songs and some we had previously learnt. A nerve-wracking but fun time was had by all on stage, and I have it on good authority that the audience very much enjoyed also.

Before Christmas, we performed a recital of songs and carols both at Brambledown Nursing Home and at St. Peter and St. Pauls' church in Broadhempston. This was a great end to the year, and we were pleased to be able to spread the festive joy, and raise some money for the church restoration fund.

This term the theme of songs is musicals, and we are singing arrangements from a variety of shows including Les Misérables, Guys and Dolls and more. These present a new challenge for the singers, but we are having great fun learning together as we go!

We are always looking for new members, so if you fancy coming along to a practice to see what we are about, you would be most welcome! We have singers of all abilities, and no prior experience is necessary. We meet once a week on a Thursday evening at 19:30 at the church in Broadhempston, and warm up with a glass of wine and catch up with friends, before exercising the

vocal cords! We are very supportive and have plenty of fun, it is certainly one of the highlights of my week and I always leave with a warm buzz. Do feel free to come along, or e-mail me: afp01@hotmail.co.uk if you were interested or have any questions."

Alex Paton

Early one morning...



Picture taken early one morning by Bernard Morey, who is Mick Sutherland-Cook's next door neighbour

From the Editor



This edition begins with an article from Andrew giving the background to a revision of the pattern of worship in the Mission Community which will be tried out over the next couple of months, following discussions with the congregations.

I have just sent off to the Diocese a completed 'Statistics for Mission' on line document for 2018. I am far from clear as to how this is used at local or diocesan level.

However, whilst filling in the relevant questions, my eye was caught by the headline of an article in the Times (December 28th) claiming 'Atheism is down as UK gets spiritual'.

Apparently the number of atheists has fallen in the past year, according to a survey suggesting that more people are attending church, albeit irregularly.

It has long been assumed that the decline in weekly congregations is down to Britons losing their religion and abandoning church. A YouGov survey of 1,660 people commissioned by the Times found that the number of those going to church may have grown in the past year. Yet it found that people are attending less often, pointing to a generation of occasional worshippers.

Attendance at Church of England services fell to a record low of 722,000 in 2017 from 1.2 million 30 years ago. The figures also show however, that attendances at Christmas services have increased in the past few years. A finding that seems reflected in our own experiences in our Beacon Mission Community.

I am grateful to our local reporters who faithfully give a personal account of their own churches with an individual style that seems to me to reflect the different parish's history, background, traditions and customs.

I am grateful to Ben Holroyd for his latest report describing his orthopaedic work facilitating and improving care in Kenya. It is rewarding to hear how one of the charities supported at St. Andrew's is helping. Within the family I am grateful to Ann Holroyd who together with Carol Robinson gives an update about matters closer to home on the important topic of Safeguarding. I commend this report to you.

There is an ongoing study group on 'Approaches to prayer' which has just started and continues. Hillarie Griggs gives an interim account. It is still not too late to come along, you will be welcomed.

With Ash Wednesday coming on March 6th John Usher gives an account of the final day before Lent with some of the customs and traditions associated with Shrove Tuesday.

Enjoy the Beacon. Articles, photos and flyers for the next Beacon should reach me by March 20th.

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