

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



LENT



April 14th – Palm Sunday



*April 18th – Maundy Thursday
The Last Supper*



*April 19th – Good Friday
The Crucifixion*



*April 21st – Easter Day
The Resurrection*



May 30th – Ascension

Learning the same lessons again and again - what a joy!

I wonder if like me you find yourself needing to learn the same lessons again and again and dare I say again! Humans are slow beings and in an ever busy and instant world we do well to remember this. We take time to comprehend, take things in, to learn, to grow and to change. As we grow we often come full circle and start again. Our growth is like a spiral going ever deeper as the years pass and we learn how to live life freely and in all its fullness.

In the Church year we do the same. Each year there is a circle of themes and celebrations: we start in winter celebrating Christmas and God's light coming into the world in Jesus. In spring we celebrate Easter, the great festival of the extent of God's love that took Jesus to the cross and beyond. During the summer we have a season of growing and refreshment and finally in autumn the Church year ends, thinking about creation and God's kingdom. The year then starts again. Each time we go round this circle it is like a spiral - we go deeper in our experience and understanding of faith and God's love.

Going back to those repeated lessons - as each year passes we learn more and go deeper as our spiral of exploration of what it is to live well, freely and fully continues. A threat to this joyous spiral of growth is arguably one of the great ills of our age - the debilitating effects of anxiety, something we

all experience from time to time. This has become an increasing problem in a world lived at such a fast pace. We do well to remember we are slow beings and our growth often happens as we spiral, revisiting the same lessons but each time going deeper.

It is freeing to realise we don't have to get it all at once, in an instant. There is time and opportunity aplenty - we humans are meant to savour the journey of life and enjoy not

always strive (although there maybe times of this).

In the church year we are about to celebrate Easter, the great mystery of the extraordinary extent of God's love. It is such a

big thing that we take our time. 40 days (a season called Lent) to get ready for it, three days to celebrate it (what we call the Triduum) and then 50 days to take it in and reflect on it (the Easter season ends with the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost). There is plenty of opportunity and time in all of this to go deeper into God's love and then next year we will do it all again.

What a joy!

Church communities in our villages will be offering many opportunities to join in this getting ready, celebrating and reflecting on the message of Easter. Do look out for opportunities on notice boards and websites - there will be time and plenty of opportunities on offer.



Andrew

News from Woodland

St. John the
Baptist



This winter, I think that I have been very able to appreciate just how much better we all feel for a bit of sunny weather and the spring sunshine has certainly brought out the spring flowers into full bloom. Everywhere I



Photographs by Susanne Westgate

look, around our little parish, daffodil and grape hyacinth flowers can be seen bobbing happily in the breeze and the leaf and flower buds on trees and hedges are beginning to swell and burst. Indeed, the sunny weather which we had in February meant that spring was so advanced that by the time we had our annual parish Snowdrop Lunch, the snowdrops were almost over. What an enjoyable and successful event the Snowdrop Lunch was, as ever. Many people from all corners of our village were able to attend, bringing with them a huge variety of tasty dishes to share. Thanks go to all the organisers

who worked so hard to make the afternoon a success; all those who gave up their time to help set up beforehand and clear away afterwards; all those who spent time cooking for our enjoyment and, of course, all those who came and gave us the pleasure of their company and the stimulation of their conversation. It is such a good time of year to choose to have a village get together, particularly in a rural parish. Christmas is long past yet the truly warm weather far enough in the future that the distractions of sorting out the garden or the need for essential farm work are few. I will be looking forward to next year's!

Looking forward to the nearer future, however, our library and coffee mornings are still taking place on the first Saturday morning of each month and Easter, with all its usual services and celebrations, is now also on the horizon. With Easter being so late this year and the springtime being so advanced I'm not sure that there will be many daffodils or primroses left to fill our church with scent and colour on Easter Sunday but I am sure that there will be many other flowers which will by then be seasonally in bloom instead.

Helen Pearse



News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



The period between the formal end of Christmas and the start of Easter tends to be a quiet one with an emphasis on reflection and meditation particularly during Lent. This quieter time in the social event calendar does, however, provide an opportunity to review the structure and content of our weekly services with a view to trying a few changes and to gauge how these are received by the congregation.

At Denbury the service held on the second Sunday of each month has recently been in a Morning Prayer format and as such provides a more flexible background to implement changes. Prior to the service held on the second Sunday in February a small group met with Father Andrew initially to investigate ways in which the seating could be re-arranged to achieve a more inclusive feel. Several ideas were suggested involving much moving of chairs/lecterns etc. until someone mentioned that the theme of the readings for that Sunday was 'Fishers of Men' and as a result the chairs were placed in the chancel in the shape of a boat. A small altar was set up where the mast step would be and overall the whole arrangement gave a very good impression of being on board.

The initiative was very well received by the regular congregation and certainly helped to concentrate minds on the theme of the service. The service was brought to a close by the singing of a folk song accompanied by Rachel on her guitar which details the trials and tribulations experienced by those who earn their living by fishing and by their families who wait for them to return.

We all look forward to further initiatives and themes which can be adopted in future services which could well involve musical groups and enhanced participation from the congregation in leading parts of the service.

Shrove Tuesday was marked by a Pancake Party held in Church Cottage between 3 and 5 o'clock on 5th March. This is always a popular event much enjoyed by children and parents returning home from school at that time.

The formal start of Lent commenced with our Ash Wednesday service held on 6th March which was conducted by Fr. Tom New.

Denbury's bell restoration project continues to progress. We are currently some £19,000 short of the funding required to achieve our preferred target of a refurbished and augmented peal of 6 bells including 3 new bells and the removal of the ringing room from the ground floor to the first floor. Much concentration on fundraising for the balance required is underway and we are still optimistic that we will be in a position to make a start before the end of 2019.

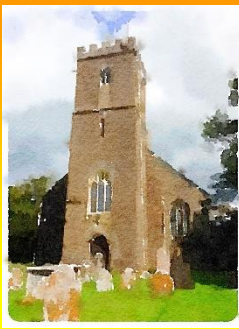
One of the benefits of moving the ringing room up a floor will be that a small museum can be created in the former ringing area to accommodate a number of displays chronicling the church's long and very interesting history at the centre of the village.

Mike Bray



News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



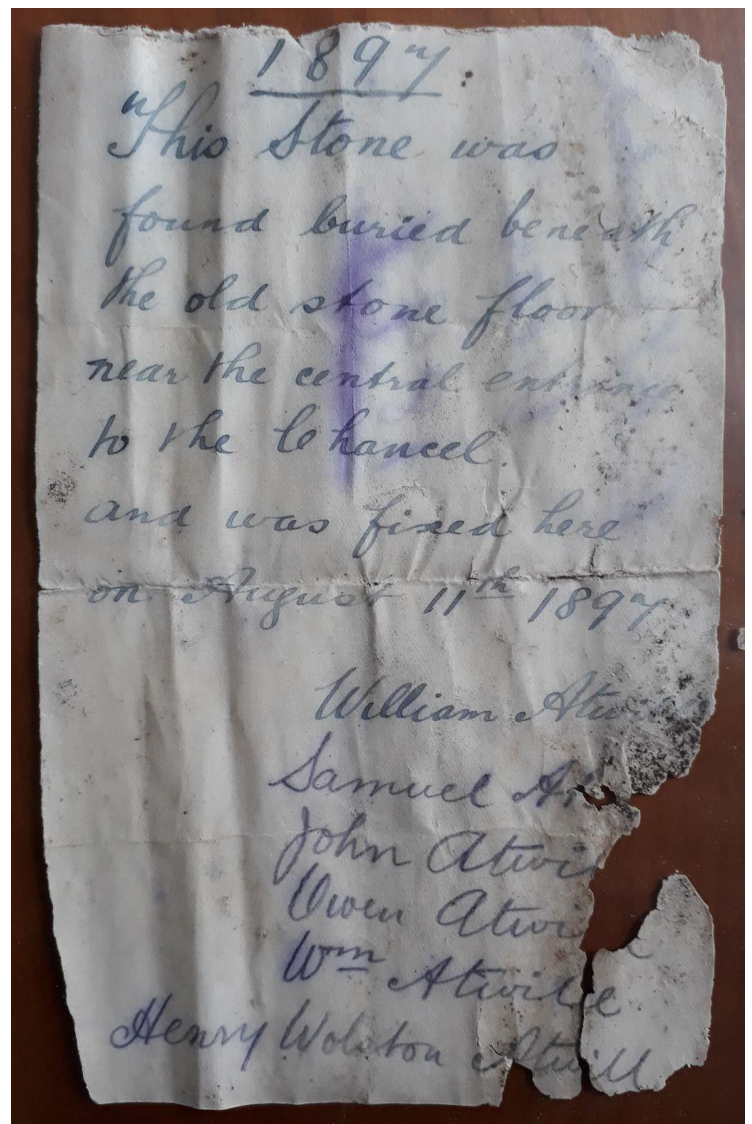
"We are an Easter people and 'ALLELUIA' is our song" - St. Augustine.

When we receive our copies of the latest edition of the Beacon, Easter will be fast approaching and we can all appreciate the quote from St. Augustine. It hardly seems any time at all since Christmas to find the quiet time of Lent once more with us. I always look forward to Easter with flowers in the church to celebrate 'new life' hymns for Easter Sunday and the exciting Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Our dusty church will be slick and span once again with the completion of the great work that has been done to the south wall and the Chancel – see Chris Parker's note. While the work was being done we had an exciting discovery of a 'message in a bottle'. A tablet dated 1601 is set in the south wall which had to be removed for the plastering to be carried out. On removal a cavity was found containing a very old bottle with a letter inside.



The letter was dated 1897 and written by the Rev. Chamberlain who was responsible in his day for a lot of the church renovations. He explains in his letter how the tablet had been found buried under the floor of the Chancel



when work was being carried out there. The names of the Attwill family who had found it were listed in the letter. We have now returned it to its resting place together with a letter telling how it was found and signed by members of our church group and Chris the stonemason who found it. Who knows in another couple of hundred years it might be found again and cause even more excitement?

News from Broadhempston - continued

Here in Broadhempston we have a treat in store on the 2nd June with an open day of eight 'Secret Gardens'. This is being organised by Alison, Dawn and Penny of our village to raise funds for the church fabric fund and a very big thank you goes out to them from the PCC. The church will be decorated so do visit it and also admire our latest renovation work. Afternoon teas will be served throughout the event with delicious home made cakes. We do hope that you can come and enjoy on our delightful gardens.

There are so many worries in the world these days but also so much good being done by many.

This is why we can still celebrate Easter 2000 years on. Easter Eggs, chocolate rabbits, the return of spring but there must be more to it than that and of course there is. Easter festival celebrates the death and rising of Jesus. Let us hope the world joins in because there is nothing like a good celebration.

From all of us to all of you a happy Easter.

Pam Perriman

Smile



*Maria came home from Sunday School on Palm Sunday and told her mother that she had learned a new song about a cross eyed bear called Gladly. It took her mother a while before she realised that the Hymn Maria had been singing was really '**Gladly the Cross I'd Bear**'.*

Pam Perriman



Church Renovation Project

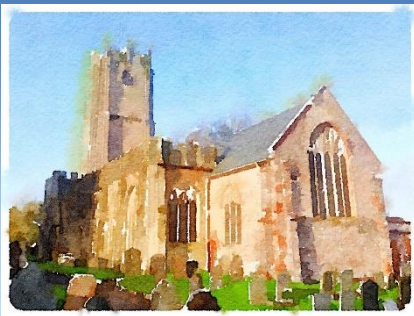
The extensive re-plastering work in the South Aisle, Side Chapel and Chancel is now complete and the final coat of limewash applied. Call in to see the benefit of this work. Repairs to the flooring will be undertaken over the next few weeks as we prepare the South Aisle for use by the Broadhempston Archive & Local History Group as a permanent heritage display area.

As predicted, the re-plastering created a lot of dust and inevitably some of the dust has spread to other parts of the church. It is therefore particularly important that this year we give the church a thorough Spring Clean. **This will take place on Saturday, 13th April starting at 9.30am.** If you like to see your church kept clean and polished, please volunteer to help by phoning Jane Parker on 01803 762543. She's an old lady but she scrubs up well (the church, I mean!). Any and all help will be very much appreciated.

Chris Parker

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



First of all how wonderful to hear the church clock striking again so many people in the village appreciate hearing it again and really missed it. Thanks to everyone involved.

On Sunday February 3rd we celebrated Candlemas the presentation of Christ in the Temple - this marked the end of Christmas. On Saturday February 9th Jo, Vanessa and myself went to Exeter Cathedral to sing with the young choristers and many other people from various church choirs which was organised by the R.S.C.M. We had a rehearsal before we took part in the Evensong Service and found it an interesting experience.

Our Morning Worship on February 24th was led by Jane with Steven Sheldon giving a powerful address and the intersessions. The theme of his talk was 'Put your hand in the hand of the Man who stilled the water' which we all sang afterwards.

At the Communion service on March 3rd Rev. Andrew gave his passionate sermon from the pulpit. He said it was like going up in the mountain to pray and reminded him of his recent holiday in Scotland and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The Ash Wednesday Communion and Distribution of the Ashes service was very special. Rev. Andrew and Rev. Tony marked a cross on each member of the Congregation with the ashes. The beginning of Lent is a time to reflect, a time to either give something up or maybe this year to give, whether to charity or maybe your time to helping people in various ways. Each Wednesday evening at 7pm during Lent there is the opportunity to enjoy a service of Compline lasting half an hour. A time to listen to readings, meditations, prayers and music.

Rev. Tony Meek led the Communion service on Sunday March 10th. The choir sang the

Communion hymns at the front of the church with Madeleine playing the Clavichord. Jo made an appeal to anyone who enjoys singing to come and sit with us even occasionally, they do not have to robe up or commit to attending choir practice although of course we would welcome new members!

The bells rang out before the double funeral of Sylvia Pauline Cox and Alan George Cox on Thursday March 14th. Rev. Tony welcomed everyone to the Celebration of their busy lives which we heard about in both of their eulogies. The playing of music and singing being an important part of their lives. Sadly after their car accident in France in 2011 they have been mainly housebound but with excellent care from carers who became part of the family. Devoted to the end.

We look forward to our Mothering Sunday service then all the wonderful Easter services.

Marilyn Clark

Ipplepen Clock - update

The clock struck for the first time for over a year at 10am on Friday 1st March. Many thanks to all concerned.



Scaffolder Tom and his assistants: Charles, Colin, Tom, Roy and Tony



Luke Ridge and Dave Clarke from the Cumbrian Clock Company

Clergy in the First World War:

The 'padre' in the field

When the first British Expeditionary Force crossed the Channel to France in 1914 it was accompanied by 54 chaplains. They formed almost half the pre-war establishment of chaplains of all denominations. This number increased with the growth of our Armies. Parish priests left their livings to serve, many whose age might have exempted them from the call showing a zeal that could not be exceeded by younger men. Still there was need; and by 1915 the Bishop of London, and other Bishops, appealed for volunteers to fill a deficiency caused partly by death and wounds and partly to the terminations of periods of service.

At the armistice the total of chaplains of all denominations serving was 3,480. The heroism shown by many of them had received national recognition.

"But the best celebration of their disregard of danger in the pursuit of duty came from the men among whom they laboured, who tell how the padre brought books and tobacco to the trenches by fire-swept roads, or conducted services under German guns. Even better remembered, if possible, is the daily help they gave in the spirit of comradeship, their manly sympathy, their forgetfulness of sectional differences, their appreciation of essential Christianity, their readiness to obliterate self in the common cause."

To chaplains of the English Church 262 awards have been made, including three VCs, 10 CMGs, 37 DSOs, 205 MCs and Bars. The three VCs were won by the Revs. E N Mellish, W R P Addison and T B Hardy. The bestowal of these VCs was thoroughly approved by the Army generally. The *Times* Correspondent, writing from British Headquarters in France in September, 1916, sums up the relation of the

chaplains to the Army in words as applicable now as then:

"It has been abundantly proved that, while the British soldier wants his parson to be a man and a comrade, he insists, above all, on his still being a parson, and the chaplain who forgets his cloth in the endeavour to become more friendly with the men finds only that he has killed his usefulness. The testimony of all, from commanding officers down, is that the chaplains here are in the mass excellent, and wielding the enormous influence for good."

We are grateful that such attributes are unchanging..

Michael Price

Rev W.R.F. Addison



Rev E.N. Mellish



Rev T.B. Hardy

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Services for April and May

Services planned at time of going to print. Please check website / pew sheets for updates

Sun 7th April	5th Sunday of 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 14th April	Palm Sunday	
8am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	BCP Communion
9.15am	St Mary's Denbury	Communion
11am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	Communion
4pm	St Peter and St Paul Broadhempston	Communion
6pm	St John the Baptist Woodland	Communion
Thu 18th April	Maundy Thursday	
10.30am	Exeter Cathedral	Chrism Mass
8pm	St Andrew's Ipplepen	Eucharist with washing of feet Followed by Watch 'til Midnight
	St Mary's Denbury	Eucharist taken to Denbury Followed by Watch 'til Midnight
Fri 19th April	Good Friday	
10.30am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	Joint Service with Methodist Church
11.15am	Ipplepen Village	Walk of Witness
2pm	St Mary's Denbury	Veneration of the Cross
Sat 20th April	Easter Eve	
8.30pm	St Mary's Denbury	Easter Vigil & First Communion of Easter
Sun 21st April	Easter Day	
8am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	BCP Communion
9.15am	St Mary's Denbury	Communion
11am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	Communion
4pm	St Peter and St Paul Broadhempston	Communion
6pm	St John the Baptist Woodland	Communion
Sun 28th April	2nd Sunday of Easter	
8am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	BCP Communion
9.15am	St Mary's Denbury	Communion
11am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	Morning Worship
4pm	St Peter and St Paul Broadhempston	Celtic Evening Prayer
6pm	St John the Baptist Woodland	Evensong
Sun 5th May	3rd Sunday of Easter	
8am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	BCP Communion
10am	Ipplepen Village Hall	Café Church Joint with Methodists
Sun 12th May	4th Sunday of Easter	
8am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	BCP Communion
9.15am	St Mary's Denbury	Communion
11am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	Communion
4pm	St Peter and St Paul Broadhempston	Communion
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11am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	Communion
4pm	St Peter and St Paul Broadhempston	Celtic Evening Prayer
6pm	St John the Baptist Woodland	Evensong
Sun 26th May	6th Sunday of Easter	
8am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	BCP Communion
9.15am	St Mary's Denbury	Communion
11am	St Andrew's Ipplepen	Communion
		Anne's 25 th anniversary of ordination

Mid-week Services for April and May

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

Intercessions for the Mission Community – April and May

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Apr 7 th	Richard Innes-Lumsden in the office	Court Gate Close & Edgelands Lane	West End Terrace	Knowle	Oldstone House
Apr 14 th	The Beacon team	Croft Road, Croft Meadow & Croft Orchard	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Tor Farm
Apr 21 st	The website team	Crokers Way	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Lower Woodland Farm
Apr 28 th	Churchyard teams	Denbury Cross	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Woodland Cottage
May 5 th	Fabric teams	Dornafield Road & Dornafield Close	Shute Lane	Main Street	Wickeridge House
May 12 th	Bellringers	Dornafield Drive East, West & Fulton Close	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Oakdene
May 19 th	Messy Church	East Street & Foredown Road	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Orleycombe
May 26 th	Sunday Club	Fore Street	North Street	Primary School	Hillside

Dates ahead – April and May

April

Wednesday 3 rd	7pm	APCM Ipplepen
Thursday 4 th	1pm	Churches Together Lunch at The Hub, Ipplepen
Saturday 6 th		Coffee morning Ipplepen
Saturday 6 th		Coffee morning Woodland Parish Rooms
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th		Rector on annual leave
Monday 15 th	7.30pm	APCM Broadhempston
Wednesday 17 th	4pm	APCM Woodland
Thursday 25 th	5pm	APCM Denbury
Friday 26 th		St. Andrew's Ringers and Choir Dinner

May

Monday 6 th	7.30pm	Broadhempston PCC
Monday 20 th	7pm	Ipplepen PCC
Monday 27 th – Sunday 2 nd June		Rector on Annual Leave

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:

For April: Our regular contributor who likes to see the Tower lit up when returning home at night.

For May: Colin Williams in memory of his wife Monica
Joseph Matthews in memory of his wife Eileen.

Ipplepen:

Retrospective

- Feb 24th Rex Osborn and family in loving memory of Wendy on her birthday on 26th February
Mar 3rd Sheila, Graham, Beckie and Hannah Needs remembering Margaret Kemp, a dear Mum and Granny, on her birthday on 9th March
Mar 24th Graham and Anna Job in loving memory of Philip and Joan Job whose birthdays would have been on 25th and 26th March

New

- April 7th Mark, Karen, and Ken Squire remembering Pamela whose birthday would have been on 10th April
April 7th Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birthday of Otto Mace on 12th April
April 7th Dennis Hurrell and family in memory of his wife, Sally, whose birthday would have been on 14th April
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April 14th Ivor Partridge, Janice, Julie and Adam remembering Daphne Partridge, a dear wife, mother, and Gran, on her birthday on 15th April
April 14th Douglas and Mary Cock on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on 20th April. They were married on Easter Saturday.
April 14th Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birthday of Franz Mace on 15th April
April 21st Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the Wedding Anniversary of their son Alex and Jonas on 26th April
April 28th Antony Mitchell remembering his mother, Mary, and Grandfather Came
May 12th Margaret Hatten in loving memory of her darling husband, David, whose birthday would have been on 17th May
May 19th Margaret Hatten in loving memory of her darling husband, David, whose birthday would have been on 17th May
May 19th Linda, David, and Hannah Simmonds for Katie's birthday on 25th May
May 26th Peter Mason remembering his wife, Jan, on 29th May when they would have been married 54 years
May 26th Mr and Mrs Raymond in celebration of their 64th Wedding Anniversary on 31st May

World Day of Prayer

On Friday 1st March 20 ladies and 1 gentleman met in St. Andrew's Church for the annual World Day of Prayer service (formerly known as Women's World Day of Prayer) which this year had been written by the women of Slovenia who are relatively new to the WDP movement.

Slovenia is a country bordering Austria and Croatia and one of the smallest and youngest in Europe and is a mainly Christian country.

The theme was 'Come – Everything is ready'. We had refreshments before the service with tea, coffee and homemade honey biscuits – Medenjaki – and then as the service started and music played - the table was laid with a white cloth, a vase of red carnations, bread in a basket, wine in a majolica jug, water, salt and a ceramic bowl.

The service progressed with hymns/songs/readings and stories of the lives of 5 Slovenian women. Tessa gave the reflection based on the artwork by Rezka Arnus (shown).

The offering helps to pay for the work of the WDP in England, Wales and N. Ireland and projects run by Christian charities around the world. We were all given a red carnation signifying celebration and the service finished as usual with the hymn 'The Day Thou Gavest'.



It is humbling to think we were part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe – starting as the sun rises over Samoa and ending some 38 hours later back in the Pacific as the sun sets over American Samoa.

Next year it will be the women of Zimbabwe planning the service and we look forward to seeing more people at the beginning of March 2020.

I think we all benefitted from singing and praying together in a very moving service.

Vanessa Bevan

Straplines

- Ever more people today have the means to live, but no meaning to live for. (*Viktor Frankl*)
- *The ability to listen is seldom taught, yet it requires a deep spiritual change. It means that the other person has to matter to us as much as we matter about ourselves.*
- It seems the average person's idea of a good sermon is one that goes over the head and hits a neighbour.
- *When it comes to mission work overseas, money can narrow the gap, but only people can bridge it.*

Broadhempston bellringing news

It is sometime since I put pen to paper, there are a number of news items to report, so here goes.

We restarted our winter practice sessions at Broadhempston back in September, by the time you read this it will be complete, but if there is anyone out there who would like to have a go then please give me a call.

We have a healthy band of ringers turning up for Monday practices. Last year we had a very special occasion to ring for, the armistice for WW1 on the 11th November. The National strategy was to ring all the bells of Great Britain to celebrate the end of this horrific conflict in Europe. We did our bit by ringing at Broadhempston, Staverton and Littlehempston. The bells at Landscope were also rung by one of our ringers Kate. In July I was privileged to travel with a band to Ypres in Belgium to ring the bells there dedicated to St. George.

We also visited sites where the battle of Passchendaele was fought. There we took the opportunity to find the grave of a young bell ringer from North Devon who was killed there. We also laid a wreath at the Menin Gate as part of the daily act of remembrance. There were two other organisations from Devon represented the same day, Churston Grammar School and Okehampton College.

It was a very emotional day. My grandfather Francis Pascoe fought in the battle, he survived but was an invalid for the rest of his life due to the effects of Mustard Gas.

Christmas and New Year are always very special to bellringers. By the time you read this we will have celebrated both events by ringing our bells at various events. A picture associated shows our intrepid band on New Year's Eve.

The pattern of ringing on Sundays has changed at Broadhempston. For as long as I can remember we have predominantly rang for 11am services each week. Services in the main will now be at 4pm in the afternoon. This causes some difficulty particularly in the summer months. We



Lesley Rowe, Margaret Sercombe, Marion Ryder, Graham Pascoe, Julia Jarvis, Ian Wilkinson

will continue to do our best to ring but there may be occasions when this will not happen. Our apologies in advance.

Now for the future:

Some of you may have heard that our bells are in need of some serious restoration. Due to the ingress of water two of the foundation beams which hold the bells up the tower have serious rot and are in danger of failing in the near future. Additionally the clappers, running gear and headstocks are all in need of replacement. In order to do this the bells will be removed to a bell founder for repair. At the same time it is intended to have two of the bells re-tuned. The treble (the lightest bell) was added in 1887 but was never tuned properly and is a semitone out

Broadhempston bellringing news - continued

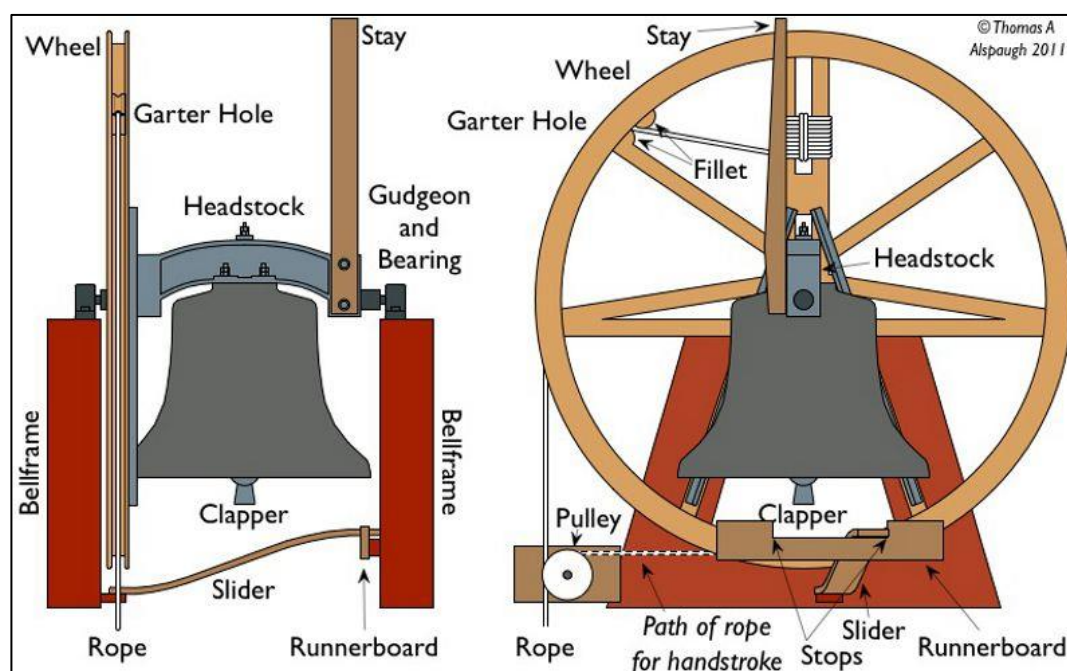


Diagram showing the main components of a church bell and its installation

of key. The fifth was tuned in 1781 using a metal chisel and hammer and has very poor harmonics. Technology today offers an easy fix for both problems using a large lathe and computer analysis.

There is clearly a cost to all this work, estimated at around £50K. At the same time the church and tower also need significant monies spent on them to ensure that they are there for future generations. The bellringers will be running fundraising events and applying for grants to carry out the bell work. If there are any benefactors out there who would like to

contribute to our fundraising then I will be very pleased to hear from you, in confidence if you wish. Any contributions large or small will be most welcome, I hope to hear from you.

Serving the community.

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Bell	Weight	Nominal	Note	Diameter	Dated	Founder	Canons	Turning
1	5cwt	1245.5	D#	29.13"	1887	Llewellyns & James	Y	
2		1073.5	C	30.50"	1781	J III, C IV, & W Pennington & Co	Y	4
3		959.5	Bb	32.00"	1781	J III, C IV, & W Pennington & Co	Y	4
4		896.5	A	33.88"	1781	J III, C IV, & W Pennington & Co	Y	4
5		787.0	G	36.25"	1781	J III, C IV, & W Pennington & Co	Y	4
6	12cwt	716.0	F	41.63"	1781	J III, C IV, & W Pennington & Co	Y	4

Details of the bells – from Doves Guide www.dove.cccbr.org.uk

Connections!

Fiona Muddeman writes following John Usher's article in the December – January Beacon (pages 26-27):

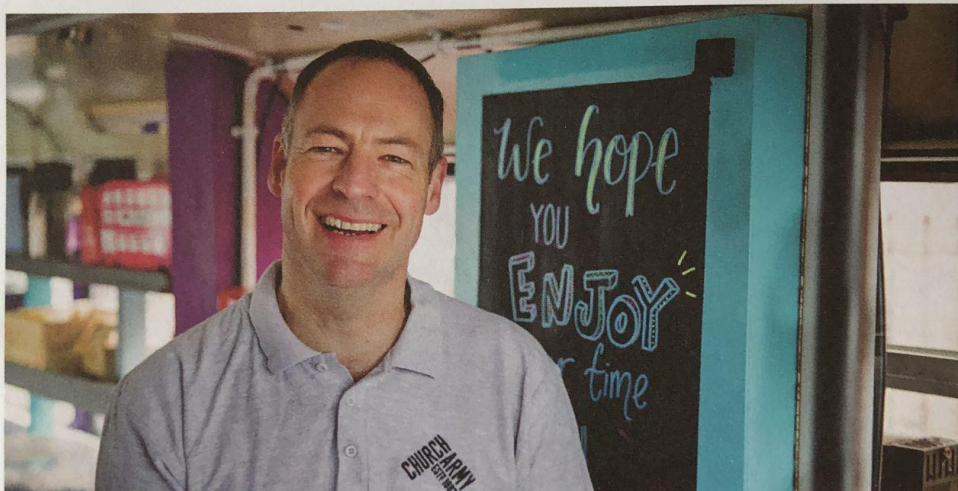
I was interested in John Usher's article "Who will tell them?" I also am a great admirer of the work the Church Army does, sometimes in very challenging areas.

I am enclosing a report from the Church Army Prayer diary about my cousin, Richard Cooke.

Richard's grandfather grew up in what is now The Old Vicarage in Ipplepen with three siblings, one of whom was my mother. His grandfather, Henry Cooke, always known as Harry, became Vicar of Princetown, later of Kingsteignton and then Seaton - both he and his father, who was the long time vicar here, were prebendaries of Exeter Cathedral. So Richard in Yorkshire has a strong connection with the Church in Devon.

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Selby Centre of Mission



Richard Cooke on the Bus Stop's double-decker bus


Our Selby Centre of Mission is based on the Flaxley Road estate and led by **Richard Cooke** with pioneer evangelist **Amy Hayes**. This estate is one of the most socially deprived estates in North Yorkshire. Loneliness and hopelessness are real challenges faced by some local people. One of the key ways Selby Centre of Mission seeks to tackle this is through their community drop-in on a converted double-decker bus. Please pray for them as they provide emotional support, befriending and help with bereavement.

Please pray for the Bus Stop project which provides the estates' young people with a space to explore faith and the issues they encounter in life.

Join us in praying for the many young people who face difficult life circumstances, that Richard and Amy would be successful in reaching younger teens, and they would have the volunteers to sustain this ministry.

We also pray for Richard and Amy as they build Christian community through Edge Community Church in partnership with St James' Church – may many find Jesus and experience the difference He makes to their lives.

**"COME NEAR TO GOD, AND HE
WILL COME NEAR TO YOU."**

 James 4:8

The Prayer Workshop



On four consecutive Wednesdays beginning in January a small group of us met at the home of our reader in training Hillarie Griggs to explore and discuss prayer. Four weeks of discussion and viewpoints, experiences and methods of engaging in prayer left me thinking a lot about what I had heard and I realised that it is not just a case of taking oneself away to what Andrew described recently as our 'thin' place – that place where the distance between God and ourselves is at its narrowest and waiting, or forcing, the flood of words to come.

Over the four weeks Hillarie skilfully guided us through various strategies and methods of prayer, from 'Lectio Divina' - the meditation of Scripture - with its six steps and rooted in ancient monastic tradition, to 'Centering Prayer', a more recent and, arguably, expanded insight into that same meditation. While two very separate disciplines they complement each other fully.

Great fun and something completely new to me and others I'm relieved to say were the 'Acronyms for Prayer'; for example: PRAY (Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield) and ALTAR (Adoration, Love, Thanksgiving, Asking, Resolutions) and HEART; I'll leave that one for you to work out for yourself or look up on the internet.

We also looked at using objects and imagery to inspire prayer, and not just the obvious ones of a cross or icon or the meditative light of a burning candle but also tactile hand-held objects such as pebbles and even buttons. A particularly beautiful one was the floating of rose petals in a bowl of water – ask Hillarie to explain that one.

In all, time well spent, and we all agreed that we would like to explore more aspects of prayer together.

Some useful websites:

Daily Prayer: CofE or <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer>

On your mobile try the app: <https://pray-as-you-go>

Lectio Divina: <https://ocarm.org/en/lectio-divina>

Centering Prayer: <https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations>
www.contemplativeoutreach.org

Steve Bassett

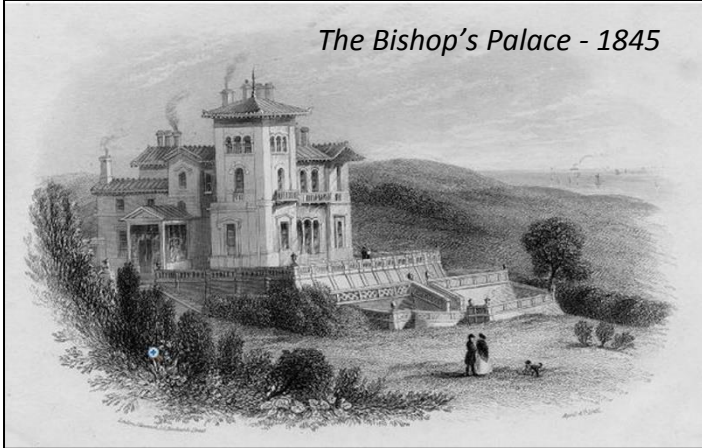
I Believe

These words were found after World War II on the walls of a cellar in Cologne, Germany where people had been hiding:

I believe in the sun,
Even when it is not shining.
I believe in love,
Even when I feel it not.
I believe in God,
Even when He is silent

More on past Devon clergy: Bishop Henry Philpotts

Recently I saw in the press that the Palace Hotel in Torquay is being refurbished, and remembered that it was built by Bishop Philpotts as his country house, rather than live in the Palace at Exeter.



The Bishop's Palace - 1845

Bishop Philpotts, known as “Henry of Exeter” was Bishop from 1830-69, one of England’s longest serving bishops. An able scholar he took his MA degree at Magdalen College at the age of 18, was ordained priest in 1804 and was made bishop of Exeter in 1831. As he considered that the stipend at Exeter (£3000 pa) was insufficient he was allowed to retain a Canonry of Durham Cathedral which gave him another £4000 a year until his death. He was the last of a clerical aristocracy and lived on a scale similar to the nobility. There is no doubt that Bishop Philpotts was hardworking and supportive of his clergy in his huge diocese - which extended from the Somerset border to the Isles of Scilly. However, he was not universally popular. A former friend, the Rev. Sydney Smith, is famous for saying “I must believe in the Apostolic Succession, there being no other way of accounting for the descent of the Bishop of Exeter from Judas Iscariot”.

The following extract from the Western Times, 30th September 1843, gives a flavour of this:

“On Sunday afternoon last Bishop Philpotts took his seat on his Episcopal throne, drew the curtains around him and made all snug for meditation. Having shut out the world, the holy man had nothing else to do but retire within the sanctuary of his own pure thoughts. He did so. Dr. Coleridge of Thorverton was the divine appointed to preach, and his sermon was marked with that vigour of thought and terseness of expression for which the Reverend Doctor is somewhat celebrated. He denounced triflers, and most specially those who, having used the six days for the pursuits of the world, went and slept away the seventh at church. The sermon concluded as all good things will do. The Rev. Doctor looked over towards the Bishop’s throne, expecting to see our Right Reverend and respected Diocesan slowly rise and dismiss the flock with a pious blessing. The Doctor looked in vain; but as he directed a stern and astonished gaze into the Bishop’s snuggery, people really could not tell what to make of it, and this added to the awful pause the dreary incompleteness of the devotional service, by the absence of the Bishop’s blessing. All this suddenly created a panic of piety, and every face was turned with indescribable anxiety towards the throne. The verger rushed out with his mace, and knocked decidedly; then louder and more decidedly; but alas, there was no response save, in the stillness between the knocks, the response of an audible but most comfortable snore.”



Bishop Philpotts

Stephen Bryant



Why?

1. The Bible

Why read it?

2. Christianity

Why believe?



3. Church

Why go to it?

4. Life

Why change it?

5. Death

Why fear it?

Any answers, questions or comments gratefully received for inclusion in the next edition!

These with other articles, flyers and photographs should reach me by May 20th.

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