

What does summer have in store for you?

I wonder what the summer has in store for you....holidays, trips to the beach; barbeques and picnics, spending time in the garden, socialising with family and friends. The summer with its longer days and hopefully warmer and drier weather is a time when we often relax and pursue leisure activities. We take space from doing and give time to simply being - being with ourselves and with our friends and family. Within the church year, having celebrated Easter and this month celebrating Pentecost (on 9th June), we are approaching what is called 'ordinary time'. This runs all the way through the summer, into when the nights draw in, a new school year begins and finally autumn is here. We then start to focus on the celebration of Christmas. Ordinary time is a time for growing. Just as many plants are flourishing at this time and we are surrounded by wonderful shades of green, so too in our church buildings and worship we surround ourselves with the colour green.

We may think that simply giving time to ourselves, our family and friends over the summer is pretty ordinary but I'd like to suggest it is anything but this. Through our times of relaxation and leisure relationships are built, memories are made, we are put in touch with ourselves, God and what gives us

life again and we gain valuable perspective. It is often a time of immense growth and flourishing. Through the ordinary things of life extraordinary things happen. During what the church calls 'ordinary time' we read and reflect on stories of Jesus going about his daily business – eating, drinking and being with people. But just as with our own activities over the summer, the extraordinary is always present as Jesus heals, casts out demons and calls people to repentance. The extraordinary and ordinary are not as separate as we sometimes are tempted to think.

The summer is a time of growth, as we can see on our farms, in our gardens and through enjoying being out and about with other people as we bump into them more often and deliberately plan to spend time with them. Through these seemingly ordinary encounters the extraordinary is never far away. Let's not lose sight of the connection between the ordinary and the extraordinary in our lives. Our pattern for such viewing and living of life and the growth and flourishing it produces is Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God and man, extraordinary and ordinary.

Andrew



Towards a sustainable Sunday Service Pattern

As I have been planning the next two month rota I have come to realise how unsustainable the current pattern is and that we need to move to a more sustainable Sunday pattern with some urgency. We therefore are needing to move into a time of transition and adaptation which will take I predict at least 4 months. We will make in that time two major steps. The first occurs now with a revised Sunday pattern of services for June and July explained in detail below. The second major step will be based on our experience of June and July and making the adaptations that need to be made for August and September with the hope that we will be able to have a new permanent set pattern by October.

The principles for the design of the rota are:

1. Working with the resources God has given us.
2. Working as God's family across our mission community.
3. Creating space so that we can allow and support new growth.
4. Developing and supporting lay involvement.

How does this relate to our Sunday Services rota?

We will have:

1. Two sung communion services every regular Sunday - one in the morning (alternating between 9.15am at Denbury and 11am at Ipplepen) and one in the afternoon (alternating between 4pm Broadhempston and 6pm Woodland).
2. On the alternate weeks each community will have Celtic Morning or Evening Prayer with the exception of Woodland who has a monthly pattern of BCP Evensong.
3. 8am BCP (said) Holy Communion will happen twice a month in Ipplepen.
4. 5th Sundays and Patronal Festivals to have joint mission community services.

Sustainability and new growth:

1. Sung Eucharists take considerable energy and time from many people (and particularly the priest) so we will focus this energy on two major Sung Eucharist services each Sunday.
2. The alternating Eucharist pattern should encourage us to develop friendships across and within our churches as we travel to receive communion on alternate Sundays.
3. The Celtic liturgies of Morning and Evening Prayer (and BCP Evensong) are simpler and provide more space for quiet reflection or creativity as well as allowing more people to take part in leading worship.
4. With a simplified Sunday rota we will be able to have energy and resources to consider and invest in children's and families work.

Towards a sustainable Sunday Service Pattern - contd

Change is always hard and we often seem to take two steps forward and one back. A better analogy for us in our context is the inevitable need to give way and reverse in the lanes as we travel between our villages. As we make our way forward we are often required to give way to another so they can make their way forward on their journey. In this giving way we might have cause to stop in a gateway and get a glimpse of a view we would have missed. The give and take we will experience as we make this journey of change in our Sunday Services rota will sometimes feel like going backwards and giving way but my prayer is that when this happens God will sustain us with glimpses of views that we would not have had and which will make the journey richer and more sustaining.

I ask you to keep this in your prayers over the coming months, talk about the joys and the sorrows and look out for the potential and opportunities for growth.

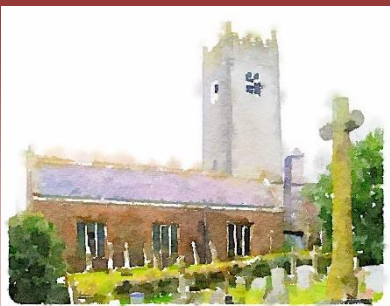
Peace and Good Wishes

Andrew

	St Andrew's Ipplepen	St Mary the Virgin Denbury	St Andrew's Ipplepen	St Peter & St Paul Broadhempston	St John the Baptist Woodland
Sunday Week 1	8am BCP Holy Communion	9.15am Celtic Morning Prayer	11am Sung Communion	4pm Celtic Evening Prayer	6pm Sung Communion
Sunday Week 2		9.15am Sung Communion	11am Celtic Morning Prayer	4pm Sung Communion	
Sunday Week 3	8am BCP Holy Communion	9.15am Celtic Morning Prayer	11am Sung Communion	4pm Celtic Evening Prayer	6pm Sung Communion
Sunday Week 4		9.15am Sung Communion	11am Celtic Morning Prayer	4pm Sung Communion	6pm BCP Evensong
Sunday Week 5					

News from Woodland

St. John the Baptist



As we head towards midsummer I think that every gardener must be feeling thankful that, with the noticeably longer days, there is much more evening to be able to fit in those garden tasks which need doing more frequently when the sun shines.

Easter was certainly very sunny and it has remained so until the time of writing. It has been a very good year for tree blossom. Both fruit tree and the hedgerow blackthorn have been marvellous and the hawthorn in the hedges is looking particularly stunning at the moment. Hopefully there will also be plenty of berries too, come autumn.

With Easter being so late, however, and the springtime being so advanced there were only a few late daffodils to be found to decorate the church before Easter Sunday. There were still many primroses to be found, though, and it was amazing what we managed to glean from our village gardens to fill the church with fresh beauty at what is usually a difficult time for flowers.

As a group of us worked it was lovely to hear tales of how the church was decorated for Easter in past times. Apparently the windowsills were all completely covered in moss before posies of flowers were added, although, apart from my lawn, I'm not quite sure where such huge quantities of moss could be found and gathered each year!

The period after Easter has usually been a quiet time in our parish. Like gardeners, farmers are usually extremely busy this time of year with spring crops to plant, autumn crops to tend and soil fertility to improve whilst the plants are in a stage of maximum growth, as well as baby animals and new mothers to care for.

Also a busy time for any families with children the right age to sit SATs exams, GCSEs, 'A' levels, take part in Ten Tors, etc. Consequently, with the exception of our usual monthly library and coffee mornings, we tend to keep things very low key during the spring months. Looking ahead, though, the 30th June heralds Woodland's Patronal festival, which we share with Broadhempston. This year I believe that it is the turn of Woodland to host this event, with the usual refreshments afterwards, and we will probably have a village working party to give the place a good spring clean beforehand.

Helen Pearce

Celtic Morning and Evening Prayer

Over the next few months as we adapt to a new rota pattern (see the article 'Towards a sustainable Sunday Service Pattern') we will be using on occasion an adapted form of Morning and Evening Prayer from the Northumbrian Community. This is a simple form of service with some structure but also plenty of room for space and reflection.

You can find more about the Northumbrian Community and follow links to the services at <https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/>

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



Our main Easter celebrations followed the familiar pattern we have adopted over many years starting with the watch on Thursday night. This is always a moving period of Holy Week with the silent church lit only by candles. This is one of those occasions when our awareness of the great antiquity of the church and those who have prayed and worshipped in this place over the centuries is at its height.

The more sombre, reflective mood was continued on the Good Friday service at which the Cross was venerated and with several of the congregation reading parts of the Passion.

On the Saturday a large group of children met to embark on an Easter walk collecting flowers, moss and greenery from which they constructed our beautiful Easter garden within the altar which has provided a lovely focal point in church throughout Easter.

We were lucky that the weather on Saturday evening was fair and calm meaning the lighting of the bonfire outside the porch, from which the new Paschal Candles are lit, could take place safely. The candles representing the light of Christ were then paraded into the darkened church following which the ancient Easter Vigil service continued. This is a lengthy but very moving service with quite a number of variations to our normal communion service to keep the serving team on their toes!

The Easter Day communion was followed by an Easter egg hunt around the churchyard for the children who again seemed to have no trouble at all in tracking down every egg, no

matter how cunningly they had been hidden. A large cross covered with netting is positioned at the front of the church during the service and it has become a tradition for the congregation to bring flowers with them and fix them on the cross. The cross is then placed on the war memorial at the heart of the village for everyone to see and enjoy.

One of the major events held in Denbury annually is the May Fair which takes place on Bank holiday Monday. Attendance at this year's show was impressive with fine weather helping to boost numbers. Numerous stalls, competitions live music and dancing ensured visitors were well entertained all afternoon. The church ran a stall selling cakes which as ever sold out quickly and the excellent sum of £253 was raised for May Fair funds.

Our Bell Restoration project continues to move forward and we have now purchased a new treble bell which will increase the peal to

six. There remains approximately £19600 still to raise to fund all planned elements of the refurbishment.

To help us achieve our target, we will be holding some major fundraising events during the summer including an Arts and Crafts weekend commencing June 22nd which will also include a concert in church on the Saturday night to showcase local talent.

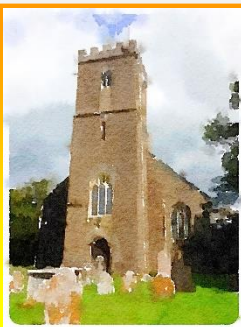
It is planned to unveil the beautiful mosaic, which was constructed by the local schoolchildren under the watchful eye and guidance of artist Monica Shanta Brown, on the Friday prior to the Arts and Craft weekend. This will be sited in the churchyard in a very visible position accompanied by a plaque explaining some of the background to the mosaic project and the 700th anniversary of the church. It is expected the unveiling will be attended by most of the children from Denbury School and other organisations that contributed to the project and promises to be a great day.

Mike Bray



News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



Our Easter Service this year was very well attended. Rev. Andrew led the Service and it was lovely to see him make a special effort to include the children in our celebrations. Again this year, we had the joy of seeing the 'Easter Gardens' made by the children of Broadhempston School on display in the South Aisle of the church.

On 15th April we held our Annual Meeting of Parishioners which included the Election of Churchwardens. Pam Perriman, who has been a Churchwarden for the last eleven years, decided it was time to step down although she agreed to remain a member of the PCC. Pam has made a huge contribution to our church during her time in office and we owe her a great debt of gratitude. We are very grateful that, for the time being, she will continue to organize the services.

Replacing Pam as Churchwarden has been a very difficult task. In the event, we decided that, for Broadhempston, the best way forward was to share out equally, between all PCC members, the overall responsibility of the Churchwarden role. In other words, the PCC will operate very much like a partnership. This new concept of 'churchwardenship' is very different from the traditional structure under which, effectively, one or two people carried most of the load.

In line with the new structure, five Churchwardens from Broadhempston attended the Archdeacon's Visitation Service with two officially 'sworn in' as representatives of the five.

Church Renovation Project

First, a very big 'thank you' to more than twenty people from across the community who responded to the call for help with cleaning the church after the recent re-plastering work. It was a magnificent effort which illustrates that a lot of people care about the church without necessarily being regular churchgoers.

The next phase of renovation work will be repairs to the lead work on the North Aisle roof. We have now received permission from the Diocese to have this work done and hope that work will start within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Chris Parker

Smile



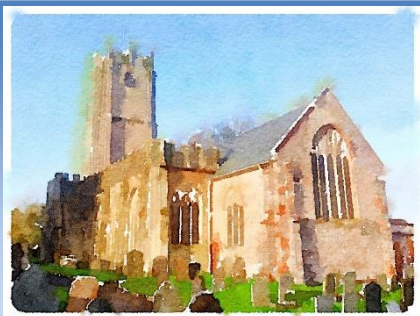
A young curate was in his first appointment and the rector soon became concerned because it became clear the young man had a problem with going to bed very late and oversleeping in the mornings. The rector was cross when he missed early morning prayers and some staff meetings. The rector suggested he discussed the problem with his doctor. He was prescribed some tablets which the doctor said would help him to sleep. They certainly had an impact, because the young curate slept well the first night and even woke before the alarm went off. He had a leisurely breakfast, enjoyed the walk to the church and told the rector the tablets the doctor gave him seemed to be solving the problem. "That's fine," said the rector, "but where were you yesterday?"

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



During Lent Maureen Burley led Morning Worship, Tessa Amies gave the address and lead the prayers on 24th March. Marilyn Ellis accompanied Tom Morris singing 'What a Wonderful World' to conclude a much enjoyed service.

'Mothering Sunday' Eucharist was celebrated by Rev Andrew, a joyous break in Lent, concluding with a posy of flowers given out by the children to all the ladies in the congregation.

The Communion service on April 7th was jointly led by both Rev Andrew and Rev Anne; the following week was Palm Sunday when we processed around the church with our Palm crosses whilst singing the first hymn. The Passion story was presented and read by Inez Heath, Stephen Bryant and Ann Holroyd, a moving and powerful experience.

Services during Holy Week included the Maundy Thursday service at 8pm, during this moving service Rev Andrew washed the feet of several members of the congregation just as Jesus did to his disciples.

The Altar was stripped and afterwards a Watch was kept in St. Peter's Chapel until midnight, a special time to sit quietly and reflect and pray by candlelight.

On Good Friday there was a united service with the Methodists and Roman Catholics as together we took part in the Walk of Witness. During the service Rev Anne told us a moving story entitled 'Bamboo'.

On a beautiful warm April day, many of us gathered outside our Church where Rev Andrew started us off with a prayer. We then had a reading, prayer and hymn outside our

Church, the Village Hall, the Wellington Inn, St. Mary's Close, finishing at the Methodist Church, after which we enjoyed coffee, tea and hot cross buns.

Easter Sunday was another glorious warm sunny day and the service also so uplifting. The floral displays were stunning; thank you all you talented flower arrangers. The congregation all brought a flower to fill the Easter Cross which looked stunning. Rev Anne started the Service after the first hymn with the lighting of the Easter candle and the Blessing of the Easter garden. Rev Andrew surprised us all by singing 'All you need is



love' a Beatles song before and after his passionate address, it was lovely and many of us joined in.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Parochial Church meeting took place on Wednesday 3rd April after a short service of Compline. It was our Rector Andrew's first AGM which he chaired and in his report he thanked everyone for the welcome he and his family had received from within the Church and the wider community. After the meeting refreshments were enjoyed by everyone.

The hospitality team hosted a coffee morning on Saturday 6th April in the Church Hall where there was a good selection of homemade cakes to buy and a raffle. It was an enjoyable social occasion and thanks to those people who supported it.

News from Ipplepen - continued

The bell ringers and choir together with friends attended Dainton Golf Club on Friday evening 26th April for their Annual Dinner. This is always a chance to relax, chat, and enjoy good food and drink. Our thanks went to Charles Quartley for organising the event this year.

Joint worship with the Methodists for café style worship at Ipplepen Village Hall May 5th.

Friends from the Methodist Church, St. Andrew's Church and the Beacon Community all gathered together on May 5th for 'Café Style Church'. Firstly everyone enjoyed croissants, tea or coffee which was prepared and served by the Hospitality Team and Methodist helpers. Thanks also to Tony and Clive who were kept busy pouring tea and coffee to everyone sat at the tables.



Rev Kevin Hook and Rev Andrew Down led the Service together which worked well. We sang hymns accompanied by Angie on the keyboard and David Petty set up the screen with the words, everyone sang well! We

reflected at our tables on Kevin and Andrew's talk based on the gospel of Jesus being with Peter catching fish and wondering how Peter felt. We also saw a video showing how help in Somalia is needed and to give for Christian Aid Week.

We were also invited each to draw a hand, cut it out and write a short prayer on each 'finger' then arrange them all in a collage. It was good to see so many people worshipping together and appreciating the social interaction. Thanks to everyone involved in helping to make this such a worthwhile experience.

Marilyn Clark

Garden Picnic – 15th June

A Garden Picnic is being held on Saturday June 15th – 12.30 onwards – at Barton House, Edgelands Lane, Ipplepen. Bring your own picnic, drinks and chairs etc. Tea and coffee available and also strawberries and cream. Please fill in sheet in church or let the parish office [office@beaconparishes.co.uk or 814178] know numbers so we have enough strawberries!



Don't blame the children

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn;

If they live with hostility, they learn to fight;

If they live with ridicule, they learn to be shy;

If they live with shame, they learn to be guilty;

If they live with tolerance, they learn to be patient;

If they live with encouragement, they learn confidence;

If they live with praise, they learn to appreciate;

If they live with fairness, they learn justice;

If they live with security, they learn about faith;

If they live with approval, they learn to feel good;

If they live with acceptance and friendship,

They learn to give love to the world.

Smile



The visiting bishop was just getting into his sermon at a family service when there was a power cut and the place was plunged into darkness. A couple of people managed to find some candles in the vestry and soon there was enough light to continue. The bishop returned to the pulpit, shuffled his papers and said, "Now, where was I when the lights went out?" To the amusement of everyone who was near enough to hear, a little voice near the front said, "Right near the end sir."

Passion plays set for 2020 role out

Huge crowds watched a re-enactment of the Easter story at London's Trafalgar Square on Good Friday and plans are now being put in place to make sure even more people will get to see it next year. The group behind it are taking things up a notch for 2020. Performances will take place across the country with Bath, Liverpool, Horsham, Bishop Auckland, Hamilton and Worcester already confirmed. Keep a look out for others. The Wintershall Estate has licensed its Passion Script, written by Peter Hutley, to allow local artists to come together and share the gospel message with their communities. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said "Passion Plays have been a feature of the life of our country since the Middle Ages, and for good reason; "There is no greater story than that of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I hope and pray that you can be caught up in the story of the love of God for the world in the person of Jesus.' Leader of English and Welsh Catholics, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: "I recall some of the last words of Pope St Paul II: 'We adore and bless the mystery of the Cross of the Son of God, because it was from his death that new hope for humanity was born.' I warmly commend this performance of The Passion of Jesus to you and thank all those who have had a part in bringing it about." The Wintershall Estate says these plays are for everyone to learn more about the Easter story and it hopes the nationwide productions will inspire unity across cities and church denominations.

Things which shouldn't wait for the next Lent

Give up complaining	focus on gratitude.
Give up pessimism	become an optimist.
Give up worry	trust God.
Give up bitterness	turn to forgiveness.
Give up negativism	be positive.
Give up pettiness	become mature.
Give up gloom	enjoy the beauty all around.
Give up jealousy	pray for wisdom.
Give up gossiping	control the tongue
Give up giving up	hang in there!

Hitting the poorest hardest

The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a new commission to look at the housing crisis and the Church's role in building stronger communities across the country. Chaired by Charlie Arbuthnot, an expert in the financing of social housing, and the Bishop of Kensington, Graham Tomlin, who has been active in efforts to support residents following the Grenfell Tower disaster, the group will begin to ask questions about the use of Church land, affordable housing and government policy. Launched at Lambeth Palace recently, the Commission is made up of experts in the area of housing and community including Sir Robert John Devereux a former permanent secretary for the Department for Work and Pensions and Marvin Rees the Mayor of Bristol. Those gathered at the launch were promised a 'thoughtful, imaginative and radical' look at the issue as well being told the Commission is keen to listen to stories of those working on the ground. Explaining the importance of its work, Justin Welby, said: "Britain's housing crisis is one of the major challenges facing this country - and it is hitting the poorest the hardest. While there is already significant work being done to find solutions, the Church has something unique to contribute. To solve Britain's housing crisis, we need to build communities as well as homes."

Straplines

- When God completed the creation of Adam, He must have taken a long hard look and said, "I can do better than that."
- If it will take you eight hours to bring down a tree, spend the first four hours sharpening the saw.
- If our church was perfect, we would all have the problem of looking for somewhere else to worship.

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Services for June and July

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

Sunday June 2nd Sunday after Ascension

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
9.15 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Sung Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.00 pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
6.00 pm	Sung Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

Sunday June 9th Pentecost

9.15 am	Sung Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.00 pm	Sung Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

Sunday June 16th Trinity Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
11.00 am	Patronal Festival	- Holy Trinity, Torbryan

Sunday June 23rd First Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am	Sung Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.00 pm	Sung Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
6.00 pm	Evensong	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

Sunday June 30th Second Sunday after Trinity

11am	Joint Patronal Festival	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
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Sunday July 7th Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
9.15 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Sung Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.00 pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
6.00 pm	Sung Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

Sunday July 14th Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am	Sung Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.00 pm	Sung Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

Sunday July 21st Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
9.15 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Sung Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.00 pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
6.00 pm	Sung Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

Sunday July 28th Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am	Sung Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.00 pm	Sung Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

Mid-week Services for June and July

Daily Midweek Services

Mon – Fri 9.00 am Morning Prayer - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Weekly Midweek Services

Monday 3.00 pm Monday Teapot - Church Cottage, Denbury
 Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
 Thursday 12 noon Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
 Thursday 4.30 pm Evening Prayer (said) - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Monthly Service

Wed 12th June 7.30pm Holy Communion (said) - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
 Wed 10th July 7.30pm Holy Communion (said) - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Intercessions for the Mission Community – June and July

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
June 2 nd	Intercessors	Ipplepen Road	East Street	Community Shop	Barton House
June 9 th	Introducers	The Grange & Grange Close	West Street	Radfords	Rose Cottages
June 16 th	Morning Worship teams	Ledsgrove	South Street	Beaston	Wickeridge Mews
June 23 rd	Social/Hospitality groups	Luscombe Close	The Post Office and Shop	Downe	Merryfield Farm
June 30 th	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses
July 7 th	Refreshments after church	Mayfair Road	The Union Inn	Knowle	Pulsford Cottages
July 14 th	Cleaners	Meadow Park	Glas-Denbury	Hemsford	Springfield Wickeridge Farm
July 21 st	Hall bookings	Moor Road	The Manor	Village Hall	Forder Cottage
July 28 th	Outreach groups	Silver Street & Newhayes	Community Groups	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Butlers Retreat Wickeridge Farm

Dates ahead – June and July

June

Sun 2 nd	2pm	Open Gardens - Broadhempston
Thurs 6 th	7pm	Joint Taize Service for Thy Kingdom Come with Ipplepen Methodist Church and all the Churches of the Beacon Parishes - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wed 12 th	7.30pm	Monthly Evening Service Holy Communion (said) - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Sat 15 th	12.30pm	Garden Picnic - Barton House, Ipplepen
Fri 21 st – Sat 22 nd		Denbury Arts Festival - Denbury (Contact Tessa Amies for Details)

July

Thurs 4 th	7.30pm	The Ashburton Singers - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Sat 6 th	3pm – 5pm	Messy Church for all children of the Beacon Parishes - St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Wed 10 th	7.30pm	Monthly Evening Service Holy Communion (said) - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Sat 13 th	7pm	Pudding Evening – Shute House, Denbury
Sat 20 th		The Ipplepen Show – Ipplepen
Sun 21 st	3 pm	Denbury Church Yard Service - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

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 the Church office on 01803 814078



Denbury:

Retrospective

May Margaret Cooper in memory of her late husband Graham

New

June Mick and Harriet Sutherland-Cook, 'a big thank you' to Denbury church congregation.

July Carol in memory of husband Gerry.

Ipplepen:

Retrospective

May 5th A beacon of light on 11th May for Wendy Jensen on her birthday.

May 19th Vanessa and Peter Bevan to celebrate their Golden Wedding on 17th May.

New

June 23rd Hazel and Jeff Mayne for their grandchildren Ben and Ella, and their Mum and Dad, Jenny and Neil on their visit to Ipplepen from Australia.

June 30th Hazel and Jeff Mayne for their grandchildren Ben and Ella, and their Mum and Dad, Jenny and Neil on their visit to Ipplepen from Australia.

July 7th Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birthday of Enzo Dewhirst.

July 7th Ivor Partridge remembering his wife, Daphne Partridge on their wedding anniversary on 13th July.

July 14th Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Edd and Maddie on 19th July.

July 27th Brenda and Barrie Morgan remembering our friend Roger Griffiths.

Our New Church Office for the Beacon Parishes

I have been fortunate over the past few weeks to be involved in a big team effort to build the foundations for our new Church Office for the Beacon Parishes. You may have spotted our new 'Church Office' sign at St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen. I must thank the many people from the Beacon Parishes that have been involved with this and all the welcoming people that have kindly visited the new office to introduce themselves and to provide me with the details I need for this new role. I must also thank the PA's at St Paul's, Newton Abbot for their assistance.

A bit about me..... I grew up in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire where I attended an anglo-catholic Church of England church, starting as a member of their small Sunday School from the age of 5. I attended their youth club and 'Yellow Braces' camp as a teenager. I also attended a Roman Catholic Secondary School where I held the position of Head Girl. I moved to Devon in the mid 1990's to study Architecture. Since then I have undertaken various Personal Assistant roles within medical and architectural offices. I have lived in Ipplepen since 2010 and for the past few years I have attended 'Messy Church' at St. Andrew's Church.



I look forward to meeting many more people from the individual churches of the Beacon Parishes as our new office continues to grow.

Best wishes

Caren Martin, PA to the Rector and Administrator for the Beacon Parishes



Caren works weekday mornings, starting at 9.30, and the normal routine is to meet up with Andrew each morning.

The office 'phone number is 01803 814178, and Caren's email is office@beaconparishes.co.uk.

Andrew's 'work' email is now rector@beaconparishes.co.uk and Caren also monitors that.

The letter box is on the wall outside and the postal address is Church Office, Church Hall, Church Path, Ipplepen TQ12 4RZ



The church hall and Caren's office (there is also a desk for Andrew). The entrance is around the side and not through the main hall entrance



The down and up message

(Read this from top to bottom, then from bottom to top)

The human community is the hope of the world?

No, the fact is

that God does not dwell in us anymore.

I do not believe

that joy is possible

that living in community is better

that we should love each other in a profound way,

The truth is

that human community is about to die out.

I refuse to believe

that we are part of something bigger than ourselves

and

that we have been changed in order to make a difference.

It is very clear

that poverty is overpowering,

that racism cannot be overcome,

that evil will never be defeated.

I cannot believe

that things will change for the better in the future.

It will turn out

that God cannot help.

and you are wrong, if you believe

God can do it.

I'm convinced

things cannot be changed.

It would be a lie, were I to say,

God cares!

The article below is reprinted from the Exeter Diocesan News. On May 26th we celebrated Anne Burden's 25th anniversary of her ordination. Congratulations, and thanks, Anne

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR FIRST WOMEN PRIESTS

A thanksgiving service to mark 25 years of women's ordained priestly ministry will be held in Exeter Cathedral on June 30th.

In March 1994, the Bishop of Bristol ordained 32 women to the priesthood – the first in the Church of England. In June and October of the same year 28 women were ordained priest in Exeter and Plymouth.

Prebendary Kathy Roberts, Dean for Women in Ministry, is organising the service to give thanks to God for all women priests and their ministry.

She said: "By remembering this very significant year we are celebrating the recognition that women and men in ordained priestly ministry together bring wholeness to the life of the church. We will also be honouring people – women and men - who worked and prayed for so long to make ministry by both gender possible."

All are welcome. Visit: <https://exeter.anglican.org/events/a-service-to-celebrate-the-25th-anniversary-of-the-first-women-priests-being-ordained>



Apples

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush to catch the plane home and with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly-missed boarding.....

ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight.

Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did. The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her; no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display.

As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$50 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears.

He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride; and he wondered. He gently went back and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus -He is good, kind, caring, loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place.

"The girl gently nodded: "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me. Thank you for hearing Jesus, Mister."

Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?" Do people mistake you for Jesus?

That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word - as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though you, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked up you and me - on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

Thanks to Marilyn Clark for sending in this article. Editor

Saint Boniface

Devon County Council has considered recently whether to adopt Boniface as the patron Saint of the County. They approved the idea and passed it to the Diocese to progress. But I fear that many people don't know anything about the man who was perhaps the greatest man of religion ever produced in Devon.

He was born in or near Crediton in about the year 650 and was christened Wynfrith. He studied at the Benedictine establishment in Exeter, the remains of which are probably under the present Cathedral.

After he became a monk, his name was changed to Boniface. He served first at Exeter and then at Nursling (near Southampton)

In 718, he went to take the Gospel to the heathen tribes of Germany. He was the first preacher of Christianity in central Germany. He went to Rome three times to report on his progress to the Pope and was consecrated a Bishop there. He established his seat in Mainz.



About 732, the Pope made him an Archbishop, after which he set about organising the West German and Frankish church. After he reached 70, he turned his attention to Holland. There, in Dokkum, he was quietly reading in his tent when heathens put him to the sword. It is believed that he held a big book over his head to protect himself and the fatal blow went straight through the book and into his skull. He was buried in Fulda, where he had founded a monastery.

Boniface is remembered as a great and loveable man, who was important in the history of western Europe as one of the greatest teachers of the faith there.

In 1980, a Jamboree was held at Crediton, to celebrate him. It was attended by scouts and guides from across the world.

His symbol is a book, pierced by a sword and his feast day is 5th June.

Edward Goodman

Not many waiting at the church

The number of couples deciding to marry at a church or another religious building has fallen to an all-time low, according to new official figures. Data released by the Office for National Statistics shows religious ceremonies now account for less than a quarter of all weddings. Harry Benson, a Christian, and research director at the Marriage Foundation, told *The Times*: "Low marriage rates show how much we have lost confidence in marriage, and yet marriages are as strong as ever. Divorce rates are at their lowest level in 50 years." Religious weddings accounted for 60,069 of the 249,793 ceremonies recorded in 2016.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party - Claire Down

Earlier in the spring a very exciting looking thick envelope dropped onto our doormat with a postmark from Buckingham Palace. Inside was a command from Her Majesty the Queen for the Lord Chamberlain *'to invite the Reverend Andrew and Mrs. Down to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace'*. Our children were disappointed to see that no under 18s were allowed. Preparations for what to wear took one of us much longer than the other. I decided on a patriotic red, white and blue theme and set about finding a hat. Trains and accommodation booked, we travelled to London and arrived at the gates with plenty of time to spare. We were some of the very first people into the grounds, which was very special. Everything was beautifully kept, as you'd imagine. It was interesting to see the back of Buckingham Palace, which is just as grand as the front. Two military bands played throughout the afternoon and there was a buzz that comes from lots of people having a wonderful time. Afternoon tea was delicious - the cakes had little crowns iced onto them and the sandwiches were dainty.

And what about the royalty? The Queen commanded great respect – we were caught up in a crowd waiting to see her close-up at one point and everyone stood silently, even moving away from the front to allow others to see. We also saw the Duke of York, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, the Earl and Countess of Wessex and the Duke of Kent. At the end of the day the National Anthem was played which signaled it was time to leave. We left through the palace itself which was a lovely way to end an incredible afternoon. We were thrilled to have this special opportunity thanks to Andrew's appointment to Crown parishes and we will remember it always.



Safeguarding



The following is Anne Holroyd's report to St. Andrew's PCC meeting in May, for circulation to all parishes in the Mission Community.

The revised policy was approved by Charles Pitman, the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor in March.

Charles also clarified the Diocesan position on who needs to be DBS checked. For example, Jo, as the leader of the newly formed junior choir, will need to be checked, but the choir was still able to go ahead as Jo and Marilyn worked together, with parents in attendance, and I attended and will continue to in the short term as the DBS checked person.

Carol Robinson remains our safeguarding representative for the Beacon Parishes but until she is either able to recommence her duties or chooses otherwise, I am willing to support her by maintaining the role as now. I am taking advice from Bernice Hitchcock at St. Pauls Newton Abbot on the renewal of DBS checks currently needed across the Beacon Parishes and will contact those people individually affected.

Caren Martin, Andrew's PA/Administrator has made a brilliant start. The whole appointment process was compliant with the Safeguarding procedures for Safer Recruitment. Candidates completed confidential declaration forms and interview questions paid due regard to safeguarding.

It is important to establish and develop our practice, underpinned by the policy.

The Church of England Parish Safeguarding Handbook, referred to at the last Deanery Synod meeting attended by Sue Hird and Roger Chamberlain has useful resources. I am compiling the relevant forms which I will

distribute to each of our churches as a Safeguarding pack able to be easily accessible with the policy. The parents of the junior choir members completed consent forms very willingly (they are used to such procedures in school). Shirley has a form for group leaders who use the hall, and a Visitors Risk Assessment checklist is relevant to the Pastoral Care teams and I shall make this available to Winnie Bryant. This pack means that we all benefit from the resources available.

Following the joint PCC meeting in January at which safeguarding issues were discussed, I believe that this brief report is relevant to Denbury, Broadhempston and Woodland and could be made available to their next PCC meetings as well as to St. Andrews.

Ann Holroyd

Treasurer needed

Phill Harvey, the treasurer at St. Andrew's, will be finishing at the APCM in March next year due to family and work commitments. He has dragged the accounts into the 21st century and done a wonderful job and we thank him for it. He is not a member of the church but a fervent supporter. We therefore will need a new treasurer next year.

If you think you could help please contact Caren in the office in the first instance on 01803 814178 or e-mail on office@beaconparishes.co.uk

Vanessa Bevan

SUMMER AT ST.MARY'S DENBURY

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June

MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL OF ART, CRAFT & MUSIC

Exhibition 11am to 5pm daily in Church and Church Cottage.

Concert Saturday 22nd 7.30pm in Church

Thursday 4th July at 7.30pm

THE ASHBURTON SINGERS

Concert and Refreshments

Ticket £6

From Mary Head 812092 or Tessa Amies 813993

Saturday 13th July 7pm

PUDDINGS EVENING

Shute House, Denbury

'A galaxy of gastronomical delights!'

Tickets from Mary Head 812092

The answer to WHY?

It was a pleasure to meet visitors on Passion Sunday after the service at St. Andrew's. I gave them a copy of the Lent Beaconwith a suggestion that they might like to respond to my 'Corner' –see the WHY? On page20 April-May Beacon....

They responded!

Hello. This is Michael and Carol Ratcliffe from Oswaldtwistle. We come to your church when we are in the area in our caravan at Ross Park. Last time we were there we promised to reply to your questions. So here we go.

Why read the Bible?

Carol: It is a way of learning more about God and the life he wants us to lead. Great stories and poetry too.

Michael: It is 2 subjects. God and human nature are unchanging elements in a constantly changing world. So the Bible is relevant and vital in any place at any time.

Christianity Why believe?

Carol: Other religions believe in a god, but only Christians believe in the one true God. We believe he loves us so much that He sent his only Son to die and rise again to save us and give us eternal life. This is an amazing thing

Michael: Christianity cannot be proved scientifically but it is the most true explanation we have of what life is all about.

Church Why go to it?

Carol: Meeting together with friends and other community members to worship with each other and support each other. We need each other.

Michael: Celebrate God's love with a group of like-minded people. To encourage each other and to bring God's love to a needy world.

Life Why Change it?

Carol: We must not live a self- centred life. We are here to help and support others .We need JOY that is to put Jesus first, Others next and Yourself last

Michael: Naturally we are self-centred and we need to change to be God centred.

Death Why fear it?

Carol: There is no need to fear death itself if we truly believe in God and trust his promise to us in the death and resurrection of His only Son. Our only worry may be how death will come to us. There is nothing more certain that we will die unless Jesus comes again before it happens.

Michael: Jesus came to remove fear of death. Everyone worries about how life will end but we need not nor should not worry about the hereafter. Trust Jesus!

Michael is Rev Canon in the Blackburn Diocese and Carol is just Carol! 'See you in early October. We will be down for 3 weeks then. Looking forward to seeing you then....'

And we do too- Editor

The answer to WHY? - continued

We have also received a response from a member of the Beacon Mission Community:

"I go to church because I am a sinner! No, not in any criminal way (I hasten to add) but in small ways - the cynical judgement, the intemperate word, the uncharitable thought, the selfish act - all those things that lead us away from the path that is God's love. I believe that God's love permeates every aspect of our world and beyond. I believe that God's love is the only hope for humanity.

I go to church because, amidst all the clutter of daily life, it brings me face-to-face with that love and, through the simple act of Communion, enables me to renew my commitment and reset my compass. Thankfully, the love that is God's love (agape) is infinitely forgiving and renewal is always possible."

Editor

From the Editor



Welcome to summertime and to the June and July edition of the Beacon. During June we shall be celebrating some important events in our Mission Community.

We warmly welcome Caren Martin, our new Mission Community Administrator and P.A. to the Rector who has her office at St. Andrew's Church Hall. She has kindly written a short note about herself to share with us.

On May 26th Rev Anne Burden will be celebrating Holy Communion at St. Andrew's marking twenty five years since her ordination. This will be followed by a celebration lunch in the Church Hall. We have been hugely blessed to have Anne to minister to us over many years as an honorary assistant priest and a tower of spiritual strength for us during two vacancies in a relatively short space of time. We are immensely grateful.

At the end of June there are the Patronal festivals both for Broadhempston (St. Peter and St. Paul) and Woodland (St. John the Baptist). We shall be at Torbryan for Trinity Sunday for a Mission Community Holy Communion. It is always special with the wonderful light and acoustics. We are indeed fortunate people in this part of Devon.

Deo gratias!

My thanks go to all our contributors. I am grateful to those who took up the 'WHY?' challenge for their thoughtful and meaningful responses.

Articles for the next edition of the Beacon for August /September should reach me by July 21st

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