

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

Wells and Refreshment

I love swimming in rivers and the sea. Two particular favourite local places are in the Dart at Staverton and the sea at Teignmouth. There is something deeply refreshing about swimming in the wild and this is not just about the bracing temperature of the water. It is a time apart from the hustle and bustle of life: a time to be, to play, to take space, to be with the family and be with nature. I wonder where your places of refreshment are? What activities put a spring in your step, give you space to play, to be? Or to put it another way, where is your well?



The Dart at Staverton

Sparked by a recent conversation I have been reading a little about wells: their place in pagan culture, how they were given particular significance by Celtic missionaries who first brought Christianity to our land and how they continue to be places of pilgrimage today. Water and wells are very important in the story of God and his people, as relayed in the books of the bible. One of my favourite passages is when Jesus meets a Samaritan woman by a well, which is narrated in John's gospel Chapter 4.



A desert well

The scene is midday with the sun beating down, the well is in the desert outside of a town. Jesus and his disciples are travelling and Jesus waits by the well whilst his disciples go into the town to get provisions. Along comes a woman to draw water and a conversation follows, beginning with a funny exchange about buckets but soon going deeper as Jesus reveals who he is. Jesus reminds the woman of the God-given well present within each

and every person. He says of the refreshment, "The water I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

Wells are often found near churches owing to those Celtic missionaries and whether a well is present or not many people find churches and churchyards places of peace, stillness and refreshment. What is true of the buildings is also found in the people of the church. I wonder who in your local church or community is a well to you: a person of peace and refreshment for you? The potential refreshment offered by our church comes together in a particular way when people gather for services, be it baptisms, weddings, funerals, Sunday worship or a particular festival. It is also present in the other community activities that happen and are hosted in church buildings when we gather for concerts, choir rehearsals, arts events etc... In all of these we find refreshment.

Wells are important and we do well to prioritise them. They are places of encounter, revelation and refreshment, whether they be literal wells or metaphorical ones. People come into church buildings for a variety of reasons but whatever the reason for coming to a church building: to be quiet when empty, for a church service with others or a concert, my prayer is we will find our churches, both people and buildings, places of refreshment. May we follow in the footsteps of our Celtic ancestors and use our churches as the wells of our communities.

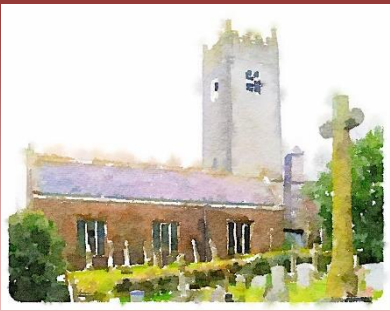


A church (Torbryan)

Andrew

News from Woodland

St. John the
Baptist



It is said that the sense of smell is the most emotive of our senses and over the last few weeks the countryside around us has been filled with some of my favourites - the smell of summer rain, the smell of freshly cut hay and the smell of a corn field which has just been combined. Our village farmers have been very fortunate with the weather having been ideal for the growth and harvesting of a bountiful crop of good quality, dry hay. Now, at time of writing, all thoughts are turned towards the impending corn harvest. Indeed, a few fields of winter barley have already been combined within the parish. It seems strange to be looking so far ahead, whilst combine harvesters and balers are yet to start rolling out on a large scale, but the date for our Harvest Festival service has already been set for the 22nd September.

The sad current closure of The Rising Sun means that I am unsure of the plans for a Harvest Supper and instead of a village fete I believe that a village cream tea is currently under discussion but with no firm plans yet finalised.

Over the last couple of months the most notable event in our church calendar has been our patronal festival. This was shared with the congregation from Broadhempston Church and had the lovely addition of a flute playing the hymns alongside the church organ. This was a very appropriate way to connect with the past history and continuity of both churches throughout their several hundreds of years of existence as in the days before organs were installed in churches hymns would have been accompanied by the traditional folk instruments which were played by the parishioners of the time. After the service everyone made their way over to the village hall where a delicious savoury lunch was provided by the Broadhempston parishioners, followed by strawberries and cream produced by the ladies of Woodland.

Helen Pearse

Who leads us into temptation?

Pope Francis has officially changed the wording of the Lord's Prayer, after claims that the translation was misleading. The pontiff first voiced his concerns about the wording in 2017, and called for the line **'lead us not into temptation'** to be altered to reflect that it is not God that tempts us to sin. Speaking to an Italian broadcaster last year, he said: "It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation. I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen. A father doesn't do that; a father helps you to get up immediately. It's Satan who leads us into temptation, that's his department." The line has now been re-written to say **'do not let us fall into temptation'**, following approval by the General Assembly of the Episcopal Conference of Italy on 22nd May. The revised prayer will appear in the third edition of the Messale Romano, the liturgical book that contains the guiding texts for Mass in the Roman Catholic Church. Some people have expressed doubt about the need for the change. Anglican and other Protestant translations will not be affected by it.

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



What a busy summer it has been so far, but how rewarding. A number of events were planned by our social committee with the principal aim of boosting our Bell Restoration Appeal and involving the local community and having a lot of fun along the way.

As we have previously reported, the children of Denbury school, under the guidance and supervision of local artist Monica Shanta Brown, had created a beautiful mosaic to a design largely suggested by the children commemorating the 700th anniversary of the dedication of St. Mary the Virgin. After much deliberation a site for the placing of the mosaic in the churchyard, where it could be seen and appreciated by visitors to the churchyard and passers-by, was decided upon. The mosaic was concreted in place before being covered up in readiness for the grand unveiling ceremony. This was duly held in bright sunshine on the afternoon on Friday 21st June attended by most of the children from Denbury school, Monica the artist, and many others who had played a part in bringing the project to such a successful conclusion. Those attending were treated to some interesting reviews from the children and Monica regarding the background to the images depicted on the mosaic and Father Andrew said a closing prayer before the children retired to the church cottage for well-earned buns and orange juice.

The unveiling of the mosaic was effectively the start of an Arts and Crafts weekend showcasing the artistic abilities of Denbury folk. The exhibits were shown in church

cottage and throughout the church. The quality and variety of the craftwork on show was staggering with items including paintings, pottery, glasswork, wood carving and many others. The display was open for viewing throughout the weekend and attracted many visitors.

On the Saturday evening a concert featuring the musical talents of Denbury villagers was held in the church. The acts included rock groups, solo piano performances, a set from Denbury Folk group, songs from Denbury village choir and even a didgeridoo number. This was a superb weekend which raised over £1000 towards the Bell Appeal.

A further concert in church featuring the Ashburton Singers was held on 4th July. The choir brilliantly performed a wide range of pieces from mediaeval to modern. Over the last few weeks raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt made by Jean Duggan had been sold with the draw being made at the concert. Both these events provided a further much needed boost for the bells.

Our churchyard has been looking a bit different over the last month or two in that a decision has been taken to manage part of the area to encourage wildlife. Care has been taken to ensure continued access to the graves but other parts of the churchyard not often visited are ideal for the creation of meadow areas. The churchyard will be managed by Colin Wills who is an experienced conservationist and also lives close to the churchyard. There have already been some favourable comments in the church visitor's book praising this initiative and visitors to our forthcoming Churchyard Service on 21st July held outdoors will be able to enjoy the changes further.

We are now holding a Celtic Morning Prayer service at 9.15 every other Sunday. This is opening up some great opportunities to experiment with the service format and we

News from Denbury - continued

have already introduced some variations to the music used and taken advantage of the more meditative parts of the service as a period of reflection based on a favourite poem or reading. The scope is endless and opens up some very exciting possibilities for the future.

We have just enjoyed one of the social highlights in the calendar being the pudding Evening organised by Mary Head. Guests were able to sample delicious puddings from a huge range, plus a glass or two to wash them down whilst enjoying a very pleasant evening among friends.

A programme such as that above takes a great deal of time and hard work by so many people but it is so satisfying when the church and the community come together for the benefit of the whole village.

Finally, following donations received at the funeral of Alan and Pauline Cox, the sum of £600 has been given to the Samaritans of South Devon. Alan will of course be remembered by many as the organist at Denbury and Ogwell for many years.

Mike Bray

A shaggy bear story

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself. As he continued walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes. Turning to look, he saw a seven foot grizzly charging towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. Looking over his shoulder he saw that the bear was closing in on him. His heart was pumping frantically and he tried to run even faster. He tripped and fell to the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear raising his paw to take a swipe at him.

At that instant the atheist cried out: "Oh my God! ...". Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent. It was then that a bright light shone upon the man and a voice came out of the sky saying: "You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?" The atheist looked directly into the light. "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps, could you make the bear a Christian?"

The voice said, "Very well." The light went out, and the sounds of the forest resumed. And then the bear lowered his paw, bowed his head and said, "Lord, bless this food for which I am truly thankful."

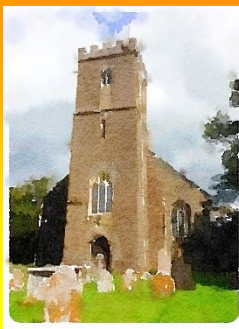
Straplines



- You should never regret growing old – it's a privilege denied to many
- Worrying doesn't take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace of mind

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



On Sunday 2nd June over 200 people braved a wet start to the afternoon to visit our Church and eight beautiful 'Secret Gardens' in the village. The Church was decorated with lovely floral displays and was the first stop to buy tickets for the gardens together with the plant stall and the wonderful cream teas with homemade cakes. Our thanks must go to the hard working volunteers whose time was given so generously in preparing the gardens and serving such a delicious tea, including a local young man who serenaded the visitors with his enchanting classical guitar. Thanks to the efforts of the organisers and volunteers, over £1,500 was donated to the PCC for wider community use of our church. To complete the afternoon, we had the joyous occasion of Holly's Baptism, filling our Church with friends, family and children's happy voices.

In conjunction with the 'Secret Gardens' event, the Broadhempston Archive & Local History Group displayed its vision of the Heritage Display Area to be constructed in the newly renovated south aisle of the church. The Group have been working on a timeline of events which helped shape Broadhempston village over the centuries. The display provoked much useful discussion and comment.

Our Joint Patronal Festival was held at Woodland this year. A very successful Service was followed by a delicious lunch, not forgetting the strawberries and cream which followed!

Celtic Evening Prayer – we are enjoying our 4pm Celtic Evening Prayer at

Broadhempston twice a month where we are all trying to be a part of the Service, young and old alike. Do come along and join us.

BroadHarmony Community Choir - in early July, the choir performed their 'Summer Concert' in the church for villagers and friends. It was a lovely evening with songs from musicals of the 1950's up to 2000.



Following an enthusiastic encore, we all enjoyed drinks and food and chatting with the audience. Choir practices regularly attract 25 plus people of all ages and abilities. Why not join us? Weekly practices start again on Thursday, 12th September, 7.30pm at the church.

Maggie Sercombe, Churchwarden and Secretary

Church Renovation Project - as visitors will have seen, work is well underway on repairs to the leadwork and underlying woodwork in the North Aisle. The work should be completed this month (July).

Unfortunately, we have now discovered a further outbreak of Dry Rot, this time in the North Aisle roof. We are awaiting a report from the Architect on the extent of the damage and the way forward.



Chris Parker, Churchwarden and Treasurer

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



During June we enjoyed several Patronal Festivals. At Torbryan on Sunday June 16th the bells rang out as they welcomed people to this lovely service in such a special church. Rev Andrew said he felt very privileged to conduct his first service there and to have his good friend Rev Tom Carson, Chaplain of Exeter School, as the guest preacher.

The Trinity is a difficult subject to understand and talk about but Tom spoke with clarity and gave us an amusing example of a 'Twix' bar - chocolate caramel and biscuit as the three in one. Afterwards Rev Andrew played his guitar and sang a song he had written which with the great acoustics in this church sounded wonderful. Tessa kindly provided refreshments after the Service.

The joint Patronal Festival for Broadhempston and Woodland took place this year in Woodland Church on June 30th on another beautiful summer's day. Rev Anne Burden presided and Edward Goodman gave an interesting sermon on the diversity of the Saints whose Patronal Festivals we were celebrating. It was lovely to hear Claire Down play the flute during Communion. After the service many of us enjoyed lunch in the Parish Rooms. Broadhempston provided a buffet including salads, ham, eggs and quiche and Woodland the delicious strawberries and clotted cream.

With the new pattern of Sunday Services we experienced the Celtic Morning Prayer for the first time in St. Andrew's on June 9th. Tessa led this service with Claire who read the

meditation. We had three hymns accompanied by Marilyn Ellis. At the next Celtic Service on 23rd June, Claire led us with Clive reading the meditation and as we had no pianist we had to sing unaccompanied. We also missed the music played before and after the service and this made me realize how much music makes a big contribution to our services and how thankful we are to have our regular organists.

We enjoyed a sung Communion Service on July 7th at 11am with Rev Andrew and the following week he led the Celtic Morning Prayer with the theme being 'Sea Sunday'. The hymns and readings, and Gospel from Luke were all appropriate for this day and Joe's lighthouse was among the artefacts on display and Andrew said we are all like little lighthouses. Thank you to Jo for playing the clavichord and the working party were thanked for their hard work in the Churchyard and hedge-cutting, it certainly looks good!

The Hospitality Team were busy with a funeral lunch for the family and friends of



St. Andrew's churchyard – picture by Antony Mitchell

Gladys Caunter on 21st June in the Church Hall and look forward to the shared picnic lunch at Barton House on Sunday 28th July. Also on September 8th there will be a shared breakfast and service in the Village Hall with our Methodist friends from 9.30am.

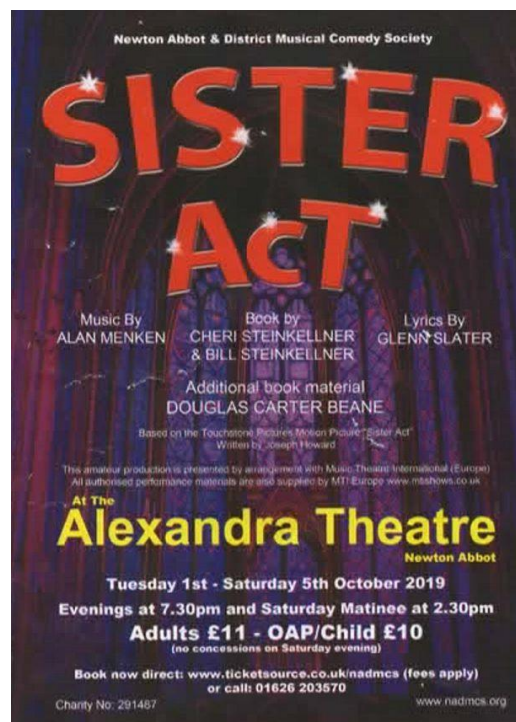
Marilyn Clark

News from Ipplepen - continued

As an example of the diverse activities of some of our church members, readers might be interested to know that Marilyn Clark is taking part in 'Sister Act' in October at The Alexandra Theatre in Newton Abbot.



St. Andrew's on a sunny evening after ringing practice – picture by Tony Clark



The Yemen – a modern crisis



22.2M

people are in need of humanitarian assistance

80%

of the country are critically affected by the crisis

17.8M

people are without sufficient access to food

16M

people are without safe water or sanitation



Yemen is one of the smaller countries in the Middle East.

This highlight is from the Tearfund magazine -- Ed

The scale of suffering in Yemen is staggering. There are 24 million people needing humanitarian assistance – that's 80 per cent of the population. Every day, 15.9 million people wake up hungry as the threat of famine looms. Last December, UN peace talks in Sweden tried to bring an end to fighting around Hodeidah port, where most food and medicines are imported. Meanwhile, large-scale outbreaks of cholera are persisting. According to the World Health Organisation, 30 per cent of all suspected cholera cases across Yemen are in children under five years. Tearfund works through partners in Yemen, providing food and medical supplies, as well as building infrastructure for collection of clean water. "We need to keep raising the profile of Yemen; we can't let it become a forgotten crisis", says Kieren Barnes, Tearfund's Middle East Response Director. This is the biggest humanitarian crisis in the world and it's an ever-growing crisis. We cannot see the end in sight and we have to pray for that because this cannot continue."

(Tearfund assures us that any gifts they receive go straight to the point where they are needed. The address is: Tearfund, 100 Church Road, Teddington TW11 8QE. www.tearfund.org)

Time for a smile



I wonder if you heard the story of the new vicar who was full of enthusiasm, and as a result when it came to his first PCC meeting he was armed with a huge number of new ideas.

Everyone was passed until it came to the last item, that there should be a new chandelier in the body of the church. The Secretary of the meeting spoke passionately against having one and the meeting followed him and voted against it.

After the meeting the Vicar asked the Secretary why he had been so against the idea. "Vicar", he said, "I've got three reasons, first I'm the secretary, I have to write the minutes and I can't spell the word; second there's bound to be an argument about who would play it; and third if we are going to spend money in this Church what we really need is some good lighting."

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A man who hadn't attended church in years suddenly began attending faithfully one Sunday morning instead of going fishing as was his normal habit. After a few Sundays, the rector told him how pleased he was to see him at the services with his good wife. "Well, Rector," said the man, "Quite honestly, it's a matter of choice; I'd much rather listen to your sermon than hers."

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The parish priest suddenly became ill and asked his brother, also a priest, to fill in for him and conduct a funeral service scheduled for that day. His brother, of course, agreed. It was not until the brother was accompanying the coffin down the aisle that he realized that he had neglected to ask the gender of the deceased; information that he would need for his remarks during the service.

Thinking quickly, as he approached the first pew where the deceased's relatives were seated, he nodded toward the coffin and whispered to one woman, "Is he you brother or sister?" She replied - "Cousin."

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The minister's little six-year-old girl had been so naughty during the week that her mother decided to give her the worst kind of punishment. She told her she couldn't go to the Sunday School outing on Saturday. When the day came, her mother felt she had been too harsh and changed her mind. When she told the little girl she could go, the child's reaction was one of gloom and unhappiness. "What's the matter? I thought you'd be glad to go on the outing," her mother said. "It's too late!" the little girl said. "I've already prayed for rain and I believe God answers our prayers."

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A group of tourists from a downtown church in America was visiting Runnymede and the tour guide was explaining its significance. "This is where the Magna Carta was signed", he told them. "When was that?" came a voice from the crowd. The guide replied, "1215." "Just our luck," said the voice. "We've missed it by twenty minutes."

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A minister assured his congregation he was glad to be their servant and that they should feel free to call him anytime they had a problem. That night the minister's phone rang at 3 a.m. On the other end was a dear elderly lady who said, "Pastor, I can't sleep." The minister replied, "I'm so sorry to hear that, but I'm wondering what I can do about it?" The lady replied in her sweetest voice, "Perhaps you could preach to me for a while."

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Sunday Services for August and September

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

Sunday August 4th

Seventh 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 August 11th

Eighth 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 August 18th

Ninth 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 August 25th

Tenth 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

Sunday September 1st

Eleventh 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 September 8th

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am	Patronal Festival	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
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Sunday September 15th

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday September 22nd

Fourteenth 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	Harvest Thanksgiving	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

Sunday September 29th

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am	Mission Community Service	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
	St Michael and All Angels	

Mid-week Services for August and September

Daily Midweek Services

During August there will be no daily morning prayer at St. Andrew's
For September it will be back to normal:

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

Weekly Midweek Services

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 Midweek Services

Last Monday (26th August, 30th September)

Home Communion - All Beacon Parishes

Fourth Monday 26th August, 23rd September)

6.30pm Holy Communion (said) - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Please contact the Church Office for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

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Intercessions for the Mission Community – August & September

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Aug 4 th	Flower arrangers	North Street & North End Close	The Green	Main Street	Waye Farm Cottage
Aug 11 th	Kneeler makers	Orchard Road	Down View Road	Houndhead Way	Woodland Barn
Aug 18 th	Deanery Synod members	Orley Road & The Glebe	Greenhill Lane	Vicarage Hill	White Eagle
Aug 25 th	Deanery chapter	Osborn Close	Fairview	Primary School	Higher Lake Barn
Sep 1 st	Users of the hall & church	Park Hill	Moorland Avenue	Community Shop	Well Farm
Sep 8 th	Visitors	Poplar Terrace	Orchard Close	Radfords	Woodland Vale Farm
Sep 15 th	Readers	Thorn Orchard	Heathfield Road	Beaston	Crazy Acre Well Farm
Sep 22 nd	Lay leaders	Torbryan	Heathfield Terrace	Downe	Dipwell Cottage
Sep 29 th	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses

Dates ahead – August and September

Regular Weekly Events

Monday	3.00 pm	Monday Teapot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
(starting towards end of September)			
Thursday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Regular Monthly Events

First Saturday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	- Parish Rooms, Woodland
Second Thursday	10.30 to 12 noon	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Third Monday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston

Other Specific Events

Monday 5 th to Tuesday 20 th August		Rector on Annual Leave	
Thursday 8 th August	4.00pm	Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Monday 26 th August		Home Communion	- All Beacon Parishes
Thursday 5 th Sept	4.00pm	Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday 5 th Sept	5.00pm	Junior Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Sunday 8 th Sept	12.30pm	Patronal Festival Lunch	- Denbury Village Hall
Monday 9 th Sept	3.00 to 3.30pm	Study Group	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
	7.30pm	Optional Study Group	- The Hub, Ipplepen
"An opportunity to look in more detail and with others at the Sunday Gospels for September"			
Saturday 14 th Sept		Ride & Stride, Devon Historic Churches Trust	
Monday 16 th Sept	3.00 to 3.30pm	Study Group	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
	7.30pm	Optional Study Group	- The Hub, Ipplepen
Sunday 22 nd Sept	7.30pm (tbc)	Harvest Thanksgiving Supper	- Parish Rooms, Woodland
Monday 23 rd Sept	3.00 to 3.30pm	Study Group	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
	7.30pm	Optional Study Group	- The Hub, Ipplepen
Monday 30 th Sept		Home Communion	- All Beacon Parishes
Monday 30 th Sept	3.00 to 3.30pm	Study Group	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
	7.30pm	Optional Study Group	- The Hub, Ipplepen
Saturday 5 th October	10 to 12 noon	Gift Day and Coffee Morning/Stalls	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	2.00pm	Celebration of Reader Ministry & Licensing of Hillarie Griggs	- Exeter Cathedral
Sunday 6 th October	11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving – joint with the Methodist Church	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	12.30pm	Harvest Lunch	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen

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:

New

August Celebrating the 64th Wedding Anniversary (20th August) of Rosemary and Don Watson

Ipplepen:

Retrospective

23rd – 29th June For Frances Fey and her late husband David Fey on the date of their diamond wedding anniversary on 27th June

14th – 21st July Sheila, Graham, Beckie and Hannah remembering Margaret Kemp, dearly loved Mum and Granny who passed away one year ago on 16th July 2018

New

4th – 10th August Linda, Hannah and Katie Simmonds for David's birthday on 10th August

11th – 17th August Marilyn and Tony Clark celebrating their wedding anniversary on 14th August

8th – 14th Sept Christine Lewis in memory of her parents, Ralph and Doreen Lewis, married at St. Andrew's, Ipplepen, 12th September 1942

Straplines



- People are prohibited from picking flowers from any but their own grave (*Sign in a cemetery*)
- Our days will be that much better if, instead of giving people a piece of our mind, we give them a bit of our heart

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT?

Spiritual Accompaniment, also known as Spiritual Direction is:

- a process of accompanying someone on a journey of a deepening relationship with God.
- a confidential relationship of trust between two people, in which one listens to and may pray with the other, discerning, affirming and offering guidance in the life-long journey of spiritual maturity.
- it can be of help to anyone who wants to grow in faith and spiritual practice.

A Spiritual Director gives:

- a safe and secure relationship in which to explore and grow in one's relationship with God
- dedicated time, especially valuable in the midst of a busy life
- encouragement and affirmation
- a place in which to explore questions and difficulties
- guidance in exploring fresh approaches to prayer
- the discipline of self-examination and being accountable to another
- companionship during a period of discernment or change

Who can help?

In Devon, this ministry is offered by many people – men and women; ordained and lay; of all denominations. Most are experienced in this work and bring a variety of gifts to it. All are committed to their own growth in responding to the invitation of God to know and to love Him.

There is a good geographical spread, so the choice may be made to see someone closer to home or to travel further afield. Length and frequency of meetings varies but the norm is to meet for about an hour and at intervals of anything from 4 weeks to 4 months.

Spiritual Direction Referral Service

Under auspices of Diocese of Exeter but open to all in Devon, it exists to put those who seek accompaniment in touch with those who offer this ministry.

An initial conversation will take place either by phone or face to face, to help to find the best match.

This will cover preferences such as male/female, ordained/lay, close to home or further afield; spiritual tradition and particular areas in which help is sought.

Questions about the process of accompaniment can be addressed at this time.

An introduction will then be made. If it does not work out, either side may withdraw without embarrassment.

WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO

Contact the Referral Team: Judy Friend & Demelza Henderson
Email spiritualdirectionexeter@gmail.com

Enquiries may be made at any time

A good morning out for a pound!

Were you struck by this 'Smile' which appeared in a recent 'Beacon'? It prompted one reader to write a challenge which might be appropriate for our churches too.

Riding home after church one Sunday morning, a mother commented, "The choir was awful this morning." And the father said, "I thought the sermon was far too long." Their cheeky 7-year-old daughter piped up from the back seat, "You've got to admit though, it was a pretty good morning out for a pound."

I wonder if this made you smile too. Sadly, it actually reflects the attitude some people have to church-going and church-giving. How did you decide on the amount you currently give to your church each week? When did you last really think about how much you choose to put in the weekly collection envelope, or in the plate? And more importantly, why do you choose to put anything in at all? No-one makes you pay anything. You are welcome to come every week and no one would demand that you pay even a £1, as the family above did.

Think of all that God provides for us - life, family, friends, health, the riches of his creation, music, beauty, art, and his own Son to die for our sins on the cross and rise again to give us everlasting life. God gives freely, even abundantly. How do you respond to his generosity? We read in Matthew's Gospel: "Freely you have received, freely give."

Your church is here because, in the past, people have given generously and built a church here. The building is seen as the church, but the reality is that all the people who meet here are the 'real' church. We are a community gathered in the love of God and seeking to bring the good news of that love to our neighbours. We come to the building to worship, and part of our worship is to give thanks to God for all he has done for us. Part of giving thanks is to give to God's work in this place. We may give our time, and the skills God has given us. But we ought also to give some of the wealth that is ours. 'People only value what they pay for' may be true for some people.

How much do you value what God has done for you? As much as a weekly trip out with the family? Or a ticket to watch your favourite team each week? Your subscription to a gym, golf or sports club? A new outfit to wear? How many bottles of alcohol, or bars of chocolate, or meals out, or cups of coffee?

Giving is just what it says. It is not paying a tax, or being held to ransom, but being generous. If God gives to you, day by day, the means to live in his grace and strength, and if the church and community help you to do this in any way, then please consider, prayerfully, what your response might be. It may be extra money each week, and that would be very much appreciated. But it might be your time and talents, if your budget is tight. And everyone can pray for the work we are trying to do on God's behalf here where we live. We also read: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." There may be times when something extra special happens in your life, for which you might want to show your particular gratitude. Perhaps a one-off gift could be part of your thankfulness.

Congratulations !!!!



What a joy to attend the service to celebrate Anne Burden's 25 years of ministry as a priest. People had come from Anne's previous parish as well as places where she currently ministers to help her commemorate her day, giving testimony to her popularity. Her good friend Alison, with whom she had trained, gave an outline of Anne's ministry, whilst at the same time stressing the importance of women being included in God's ministry. Before 1994 women had served as Deaconesses and Deacons in the Church of England. And so it was that Anne and Alison were the first to be ordained priests along with 1200 other women in that year.

Key women throughout history have been pioneers of change despite opposition. One notable woman was Florence Li -Tim-Oi whose bishop insisted on ordaining her priest in the Anglican church in Hong Kong 75 years ago. Her sister started a charity in her name to give grants to help women in the Third world to train for various ministries in the church. Anne and Alison have supported this charity before and were delighted that £1,000 has been given since the service.

Women can bring a new dimension to ministry and should be welcomed. Indeed, the church today would be an empty place without women, both in the ministry and in our congregations. Anne celebrated communion with everyone and thanked everyone for their kindness.

At the end of the service Anne was presented with a basket of flowers, and a token to spend at Buckfast Abbey gift shop. Vanessa Bevan had made a beautiful cake and, after washing that down with a glass of prosecco, some fifty people repaired to the church hall for a celebratory buffet lunch.

Jo Innes-Lumsden



Harvest Fayre

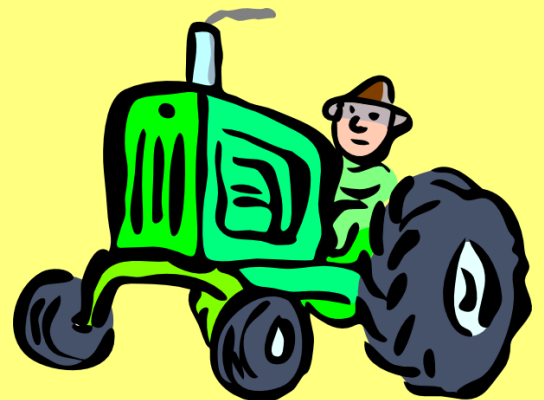
Produce
Cakes
&
Preserves

Coffee & Refreshments

St. Andrew's Church

Saturday October 5th
10.30 am–12.00 noon

In conjunction with
St. Andrew's Gift Day



Why pray for people to be healed?

Does it make a difference?

Let's set aside that question for a moment and look back into history at something I learned of earlier this year concerning a female figure from the early church, Zenaida.

Like many early saints and biblical figures, little is known about Zenaida. She and her sister Philonella were born into a Jewish family in the city of Tarsus around the year 100. They are believed to have come from a well-educated Jewish family with ties to Paul the Apostle. Zenaida's brother Jason was one of the first bishops of the church in their native city of Tarsus, and as a result of his encouragement, the sisters were baptised as Christians. Presumably

Zenaida was intelligent and well-educated, as she attended formal schooling to study medicine. And it might easily pass unnoticed in the 21st century – but she was female. While involvement of women was not unknown in the ancient world, it was rare.

Upon completion of her studies, Zenaida and her sister moved their practice to the mountains of Thessaly in northern Greece. The area was well-known for catering to the rich and affluent members of society, and Zenaida and her sister were expected to serve only those who could pay for their services. However, counter to prevailing attitudes, the sisters opened their practice to all, refusing payment and serving wealthy and poor alike. They confronted healers in the

area who tried to make money from superstition and fear.

Zenaida was particularly known for her care of children, those with depression, and psychiatric disorders. The sisters combined a love of medicine with their spirituality and were open about applying their faith in concert with their healing practices. It is quite fascinating that nearly 2000 years ago these two early converts to Christianity applied spiritual inspiration for their work as healers together with a pragmatic recognition of the value of scientific principles in medicine.



Zenaida – Orthodox icon

They believed that the spiritual factor brought significant healing to their patients. To apply a scholarly approach in conjunction with Christian practice was a departure from convention. To provide this care freely was simply unheard of. As a result of their ministry, the church named Zenaida and her sister, 'Friends of Peace.'

Perhaps this might be a good point to remember that Christianity has a long history of caring for the sick, especially those of reduced means. And those who were instrumental in introducing public health care often drew upon Christian origins. Nye Bevan is reported to have described the British NHS as, "a piece of real Christianity."

Zenaida - continued

Clearly the science upon which Zenaida and her sister would have based their medical practice has evolved dramatically over 2000 years. Diagnostic tools and biochemistry have provided physicians with tools that would have been unimaginable even 150 years ago.

But human beings are very complex creatures. We still do not understand fully how our minds and bodies intertwine to affect our physical health – or lack thereof. However we express (or suppress) it, we have a spiritual dimension to our nature, and this, too affects the health of our whole being. The term ‘holistic healing’ has gained much broader recognition since I first qualified 50 years ago. Increasingly, it is being accepted that a whole person is made up of interdependent parts. If one part is not working properly, all the others will be affected. In this way, if we have imbalances (physical, emotional, or spiritual) in our lives, it can negatively affect our overall health. In many western hospitals nowadays, chaplains are accepted and encouraged to be active members of healing teams.

So what of healing prayer in our Intercessions? We are often asked to pray for people both in our Mission Community and elsewhere, and we take the time to do so – one at a time. Does it make a difference? Like everything else in modern life, there is always someone, somewhere who has studied the subject. Unsurprisingly, as a recent paper in the Indian Journal of Psychiatry noted: “research on the healing effects of prayer is riddled with assumptions, challenges and contradictions that make the subject a scientific and religious minefield,” and concluded that there was not really any scientific purpose in such studies.

Sometimes people are taken off our prayer list because they have recovered; sometimes because they have not. We pray for wholeness and healing, and this might be manifest in many, diverse ways. Almost always, those who have asked for prayer appreciate that we respond.

(I am grateful to Rev. Paul Strudwick, Anglican Chaplain in Menorca for his thoughts and input)

Michael Price

“I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” (Hebrews 3.5)

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of passage? His dad takes him into the forest blindfolded and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not take off the blindfold until the ray of sun shines through it. He is all by himself. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a man. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience. Each lad must come into his own manhood. The boy in our story was, naturally, terrified. He could hear all kinds of noise. Beasts were all around him. Maybe even a human would hurt him. The wind blew the grass and earth and it shook his stump. But he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could be a man. Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he saw his father sitting on the stump next to him - at watch the entire night.

Straplines



- *Within the church, as in any other context, there are people who make excuses and others who make things happen*
- *There are none so blind as those who refuse to see (Helen Kellar)*
- *Many things are opened by mistake, but none more so than a person's mouth*
- *Make real happiness your aim, because mere pleasure can be superficial and temporary*
- *Let us give glory to God! He is able to make you stand firm in your faith (from the Book of Romans)*
- *Some people brighten a room when they enter it, and some by leaving it*
- *Bibles that are falling apart are generally read by people who aren't*

From the Editor



Personal thoughts.....

Duty done?

Sitting there on Sunday morning, congregation in their pews,
Read their magazines, informing them of all the latest news..
All save one who sits there smiling, knowing that journal very well,
Having spent a month compiling, knowing what those pages tell.

Being the one who, deadlines facing, got those varied items in,
Phoning, asking, pleading, chasing, each a battle keen to win.
Though there are no princely wages, giving gladly lots of time,
Efficiently filling many pages, choosing pictures, prose and rhyme.

Now's the time for rest deserving; for this month the duty's done,
Or is it just the strength conserving, soon to start another one?
(Nigel Beeton)

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