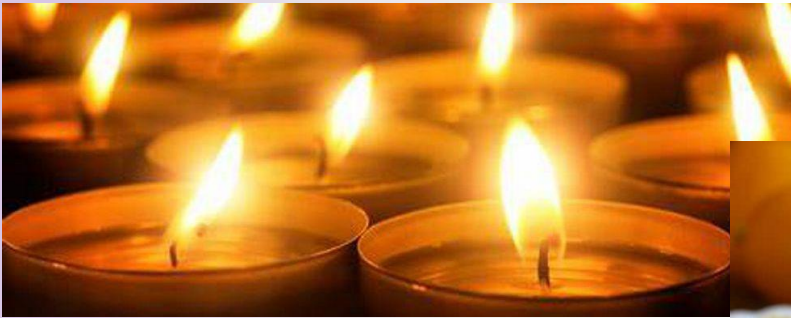


Mission Community of Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury, Broadhempston and Woodland

## *The journey through February and March*



February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Candlemas

February 25<sup>th</sup> – Shrove Tuesday



February 26<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday



Thank God  
for Mums!

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mothering Sunday

## From the Rectory

The Rectory in Ipplepen is on Paternoster Lane. 'Pater Noster' is Latin for Our Father. In Luke's Gospel we hear of Jesus teaching his disciples about prayer and giving them the prayer we know as the Our Father or Lord's Prayer.



*He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:*

*Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."*

*Luke Ch11v1-4*

Many people walk or ride up and down Paternoster Lane and it got me thinking about what people today make of the Lord's Prayer. For those brought up in or around the church this prayer will be familiar and be part of them, they will be able to recite it by heart, it is a gift and resource that has become part of them. Even when mind and body fail it will be there for them. For others not familiar with Christianity or the church the Our Father will be unfamiliar and indeed strange. This unfamiliarity is also a gift and a resource. This is how the disciples in the gospel would have heard this prayer - with a freshness and immediacy and the questions that come from hearing it for the first time.

The invitation I hear as I reflect on the Lord's Prayer and Paternoster Lane is that conversations between those familiar and those unfamiliar are vital if we are to receive the gifts and resources contained in the Our Father (or for that matter any other of God's generous gifts). There is a giving and receiving, a collaboration, a conversation where room is made for both those familiar and those unfamiliar. Where both are given a place we experience more fully the gifts and resources on offer and not just part of them.

There are often conversations between people as they walk or ride up and down Paternoster Lane and this is what I feel invited to today as I pray the Our Father - a conversation which has room for both familiar and unfamiliar voices.

We are just about to begin Lent, a time when we prepare to celebrate the great season of Easter. We do this by attending to our relationship with God, each other and Creation. In the pages that follow there is food for thought as we make this journey. In these pages we share what we have been doing and sharing, the plans for the next few months and various articles to stimulate our thinking.

In addition to this edition of the Beacon at the beginning of Lent this year we will be producing a booklet of prayer resources to help us in this season so do look out for this.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew

# Sunday Services Pattern Update

You may remember when we began making steps towards a more sustainable Sunday Service pattern I used the analogy of driving forward on our beautiful country lanes. I said:

‘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.’

There have been requests to see if it is possible to have provision of three communions rather than two each month in Denbury and Ipplepen. Starting Denbury’s services fifteen minutes earlier (at 9am) ensures there is enough time for the clergy to stay after the service and spend time with the congregation in church cottage, so this is being trialled. There have also been requests for one 11am service a month in Broadhempston, so this is also being trialled. Several people have said they particularly enjoy when we have joint services so we will need to work out what the right provision for this is.

Aware that the feedback so far has been by people coming forward to me, it is important to have a more systematic and formal way for views to be aired. To this end a questionnaire is being designed that those who wish can use. PCCs will also need to consider these changes in their forthcoming meetings. As we are moving into Lent, a time of reflection, it makes sense that this process takes place during Lent. Further information about the questionnaire will be published through the weekly notice sheet.

*Andrew Down*

## Straplines

- I know it’s the thought that counts, but I often have a secret wish that my friends would think a bit bigger
- The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails
- When a cruel word has been said, it may be regretted, but it can never be un-said

# How do we understand what it means to be in the Beacon Clan?

## Unity in diversity:

As I write this we are just beginning the week of prayer for Christian Unity. The challenge of this week is how do we in our time and place celebrate our unity in Christ as a universal church, giving and receiving from each other whilst honouring our particular and distinctive identities. Our prayer this week is focused on denominations, however this is something we also live in our Beacon Parishes.

## We are an extended family:

For me over the last year, thinking of the Beacon Parishes Mission Community as an extended family made up of 4 individual nuclear families has been helpful. We are family (brothers and sisters in Christ sharing one baptism), with shared history, identity and family resemblances and yet we also have important differences in our identities, callings and gifts. We need opportunities to develop our particular callings, identities and gifts as the nuclear families of Ipplepen, Denbury, Broadhempston and Woodland and also opportunities to share as a wider extended family, receiving and giving our gifts in the context of the wider Beacon Clan. Like all extended families we need some time together as a larger family as well as time spent with our immediate nuclear family groups.

## 1 Corinthians Ch12:

The above scripture is helpful in thinking and reflecting on these issues. It speaks of individual gifts and callings and what it means to value and honour these whilst being called to be part of a larger body, offering and receiving gifts from one another. Do have a read, listen and pray.

## What about your image or picture?

Extended family (or indeed step family??) is an image that I find helpful but what image or picture comes to mind when you think of the Beacon Parishes? Reflect on the image you have. You could ask - how is God speaking in the image? What is broken in the image? What are the opportunities and possibilities in the image? Where does your image take you in the Christian tradition - e.g. a particular bible passage.

*Andrew Down*

## A view from Torbryan



It is in these quiet months at the beginning of the year that I relish the quiet days – typically cold, grey but importantly not rainy. It seems as though it has been raining almost non-stop since about August and we could really do with some of those dry, still winter days now. On days like these I like to walk and reflect, to get my thoughts in order for the busier months ahead.

Sometimes on days like these you can walk, maybe on a weekday afternoon, and barely see another soul around. It can almost feel like you are the last person on earth, with only the birds and the odd sheep or cow for company. This is something I think city-dwellers miss out on.

So on my walks and thoughts this year I have been thinking about kindness – how one kind action can beget another. Even a tiny thing like holding a door open for someone, or letting a pedestrian cross the road while driving, adds a little to the sum of human kindness. That person you let cross the road might remember that kind act and go on to do somebody else a favour, a human chain of kindness and consideration if you like, that might spread about the world.

I have also been thinking about the climate change emergency that our world is facing. Looking at the horrific scenes from Australia it appears that our world is increasingly on fire and the time for us to start cooling it down is now. I gauge the winter here in a very unscientific way by the *short-ometer* – how uncomfortable it is to wear shorts on a cold day. And this winter there has barely been a

single day when long trousers have been necessary!

It seems on the face of it that climate change really is a huge problem that no one person can address. It is true that our governments hold a massive responsibility to take the lead in tackling climate change – one that in most cases they are not fulfilling in any way. However, if we were all to take responsibility a little more for our individual actions this could make a big change.

With that in mind my theme for this year is quiet living. This involves no flying (I shall visit my beloved Europe by ferry or train), as far as possible no driving, just living locally, appreciating all the good that there is around here, if possible buying locally sold and produced food as well (even better, growing your own). It also involves a drastic slow down in participation in our consumerist society: not buying new if there is a second-hand option available, just generally reducing consumption and reusing wherever possible, as well as recycling (although I always think this is the least important of the three R's).

So maybe, like spreading little acts of kindness, quiet, slow, environmentally aware living is something that could also spread around the world as well.

*George Brendon*

## Strapline

- **How not to build a relationship with your daughter:** When asked by his teenage daughter what he thought about her latest pop record, he said it reminded him of the time he saw a crash between a truckload of milk cans and a van filled with ducks.

# St. Andrew's Day Lantern Parade



A huge amount of talent, time and hard work went into the lanterns on display at this year's St. Andrew's Day Lantern parade.

Thank you to all those who organised and helped make the evening a spectacular success in particular those from the history society, carnival club and church - a real team effort.

Andrew was called with his brother Simon and James and John to leave their lives as fishermen and follow Jesus - to become fishers of people. The saints of the church are people whose light shines so bright that the church continues to look at them and be inspired and our church in Ipplepen is dedicated to St. Andrew. As well as the lanterns shining brightly in our parade there were many little and not so little modern day Saints shining bright showing in their lanterns on display their gifts, creativity, dedication and commitment.

The particular light of St. Andrew that the church continues to be drawn to and inspired by is the gift of encouragement and spotting the potential in people. It was Andrew who at



the feeding of the five thousand spotted a little boy with a small picnic and encouraged him to share the little he had. In doing this all were fed and there was more than enough. The many and varied designs of lanterns on display will have all started life as the spark of a small idea. With the encouragement and help of family and friends these small beginnings became wonderful lanterns bringing light and joy on a dark winter's evening. Thank you to everyone who made a lantern and also to all those who encouraged and helped on the way.

*Andrew*

# IPPLEPEN



St. Andrew's Church has been in the heart of our village for over 700 years and whilst many people are not churchgoers, the Church has still played a key role in family lives i.e. weddings, funerals and baptisms plus popular services at Easter and Christmas.

Like everyone, St. Andrew's is not immune to increased costs i.e. gas, electricity, insurance not to mention the costs of maintaining an historic building and its churchyard. It is becoming increasingly clear that we cannot continue to support the church from our collections and donations from the congregation alone. If we are to keep the Church at the heart of our village for another 700 years we need to find a new source of income – hence the reason for this appeal for help from the wider community. **At present we have a weekly deficit of approximately £285 which would be £14,820 annually.**

We appreciate that everyone has so many demands on them and costs are rising for all of us, but anything you can do to help would make such a difference. Some of the options you might like to consider are:

- *Giving a small monthly amount by direct debit through the Parish Giving Scheme. 100% of the donation goes to St. Andrew's and by signing up to Gift Aid the government adds extra at no costs to the donor. For details please contact Roger Chamberlain (01803 368964).*
- *A one-off donation may be your preferred option, and again, if you choose to sign a Gift Aid form we can benefit from additional income from the tax man. No matter how small, every penny is much appreciated.*
- *You might like to attend one of our social events, or services, and support us that way. Details can be found on the Parish website ([www.missioncommunity.org.uk](http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk)) or contact the Church Office on 01803 814178.*

Thank you for taking the time to read this appeal and we sincerely hope you can help in some small way. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about life in the church please do not hesitate to contact us.

*St. Andrew's Parochial Church Council*

# News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



During November and December, Broadhempston church was able to showcase the many talents to be found amongst our villagers.

It started in November with the latest gig put on by Devon Sent. As we have come to expect, this gig by Jarrod Dickenson from Waco, Texas, was of an extremely high standard of entertainment from experienced performers. This time, however, we had the added joy of Lily



Mackay, a fifteen year old from Totnes. Lily is an emerging local talent who wowed the audience with her songs, delivered both in French and

English, showcasing her beautiful voice with maturity beyond her years.

Then we were into December with the Christmas tree erected and ready to be dressed by the pupils of Broadhempston School. They came after school and, after an energising snack of hot chocolate and mince pies, were let loose with a couple of large boxes of decorations and tinsel! The finished tree



certainly produced the wow factor!

With the tree in place, we were now able to enjoy a special performance by BroadHarmony. This choir organised by Alex Paton and so professionally led by Bob Humphrys has gone from strength to strength since its inception 3 years ago. We were treated to a fantastic medley of Christmas songs and readings (together with a

little audience participation now and again). The audience really appreciated this event and showed their appreciation by generously donating a total of £396 in a retiring collection, for the Church Renovation Fund.



The following week was the Carol Service, very much featuring the school choir and also for the first time, two young guitarists. We know Andrew appreciated their performance.



Two days before Christmas, a joint effort between the Fete Committee and the PCC produced our annual Carols in the Square with the Totnes Brass Band. The weather was kind and with many villagers and visitors participating, and with a little mulled wine, we were all soon in the festive mood!

And so, finally, it was Christmas Day. As usual the church was packed to capacity as we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago. Andrew, despite being very unwell, was able to join us briefly and we all enjoyed his rendering of 'I saw three ships'. Hillarie gallantly took over and led the rest of the service, which focussed on including the many children who were there with their families.

After very generous collections at the Carol Service and the Christmas Day Service, we were able to send a substantial donation to the Bristol Children's Hospital.

Looking forward to the year ahead, there have been requests to include a morning service in our schedule. Andrew has now introduced an 11am Communion Service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, on an experimental basis, hoping that attendance will justify this as a permanent fixture.

*Jane Parker*



# THE TURN OUTWARD

The Venerable  
Douglas Dettmer,  
Archdeacon of Totnes



**A**s we enter the 2020s, we can be certain that one issue will remain at the top of public consciousness across the world, and rightly so. The condition of our natural environment, now increasingly at risk due to climate change, affects all areas of life and is a matter of concern for us all.

Biblical faith has much to say about human responsibility for God's creation, and encouragingly the level of engagement by local churches with environmental stewardship continues to increase. Some readers of this magazine may plan to participate in the Big Green Event at Exeter Cathedral on February 22nd (with the Bishop of Salisbury as keynote speaker), an opportunity for reflection on these matters in the light of faith. See page 2 for further details.

Personal growth in one's commitment to the care of the earth, for the sake of all who live on it now and of future generations, is a good and necessary thing in itself. At the same time, like other kinds of growth in our lives by the grace of God, increased environmental awareness offers multiple benefits—in this case, spiritual and moral ones.

That is because engaging more deeply and personally with the care of the natural environment requires us to turn outwards from ourselves to what is outside and around us—to the created world, to our neighbours, ultimately to the mystery of God from whom all good gifts come.

The act of turning outward from ourselves, and building up our moral muscles is essential in our effort to be more like Jesus. Being more aware of the effect of our practical choices on the world around us keeps our vision focused on what is outside ourselves. It will also help us notice the needs of our neighbours more intently too—which is the first step in responding to them.

This month's issue of the magazine is full of information about opportunities for loving and serving others in the community around us. As we reflect on our environment and its care—as we must—we practise the outward turn of the mind's eye and the heart's concern, the shift of our focus onto that which is outside ourselves, and may well find our field of vision expanded in the process. If **so, our engagement with God's good and beautiful creation will be a blessing to us in more ways than one.**

## Debate: Youth versus age – some response.....

*Following on from Heather Tomlinson's article in the last issue concerning balancing the views of both young and old, and using the prominence given to the views of Greta Thunberg concerning climate change as an example, we have received two letters:*

Sir, I was interested to read the article in the last edition of The Beacon about Greta Thunberg and Global Warming.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the argument the phrase 'Saving the Planet' should be treated with extreme care. 'The Planet' is perfectly safe and will remain so - it does not need to be 'saved'. I am not for one moment denying global warming, but a moment's reflection will tell us that the Planet – Earth has undergone, and is still undergoing, constant and sometimes dramatic change - but in itself it remains perfectly 'safe'.

A potted (and very superficial) geological history may help us think about this. About 400 million years ago, in what is known as the Devonian Period, Devon was under the sea and near the equator. The limestone which we see in quarries locally - and from which the church is mainly built - was formed in shallower seas.

Towards the end of this period the Devon rocks became a chain of mountains which were squeezed and folded into spectacular structures - and then the molten granite of Dartmoor intruded, much higher than it is today.

After all this folding, faulting and mountain building the planet changed again. Devon entered a long hot arid period, between 300 and 200 million years ago. The climate was much like the Sahara is today. The beautiful

soft pink pillars of the arcades in Ipplepen church are from compacted sand dunes which were formed where Cockington is now. In the right light you can see the mica in the sand glinting as it reflects the sun.

At this time Devon also featured volcanoes, mostly around Exeter, but some were local, and parts of Ipplepen church are built of volcanic lava. Yes, the Planet changed dramatically, slowly and inexorably, but it didn't stop there.

From 200 to 145 million years ago tropical seas flooded the area again - there are wave-cut platforms on Dartmoor from this period - and the rocks of the Jurassic coast were formed, containing evidence of the dinosaurs which swam in the seas then.

The point is that during all these long ages Devon was mostly inhospitable and uninhabitable by our human ancestors. At the same time the planet was perfectly safe in itself, inexorably and inevitably changing.

The question now is not whether the planet will survive - it is whether selfish humanity can continue misusing natural resources so that we can survive on the planet in a changing climate. The story of Noah in Genesis has a parallel with us today. Because of man's selfishness the known world suffered a natural disaster - it was flooded. The story tells us that only Noah, his family and the animals in the Ark survived.

As a sign that it would never happen again Genesis tells us that God placed a rainbow in the sky as a covenant. Sadly today, there are many places where there have been disastrous floods and yes, pollution is so bad we can no longer always see the rainbow.....

*Stephen Bryant, Ipplepen*

## Debate: Youth versus age – continued

*Sir,* The reason Greta Thunberg is currently receiving the attention Heather Tomlinson deplores is precisely because the older generation – my generation and that of Ms Tomlinson, have failed to respond adequately to the urgent issue of climate change. No, she shouldn't have to shoulder all that responsibility, but who else is? Of the older generation, only David Attenborough can gather the same audience. Our politicians pay lip-service at best, with no acknowledgement of the urgency of the situation. The attention focused on Greta is neither 'bizarre' nor 'sinister' – it is a hopeful sign that at least the young are taking climate change seriously. To say that she is a 'useful phenomenon' sounds cynical.



I would also like to make the point, which did not come out in the article, that climate change is neither debateable nor political. It is a fact, and if we don't all make a very big effort to mitigate its effects we will all, old and young, suffer.

*Victoria Stevens, Broadhempston*

## Some mothers do 'ave 'em



The following are genuine clips from complaint letters to the Council

- My lavatory seat is cracked, where do I stand?
- I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is coming away from the wall
- 50% of the walls are damp, 50% have crumbling plaster and 50% are plain filthy
- The toilet is blocked and we cannot bath the children until it is cleared
- Will you please send a man to look at my water; it is a funny colour and not fit to drink
- Our lavatory seat is broken in half and is now in three pieces...
- This is to let you know that our lavatory seat is broke and we can't get BBC2

# Experience Christmas 2019

This year's Experience Christmas once again proved to be very successful in engaging the older children from Ipplepen and Denbury Primary Schools in thinking about events leading up to and around the birth of Jesus. Each station was interactive with activities which asked the children questions but also gave them time to ask their own.



Year 6  
engrossed by  
Andrew  
explaining  
'The Gift'

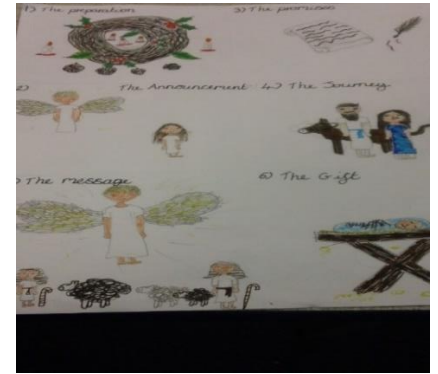
I wish to thank all the volunteers who worked hard in making each of the stations not only attractive to look at but also welcoming so that each child felt able to join in.

So a big thank you to Tessa Aimes, Judith Mansfield, Fran Howells, Charles Quartley, Hilary Price, Ruth Prudden, Michael Price, Angela Major, Jane Usher, Pam Perriman, Rev Kevin Hooke and Fr Andrew Down.

We are already 'booked' to do Experience Easter 2020!

Hillarie Griggs

Erin's  
and  
Eva's  
picture



## Christmas Experience - A Thank You From Class 6 Ipplepen Primary School

We all thoroughly enjoyed our 'Christmas Experience' at St. Andrews church in December.

The children were provided with a wonderful range of interactive activities helping them to understand the Christmas story.

Class 6 took part in a very meaningful discussion on return to School and had obviously gained much from the event. Quotes of particular significance from the children were as follows:

*'It enabled me to see that Jesus is at the centre of the Christmas story and that he was a gift of love from God'*

*'It teaches Christians that God was sending a promise of love when he gave us Jesus.'*

*'It made me think that it was tough for Mary and Joseph, sometimes life is really tough for us, Mary and Joseph never gave up and we should not give up when things get hard.'*

The children also accurately recounted the events of the story through Art. The lovely piece above was produced by Erin Titcombe and Eva Carus.

We would like to thank all of the Christmas Experience team from the Mission Community as well as Ipplepen Methodist Church, for their time and efforts.

## News from Woodland

St. John the Baptist



The weather conditions certainly seem to be dominating everybody's thoughts this winter. Every rain free moment seems to be talked about and cherished and if there is even a glimmer of sunshine – even better! Christmas Day certainly stands out as one of those rare dry and sunny days, although the rain returned in full force for Boxing Day. With large areas of road covered by flood waters, getting into the centre of our village to visit the church has occasionally seemed like an adventure akin to traversing crocodile infested swamps or mountain passes through the Himalayas. I know I'm exaggerating a bit but those people who encountered the hidden craters (pot holes does not adequately describe them!) within the flood waters had a few terrifying moments and damage to vehicles occurred. All is now mended, may I add, in case you are thinking of travelling along our village lanes in the near future.

Christmas has, of course, dominated our village religious and social calendars over the last month. The church was beautifully decorated with greenery throughout and the celebrations began on the 1<sup>st</sup> December with our candlelit Advent Carol Service, followed by the village library and coffee morning in the village hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> December, where many of us were able to meet the new landlords of The Rising Sun. Indeed, many of us followed up their invitation to the re-opening of the pub and met up informally there the following weekend. A large number of villagers also came to our ecumenical Carol

Service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December. We are told, these days, that singing is supposed to be good for releasing tension and lowering stress levels. With Christmas being, for many, a stressful time of the year, this has always seemed a very light hearted service with a community feel and an opportunity to chat afterwards over coffee and mince pies in the village hall. This year was no exception and had the added bonus of musicians adding the voices of their flute, clarinet and cello to that of the organ during the carols. The service on Christmas Day, with the sunshine pouring into our little church and the sound of birdsong from outside as we worshipped set the atmosphere for the rest of the day perfectly.

*Helen Pearse*

## Smile



- How wrong you can be! On the way to nursery school, a doctor had left her stethoscope on the rear seat of the car and her little girl picked it up and began playing with it. "That's OK", thought the doctor, "this may be a sign that my daughter will want to follow in my footsteps and be a doctor one day." Then the child held the end piece to her mouth and said, "Welcome to McDonald's, may I take your order please?"
- The rector of a very large church had a feeling that his relationship with his staff had been rather too informal and casual, so he thought he would have some fun by putting a sign on his office door which said "I'm the Boss", hoping this might have some spin-off effect on the staff. Later that day when he returned from lunch, he found that someone had taped a note to the sign that said: "Your wife called. She wants her sign back."

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.....



1. Please be advised that all members planning to dash through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh, going over the fields and laughing all the way are required to undergo a Risk Assessment addressing the safety of open sleighs. This assessment must also consider whether it is appropriate to use only one horse for such a venture, particularly where there are multiple passengers. Please note that permission must also be obtained in writing from landowners before their fields may be entered. To avoid offending those not participating in celebrations, we request that laughter is moderate only and not loud enough to be considered a noise nuisance.
  2. Benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs are now available for collection by any shepherds planning or required to watch their flocks at night.
  3. While provision has also been made for remote monitoring of flocks by CCTV cameras from a centrally heated shepherd observation hut, all facility users are reminded that an emergency response plan must be submitted to account for known risks to the flocks. The angel of the Lord is additionally reminded that prior to shining his/her glory all around s/he must confirm that all shepherds are wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment to account for the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and the overwhelming effects of Glory.
  4. Following last year's well publicised case, everyone is advised that EC legislation prohibits any comment with regard to the redness of any part of Mr. R. Reindeer. Further to this, exclusion of Mr. R. Reindeer from reindeer games will be considered discriminatory and disciplinary action will be taken against those found guilty of this offence.
  5. While it is acknowledged that gift-bearing is commonly practised in various parts of the world, everyone is reminded that the bearing of gifts is subject to Hospitality Guidelines and all gifts must be registered. This applies regardless of the individual, even royal personages. It is particularly noted that direct gifts of currency or gold are specifically precluded under provisions of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Further, caution is advised regarding other common gifts, such as aromatic resins that may initiate allergic reactions.
  6. Finally, in the recent case of the infant found tucked up in a manger without any crib for a bed, Social Services have been advised and will be arriving shortly.
- Compliance of these guidelines is advised in order for you to fully participate with the festive spirit.
- Cheers
- Admin Risk Management Team*

## Strapline

- "It is better to hear a good sermon twice rather than a bad one once." (*F A Simpson, a legendary Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge*)

## News from Denbury

### St. Mary the Virgin



All too quickly for many, the main festivities of the Christmas season draw to a close, decorations are returned to their box at the back of the organ loft, the impressive Christmas tree taken down and we return to work and school wondering what 2020 will bring for us.

Christmas of course does not end officially for some weeks, the crib figures are still in their place within the altar and as such the season remains very much in our minds.

A major part of any Christmas celebration is the singing of carols. On December 19<sup>th</sup> a group of a dozen parishioners visited Brambledown Nursing Home in the village to lead many of the residents and staff in the singing of favourite carols, many of which were chosen by the residents. This visit has become an annual event and is always enjoyed by everyone taking part. Residents gather in the lounge area for the singing but as some residents are unable to leave their rooms, the singers make their way around the building so that everyone has the opportunity to join in.

More carols followed the next day, this time held on the village green outside the Union Inn. The weather was kind to us this year remaining dry and not too cold encouraging large numbers of families to meet up on the Green and join in with the singing and enjoy a mince pie or two. A collection was taken on behalf of the local homeless charity HITS raising the excellent sum of £170 to help with their important work.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December St. Mary's held its Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Once again the singing was led by the Christmas Choir comprised of singers from the village under the direction of choirmaster Chris Eastman. A packed church enjoyed a number of pieces performed by the choir achieving as usual a very high standard.

On Christmas Eve our Crib Service was held at 4pm with the church filled with families. The service was led by Tessa, Rachel and Fran and had a travelling theme, to highlight the journey to Bethlehem undertaken by Mary and Joseph on the first Christmas.

At the start of the service the Posada figures which had moved from house to house each day during Advent were taken through the church by children and placed on the altar, their journey complete. One of the highlights of the service was the singing of 'Once in Royal David's City' by the children gathered around the altar with the church lit by candles.

Midnight Mass this year was conducted by Tony Meek and attracted a good congregation and following very few hours sleep many attendees were back at church at 9am for the Christmas Day communion.

Christmas is an eagerly awaited season and it is always a little sad when celebrations end and normality resumes with the often cold and bleak months of January and February before us.

We have much to look forward to in our church life in 2020 and beyond however, including, hopefully positive news, early in the New Year, regarding the restoration of the bells at St. Mary the Virgin.

*Mike Bray*

## CHINA – Church demolition started mid-service

*In our peaceful parishes we need to be aware that persecution is real today.*

*Read on -*

Government authorities started to demolish a state-registered church in China while the congregation was in the middle of a worship service. According to the charity *China Aid*, the government didn't have legal papers ordering the church to be torn down. The church in Funan in Anhui province could seat 3,000 people and was part of the country's officially-recognised church network, marking a distinct move from the Government's previously more relaxed attitude towards churches it knew about. 'Underground' house churches, or unregistered churches, were previously the ones primarily at risk but Andrew Boyd from Christian religious freedom charity *Release International* says this destruction is "a very big statement." After bulldozing the church, its pastors, Geng Yimin and Sun Yongyao, were arrested on suspicion of 'gathering a crowd to disturb social order'. Reports suggest no one was injured in the process.



*China Aid* President Bob Fu said: "This is yet another clear example showing the escalation of religious persecution today by the Chinese Communist regime. The total disregard of religious freedom's protection as enshrined in the Communist Party's own Constitution tells the whole world President Xi is determined to continue his war against the peaceful Christian faithful. This campaign will surely fail in the end."

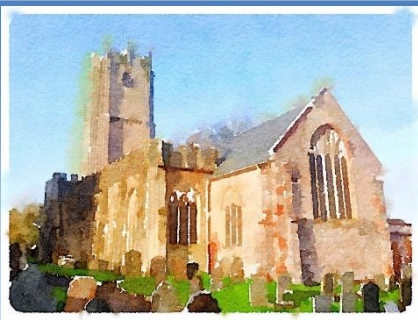
### Where God is to be found

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



## News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



We celebrated St. Andrew's Day with a lunch cooked and served by the Hospitality Team after the service on 24<sup>th</sup> November. We enjoyed either Beef or Chicken Casserole with baked potatoes and veg, and for dessert there was a table set up with a variety to choose from. Coffee and mints to finish with. A lovely social occasion and thanks to everyone who helped or provided puddings and to those people who attended.

On St. Andrew's Day 30<sup>th</sup> November the Lantern Procession took place organised by the local History Group. The bellringers rang as the procession left from the Village Hall



and went around the village. There was a wonderful assortment of lanterns and they all arrived back to St. Andrew's church to be judged. Many of us were ready to provide refreshments of lovely warm mulled wine mince pies and soft drinks and biscuits for the children which is always most appreciated. It is especially good to see the church so packed full of happy families.

December 1<sup>st</sup> was the start of the wonderful, busy Christmas Season. At the 11am Service the Posada journey began with

the Holy Family figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey going to the Rectory to stay the first night and Rev Andrew blessed them and passed them to Claire, Charlotte and Joe.

In the evening many of us from St. Andrew's and the other Beacon Parishes enjoyed the Candlelit Advent Carol Service at Woodland Church. Rev Anne Burden officiated with Rev Andrew assisting. Michael Roberts was the organist and during the Service played an organ solo -German Mass in F by Schubert and our choir sang the anthem 'Maranatha' by David Ogden. This special service started in darkness then the Paschal Candle was lit as the choir sung 'Hail Gladdening Light' as all the candles were gradually lit. I particularly love this service, with the welcome we receive and the refreshments and meeting together afterwards in the Parish rooms.

At the Sung Communion at 11am on December 15<sup>th</sup> Rev Andrew suggested that we had one foot in Advent and one foot in Christmas as we were halfway through Advent. The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in the evening at 6pm began with a bang as there was a huge clap of thunder and the lights went out briefly, luckily the candles were lit on the Chandelier! The service began with Rose and Paige from the youth choir singing the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City'. The choir then processed to the front of the Church. It was good to see a full congregation enjoying the readings and carols. This year the newly formed Youth choir under the direction of Jo Innes-Lumsden sang two carols- 'When Christ was born of Mary free' (Rosalie Bonighton) and 'There is no Rose' (Malcolm Archer). The School choir sang the carol 'It was on a Starry Night'.

Our church choir was joined by singers from other choirs to sing two anthems: 'Carol of the Crib' (Joanna Forbes Estrange) and 'My Lord has Come' (Will Todd). We also enjoyed an instrumental duet 'Walking in the Air' (The

## News from Ipplepen – cont'd

Snowman) performed by Marilyn Ellis and Claire Down. A truly wonderful service was followed by refreshments of mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread served by the hospitality team in the Church Hall. It was also such a pleasure to hear the bells ringing before this service and many others over the Christmas Season and we thank the ringers.

It was another Christmas tradition for many villagers to gather around the Christmas tree for carols and readings on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. This was led by Rev Andrew with the music and sound system provided by our Methodist friends.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December Celtic Morning Prayer was led by Michael Price and Steven Sheldon gave the address and led our intercessions.

On Christmas Eve there was a very full church for the Crib Service at 3pm with the Posada Family returned to the Church ready for the birth of Christ.

Midnight Mass was celebrated at 11pm with Rev Andrew with communion on Christmas Day at 10 30am. celebrated by Rev Anne. Such joyous Services and good to see so many in the Congregation.

There was a Mission Community Communion Service at Denbury Church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. The Epiphany Service on Jan 5<sup>th</sup> was conducted by Rev Tony Meek when the Three Kings were processed to the Crib to present their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

We now look forward to a New Year 2020 and decade. A blessed and Happy New Year everyone.

*Marilyn Clark*

## “It happened to me ..... I was locked in a prison (by mistake - honest!)

A long time ago in my social work days, I was working to support a family with three vulnerable young children. The father wasn't very popular with the police because he was quite bright and had outwitted them on several occasions - and he ended up in prison following some minor motoring offences. I visited him in prison about once a month - visits took place in a 'welfare building' within the prison perimeter fence. The welfare officers were used to officials - mainly Probation Officers - spending ten minutes with a prisoner and then clearing off. But I'd been there for a long time - my client was depressed and wanted to talk - and the welfare officers simply forgot we were there. We'd heard nothing - but when we emerged from our interview room, the building was deserted and the doors to the outside were locked. They'd all gone off to lunch.

“Never mind” I said, “we'll find a phone and someone will come and let us out”. But all the offices which were likely to have phones in were also locked. Then I realised that I was with somebody who I didn't think of as a criminal as such - but who was certainly resourceful! So I said “What are we going to do?”. Within a few minutes my client had found a window he could open - in the ladies loo, as it happened - and said “I'll climb out and get someone to help you”. I was much younger in those days, and could have managed to climb out after him - but I decided to stay put, and wait graciously to be rescued. It made a much better story for my client to tell, I thought!

The welfare people arrived about ten minutes later - and as I was escorted back to the main gate and the outside world I passed through a crowd of smiling faces. The story had spread like wild fire - and the prison population were laughing with me and at the welfare officers. It was the most exciting thing that had happened to them (and to me?) for weeks.

*Anne Burden*

# Our rural parish churches need help

Huguette Standish has sent in this cutting from the Christmas edition of the magazine 'Country Life'. Apologies to Huguette from the Editor, but before he sent it on to Charles as a photograph, he screwed it up, so it looks a bit 'ragged'.



## Smile



- "Today," said the medical school professor, "I will be lecturing about the kidneys, intestines, pancreas, and the liver." One student leaned toward his friend sitting next to him, "Great, we have to sit through another organ recital."
- "Moses comes down from the mountain and says, the good news is that I've knocked Him down to ten. The bad news is that adultery is still in." (*The late Venerable George Austin, Archdeacon of York*)

# The 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm gets everywhere!

*Two contributions, both following the pattern of Psalm 23:*

## A Slimmer's Psalm

Strict is my diet, I must not want.  
It maketh me to lie down at night, hungry,  
It leadeth me to pass the refrigerator,  
It tireth my will power,  
It leadeth me in the paths of starvation for my figure's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the aisles of pastas,  
I will buy no chocolate eclairs,  
for they are fattening.  
The cakes and pies they tempt me.  
Before me is a table set with green beans and lettuce,  
It filled my stomach with liquids;  
my day's quota runneth over.  
Surely, my calories and weight charts will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
And I dwell in the fear of the scales forever.

## The 23rd Channel ?

The TV is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
It makes me lie down on the sofa.  
It leads me away from the faith.  
It destroys my soul.  
It leads me in the paths of sex and violence, for the sponsors' sake.  
Yea, though I walk in the shadow of my responsibilities, there will be no  
interruption, for the TV is with me, its cable and remote control, they  
comfort me.  
It prepares a commercial before me in the presence of my worldliness.  
It anoints my head with humanism and consumerism.  
My covetousness runneth over.  
Surely laziness and ignorance shall follow me all the days of my life  
And I shall dwell in the house, watching TV for ever.

# Remembrance Tree

Christmas is a time for remembering family and friends no longer with us and so we placed a Remembrance Tree in St. Andrew's at Christmas.

We were able to write the name of those remembered on a tag and tie it on the tree and make a donation towards the church Christmas flowers.

These trees are very popular and there was one in the reception lounge of the hotel Edward and I stayed in at New Year.



We raised £130 this time and hope to have another Remembrance Tree at Easter.

Thank you to everyone who so kindly contributed.

*Marilyn Ellis*

## ***The Satnav - by Pam Ayres***

I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car  
A Satnav is a driver's friend, it tells you where you are  
I have a little Satnav, I've had it all my life  
It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive  
"It's thirty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing thirty five"  
It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake  
And tells me that it's never ever safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green  
It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene  
It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear  
And taking this into account it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device  
For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice  
It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught  
So why don't I exchange it and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed  
It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!  
Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,  
I only wish that now and then, I could turn the darned thing off.

*With thanks to Peter Hosking for sending this in*

# The Dragonfly

*This lovely reading was included in a recent  
Thanksgiving Service - Editor*



Once, in a little pond, in the muddy water underneath the lily pads,  
there lived a little water nymph in a community of water nymphs.

They lived a simple and comfortable life in the pond,  
with few disturbances and interruptions.

Once in a while, sadness would come to the community when  
one of their fellow nymphs would climb the stem of the lily pad  
and would never be seen again.

They knew when this happened their friend was gone for ever.

Then one day, one little water nymph felt an irresistible urge  
to climb up that stem.

However, he was determined that he would not leave for ever;  
he would come back and tell his friends what he had found at the top.

When he reached the top and climbed out of the water on to  
the top of the lily pad, he was so tired and the sun felt so warm  
that he decided he must take a nap.

As he slept, his body changed and when he woke up he had  
turned into a beautiful, blue-tailed dragonfly,  
with broad wings and a slender body designed for flying.

As he soared, he saw the beauty of a whole new world and a  
far superior way of life which he had never known existed.

Then he remembered his nymph friends and how they'd be  
thinking that by now he was dead.

He wanted to go back and tell them he was more alive than  
he had ever been. His life had been fulfilled, rather than ended.

But his new body would not go down into the water,  
so he could not tell his friends the good news.

Then he understood that their time would come when  
they too would know what he now knew.

So he raised his wings and flew off into his joyous new life.

*(Author unknown)*

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## Church Services

### Sundays

8 a.m. Holy Communion. (Except 1st Sun. 7 a.m.)  
11 a.m. Morning Prayer with Holy Communion on 1st Sunday of the Month, and Litany on 1st and 3rd Sundays.  
12 noon. Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday.  
3 p.m. Children's Service and Catechising (1st Sun.)  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

### Saints Days.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m. or 11 a.m. as announced

### Week Days

Litany, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon.

## Church Officers

Vicar.—The Rev R. D. COOKE, B.A.

Churchwardens.—Col. F. C. FULTON and Mr. HAROLD LUSCOMBE.

Parochial Church Council Secretary.—Mr. G. S. CAME, The Elms, Ipplepen.

Sidesmen.—Messrs G. S. CAME, J. F. DENLEY, W. J. PARNELL, G. HANNAFORD, W. OSBORN, J. HODGE, A. HARRIS, E. HONEYWILL, Colonel H. E. MARSH, M. H. MOORE, DR. A. L. M. SEALY and W. J. WILLCOCKS.

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# Ipplepen Parish Magazine.

## BAPTISMS

- Feb. 26. Phyllis Irene May Bishop.  
 Mar. 5. Michael George Wotton.  
 Barry Hooper.

## BURIALS

- Feb. 22. Louise Kernick, aged 79 years.  
 „ 23. George Doidge, aged 84 years.  
 „ 25. Alice Mary Maddicott, aged 64 years.  
 Mar. 16. Nevill Edward Parry, aged 54 years.

## NOTICES FOR APRIL

- April 2. *Palm Sunday.* Holy Communion 8 a.m., Children's Service 3 p.m.  
 „ 3 Mon. Morning Service 11  
 „ 4 Tues. { Before a.m., Evening Ser-  
 „ 5 Wed. { Easter vice and Address  
 „ 6 Thurs. { 7.30 p.m.  
 On the first three mornings the Appointed Gospel Story, and on Thursday Holy Communion.  
 On each evening we shall sing the Story of the Cross.  
 „ 7. *Good Friday.* Morning Service at 11 a.m., Evening Service 7.30 p.m.  
 „ 8. *Easter Eve.* Service at 6 p.m.  
 „ 9. *Easter Day.* Holy Communion at 6.30 a.m., 7.30 a.m., and at the 11 a.m. service.  
 „ 16. *First Sunday after Easter.* Holy Communion 8 a.m. and noon.  
 „ 23. *Second Sunday after Easter.* Holy Communion 8 a.m.  
 „ 25. *S. Mark.* Holy Communion 8 a.m.  
 „ 30. *Third Sunday after Easter.* Holy Communion 8 a.m.

**Note.—Summer time commences April 16th.**

The Vicar trusts that the services arranged will enable all who are willing, to pass the final days of Lent in Our Lord's Company and to approach the Risen Lord on Easter Day in His own appointed service. Note that there are other opportunities of worship announced under the Torbryan arrangements. As we go to press we have got halfway through Lent. It has been a great satisfaction to see the unusually large and devout congregations on Thursday nights. Our special preacher who comes down from Exeter every Thursday is proving exceedingly helpful. His plain, earnest addresses are packed full of heart-searching suggestions, and we are quite sure that his words have gone home to those who have heard them. It has been a great privilege for us to have had such an inspiring preacher sent to us by the Diocesan Mission.

We shall be glad of flowers for the Easter decorations, and help in the arrangement the morning before Easter. The collections at Easter will, as usual, be Easter offerings for the Vicar.

The Annual Vestry and Church Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13th, at 8 p.m. in the Church Schoolroom. We hope to conclude, as before, with a social gathering, to which all whose names are on the Electoral Roll are cordially invited.

This is the jubilee year of the Ipplepen Cricket Club, and it is understood that the occasion is to be marked during the season. We commend the effort of the club to raise funds by a dance in the Church Schoolroom on Tuesday in Easter week.

Miss Edwards, of Vancouver, who is a descendant of the Neyle family, that for upwards of two hundred years owned and lived at Ambrook, has sent the Vicar a cheque to be expended on the Church to perpetuate the memory of her ancestors. With her approval, and the Church Council, there has been procured a brass alms dish with suitable inscription, an oak alms box, and book markers for the altar.

This has been a year that has brought much bereavement to the parish. Since Christmas the vicar has taken part in twelve burials, including one at Torbryan and also his only surviving sister in North Devon. Sympathy for all the sad and sorrowing has been manifest; there have been many big attendances at the graveside.

There are two outstanding losses that we record this month. Mrs. William Maddicott had lived here all her married life, loved and respected by all who knew her. She was of a quiet, retiring disposition, and a great lover of home and a model mother. Distance and family cares prevented her from active work in parish affairs, but she always showed her interest. For many years she was a member of the Ipplepen Nursing Association Committee.

Mr. Parry came to our parish nine years ago. He had had a brilliant career in the Indian Civil Service but the climate broke him, and he had lived here quietly the last years of his life. Like a former owner of Coombefishacre House, Mr. Archer Hind, he found the famous gardens a great attraction. The staff of the house made a miniature garden of daffodils at the graveside, all grown at Coombefishacre. Mr. Parry was a generous subscriber to all our church funds and to all parish organizations.

There were 12 days in February with rain, 2.26 inches being recorded for the month.



# Torbryan Supplement.

## TORBRYAN

*Churchwardens.*—Mr. Gilbert Bulley and Mr. R. J. Hill.

*Secretary to the Church Council.*—Mrs. Cooke.

*Sexton.*—Mr. Samuel Atwill.

### Church Services.

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sunday each month.

3 p.m. Evening Service and Sermon. Every Sunday.

### April 7th. Good Friday.

At 9 a.m. there will be a service consisting of the Litany and the reading of the Story of the Passion as recorded by St. John. We hope that there will be a congregation sufficiently large for us to sing some hymns without the organ.

### April 9th. Easter Day.

At 9 a.m. there will be Holy Communion and at 3 p.m. a Festival Service.

The collections at both services will be for the Parish Quota for the Diocesan needs. Our share is £3, as in other years. We shall be very glad of flowers for the decoration of the church.

**Note.**—There will not be a service of Holy Communion on April 2nd this year.

## BURIAL

March 3rd. Louisa Marion Howell, aged 81 years.

The aged mother of Mrs. Howell Paine, of the Church House Inn, had been an invalid and kept to her bed for a considerable time. We offer our sympathy in the bereavement the family have suffered.

It is with much regret we announce that Mrs. Albert Potter has moved from Torbryan to Broadhempston. Mrs. Potter was a regular member of our congregation and a communicant.

## CONFIRMATION

The Bishop has intimated that there will be a service of Confirmation in Marldon Church on Tuesday, June 13th, at 7 p.m.

The Rector hopes to present several candidates. Several have already given their names, and as it is desirable to arrange the classes of instruction, will others from Ipplepen and Torbryan who are willing to offer themselves send in their names that the times of instruction may be arranged as far as possible at times convenient to all.

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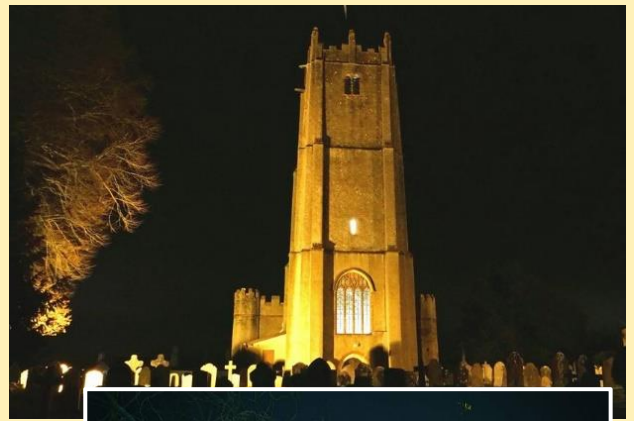
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# Floodlighting

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 Rachel Belringer 01803 812529  
Mobile: 07751804007  
For Ipplepen, contact the Church office on 01803 814078

## Denbury:

A villager who likes to see the church lit up (Anon.)

## Ipplepen:

### Retrospective

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Dec From June and Rod Wilkins for our Son Nicholas' 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Dec In loving memory of Susan Davida Kadow who died on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 from Richard Tossell and Tim and Gemma Barnes and grandchildren.
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan In memory of a dear Mum, Dora Bearne, on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 from Barbara and John Tuckett.

### New

- 26<sup>th</sup> Jan – 8<sup>th</sup> Feb In loving memory of Paul Kemp, a dear dad and grampy on his birthday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, from Sheila, Graham, Beckie and Hannah Needs.
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Feb From Chris and Jenny Howard (Spain) for all our friends and good neighbours and all the happy memories living in the village.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Feb From Rex Osborn and family in loving memory of Wendy on her birthday on 26<sup>th</sup> February.
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Mar From David, Linda, and Katie Simmonds for Hannah's birthday on 5<sup>th</sup> March.
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Mar From Val and Peter Sleight remembering her parents, Phil and Peter Monks, at the time of their birthdays
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Mar In loving memory of darling Steve who died 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010. Love you always from Tricia, Sophie, Tom and granddaughter, baby Phoebe.

## When Jesus came to our town

When Jesus came to Golgotha, they hanged Him on a tree.  
They drove great nails through hands and feet and made a Calvary;  
They crowned him with a crown of thorns, red were his wounds and deep,  
For those were rude and cruel days and human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to our town, they simply passed Him by.  
They would not hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die;  
For man had grown more tender and they would not give Him pain,  
They only just passed down the street and left Him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."  
And still it rained the winter rain that drenched Him through and through.  
The crowds went home and left the street without a soul to see  
And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.

*Rev Geoffrey Studdart Kennedy*

## A personal poem

*John Berry's wife has been in hospital. He writes this poem for her*

Valerie, Valerie, I love you more and more  
I hope over the years you have been keeping the score.  
When I look into your lovely blue eyes,  
I get a good feeling like eating mince pies.  
Roses are red and violets are blue,  
Please love me more like I love you.

Happy 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1976 to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

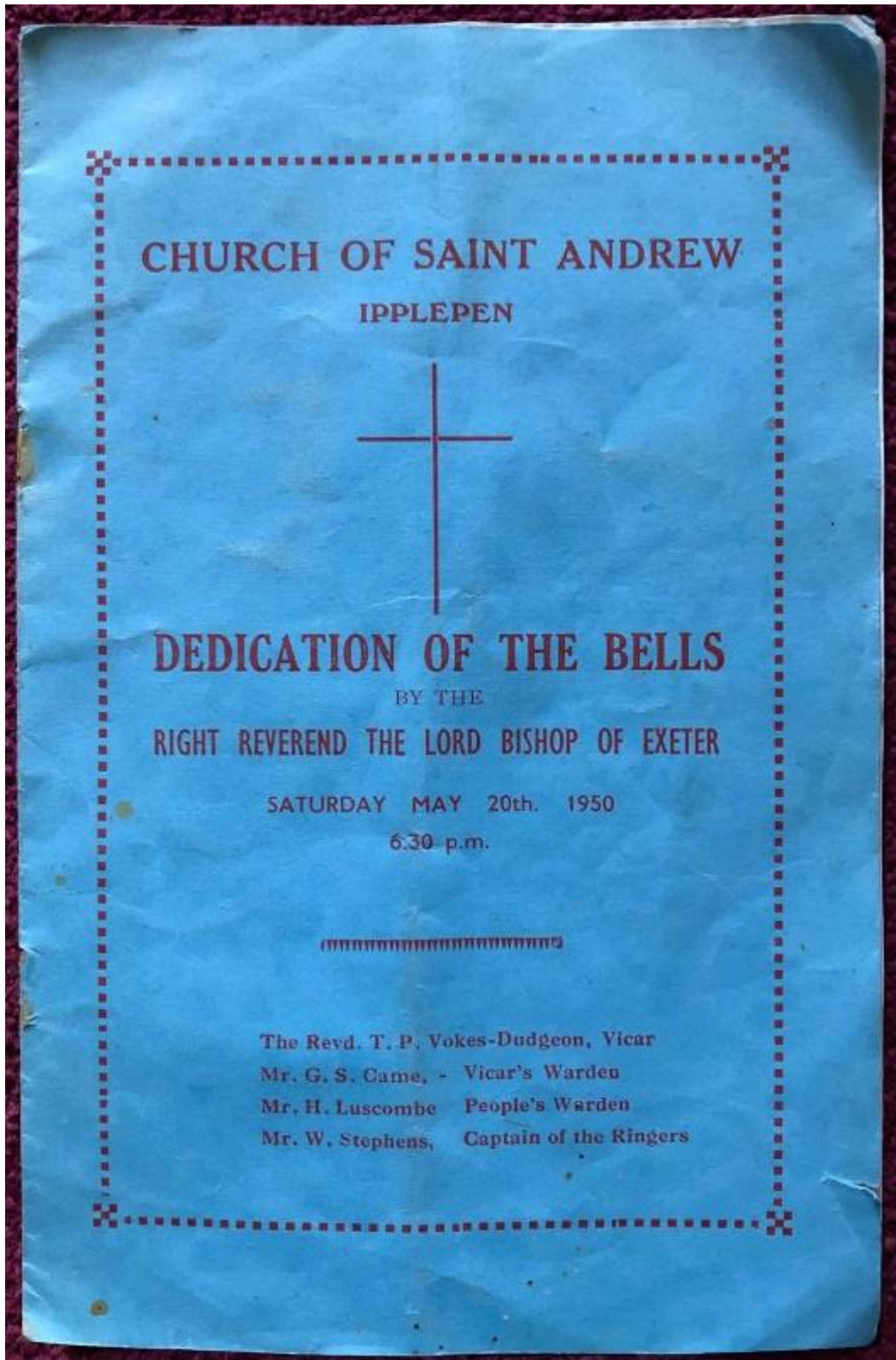
## Strapline

- When asked in Junior Church what the Bible means when it says that no man can serve two masters, little Johnny immediately piped up with, "Because you are not allowed to have two wives."

## A Peep from the past - 2

*Here are a couple of pages from the service booklet for the dedication of St. Andrew's bells, when they were augmented from 6 to 8 bells.*

*The service itself was evensong.*



## TE DEUM

*Then the Bishop shall bless the people, after which merry peals shall be rung as the Bishop, his Clergy, the Churchwardens and the people leave the Church.*

## DEO GRATIAS

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### THE BELLS

In the Inventory of 1553 four bells are mentioned. By 1797 the number had grown to five, and a public meeting the same year decided to re-cast the five bells into six. This was done by **Thomas Bilbie** of Cullompton. In 1818 the fifth bell which had become cracked was sent to **T. Mears** of Whitechapel to be re-cast. On its return journey, by sea, it was cracked again, and had to be re-cast again. Two additional Trebles, cast by **Gillett and Johnston** of Croydon in 1924 completed the ring of eight. Today, the ring of eight bells having been re-hung with new fittings and framework by **Gillett & Johnston**, are heard again. The bells have also been tuned.

The details of the bells are as follows :

- |  | WEIGHT             |
|--|--------------------|
| No. 1. Note: E. Given by R. C. Maddicott in memory of his wife, Isabella, and by Edward M. Shepherd in memory of the long connection of his family with the Parish. 1924. R. D. Cooke, Vicar. Col. F. C. Fulton and W. Maddicott, Churchwardens. | 6 cwt 13 lbs.      |
| No. 2. Note: D. Sharp Given as a Thankoffering to God by S. P. Adams, a Native of Totnes. 1924. R. D. Cooke, Vicar. Col. F. C. Fulton and W. Maddicott, Churchwardens.   | 6 cwt 1 Qr. 5 lbs. |
| No. 3. Note: C. Sharp <b>WHEN I CALL FOLLOW ALL.</b> Mr. John Shepherd and Mr. Jeffery Lang, Churchwardens. 1799. T.B.F.   | 6 cwt 26 lbs.      |
| No. 4. Note: B. Thomas Bilbie Cullompton Fecit 1799.   | 6 cwt 3 Qrs. 1 lb. |
| No. 5. Note: A. <b>SUCCESS TO BRITISH ARMS.</b> Mr. John Shepherd and Mr. Jeffery Lang, Thomas Bilbie Fecit 1799.  | 7 cwt 1 Qr. 8 lbs. |
| No. 6. Note: G. Sharp Mr. John Shepherd and Mr. Jeffery Lang, Churchwardens. Thomas Bilbie Cullompton, Devon.  | 9 cwt 3 Qrs. 1 lb. |
| <b>CAST US ALL 1799</b>  |                    |
| No. 7 Note: F. Sharp The Revd. Randolph Marriott, Vicar. W. Lang, J. Shepherd Junr., Churchwardens, T. Mears of London fecit 1818.   | 11 cwt 15 lbs.     |
| No. 8. Note: E. <b>RELIGION: DEATH: AND PLEASURE: CAUSE ME TO RING.</b> Mr. John Shepherd and Mr. Jeffery Lang, Wardens. Thos Bilbie, Cullompton, fecit 1799.  | 18 cwt 1 Qr.       |

# WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

People may like to use the following weekly cycle of prayer which has been put together by Andrew.

Every day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life</li> <li>• In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs</li> </ul>
Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The universal Church</li> <li>• Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church</li> <li>• The leaders of the nations</li> <li>• The natural world and the resources of the earth</li> <li>• All who are in any kind of need</li> </ul>
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The media and the arts</li> <li>• Farming and fishing</li> <li>• Commerce and industry</li> <li>• Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger</li> <li>• All who are unemployed</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All who are sick in body, mind or spirit</li> <li>• Those in the midst of famine or disaster</li> <li>• Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice</li> <li>• Those who are bereaved</li> <li>• All who work in the medical and healing professions</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The social services</li> <li>• All who work in the criminal justice system</li> <li>• Victims and perpetrators of crime</li> <li>• The work of aid agencies throughout the world</li> <li>• Those living in poverty or under oppression</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local government, community leaders</li> <li>• All who provide local services</li> <li>• Those who work with young or elderly people</li> <li>• Schools, colleges and universities</li> <li>• Emergency and rescue organizations</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Queen, members of parliament and the armed forces</li> <li>• Peace and justice in the world</li> <li>• Those who work for reconciliation</li> <li>• All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife</li> <li>• Prisoners, refugees and homeless people</li> </ul>
Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love</li> <li>• Those whose time is spent caring for others</li> <li>• Those who are close to death</li> <li>• Those who have lost hope</li> <li>• The worship of the Church</li> </ul>

# Compline



During Lent, for 5 weeks commencing Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, a service of Compline will be held at 7.00pm at St. Andrew's Ipplepen.

A simple, short and reflective service.

Please come along.

## Intercessions for the Mission Community – February and March

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hon. Asst. Priests	Blackstone Road	The Green	Main Street	Chardanay
Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	Electoral Roll Officers	Bowden Road	Down View Road	Houndhead Way	Sunset Cottage
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Servers	Bridge Street & Fore Street	Greenhill Lane	Vicarage Hill	Hawkes Farm
Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Eucharistic Ministers	Caunters Close & Harris Court	Fairview	Primary School	Orchard Cottage
Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sidespeople	Church Path & Paternoster Lane	Moorland Avenue	Community Shop	Pulsford View
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sacristans	Clampitt Road and Clampitt Close	Orchard Close	Radfords	Pulsford Farm
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	Organists	Clarendon Road & Motehole Road	Heathfield Road	Beaston	Wickeridge Lodge
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Choirs and Musical Directors	Cooke Drive & Lang Way	Heathfield Terrace	Downe	Quarry Farm
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses

# Sunday Services for February and March

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

## Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>

9.00 am Sung Communion  
11.00 am Sung Communion  
4.00 pm Celtic Evening Prayer  
6.00 pm Sung Communion

## Presentation of Christ in the Temple

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury  
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen  
- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston  
- St John The Baptist, Woodland

## Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer  
11.00 am Sung Communion  
4.00 pm Sung Communion

## Third Sunday before Lent

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen  
- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury  
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen  
- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

## Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am Sung Communion  
11.00 am Sung Communion  
4.00 pm Celtic Evening Prayer  
6.00 pm Sung Communion

## Second Sunday before Lent

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury  
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen  
- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston  
- St John The Baptist, Woodland

## Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.00 am Sung Communion  
9.30 am Café style Service – joint with Methodist Church - Ipplepen Village Hall  
11.00 am Sung Communion  
6.00 pm Evensong

## Sunday next before Lent

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen  
- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury  
- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston  
- St John The Baptist, Woodland

## Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>

9.00 am Sung Communion  
11.00 am Sung Communion  
4.00 pm Celtic Evening Prayer  
6.00 pm Sung Communion

## First Sunday of Lent

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury  
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen  
- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston  
- St John The Baptist, Woodland

## Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer  
11.00 am Sung Communion  
4.00 pm Sung Communion

## Second Sunday of Lent

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen  
- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury  
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen  
- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

## Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am Sung Communion  
11.00 am Sung Communion  
4.00 pm Celtic Evening Prayer  
6.00 pm Sung Communion

## Third Sunday of Lent

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury  
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen  
- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston  
- St John The Baptist, Woodland

## Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.00 am Sung Communion  
11.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer  
11.00 am Sung Communion  
6.00 pm Evensong

## Mothering Sunday/Fourth Sunday of Lent

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen  
- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury  
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen  
- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston  
- St John The Baptist, Woodland

## Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>

11.00 am Mission Community Service

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

- St John The Baptist, Woodland



## Mid-week Services for February and March

### Regular Daily Midweek Services

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

### Regular 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

### Regular Monthly Midweek Services

Fourth Monday      (24<sup>th</sup> February, 23<sup>rd</sup> March)

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

Second and Last Monday      (10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March)

Home Communion      - All Beacon Parishes

### Midweek Services

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb      Home Communion      - All Beacon Parishes

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb      6.30pm      Holy Communion (said) - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Home Communion      - All Beacon Parishes

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb      ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am      Holy Communion - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

7.00pm      Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March      7.00pm      Compline - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March      Home Communion      - All Beacon Parishes

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March      7.00pm      Compline - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March      6.30pm      Holy Communion (said) - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March      7.00pm      Compline - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March      Home Communion      - All Beacon Parishes

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March      7.00pm      Compline - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April      7.00pm      Compline - St Andrew's, 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

## Dates ahead – February and March

### Regular Weekly Events

Monday	3.00 pm	Monday Teapot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Monday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Thursday	7.30 pm	Broadharmony Choir Practice	- Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston

### Regular Monthly Events

First Thursday	4.00 pm	Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
First and Third Thursday	5.00 pm	Junior Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Second Thursday	10.30 to 12 noon	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury
First Saturday	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	- Parish Rooms, Woodland

### Other Dates for your diary

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.00pm	Messy Church 'Baptism'	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	3.00pm	Messy Church 'Mothers & Others'	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> April		GOOD FRIDAY	
	10.00am	Building the Easter Garden	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> April		EASTER SUNDAY	

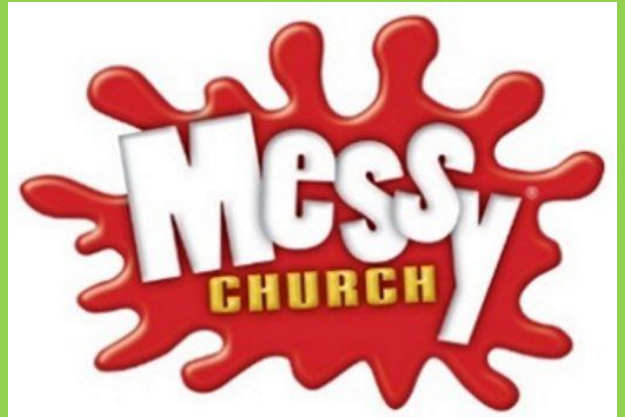
**Saturday 8th Feb**

**Theme: 'Baptism'**

**&**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Theme: 'Mothers and Others'**



**St. Andrew's Church Hall**

**3 to 5pm**

Messy Church for the Beacon Parishes (Ipplepen, Torbryan, Denbury, Broadhempston and Woodland), run by Tessa Amies, has a new facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/beaconparishes](http://www.facebook.com/beaconparishes)

(The page can be viewed by all, including non-facebook members so please take a look at what happens at our Messy Church)

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# Straplines

- I have no time to worry about anyone who doesn't care about me; I'm too busy loving the people who love me.'
- I know God won't give me more than I can handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much (*Mother Teresa*)

## From the Editor



The following piece caught my eye in my morning paper:

### ***“Chicken wing and a prayer***

*A great theological question has finally been solved: how long does it take Anglican bishops to walk to their nearest branch of Nando's, a spicy chicken eatery popular with sportsmen and, so it seems, with the episcopate? Fergus Butler-Gaillie, a priest and author, has put in hours of scholarship and produced a map showing distances from cathedral to restaurant should any bishop read Matthew 23:37, with its reference to chicken wings and feel peckish. Those in Truro and Bath & Wells, for instance, face a five hour trek and may have to cope with KFC, while nine cathedrals have a Nando's just five minutes away.*

*The closest? “Either Derby or London,” Butler-Gaillie says, “depending whether the latter can sneak out of the side door of St Paul's or has to use the main entrance”.*”

St. Matthew 23:37 - what's this all about? Read Jesus words on the Lament over Jerusalem.

I wonder how far must Bishop Robert have to travel in these circumstances - answers to me on a postcard please!

Welcome to this edition of the Beacon for February and March during which time we will be travelling together from Candlemas through much of Lent.

My grateful thanks to all our contributors without whom there would be no Beacon. Our stalwart regular parish reporters, Mike, Helen, Chris and Marilyn are joined by George from Torbryan which means that all communities and churches within our Beacon community now have a voice.

Articles for the April/May edition need to have reached me by March 16<sup>th</sup>.

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