

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





## From Andrew

### Pastoral Letter as we return to Gathered Worship in the Beacon Parishes

*'The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit'. John 3.8*



I grew up in Cornwall and from an early age developed a love of boats and in particular sailing boats. This passion and enthusiasm for sailing boats has stayed with me to this day. As we begin again to gather for worship in our beautiful churches I invite you as you begin to look up take notice of the roof – I have often heard church roofs described as like an upturned boat. Boats feature often in gospels and were used by Celtic monastic missionaries who brought Christianity to our shores.



As we sit in the pews of our churches again things will be different, we will be doing things differently and therefore it will feel different and perhaps strange. One very obvious thing will be not sitting close to those around us. However if we look across at each other we can be reminded that it is each and every one of us that makes up the boat of the church, the body of Christ. It is in the context of these relationships that we make our journey through life. Our gathering in a church building simply reflects and helps us focus on this reality which is present throughout all of our lives.

Whilst the service will be different (e.g. shorter) it will still have the same elements that make up our time of gathered worship together.

- We will read Scripture and have a reflection, talk or sermon. In this the great Christian tradition is reflected upon and made alive for today. Going back to our image of a boat it is this engagement with scripture, tradition and reason that helps us set our course, allows us to keep on course and also to change our course as we need to. It is the ship's wheel or rudder as it were.
- At the centre of our worshipping life will be the celebration of the Eucharist. It is this sharing in the Lord's Supper that gives the church and our lives stability. We often struggle to fathom its depths, however what is clear is the Eucharist's stabilising affect in our lives. Again this will be done differently with only sharing the bread rather than the bread and wine. Although it will feel different as we socially distance as we receive the bread it is worth returning to our boat image to understand the Eucharist's effects in our lives however we are able to share in it. If we think about what would be at the centre of a boat we often find its deepest part - that part under the water that you don't see, its keel. It is the part of a boat that gives it stability. If it is a seagoing vessel it is the keel that gives the boat its seaworthiness. Many people witness to the importance and stabilising effect of the Eucharist in their lives. My prayer is that as we share in this again it will give us depth and stability to chart whatever course lies ahead of us in the months and years to come.
- It is also at this point of a boat that the mast is set, allowing a sail to catch the wind. Throughout Scripture the wind is used as an image for the Holy Spirit which empowers and gives life to the people of God and creation. When we gather together we expect the wind of the spirit to enliven, revive and equip us. In John's gospel we hear Jesus' words that *"The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit"*. These words remind us that just as the boat and the sail don't contain the wind so it is that the church does not have the monopoly on God. The Holy Spirit is active throughout the world. The church, the body of Christ, is simply made up of those who hoist their sail and continually adjust their lives in order to catch and be empowered by the Holy Spirit as they join in with the direction that God is taking.

In conclusion what of this direction on which the church and the people of God are focused? The direction and focus of the church is on Jesus, His life, His call to each and every one of us to take up our cross and follow him. This is what many people have been doing during lock down and before, and we continue to do so as we journey into the days, weeks, months and years ahead. It is into this way of life that we come to celebrate as we begin to gather in our church buildings again.

As we open up we are doing this gradually. Whichever church you attend will be slightly different and there will be stewards to guide you and the practicalities of the service will be explained at the beginning of each service.

As we begin gathered worship again we are feeling our way slowly therefore services for September will be published in mid-August via the weekly sheet and email sent out from the office.

With my love and prayers as we journey on.

Fr. Andrew

# Resumption of Services!

Below are the celebrations of Holy Communion in the Beacon Parishes during August. Please see website and notice boards for any other dates and times of additional services and an explanation of what to expect.

Services for September will be announced in due course, once parishes and Andrew have reviewed how things are going during August.

26 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am	Denbury – Holy Communion - Andrew
	11am	Woodland – Holy Communion - Andrew
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	9.30am	Broadhempston – Holy Communion – Andrew
	11am	Ipplepen - Holy Communion - Andrew
9 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	Denbury - Holy Communion - Andrew
	11am	Ipplepen - Holy Communion - Andrew
16 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	Woodland - Holy Communion - Andrew
	11am	Broadhempston - Holy Communion - Andrew
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	9.30am	Denbury - Holy Communion - Andrew
	11am	Ipplepen - Holy Communion - Andrew
30 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	Woodland - Holy Communion - Andrew
	11am	Broadhempston - Holy Communion - Andrew

## Straplines

- Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people. *(Anon)*
- I could not, at any age, be content to take my place by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn ones back on life. *(Eleanor Roosevelt)*
- I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find any.
- The good thing about the future is that I have an opportunity to think differently and do things differently and the great blessing is that it always starts immediately.
- There would be less childhood inactivity if children had to do some strenuous work in order to charge their smart phones.

# **VJ DAY**

## **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

### **15<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Marking the surrender of Japan and  
the end of the Second World War**

**The St Andrew's Youth Choir have  
recorded a song to mark this occasion:**

**‘Māori Farewell’ - ‘Pö atarau’**



**Please go to the home page of our  
website to find the link for this song:**

**[www.missioncommunity.org.uk](http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk)**

# Māori Farewell, “Pö atarau”

## History of the song:

In 1913 the Australian musician, Clement Scott, wrote the tune, ‘Swiss Cradle Song’. In 1915 the Māori words “Pö atarau” were added to this tune and used to sing farewell to WW1 soldiers leaving New Zealand for France & Gallipoli. After the war, in 1920, Maewa Kaihau wrote the English words, ‘This is the hour...’ for her daughter who was leaving New Zealand to live in another country. This became the ‘Haere Ra Waltz Song’, which was sung when steamships were departing New Zealand. It was also sung for ANZAC troops leaving home for WW2 from 1939. English wartime singer, Gracie Fields, learnt ‘Haere Ra’ on a visit to New Zealand in 1945. Her version of it, known as ‘Now is the Hour’, became a world-wide hit song in 1948.

Many versions of this song have been recorded using the Māori words followed by the English words, thus uniting nations and cultures from opposite sides of the world.

## VJ Day (15<sup>th</sup> August 1945):

On the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1941, Japan launched a surprise aerial attack on the US Navy base at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii. Immediately, the US declared war on Japan. Germany, being an ally of Japan, then declared war on the US, turning the war already raging across Europe into a global conflict. After Adolf Hitler had surrendered and the war in Europe had ended (VE Day, 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945) the Potsdam Declaration was issued, 26<sup>th</sup> July 1945, calling for Japan to surrender. The Japanese leaders refused to sign and so the decision was made to drop 2 atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima & Nagasaki on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August, in an attempt to end the war. On the 15<sup>th</sup> August, Emperor Hirohito of Japan urged the Japanese people to surrender. The conflict in the Far East covered countries such as Burma, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines and involved two and a half million British & Allied troops. 300,000 soldiers were taken as prisoners of war. They suffered badly and were frequently tortured; 100,000 died as prisoners. They were forced to build the ‘Death Railway’ from Thailand to Burma costing the lives of 12,000 Allied soldiers (one for every railway sleeper laid). Huge celebrations took place when VJ Day was declared and in the UK these were led by King George VI. However, most of those who fought and suffered in the Far East would not get back to their home countries until well after the victory celebrations were over. Prisoners of war waited for months for ships back to the UK and some Allied troops wouldn’t return home for nearly 2 years! Viscount Slim, Supreme Allied Commander of Southeast Asia, in an address to the troops warned them that, “You are, and will remain, the forgotten army”.

St. Andrew’s Ipplpen Youth Choir have chosen to sing the Māori Farewell in recognition of the strong links between Great Britain and New Zealand. A bond well demonstrated in the linking of military forces during the 2 World Wars. Recording the song for VJ Day has taught all of us the importance of appreciating the sacrifice and devastating loss of life that occurred on both sides of the conflicts; **lest we forget.**

*Tom Morris*



## Keeping in touch



Caren has been busy during lockdown sending out a weekly newsletter by email (and post to those not on email) to keep everyone informed. Thank you, Caren.

There are also now Facebook pages for parishes and Messy Church:

For **St. Mary the Virgin Denbury**:

[www.facebook.com/groups/1657779157704361](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1657779157704361)

This Facebook page can currently only be accessed by people with a Facebook account but Rachel is likely to change it to a public page which we hope to send you the new link to soon.

For **St. Andrew's, Ipplepen**:

[www.facebook.com/pg/St-Andrews-Church-Ipplepen-108340350808482/posts/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/St-Andrews-Church-Ipplepen-108340350808482/posts/)

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The St Andrew's Facebook page includes recommended services to watch and also '**Prayer of the Day**' from the **Church of England's website**: [www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/todays-prayer](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/todays-prayer)

For **St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Broadhempston**:

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For **Messy Church**

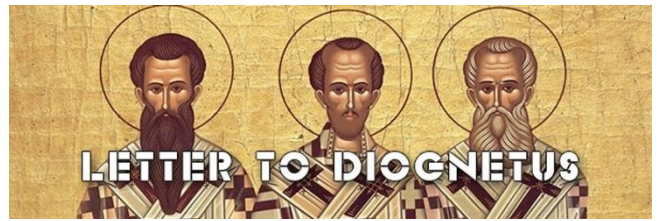
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## Smile

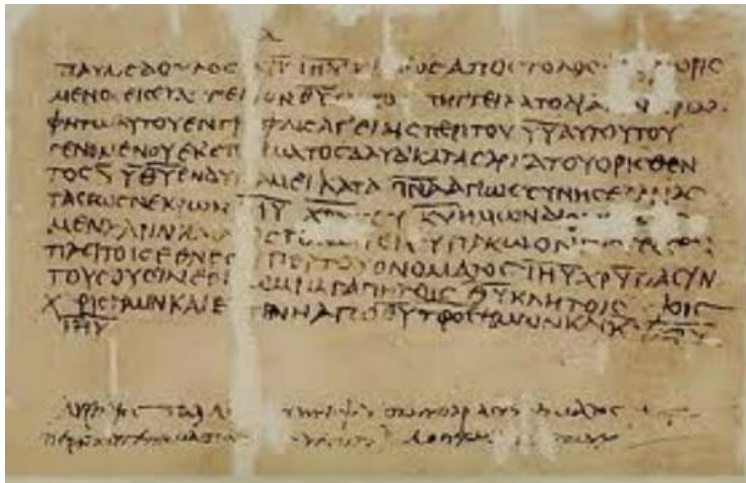


# Christians in the world



*The unknown author of the Letter to Diognetus (probably 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> century) wrote to explain the Christian faith to a serious enquirer. Its recipient was probably a pagan of high rank, possibly the emperor himself.*

You can't tell a Christian from a non-Christian by where he lives or the way he speaks or how he dresses. There are no 'Christian towns', there is no 'Christian language', and they eat drink and sleep just like everybody else. Christians aren't particularly clever or ingenious and they haven't mastered some complicated formula, like the followers of some religions.



But while it's true that they live in cities next to other people, and follow the same pattern of life as they do, in fact they have a unique citizenship of their own. They are, of course, citizens of their own lands - loyal ones too. But yet they feel like visitors. Every foreign country is their homeland, and their homeland is like a foreign country to them...They are nationals of various states, but citizens of heaven.

To put it simply - the soul is to the body as Christians are to the world. The soul is spread to all parts of the body and Christians through all parts of the world. The soul is in the body but is not of the body; Christians are in the world but not of the world.

## Straplines

- Your successes may make you clever, but it is only your problems and failures that will make you wise.
- You'll like it in here – the church is prayer conditioned. *(Seen on a notice board outside a church)*
- Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's love; and your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's love.
- When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another. *(Helen Keller)*
- Understanding is much deeper than knowledge. There are many people who know us, but very few who understand us. *(Anon)*



# Physical distancing

It's ok that you didn't clean the house today,  
It's ok that you didn't run six miles,  
It's ok that you don't know how to make soufflé,  
Or that you're not always full of smiles,  
Don't worry that you haven't learnt to crochet,  
Don't worry if you feel a little blue,  
It's ok to relax sometimes,  
Just do the things that make you, you.  
Take this time to re-evaluate,  
The things you really need,  
Enjoy the sun that's right outside,  
Read that book you want to read,  
Chat to a neighbour that you've never met,  
Re-read your favourite bible verse,  
Make sure that you're eating well,  
And just remember, it could be worse.  
Remember you are loved,  
Remember to be safe,  
Phone a friend, say a prayer,  
Remember to have faith.

Leah Plant (aged 14)

## Smile



- The church treasurer came down early one morning and complained to his wife that he had hardly slept a wink. His wife asked, "Why on earth didn't you count sheep?" He replied, "I did, and that's what got me into trouble - I made a mistake in the first hour, and it took me until early morning to correct it."
- *A church notice sheet was prepared in great haste and it contained the following announcement. A proof reader would have helped!*  
"There will be a special meeting of the Church Council next Saturday morning. We hope all members will be able to attend. It will be gin with breakfast at 7.30am."
- While watching her baby brother being christened in church, a little girl caught the attention of the rector and she whispered, "Behind his ears too, please."



# **In Ipplepen, Torbryan, Denbury, Woodland & Broadhempston**

**To download crafts to do at home:**

**[messychurch.org.uk/resource/  
messy-church-home-april-august-downloadable-sessions](https://messychurch.org.uk/resource/messy-church-home-april-august-downloadable-sessions)**

**To view our Messy Church photos:**

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# The things they write!

*Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.*

- In the first book of the bible, Guinness. god got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
- Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
- Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.
- Moses led the jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
- The egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.
- The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- The greatest miricle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
- Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.
- St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
- It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
- The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
- The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
- One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.



# Yes, you ARE a conservationist

*Based on transcript from talk at TEDxCardiff 2020 by Jazz Austin.*

*Jazz was a regular contributor to the Family Service at St. Andrew's when she was at school. She has previously contributed to the Beacon on her experience of the Alpha course when she was at university.*

*Here she describes her circuitous route towards her driving passion for our planet's conservation.*



What does it mean to be a 'conservationist'? Do you have to go to university? Do you have to be a research scientist, a campaigner or a park ranger?

A conservationist is defined as a 'person who advocates or acts for the protection and preservation of the environment and wildlife'. It's not specific about the means or the scale, but it unites a global community of people who want to make a difference.

My curiosity in learning about the natural world came far later into my life than some of my peers. I grew up in South Devon, surrounded by Dartmoor and the coast – places that felt like they had never changed and could never change.

When I went to university, I had a growing realisation that all was not right. That our global systems in a 'business as usual' state were somewhat blindly destroying the natural world. It felt urgent, and at times paralysing. This feeling was not unique or even timely – for decades many people have felt the same and similarly didn't know what to do about it. It was at that moment that I decided that I wanted to try and make a meaningful difference, in whatever form that may take.

We are at a pivotal moment in human civilisation. An increasing number of people are suddenly feeling an urgency to help protect biodiversity and avoid climate change, but often don't know how their skills can help. Today, I'm going to share with you some of the things I've learned from my journey into conservation to suggest how you can make a difference.

## Wildlife in Wales

Here in Wales, we are lucky to be surrounded by a diverse range of landscapes and species:

- The Shrill Carder bee, one of the UK's rarest bumblebees, is still surviving in parts of South Wales and is named after its distinctive high-pitched buzz.
- Cardigan Bay is home to the largest resident population of Bottlenose dolphins in the UK! A study found that they can remember the unique whistles of other dolphins for at least 20 years.
- Grassholm island is home to roughly 40,000 pairs of Gannets, which dive from heights of 100 feet into the water, reaching speeds of up to 60 mph.
- Wales is home to a temperate rainforest! A rare habitat also known as the Celtic Rainforest; is made up of a variety of trees, lichens, mosses and ferns which thrive in the mild and wet climate.
- And, swifts! Swifts spend their winters feeding in Africa, but every year they make an incredible 6,000-mile journey to Europe to breed.

These were just a few examples of the fantastic species and landscapes on our doorstep, but what do you love? It would be great if you could share your favourite species or wild places with someone else.

## Acting for nature

During my slightly roundabout way of getting into conservation, I've been lucky to have an insight into some of the many ways that different sectors and individuals can take action for nature.

## Biomimicry and the circular economy

For my undergraduate degree I studied Architecture at Cambridge University. I loved art and maths and so it seemed like a sensible choice. Little did I know, that this time would open my eyes to the impact of the modern world on the planet. I became fascinated by the concepts of 'biomimicry' and the 'circular economy'. Biomimicry is a term to describe design informed by the forms and processes found in nature, and the circular economy is an idea which removes the concept of waste from a system. There's no such thing as waste in nature as materials are recycled back into the ecosystem, and physical structures and processes have evolved to be as efficient as possible. Take this example of the ancient Caledonian forest, where fragments remain in parts of Scotland and elsewhere. In a balanced state the forest would have been home to a huge diversity of plant and animal species including the Scots Pine. The Scots Pine is a keystone species which a huge amount of wildlife depends on. When it's growing, red squirrels store the pines cones for the winter months, wood ants make huge nests from the needles, which can be up to one metre high, and the endemic Scottish crossbill removes the seeds from the pinecones to eat. Once it's no longer alive, the Scots Pine's slow decomposition promotes the growth of lichens and fungi and other plants, supports populations of insects and creates nest holes for a variety of birds and mammals. Once the tree has decomposed, its nutrients and energy have been recycled into the forest ecosystem through the soils and species it has supported. Cycle then begins again.



These concepts are not only relevant to architectural design and the built environment; they extend to every product ever made, every city ever built, the running of every single business and every home. Where have the materials come from? How were they manufactured? Where did the energy come from? What happens after it's no longer useful? Will it cause the release of greenhouse gases, the destruction of habitats and will the materials ultimately end up in landfill? Or, can the materials and by-products be recycled into other things indefinitely and created using renewable energy? These are questions we can all be asking in our everyday lives.

## Technology

After leaving university, I was a bit confused. I had a drive and enthusiasm to make a difference but wasn't sure where I could have an impact. I wasn't passionate about architecture, but I was motivated by solving problems and so I was lucky to be offered a job as a Product Manager for an online crowdfunding platform. I initially thought this new world of technology, computers and data, would have few direct links to the environmental issues I felt driven to help solve, but I was very wrong.

I started to get involved with hackathons which focused on environmental issues. Usually, hackathons are multi-day events where designers, developers, scientists, marketers give up their time to come up with potential ideas to help solve specific problems. Teams create and present an idea or prototype,

which sometimes can be taken further. The projects I took part in all had an environmental theme, such as tracking invasive species or protecting the oceans, and I was particularly excited by the fact that so many people from across different disciplines came together to experiment with different ideas. It didn't matter that most of the people at the event didn't have a background in the environmental sector, as they could approach problems from a different perspective and skillset. Perhaps they could see how technology could be useful in new ways, or find effective ways of communicating and explaining a concept, or even give a new perspective on the potential causes of the problem. Skills such as these are vital to solving conservation issues and go far beyond academic study. Take a moment to think about how your skills, expertise and network could help benefit the natural world.

## Gardening and pollinators

I spent most of my master's course studying pollinators in Cornwall. Pollinators are vital for crop cultivation, the survival of wild plants and are an essential part of the food chain. Unfortunately, as with many species, pollinators and insects are facing mass global declines; largely due to habitat loss and the use of pesticides and nitrogen-based fertilizers. Since the Second World War, a staggering 97% wildflower meadows have been destroyed in the UK, removing a vital habitat.

Private gardens provide an opportunity to create connected habitats through urban areas. Estimates suggest that the total area of private gardens in the UK, is just over one-fifth of the size of Wales and that 87% of UK households have some form of garden. By making some simple changes, your own garden, or local green space can become a haven for pollinators and wildlife in a few simple steps. Avoiding pesticides, planting pollinator friendly plants, leaving dead wood stacks, allowing the grass to grow long, creating a pond... In Cardiff, we're working with many community groups and organisations who are trying to improve their urban green spaces for pollinators through a project called Urban Buzz. Some of these groups have weekly gardening meet-ups, lunchtime clubs at work, or invite the local community to come and learn about growing.

There's plenty of other things you can do in your own garden to help wildlife and protect the environment. From cutting small holes in your fence to create a hedgehog highway, building a simple pond, avoiding the temptation to pave areas and only using peat-free composts. If you don't have a garden, but are keen to get hands on, there's plenty of opportunities to make a difference locally and even residential volunteering trips where you can spend time tree planting, conducting wildlife surveys or engaging with the public.

## Connection to nature

Behind all of this is something key, and that if we don't address it'll make the already challenging task of turning this around even harder. It's summed up, by this quote from David Attenborough; "No one will protect what they don't care about; and no one will care about what they have never experienced." Globally, we're becoming more disconnected from our place in the natural world and by 2050, it's predicted that two-thirds of the human population will live in urban areas. The benefits for staying connected to nature go way beyond wildlife conservation. There's an increasing amount of evidence to suggest that spending time outdoors can have positive effects on both physical and mental well-being.

The project I'm currently managing, the 'Giving Nature a Home in Cardiff' partnership project, aims to connect families and communities with nature across the city. You may already know, but in Cardiff we have kingfishers and otters on the river Taff which we're right next to today, the world's fastest bird; the peregrine falcon, which sometimes nests on City Hall and our migratory swifts where Ely is a nesting





hotspot during the summer months! By simply taking an active interest in getting out and about enjoying your local outdoor spaces, learning about wildlife and even sharing this excitement with others, you are helping both yourself and others to care.

## Closing

The evidence is clear that unfortunately unless things change now, we are going to witness the sixth mass extinction and experience the devastating effects of climate change, but there's still time to turn things around.

We know that we need to protect our existing wild spaces and species, whilst drastically adapting our current systems. From questioning the impact of what we buy, identifying new opportunities to make a difference at work and at home and getting outdoors and advocating for the wildlife on our doorstep – we all can have an impact.

So, as a final thought, why not choose the next few weeks to get outside and learn more about the wildlife on your doorstep. You can take action to help for nature by improving your garden or local green space for wildlife whilst using your skills, experience and network to make a difference for the natural world.

**You ARE a conservationist!**

*Jazz Austin*

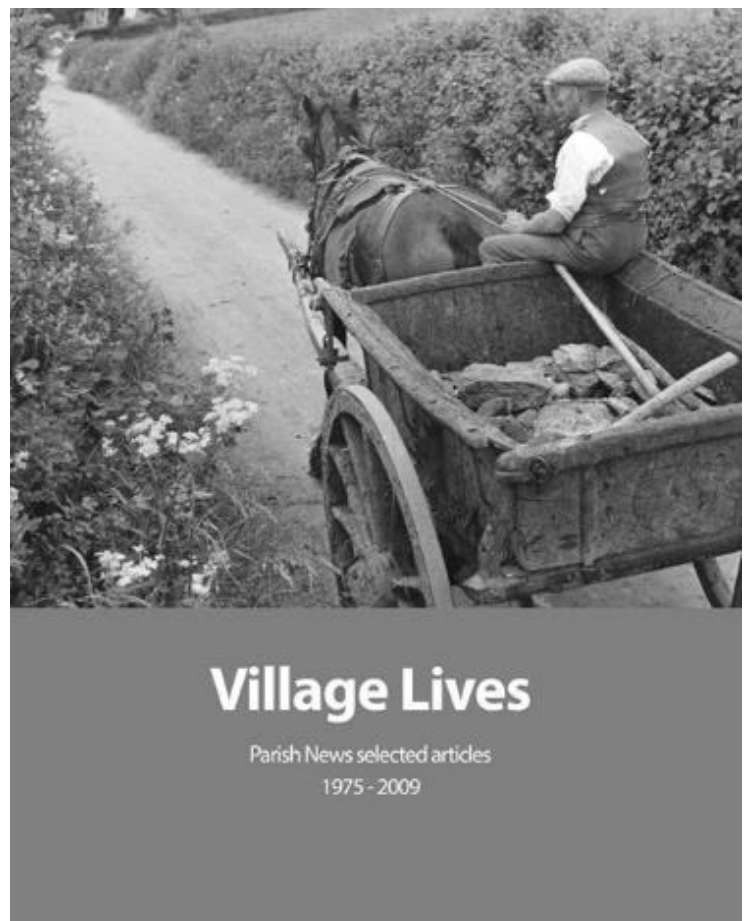
## Village Lives

The committee of editors of the Parish News which covers Broadhempston, Landscope, Staverton and Woodland decided at the end of last year to preserve and highlight some of the excellent articles that have appeared in the Parish News over many years, by putting them into a book. Articles covering 35 years were read (1974 – 2009), choosing some and discarding others, and finishing with a book's worth of fascinating glimpses of people's lives, social history and change. Because the articles are generally looking back, there are memories of the war, of children walking miles to school, of deference and manners, and couples 'walking out' – all very different from today. There are over a hundred articles and many old photographs too.

The book will be available to be read by the beginning of August free of charge on the village websites of Staverton, Littlehempston, Broadhempston and on the website of the Broadhempston Archive and Local History Group.

The book can also be bought via Amazon.co.uk – it costs £5.99 plus p&p.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08D55N1PW/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_U\\_OHefFbRHEP0PT](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08D55N1PW/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_U_OHefFbRHEP0PT)



*Ralph Hoare of Mount Barton returns home c.1940*

## A view from Torbryan



I thought I would write a few thoughts about gardening this month. Basically for me this year has been all about lazy gardening. This has involved not really weeding, barely cutting anything back and just letting nature take over. Weeds are treated as uninvited guests, gatecrashers to the party if you like, who nevertheless add to the colour and diversity of it. If too many arrive sometimes they need to be put in their place a little. But in general they are welcome to increase the general biodiversity of the place.

As for vegetables and flowers, the procedure has been the same. I always try not to pick a few of everything, letting it go to seed in the hope of having a free and effortless crop the following year. In the case of leeks, this has been particularly bountiful, plus they have amazing huge purple flowers, beloved of bees. I have also tried letting carrots go to seed, which they do after two years, preceded by a profusion of fine white flowers.

The lawn has also been left to its own devices to go long overgrown. You certainly couldn't have a game of bowls or croquet on there but it is now a home to numerous grasshoppers and other insects, which seems preferable to me.

As for strimmers, hedge trimmers and the like I've come to the conclusion that that garden doesn't need them so they've all gone. A sharp pair of shears seems to be able to do most of the same jobs of this machinery, albeit at a slower rate.

Everybody has their different style of gardening but I think the advantage of this one is just really to open up the garden to what Mother Nature brings to it and accept it for the most part. Sometimes she turns up some surprises. And nature has also been kind to us with the weather this summer, bringing sun, warmth and rain at more or less the right times.

At the end of the day though, it doesn't matter how you tend to your garden, these green spaces have undoubtedly given many



of us much comfort over the last few months and interest in gardening has rarely been higher, as can be seen from the fact that many seed catalogues and garden centres have been busier than ever. Long may this interest continue.

*Georgie Brendon*

# A poem

*Thanks to John Usher for this poem by Paul Scott*

The train of life chuffs steadily,  
As it departs Birth Station  
With many miles to go before  
Its final destination.

We quickly pass through Infancy.  
The people there are shouting.  
Their cries of rage, delight and grief  
Would make a dismal outing.

Young folk with serious faces join  
The train at Adolescence.  
They've much to see and much to do,  
And no thought of senescence.

There's joy and celebration when  
We reach the stop for Marriage.  
It's not much later that we find  
We need an extra carriage.

For the next stop is Parenthood  
With little girls and boys.  
Their friends all come to play with them.  
My goodness, what a noise!

Grandparenthood's a pleasant stop,  
When little people climb  
Onto your lap, and say "Hi, Gramps!"  
It is a pleasant time.

But now the train is slowing down  
As we pass Old Age station,  
And very soon we shall arrive  
At our last destination.

The train goes slower, slower still.  
I start to shake with fear.  
Who will be there to challenge me?  
The train's stopped. We are here.

But then I see that you are there.  
With arms out to embrace me.  
And then I know that all is well,  
Whatever problems face me.

"Welcome beloved child!" you cry.  
"Come now, and follow me.  
I have so much to show you and  
I crave your company."

"Why weren't you on the trip?" I ask.  
He gave a gentle smile.  
"Did you not realise that I  
Was with you all the while?"

*Written June 2020*



# Baby hedgehog rescue!

*Thanks to Mabel Harris for this article on activities around St. Andrew's church.*

From early June to mid-July we have rescued four young hedgehogs from the local neighbourhood around St. Andrew's Church. All hedgehogs, including baby hedgehogs or 'hoglets', are nocturnal. If seen in the daytime it is a sign that they are not well. So although it was fascinating and delightful to see hoglets close up in the daytime individually wandering across our garden, we knew they needed a helping hand from hedgehog expert Stephanie at the South Devon Hedgehog Hospital. We spotted a small to medium adult first at the beginning of June, which

may possibly have been the mother, then from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> June we found three young 'hoglets'. Stephanie told us they're three weeks old, females and likely sisters from the same litter. The first two were 108g 'Urchin' and 147g 'Prickles'. Stephanie said

the mother may have been killed by a dog, run over by a car, or simply could not produce enough milk as she couldn't find enough water. A fourth hoglet was killed a few doors away by a pet dog, probably from the same litter. Stephanie fed and took care of them for three weeks until they reached a sufficient size, giving any necessary medication, and then told us they were ready to be released where we found them.

Our challenge was to release them to a location as near to where we found them as possible, but somewhere with a diverse habitat but with a reduced risk of harm from car traffic, strimmers, gardens that use slug

pellets, badgers, etc. the list is long! We eventually settled on a spot behind the church with kind permission from the landowner.

If you want to help hedgehogs in the wild, everyone can do simple things to help, such as allowing areas of your garden to grow wild for foraging and shelter, checking vegetation before strimming, checking for sleeping or hibernating hedgehogs before lighting bonfires, not using slug pellets, allowing access or 'hedgehog holes' in fences so they can travel from one garden to another and putting escape ramps in ponds. We can all play a part in improving our local environment for hedgehogs. They will repay our efforts with a slug and snail eating service!

The same weekend that we released the three sisters, we came across another young one crossing the road near the church gates in the middle of the day. Thankfully drivers stopped to allow me to shuffle the hoglet across to the pavement. Another guest for Stephanie, this time a little male we called Theo, four weeks old, 169gms. Stephanie said look out for more as he was too little to be away from his mum.

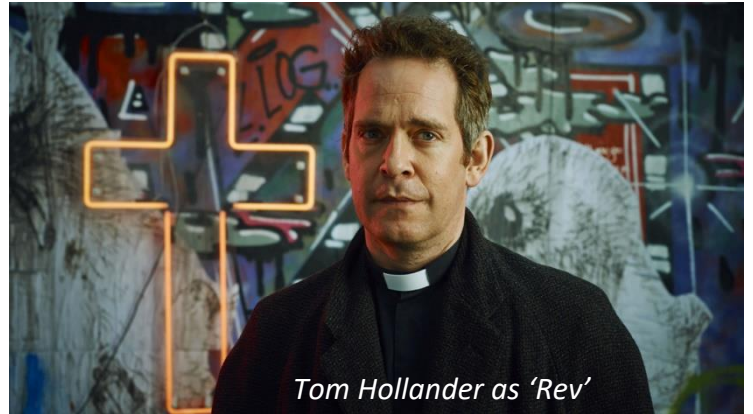
If you ever find a hedgehog that needs help contact your local hedgehog hospital, usually a charity, such as Stephanie's South Devon Hedgehog Hospital.



# Gone to ground - Tom Hollander

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*"I had the virus. For two weeks I lay sweating, head splitting, skin burning, just able to walk up a flight of stairs before lying down again, unable to take a deep breath"*



*Tom Hollander as 'Rev'*

## **Dear Lord, wake me up when this is over.**

Wake me up in the new age and let me learn the rules then. Tens of thousands dead, millions unemployed and the generation that parented me carried away gasping for breath. Just let me sleep and wake me up for the new normal. Or take me back to a noisy restaurant in February. That bygone age.

I had the virus. For two weeks I lay sweating, limbs aching, head splitting, skin burning, just able to walk up a flight of stairs before lying down again, unable to take a deep breath. But I didn't end up in hospital. Since, I've been recuperating in a barn at the end of a long lane. Away from it all. I am very lucky. I think I'm okay, except every couple of weeks I experience little shadowy reprisals of exhaustion and breathlessness and I have to lie down. And I succumb to anxiety and the apprehension that nothing will ever be the same again. Our lives will be separated into before, and after, the pandemic.

But for the most part, without prospect of any work for months, and in between the horror of the news bulletins and the pantomime of the daily briefings, I have been enjoying the calm of daily walks through fields and have been counting my blessings in the eerie stillness of this suspended world. I know the virus has divided society ruthlessly along lines of wealth and ethnicity. If the worst that happens to me is that I come through this with a slightly reduced lung capacity and chronic fatigue syndrome I'll be getting off lightly.

While other people struggle to save lives, or livelihoods, or to home school their children and others are being abused, or lonely, or grieving, or any of the myriad versions of existence that are not as fortunate as mine; while they struggle, I have been sitting in a country garden listening to the birdsong, planning my weekly shop and indulging my hypochondria. And in my fool's paradise I have had the time to consider what, and whom, I really care about. Mostly whom. Old friends and family. And I have concluded that much of my life has been consumed with fripperies and indulgences of one sort or another. With noise and activity and adrenalin and restlessness and nonsense. Very funny, but perhaps a little wasteful. So, now I have time to tend my garden, real and figurative, and to reflect.

I am not alone I realise. There are other affluent, or at least not immediately impoverished people, who find themselves with an embarrassment of free time, guiltily enjoying the extended holiday gifted to them by COVID-19, before the future takes shape.

But the real beneficiary of the pandemic has been, as we know, the natural world. Albeit temporarily. A drop in carbon emissions beyond the wildest dreams of Naomi Klein. Lord, can that be part of the new normal? Is that too much to ask? Before we restart the economy and resume our kamikaze ride to destruction, am I allowed a silent and entirely hypocritical cheer at the death of air travel, or at least its hospitalisation? That plucky little coronavirus hitched a ride on the planes and then grounded them all. And grounded us too.

And gave us a glimpse, perhaps a preview, as you look up into a clear sky and breathe as deep as you are able, of what the world might be like, if lived less elsewhere and more where you find yourself. Less free but less profligate. Perhaps a newly fashionable old-fashioned restraint. An enthusiasm for considering what's just under your feet.

And in this mood on my walks, I have been trying to learn the names of the wild flowers. Taught to me by my housebound father, by text. He's been telling them to me all my life, but this time I think they might be going in.

*Stitchwort, Yellow Archangel, Speedwell, Cowslip, Mallow, Birdsfoot Trefoil.  
Garlic mustard, Cuckoo flower, Wild Pea or Vetch....*

If there is a plan is that what the pandemic was for? To stop us in our tracks. To slap us hard in the face and force sobriety. Those ten years left that we hear so much about. In the meantime Lord, I'm in my garden learning the names of flowers, counting the people I love, and reminding myself to let them know.

## Smile



- Following a short illness, a vicar lost his hearing, but he continued to preach the following Sunday morning. At lunch he told his family it was a very strange experience because he couldn't hear himself preach. One of his mischievous children promptly responded with, "You don't know how lucky you were."
- While repairing a picture frame, a lady had to replace some chipped gold leaf. She asked at the hardware shop, "Do you have any gilt?" The shopkeeper replied. "Sometimes it's overwhelming,"
- A one pound coin met a twenty-pound note and said, "Hey, where have you been? I haven't seen you around here much." The twenty note answered, "I've been everywhere - hanging out at the casino, I went on a cruise and did all the tours, then back home for a while, before going to a few theatre shows and shopping expeditions. And how about you?" The one pound coin replied, "Oh nothing much, just the same old routine - church, church, church."

# A single bell

Since it was announced that one person could enter the church and ring a single bell each morning in Denbury at 11.30, we have been ringing the Angelus.

This was intended to do two things; firstly to help keep the presence of the church alive in the village and secondly to offer comfort and the opportunity to those so inclined to take time out of their day to reflect upon the things uppermost in their minds.

It was well received; lots of thanks from those who understood and enquiries from those who didn't. We also rang a single bell during the Thursday evening clapping for the NHS and key workers, which was also, very well received to the extent that the ringer himself was clapped away from the tower by those villagers gathered outside the church.

Below is a short reflection on the Angelus - 'A Single Bell' from Canon Tom New:

*First it was that all churches should be closed and nobody allowed inside.*

*Next, that one person would be let in and a single bell could be rung.*

*As a student in the 40's cycling to my college chapel for the 8 o'clock one heard the single bells from a succession of churches and chapels in their melodious call to the faithful to worship.*

*Again, a single bell from a parish church tower can tell people of that point in the eucharist when God is in their midst. This is indeed an assurance and comfort to those who cannot or choose not to be there.*

*Then there is the single bell of the Angelus – 3+3+3+9 – that is both a call to prayer and a comfort to all who hear that God in Christ is in the midst of ordinary life and work. To those who can remember the words it concludes (during those 9 rings) with the collect for the Annunciation:*

*We beseech you, O Lord  
Pour your grace into our hearts,  
That as we have known  
The incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ  
By the message of an angel,  
So, by his cross and passion we may  
Be brought to the glory of his resurrection.  
This we ask through  
Jesus Christ Our Lord  
Amen*

Steve Bassett



## A Spiritual Spring Clean?

Many of us have had recent 'clear outs' during the lockdown. How about a Spiritual Spring Clean as well?

I've recently had a major clearing out session at home. It's amazing what I found lurking at the back of drawers and cupboards! No treasures for the Antiques Roadshow, but one odd find was a container full of teapot lids. Spring cleaning is a very healthy exercise in many ways, and not just because of the physical exertion involved. We need to get rid of things we no longer find useful, and sort out those which are still of benefit and value to us. Clearing space also allows us to acquire new things which make our homes more welcoming to ourselves and to others.

I realised I also needed to do a spiritual 'spring cleaning' and sort through some of the clutter in my life. Am I clinging on to attitudes, ideas, relationships which I really need to let go? Do I need more space in my life for other people, and for God? Do I need to explore new ideas and relationships in order to grow and move forwards? A spiritual 'spring clean' could help me see my priorities more clearly - what do I really value in life, which relationships are the most important and how is my relationship with God?

I was struck recently by Jesus' words to Mary Magdalene in the garden, "*Do not cling on to me.*" At the resurrection that temptation to hold on to Jesus must have been so strong for her and for all the disciples – but they had to let him go. Jesus' promise to be with them always could only be fulfilled by his returning to his Father and sending the Holy Spirit as his living inner presence to his followers. So we need to learn when it is right to 'let go' of possessions and people, of attitudes and ideas, so that God's good purpose in our lives might be fulfilled.

Ann Bunce

## Jonathan 'Douglas' Cock

With regret we announce the passing of Jonathan 'Douglas' Cock aged 92.

Douglas passed away peacefully at home on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 with his family and Rowcroft nurses, following a stay in hospital.

Douglas was born at Quarry Farm, Woodland before moving to Younhouse Farm, Woodland where he was to spend the rest of his working life. Married to Mary for 63 years in Broadhempston Church they lived in Broadhempston until 2003 when they both moved to Ipplepen.

Since the age of 11, he sang in the Broadhempston Church choir for 64 years and was also involved with the Church bell ringers for 51 years being the Captain when he finally hung up the ropes.

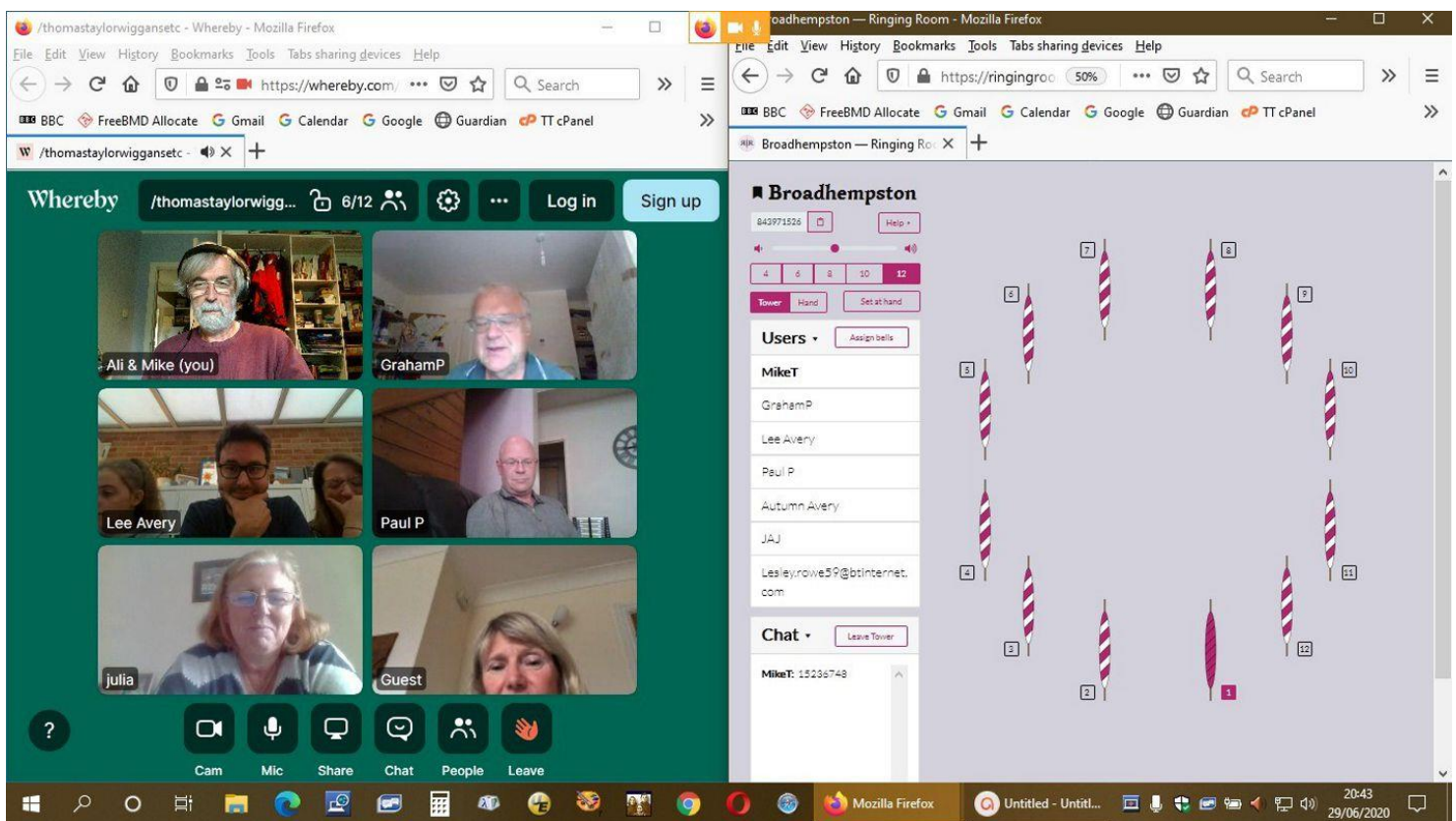
He was a regular Church worshipper at both Broadhempston and Ipplepen.

Dad to Elizabeth & Kevin, Father in Law to Steve & Cathy, Grandad to Martine & Lee, Jamie, Hannah & Lauren



# Virtual ringing

During the Corona lockdown there has been a national ban on ringing church bells. Undaunted, the ringers at Broadhempston have been getting their weekly fix by ringing 'on line'. On our normal Monday practice night we have come together on a website which enables a group of ringers to ring online no matter where they are in the world. The skills needed are totally different from tower bells but thoroughly absorbing. In no time a non-ringer can grasp the rudiments of taking part. To get going two channels are needed. One is a video link to communicate with the rest of the team and another to the virtual tower where you see a set of ropes attached to bells. From the computer keyboard the bells are rung and a nominated member calls the changes over the video link. The tower can be adjusted to have 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells. Great fun!



In the early stages we had some communication problems. It is amazing when our ringers located in Broadhempston, Bickaton, Landscope, Littlehempston, Newton Abbot and Torquay can all ring together without leaving their homes.

*Graham Pascoe*

# The Work of Peace

Give us courage, Lord, to stand up and be counted,  
to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves,  
to stand up for ourselves when it is needful for us to do so.  
Let us fear nothing more than we fear you.  
Let us love nothing more than we love you,  
for thus we shall fear nothing also.  
Let us have no other God before you,  
whether nation or party or state of church.  
Let us seek no other peace but the peace which is yours,  
and make us its instruments,  
opening our eyes and our ears and our hearts  
so that we should know always what work of peace we  
may do for you

*Alan Paton - 1903 to 1988*

## Rumours

In ancient Greece (469 - 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance, who ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?" "Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Test of Three. Before you talk to me about my student let's take a moment to test what you're going to say.

The first test is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?" "No," the man replied, "actually I just heard about it." "All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second test, the test of goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?" "No, on the contrary," was the reply. "So", Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him even though you're not certain it's true?" The man shrugged, a little embarrassed. Socrates continued, "You may still pass though because there is a third test - the filter of usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?" The man hesitated and said, "No, not really..."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good, nor even Useful, why tell it to me at all?" The man was defeated and ashamed and said no more. This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem

*Keep this philosophy in mind the next time you hear - or are out to repeat - a rumour. I feel this could have an impact on many of us! - Editor.*

# Book review - 'Spiritual Friendship'

## Synopsis:

*Spiritual Friendship is today the best known and perhaps most influential of the thirteen surviving works of Aelred, abbot of the great English Cistercian abbey of Rievaulx from 1147-1167. During his abbacy he built Rievaulx into a place of spiritual welcome and physical prosperity, desiring to make it "a mother of mercy" to those in need.*

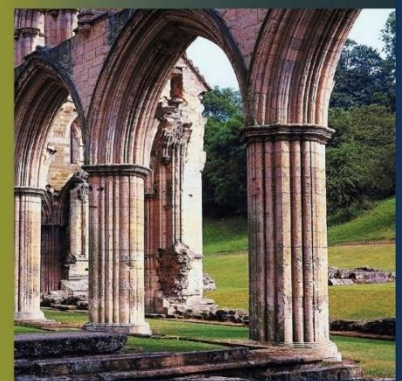
During lockdown, I have been 'meeting' weekly on Zoom with the friends I made while training for ministry thirty years ago. We're scattered around the UK and beyond these days and see each other less often than I'd like. But these are friendships whose roots are so established that it's easy, meeting after a long break, to pick up where we left off. I've rarely been more aware how much friends matter. For this reason the book to which my lockdown experience has led me back is Aelred of Rievaulx's *Spiritual Friendship*.

None of the majestic buildings of Rievaulx Abbey which shelter today in the valley of the river Rye in North Yorkshire were there when Aelred first visited. In 1134, when Aelred went to the newly founded Cistercian Abbey, the first Cistercian foundation in England, the only buildings were of wood. Aelred had entered the service of King David of Scotland aged 14, and by the time the quick witted youngster travelled on the King's business to Yorkshire, he had risen to be the King's Steward. But something about this loveliest of places poleaxed him. The day after he had concluded King David's business, Aelred presented himself at the Abbey door and asked to be admitted as a novice. He remained in the Order for the rest of his life.

*Spiritual Friendship* is a short and unsophisticated book, written a century before the rediscovery of Greek philosophy injected new philosophical life into the bloodstream of Medieval Catholicism. Aelred's theme is friendship, a theme familiar to him from the few classical sources he did know, especially Cicero.

Aelred of Rievaulx

## Spiritual Friendship



Translated by Lawrence C. Braceland  
Edited and Introduction by Marsha L. Dutton

But now friendship is refracted through the lens of his experience of living in a Christian community. For Aelred, friends are not merely a natural good, though they are that too. Friends are seen by him as blessings given by God who help us, in turn, learn what it might mean to be friends with God. Jesus had taught his disciples to love not only their friends, but their enemies. Yet for Aelred friendship at its best takes us a step further, into a deeper, fuller form of love close to the perfect love of God.

In friendship, then, we join honesty with kindness, truth with joy, sweetness with good will, and affection with kind action. All this begins with Christ, is advanced through Christ, and is perfected in Christ. In the New Testament letters of John, Aelred read that "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them" (1 John 4:16). But now he wrote that "God is friendship, and those who abide in friendship abide in God, and God in them".

Lockdown reminds us of the importance of friends in maintaining our sense of wellbeing and in keeping our feet on the ground. As a Christian, I am also relearning that the closest friends afford a glimpse of the friendship of God.

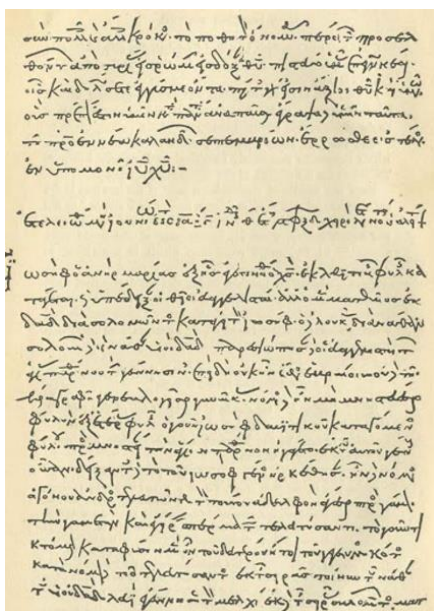
*Thanks for this article to Stephen Plant who is Dean of Trinity Hall, Cambridge and teaches Christian theology at the University of Cambridge.*



# Does this have relevance for our parish giving?

## The Fellowship of the Spirit

The Didache (or Teaching) may be the earliest piece of Christian literature outside the New Testament. It originated between the first and third centuries and it was rediscovered in a Constantinople monastery in 1873. It gives simple, practical instructions on Christian living and church organisation.)



By day and night, my son, remember him who speaks the word of God to you. Give him the honour you would give the Lord; for wherever the Lord's attributes are the subject of discourse, there the Lord is present. Frequent the company of the saints daily, so as to be edified by their conversation. Never encourage dissensions, but try to make peace between those who are at variance. Do not be like those who reach out to take but draw back when the time comes for giving... Give without hesitating and without grumbling and you will see whose generosity will reward you. Never turn away the needy; share all your possessions with your brother, and do not claim that anything is your own. If you and he are joint participators in things immortal, how much more so in things that are mortal?

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## Straplines

- The best gifts you can give: To your enemy, forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a customer, service; to every person, love; to every child, a good example; and finally, to yourself, respect.
- Silence is the absence of noise, but peace is the presence of God.
- Praying might be asking God fervently to send rain. Faith is carrying an umbrella.
- I don't have time to worry about who doesn't like me, because I'm too busy loving the people who love me.

## News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



### FIRST (COVID-PROTECTED) WEDDING AT BROADHEMPSTON

The first service held in St. Peter & St. Paul following the Covid-19 lockdown was a very special one for our family. On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 12 noon, the marriage of our daughter Sassie Tickle to David Williams was performed by Fr. Nick Debney of St. Luke's, Milber. Sassie grew up in Broadhempston, attended the village school, and still lives locally.

To comply with current regulations and the requirements of the PCC, the wedding guests were limited to immediate family of the bride and groom.

The church was opened specially for the service, and beautiful flowers were arranged by Pam Perriman, Dawn Brewer, and Jane Parker.

Villagers in Broadhempston heard the wedding bells as Bell Captain, Graham Pascoe, rang the 'Ellacombe Chimes' as the sole ringer. He was substituted at times by Julia Jarvis as sole ringing on the chimes is physically demanding. Although singing cannot currently take place in church buildings, those nearby heard the church organ being played by Anthony Denny.

The happy couple would like to thank the PCC, Fr. Nick Debney for stepping in and all involved in helping them celebrate their wedding day. It was a wonderful, yet simple, occasion followed by a celebration lunch in the garden - socially distanced, of course!

*Tricia & Chris Tickle*

### A note about the ringing the bells for the wedding

I guess the circumstances were a bit unusual. We were not permitted to ring the bells in the normal way, that is full circle and with a team of ringers. The bells have been silent for the best part of 4 months due the corona virus restrictions.

I felt it would be a shame for a local bride not to have some bell sounds on the day even if they would not be as loud or tuneful as they would normally be. I enquired if it would be acceptable to use the Ellacombe Chime - my offer was accepted. This is an apparatus we still have and maintain at Broadhempston, although seldom used as we normally ring them the traditional way by swinging full circle. With the chiming apparatus a separate hammer strikes the bell from beneath. All the bells have ropes which terminate in a special frame within the ringing chamber. Ipplepen have a similar arrangement, and Landscope have a similar set up to ring their hemispherical bells.

I was on my own in the tower, before, during and after the ceremony. The church was sanitized, so all I needed to do was to sanitize the ropes before and after ringing.

While I have been writing this for the Beacon, news has been coming in about a possible resumption of normal ringing. At Broadhempston it would only allow us to ring three bells at any one time. Not very musical!

Looking forward to ringing properly.

*Graham Pascoe*



*Graham Pascoe  
at the chimes*

# News from Broadhempston - continued

## RESUMPTION OF SUNDAY SERVICES

We are looking forward to opening our church for worship again on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. During the coronavirus crisis we have had to embrace different ways to worship, joining the recommended on-line services from the Diocese of Exeter, listening to Pause and Pray, using social media as a form of contact within our community and 'zoom meetings'. We are also open for private prayer and reflection on Wednesdays and Sundays at the present time.

For August Andrew will leading our services and members of our congregation will be reading and leading us in prayer. Anthony Denny our organist will be playing the organ even though we cannot at present join together in singing hymns. Our bellringers are going to ring the Ellacombe Chimes until further restrictions are lifted to enable our lovely bells to be heard calling us to church.

August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 Family Holy communion with Andrew
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 Family Holy communion with Andrew
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 Family Holy communion with Andrew

We are also looking to hold a 'Thanksgiving' service on one of the 11:00 services, but more information will be put on our Church Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Broad20/](https://www.facebook.com/Broad20/), (you do not need a Facebook account to access this page) and our noticeboards.

From September we will be holding Sunday 11am services twice a month lead by Andrew with thoughts of holding an additional mid-week early evening service or Sunday afternoon service lead by ourselves. Please contact any of our churchwardens with your thoughts on these suggestions.

*Maggie Sercombe*



*Antony Mitchell*

**Haytor Rocks from Orley Common**



# Time to reflect?

I wonder what your experience of lock down has been? As we start a new phase with the easing of restrictions, I invite you to pick one or two key experiences you have had over the last few months and use the following to reflect on them.

## Naming the Experience

Choose an event, a moment, a conversation or a situation. As you recall the event, ask yourself... What happened?... Who was involved?... What did you do or say?...

## Exploring the Experience

To explore another layer in this event, ask yourself... How did you feel?... What challenged, stimulated, or disturbed you?... What was happening for others in the situation?...

## Digging Deeper

To discover another layer of reflection, ask yourself... What do you think about the situation?... What core values emerge as you think about this event?... What values are different from yours?... What social issues, power issues, or economic issues are at work?

## Making Faith Connections

To make faith connections, ask yourself... Where is God present for you in this situation?... Where is God present for others?... Does this event remind you of a Scripture passage, a hymn, or other resources from your faith tradition?... What theological issues or themes are present?... What traditions of church speak to this situation?... Are you affirmed or challenged in your present actions or beliefs?

## Learning

To draw out what you have learned, ask yourself... What questions still linger?... Were you challenged to change present actions or beliefs?... What have you learned about yourself?... What have you learned about God?... What do you need?... What will you do now?

## Praying

To conclude your reflection, I invite you if you wish to write a prayer or poem or perhaps draw a picture that emerges from reflection on this event.

Peace and Good Wishes

*Fr. Andrew*



# We Will Meet - a reflection

*I am grateful to Rev. Anne Burden for sending this reflection - Editor*

Jeremiah 29:11 Amplified Bible:

*'For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,' says the Lord, 'plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.'*

## **We will meet when the danger is over**

We will meet when the danger is over,  
We will meet when the sad days are done.  
We will meet sitting closely together  
And be glad our tomorrow has come.

We will join to give thanks and sing gladly,  
We will join to break bread and share wine.  
And the peace that we pass to each other  
Will be more than a casual sign.

So let's make with each other a promise  
That when all we've come through is behind.  
We will share what we missed and find meaning  
In the things that once troubled our mind.

Until then may we always discover  
Faith and love to determine our way.  
That's our hope and God's will and our calling  
For our lives and for every new day.

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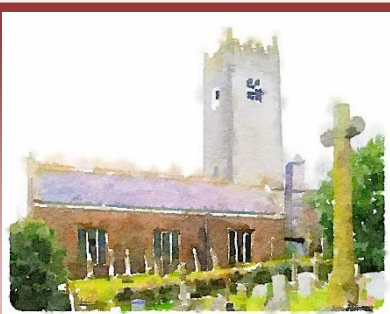
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## News from Woodland

**St. John the  
Baptist**



In these, days where phrases such as “the new normal” and “in real life” are so widely used, life in our little village has been a combination of staying very much the same as ever, embracing the future and, oddly enough, a return to life in times past. The delivery vans from 4 or 5 major supermarket chains which we encounter so frequently in the lanes fulfilling a vital role for those who are shielding are not a new concept but actually a return to life here, not so many years ago, when people stayed at home a great deal more than we have currently become used to. I’m sure that many people will remember Frank Church delivering groceries every week from his shop in Landscope. I believe the butcher from Ashburton used to call here on a Friday. Now the very same butchers shop delivers here once again, this time on a Thursday. I’ve been told that a baker also used to do a regular delivery round here. Now a baker from Shaldon delivers – at least as far as Denbury and Ipplepen, anyway. There was and still is a milkman here, delivering dairy products, newspapers and potatoes as well as the morning pint of milk, although in times when tuberculosis was unheard of in the local cattle herds many bought unpasteurised milk directly from the farm gate, along with eggs. Numerous honesty boxes outside all sorts of properties indicate that buying eggs and other home grown produce this way is still a popular thing to do.

As far as facing the future goes, whilst the ability to work from home and hold business meetings or job interviews online has been slowly becoming more prevalent over the previous few years, so many of us have had to regularly turn to the likes of ‘Teams’ or ‘Zoom’ over the last few months for both business reasons and pleasure. Whilst educating yourself

at home is not a new concept (The Open University has successfully been facilitating that for years) the home education of such a huge percentage of our children is likely to have far reaching effects and be hotly debated by teachers, parents, grandparents and the children themselves for many years to come. Whatever your feelings about it, daily communication of lessons between home and school would certainly have been difficult without the aid of the internet and the educational resources which can be found there.

And the things that have stayed the same? We are a predominantly agricultural area. Cows and sheep behave in just the same way and need the same sort of care that they have done for centuries, if not thousands of years. Field gateways are situated mostly in the corners of fields, rather than in the middle of a side, for a very good reason. Animals can sometimes have very strong opinions and don’t always feel inclined to go in the direction you want them to. It is much easier to persuade them to go through a gateway situated in a corner and studies of Bronze and Iron Age fields by archaeologists have found that our ancestors were well aware of this fact too. Crops still need the same things to grow that they always have done and, despite modern chemicals and methods of farming, sometimes the only way to remove weeds from a crop before they seed and increase the weed burden for the following year, is to go out into the field and pull them up by hand – just as our ancestors did. Harvest time is soon approaching. The corn is beginning to ripen in some of our local fields and many farmers have recently been cutting and baling hay. The photos archived in our village hall contain many pictures of past harvest times and harvest suppers. When we are allowed to do such things again I will make the time to look through them once more!

*Helen Pearse*

## News from Denbury

### St. Mary the Virgin



As this latest edition of the Beacon goes to print the congregation of St. Mary the Virgin are very hopeful that the church will re-open for services within the next week or two. With Coronavirus still very much affecting our daily lives, services will obviously continue to be subject to social distancing and other safety requirements for the foreseeable future, and, with singing banned, will be on a said basis for the time being. A return to church after the long lockdown is something to look forward to. The last service held in Denbury was on March 15<sup>th</sup> but somehow it seems very much longer since we were able to worship in church.

Since the church was opened for private prayer some 3 weeks ago, we have had a number of visitors to the church, including some who are not regular attendees taking advantage of the quiet and peaceful surroundings to meditate, to spend time in prayer and to share with God their thoughts and concerns.

The Angelus Bell has been rung daily at 11.30 spreading goodwill and reminding the residents of Denbury of the presence of the church at the heart of the village. The Angelus historically was rung three times during the day and consists of three sets of three chimes followed by a continual chime of nine.

Unfortunately lockdown put the brakes on the start of preparatory work on our bell restoration as it was originally envisaged that work on trapdoors, lifting beams etc. would

commence by the start of summer. This has been unavoidably delayed but hopefully we will get some positive news from the builders with a revised start date before too long. We will now be retaining the ringing room on the ground floor as the additional costs of moving upstairs were considerable and would have meant further delays in commencing work whilst funding to cover this element of the restoration was sought.

We all continue to enjoy this wonderful time of the year observing the joys that Nature brings, newly fledged birds, swallows and swifts rocketing overhead, the colours in our gardens, ripening crops in the fields, warm, long days and blue skies.

All of these things help us to stay positive and look forward to a return to a more normal daily routine when the anxieties and uncertainties of the last few months will have passed.

*Mike Bray*

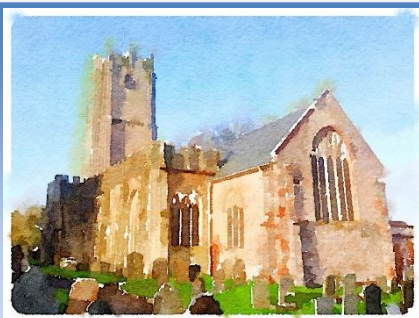
## Smile





## News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



It was good to read the June/July Beacon and know that even in these strange abnormal times the 'Church Family' are all communicating in various ways even though the Church Buildings have been closed. It was uplifting to read such interesting articles and found the Smile and Straplines particularly amusing. Thank you Michael and Charles for producing a brilliant edition during this Coronavirus pandemic.

The Readings and Reflections sent each week by Caren have been much appreciated.

On 7<sup>th</sup> June it was Environmental Sunday and we watched the suggested online family Service from Ashburton and Moorland Mission Community on YouTube which was very interesting.

On Music Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June the Royal School of Church Music had a Service we could watch and join in with at 6pm. Thanks to Jo and Richard who had printed out a copy of it, I was able to rehearse the anthems by clicking online beforehand. As I am missing my singing in the Church Choir as Jo is too it was enjoyable to sing along. I also love *Songs of Praise*, singing along to the variety of hymns old and new.

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June a few of us (socially distanced) cleaned and prepared the Church ready for opening for private prayer from the following Sunday. We all enjoyed seeing each other and being in the church building again and felt that life was starting to return to some sort of normality.

The YouTube suggested Service from the Diocese of Exeter on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at 9.30am was an all age praise Service by St. John the

Baptist Church Barnstaple led by Rev. Andy Dodwell. It was lovely to see his family involved on this Father's Day. Later in the morning we saw Rev. Peter Ashman officiating at a service from his church in Weston-Super-Mare. He mentioned it was his church's Patronal Festival and also remembered Woodland Parish Church.

Another Sunday we viewed a Eucharist Service at 10am led by Rev. Tanya Hockley-Still at St. Mark's Church in Exeter. We look forward to the day services are resumed in St. Andrew's.



Mike, Tony and Colin



On the 9<sup>th</sup> July Colin Clark and Mike Squire were carrying out general maintenance on the bells whilst Tony Clark and Charles Quartley painted the ringing chamber. It is now 'all spick and span' ready for the day the ringers can return.

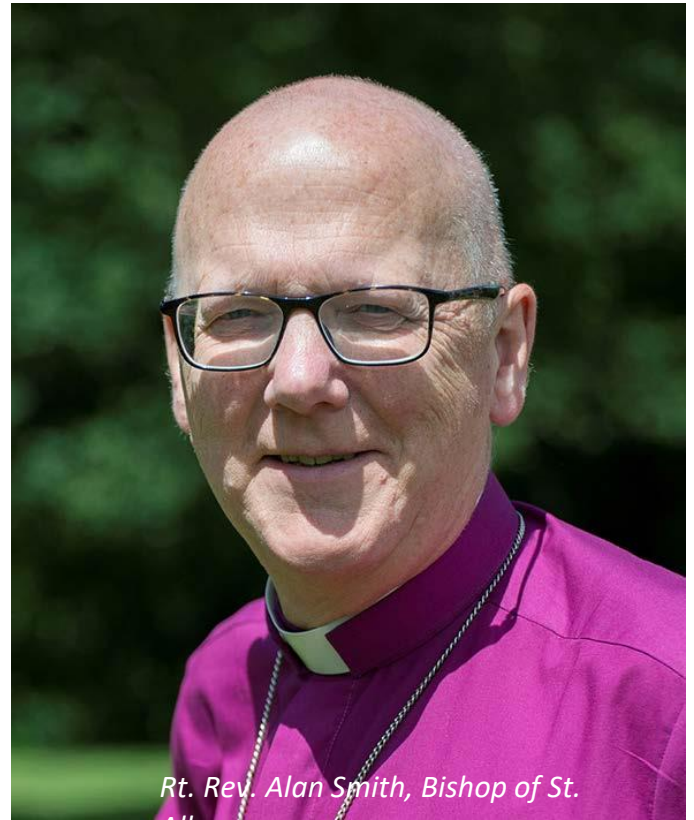
Finally I am sure you all join me in sending love and congratulations to Ann and Tom Holroyd who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 11<sup>th</sup> July and enjoyed a weekend of surprises with the family.

Marilyn Clark



# What charities need - House of Lords online debate

Many charities are 'teetering on a cliff edge' at the very time they are needed to help cope with the coronavirus crisis, a senior church leader warned. The Bishop of St. Albans, Rt. Rev. Alan Smith, stressed the need for urgent assistance as the House of Lords debated online the challenges faced by the charitable and voluntary sector during the current Covid-19 pandemic. While the outbreak had led to an increase in demand for support services, it coincided with groups seeing a significant cut to their income with the closure of charity shops and cancellation of fundraising events because of the lockdown. The National Council for Voluntary Organisations estimated that the sector overall may lose around £4 billion over a 12-week period as a result of the pandemic. It has warned that this would result in charities becoming unable to provide essential services at a time of increased need.



*Rt. Rev. Alan Smith, Bishop of St. Albans*

Speaking during the debate, the Bishop said: "At the very time when we need every charity in the country to be mobilised and deployed, many charities are teetering on a cliff edge. Over the years, as the Government has rightly raised standards in safeguarding and health and safety and training, charities have had to employ people to meet those requirements. And now, as fundraising activities and charity shops income has dried up, they are furloughing the very staff who are needed to oversee volunteers. Many charities are themselves major employers and as such are part of the drivers of economic recovery." He added, "We are all passionate about trying to allow charities to function fully again and to raise funds, but, meanwhile, they need help and they need it rapidly." Opening the debate, Liberal Democrat peer Lord Addington said



the £750 million package of support for charities announced by Chancellor Rishi Sunak was welcome, but pointed out that this was far outstripped by the losses faced by the sector. He added, "We have got to have a look at how these charitable institutions survive to meet the needs that will still be there at the end of this period."

# We believe

*Another Church magazine editor came across these statements of faith in a leaflet she picked up when visiting another church - Editor*

We believe in one **World**, full of riches meant for everyone to enjoy; and one race, the family of mankind, learning to live together by way of common enterprise, mutual esteem and sacrificial care.

We believe in one **Life**, exciting and positive, which enjoys all beauty, integrity and science; uses the discipline of work to enrich society, harmonises with the life of Jesus, and perfects body, mind and spirit.

We believe in one **Morality**, love, which means sharing - sharing the joys and sorrows of others, bringing people together as true friends, working to overcome the causes of poverty, in justice, ignorance, fear and loneliness; love, which is partially seen in the care of our friends and families, generously portrayed in the lives of saints, and supremely revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe in one **God**, witnessed to in the Bible and experienced in many cultures; revealed simply and unforgettably in the life and victorious death of Jesus, and present with us still as the spirit of forgiveness, compassion, renewal and hope.

We believe in one **Consummation**, the final defeat of sin and disease through a constructive revolution in society, individuals, and nations, and the uniting of all things in Christ. Amen

## Smile

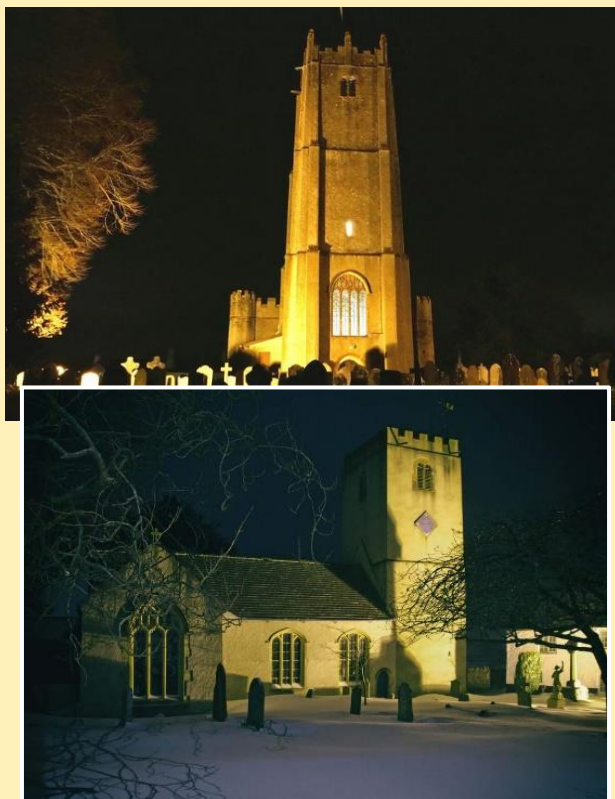


- The magistrate was in a happy mood when he asked the man who was in the dock, "What are you charged with?" The man replied, "Doing my shopping too early, sir." The magistrate said, "That's no crime; just how early were you doing your shopping?" Came the reply, "Before the shop opened, sir."
- A lady lost her handbag in the hustle and bustle of a large store. A small boy found it and he returned it to the information desk. The worried lady turned up while he was there and she was relieved to see her handbag had been returned. Looking in her purse, the lady said, "That's strange, when I lost my bag there was a £20 note in the purse. Now there are three £5 notes and five £1 coins. With a cheeky look on his face, the boy said, "That's right madam. I was always told at my church not to take anything that didn't belong to me. The last time I found a lady's purse, she lady said she didn't have any change."
- A Sunday School teacher challenged her children to take some time on Sunday afternoon to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letter back the following Sunday. One little boy wrote, "Dear God, we had such a good time at church today. I wish you could have been there."

# 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  
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## Denbury:

### New

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| August    | A villager who likes to see the church lit up (Anon.) |
| September | Tom New to celebrate his 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday    |

## Ipplepen:

### Retrospective

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| 10 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May | To celebrate Pat Grimshaw's 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday on 13 <sup>th</sup> May. Love from all the family: Alan Grimshaw, the Woolley family & the Harry family in Bristol. |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> July | To celebrate the golden wedding of Tom and Ann Holroyd on Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July from their friends in Ipplepen with love.  |

### New

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| 26 <sup>th</sup> July–8 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Remembering the NHS and those that passed away, from Jean and Margaret Preston.  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug    | Marilyn and Tony Clark to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on 14 <sup>th</sup> August.  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug    | From Linda, Hannah and Katie Simmonds for David's birthday on 10 <sup>th</sup> August.   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | From Christine Lewis in memory of her late parents, Ralph & Doreen Lewis, married at St. Andrew's Church on 12 <sup>th</sup> September 1942, now interred in the churchyard. |

# 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>



## Diary – August and September

- See the website for weekly notices and other information. [www.missioncommunity.org.uk](http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk)

## Intercessions for the Mission Community – August and September

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Flower arrangers	North Street & North End Close	The Green	Main Street	Waye Farm Cottage
Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kneeler makers	Orchard Road	Down View Road	Houndhead Way	Woodland Barn
Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>	Deanery Synod members	Orley Road & The Glebe	Greenhill Lane	Vicarage Hill	White Eagle
Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Deanery chapter	Osborn Close	Fairview	Primary School	Higher Lake Barn
Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses
Sep 6 <sup>th</sup>	Users of the hall & church	Park Hill	Moorland Avenue	Community Shop	Well Farm
Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>	Visitors	Poplar Terrace	Orchard Close	Radfords	Woodland Vale Farm
Sep 20 <sup>th</sup>	Readers	Thorn Orchard	Heathfield Road	Beaston	Crazy Acre Well Farm
Sep 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lay leaders	Torbryan	Heathfield Terrace	Downe	Dipwell Cottage

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## From the Editor



The newspapers these days can often seem a mixture of same old stories and depressing news. So, it was uplifting to find in the main news section of my daily paper a report from the religious affairs correspondent headed:

### “Priesthood calls woman who fled Iran at age 8”

More than a decade after fleeing religious persecution in Iran, a woman is to become one of the youngest female priests in the Church of England.

Mary Yasini, 21, has been chosen to train for the priesthood, which means she could be ready to clip on her dog collar when she is 23 or 24.

Ms. Yasini worships at St. Nicholas’ Church, in Durham, which has had six members of its congregation selected as ordinands, a number described as “pretty much unheard of” from a single parish in one year.

She was a young child when her Christian family fled Iran. Ms. Yasini said: “When I was eight, my family and I fled from Iran due to fear of religious persecution. Growing up in England I was grateful to freely worship God as an Anglican.”

She said that she first felt called to the priesthood at the Taizé monastic fraternity in France, with Catholic and Protestant traditions.

“Over the next few years, several people encouraged me to explore ordained ministry, she said. “I attended a conference about the theology of female ordination and gradually came to realise that I was being called to serve as a priest.”

Ms. Yasini has completed a philosophy degree at the University of Durham and will train for the priesthood at Westcott House, a theological college in Cambridge.

Church data shows that the number of priests from ethnic minorities has risen only slowly, increasing from 2.1 per cent in 2011 to 3.8 per cent last year. The church noted that 7.8 per cent of ordinands embarking on their training for the priesthood last year were from ethnic minorities.

*(Taken from an article in The Times by Kaya Burgess)*



With care and patience our churches can slowly return to a new normal in the coming months.

I am grateful to all contributors to this edition of the Beacon during ‘lockdown’. Articles for the October edition should be sent to both Charles Quartley ([charles@quartley.co.uk](mailto:charles@quartley.co.uk)) with copy to me by September 17<sup>th</sup>.

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