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Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are well.

Please see attached/enclosed readings for this Sunday 16th August, the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, with a reflection by Hillarie Griggs.

Please also find copies of readings from Monday 17th August to Saturday 22nd August.

We have now arranged our Sunday service pattern for September so please see attached list of services for August and September.

75th Anniversary of the Victory of Japan – 15th August 2020

To view The St Andrews Ipplepen Youth Choir's recording of their song which they have produced for the 75th anniversary of VJ day, to mark the surrender of Japan and the end of the second world war, please see the link at the top of the home page on our website: www.missioncommunity.org.uk or go directly to the Youtube video: <https://youtu.be/-PECBybp6ss>

Please see attached notes about this recording, written by Tom Morris, one of the choir leaders.

Our first recorded service in the churches

Recording is beginning to take place of our church services. To view the recording of the service which took place in Denbury last Sunday, please go to the new video page on our website:

<http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/videos/>

or **the new Denbury facebook page:**

www.facebook.com/denburyworship

You do not need to have a facebook account to view this new public page.

Printed copies of the August and September edition of 'The Beacon' magazine

Copies of The Beacon are available to pick up from the churches and also from the Ipplepen Co-op and the Ipplepen Post Office.

Occasions – Baptisms, Confirmations, Funerals and Weddings

The four separate life event pages on the 'Occasions' tab of our www.missioncommunity.org.uk website, have all been updated to each provide a clearer guide for these events. Fillable application forms for baptisms, confirmation classes and weddings can now be found on this area of the website and a great deal more information has been added including the fees and a clearer description to help guide parishioners through these life events.



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Distribution of this newsletter

From next week the posting of our newsletters will stop but we will continue to email these to those with email addresses. Printed copies of the newsletter can be collected from inside the churches weekly. If you still require your copy of the newsletter to be posted to you, please let me know by calling me on (01803) 813403

Taking the image of sailing boats

Taking the image of sailing boats, I reflected on in this edition of the Beacon - and perhaps stretching it a bit far but hey!!!

If Communion is the keel of our boat providing stability the non Eucharistic services could be considered the sail where we put ourselves at the mercy of what God is doing in our particular part of the world, our villages outside the church and as his church join in. Put our sail up into this wind. In both cases scripture, reason and tradition will guide and help us steer our course giving our worship, gatherings and service a Christ focus. Obviously the analogy is being pushed to its limit but hey!

Working as a mission community

Working as a mission community we can release our potential. We are currently planning to have in effect two principle services which are Eucharists each Sunday which I am taking the lead for making provision for. As you know I am working on simplifying these whilst taking into account the particular traditions across our mission community.

This pattern opens up alternate Sundays in each church community to decide what to do with. It could be something done before that has worked well and been well received or developing new directions. Alternatively in some weeks you may wish to simply have the Eucharistic provision on offer and encourage people to travel.

New directions

Already in these early days two directions are emerging...

1. An outdoor theme - exploring and connecting with nature - we have already had a service in Denbury churchyard and plan prayers and walk at the end of September.
2. A desire to serve, support and connect with families including pet services and thinking seriously about music and timing.

Great stuff. I wonder what else will emerge - these are just the beginnings.

Please note I will be on annual leave from Sunday 16th pm to Saturday 22nd pm and there will be no morning prayer pilgrimage by Hillaire and I that week but individual churches may choose to continue with morning prayer so check with a churchwarden if planning to go.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew