

## Notices

**Welcome:** Today we welcome Stephen Mitchell the Diocesan Mission Resources Advisor who will be helping us reflect on gifts in Broadhempston and Woodland today.

**Mental Health and Morning Prayer during November:** The effects of mental health are huge and given these challenging times we are living in with coronavirus, it is more important than ever that we take steps to support good mental health. To this end during Morning Prayer in November we are going to be using some mental health reflections written by Professor Chris Cook and accompanied by 'have a go habits' developed by Ruth Rice. These have been produced by the Church of England and can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources/supporting-good-mental-health>

**Community: Christmas box appeal 2020:** Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas but for many vulnerable children and families in South east Europe Christmas serves as a reminder of isolation and poverty. We are joining the Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion 2020 shoe box appeal. **Leaflets available now.** A service for collecting the boxes will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 5pm at St. Andrews, Ipplepen

**Meetings:** We look forward to the first PCC meetings in early November.

**In memory:** We continue to pray for Margret Lake and Monica Triggol and their families and friends

**Coronavirus:** We continue to wear masks, social distance and wash and sanitise hands.

**Diocese/Deanery:** The new Grow: Courses are designed to help individuals grow in their calling to serve the church community. The series includes pastoral care, leading worship, children's work, administration small group leadership and more. **See our website for details**

**For prayer:** Our new church wardens and PCC members, those facing uncertainty in these times

**The Beacon:** We welcome articles for the Beacon. The deadline for the next issue is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Notice sheet:** Do take a notice sheet for anyone who is not able to gather for worship today. If you would like to receive the notice by email each week, please let the office know

## Readings

		This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>	First Reading	Nehemiah 8:1-4	Revelation 7.9-17
	Psalm	119:9-16	34.1-10
	Second Reading	Colossians 3:12-17	1 John 3.1-3
	Gospel	Matthew 24:30-35	Matthew 5:1-12

<b>Readings for the week ahead:</b>	Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 13:10-17
	Tue	27 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 13:18-21
	Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	John 15.17-End
	Thurs	29 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 13.31-End
	Fri	30 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 14.1-6
	Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	Luke 14.1,7-11

They can also be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

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# Weekly Notices

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

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday**

Caren is on A/L from 19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October, Andrew is on A/L from 24<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October

## Weekly Morning Prayer

Mon	9.00am	- Woodland
Tues	9.00am	- Ipplepen
Wed	9.00am	- Broadhempston
Thurs	9.00am	- Denbury

## Services and Diary Dates

Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion	- Woodland, with Stephen Mitchell
	9.30am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- Denbury
	11.00am	Family Communion	- Broadhempston, with Stephen Mitchell
	11.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- Ipplepen
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion	- Ipplepen
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion	- Denbury
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	- Denbury
	11am	Holy Communion	- Ipplepen
	6pm	All Souls Service	- Ipplepen
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion	- Ipplepen
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	PCC	- Broadhempston
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion	- Denbury
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	PCC	- Ipplepen

Coming up: Shoebox service Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 5pm St. Andrew's Ipplepen

## Andrew's Thoughts

As a Christian people and followers of Christ we recognise that true knowledge is knowledge of God. 'This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent' John 17.3. Therefore we give priority to devotional study of the scripture as one of the chief means of attaining that knowledge of God that leads to life. On this Bible Sunday we give thanks for the revelation of God and his love in scripture....

...and so we pray...

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word.

May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and strength to our lives.

Take us and use us to love and serve all people in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Church leaders have called for urgent government support to protect church buildings** after a new report from the National Churches Trust highlighted the U.K.'s increasing reliance on mainly-volunteer led services including foodbanks, mental health counselling and youth groups based in churches, chapels and meeting houses. The House of Good report has branded the nation's church buildings a 'National help Service' after finding they provided £12.4 billion worth of essential social and economic support to local communities during the 12 months up until May 2020



## Reflection by Rev'd Anne Burden

**2 Tim. 4.5-17**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

I went to Decoy Country Park the other day for the first time in ages - and it was glorious. The sun was shining over the lake - the bird life was amazing - and the trees were spectacular - some were still changing to their autumn colours, and some were already resplendent in bright reds and yellows. It made me think about the whole process of change and transformation. We love the green leaves of summer, but as the seasons change, the autumn colours break through and we can see that beauty still reigns. This is change at its best.

Most of us are not particularly keen on change - particularly when we have no control over it. We like things to remain familiar. There's a whole list of things that make me grumpy - when shops move their displays around - when arrangements get changed at the last minute - when the clocks go back and I've no idea of the time any more. Pathetic, isn't it. But more seriously, in these difficult times of Covid, when so much loss and change is being thrown at us, it's not surprising that many people are wishing things would go back to how they were. However change is part of the natural world - and it's part of our human lives too. It's fine to appreciate how things were and to enjoy our memories and experiences, but it's good to try to hold on to the hope that there can be beauty and value in life as it is, and in the life which will emerge as the world changes and moves on.

So I think I need to try to hold on to the picture of those autumn colours in Decoy. I expect you have your own favourite memories of the seasons as they change and transition - and want to hold on to them too. And before you remind me that the wind will soon carry away all those bright and beautiful leaves, leaving stark and bare trees - remember too that the dark and dreary winter days - which have their compensations if you can only



find them - will eventually give way to the new life of spring, and new life for the world.

Let's not press the analogy of nature with our present life too far, though. Analogies may give us insights and glimpses of wisdom - but in the end they inevitably break down. What we need to ponder is the fact that life brings change - and change can be a bringer of life. What's important to us as Christians is that "through all the changing scenes of life", God is present. He is not stuck in the past like we can sometimes be. Our creator God continues his work of change and growth - and invites us to join him as co-creators.

What does that mean to us, and the way we live, as we face the reality of our changing world?