

Notices

Mental Health

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 a series of mental health reflections written by Professor Chris Cook and accompanied by 'have a go habits' developed by Ruth Rice has 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>

Final Call: 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. Completed shoeboxes to be left in St Andrew's by Wednesday 11th November.

<https://www.fscinet.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>

<https://www.fscinet.org/christmas-boxes-categories-suggestions/>

In memory

We keep in our prayers Jack Raymond, David Wroughton, Jean Woodwood and Sylvia Taylor.

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: Those who will find the lockdown a threat to their livelihood or health

The Beacon: We welcome articles for the Beacon. The deadline for the next issue is Nov 15th.

Readings

	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
First Reading	Amos 5.18-24	Zeph. 1.7, 12-18
Psalm	70	90.1-12
Second Reading	1 Thess. 4.13-18	1 Thess. 5.1-11
Gospel	Matthew 25:1-3	Matthew 25:14-30

Readings for the week ahead:	Mon	9 th	John 17:1-6
	Tue	10 th	Luke 17:7-10
	Wed	11 th	Luke 17.11-19
	Thurs	12 th	Luke 17.20-25
	Fri	13 th	Luke 17.26-End
	Sat	14 th	Luke 18.1-8

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

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

Weekly Notices

Sunday 8th November 2020

Remembrance Sunday

Three of our church buildings remain open for individual prayer. We provide a space to come and simply be when you need to.

9.00am to 5.00pm	Daily	- Ipplepen
9.00am to 4.00pm	Sundays & Wednesdays	- Broadhempston
10.00am to 5.00pm	Daily	- Denbury

The Church of St John the Baptist in Woodland will be closed.

Services and Diary Dates

Sun 8 th Nov	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY		
	10am	Act of Remembrance	- Denbury War Memorial
	10.45am	Act of Remembrance	- Broadhempston War Memorial
		Act of Remembrance	- Ipplepen War Memorial
Tues 10 th	11am	Interment for Jack Raymond	- Ipplepen Churchyard
Wed 11 th	11.15am	Funeral for David Wroughton	- Torquay Crematorium
Wed 11 th	5pm	Shoebox Appeal Deadline	- Ipplepen
Wed 11 th	7.30pm	Broadhempston PCC meeting	-via Zoom
Tues 17 th	12noon	Interment for Jean Woodward	- Ipplepen Churchyard
Thurs 19 th	11.30am	Funeral for Sylvia Taylor	- Ipplepen

What does the November Lockdown mean for churches?

The Government has said during the November lockdown church buildings can stay open for individual prayer and it will be possible to broadcast acts of worship and hold funeral services but not weddings or public services. The Church of England Recovery Group is currently preparing detailed practical guidance about what the new lockdown rules mean for churches.

Bishop Robert is encouraging us to use this as a moment to support one another. He said the Government's announcement is a "body blow" but that this is a moment for people to "draw together in mutual support and renew our trust in God."

<https://exeter.anglican.org/second-lockdown-is-a-moment-to-draw-together-in-mutual-support/>

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of London have also written a letter encouraging us to make November a month of prayer and to fast on Thursdays.

https://mcusercontent.com/543e9623f7379d75d88235209/files/82286291-228b-4032-a1f1-8ab6091970dd/Letter_to_Clergy_from_the_Archbishops_and_Bishop_of_London_01112020.pdf

Marking Remembrance:

Online Remembrance Service from Exeter Cathedral

We will be livestreaming a Remembrance Service from Exeter Cathedral on Sunday 8 November at 10.45am. <https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/worship/sunday-services-to-watch-online/>

Remembrance Sermon from the Dean of Women in Ministry

A 10 minute sermon from the Rev'd Preb Jackie Taylor, a Royal British Legion Chaplain, can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>



Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2020

Remembrance is a word and concept that as Christians we are very familiar with. Every time we gather together for a Eucharistic service, we have the act of remembrance of the Last Supper. Remembrance is very different from remembering. To remember is to recall or to bring to mind something, either an event or a person, from the past. An act of remembrance is to bring the past into the present so the present may be affected by it. It somehow tries to recapture something of the feelings, sights and sounds of a past event and through this, hopes to influence the present and then the future. In the Eucharist we not only recall the Last Supper and Christ's death on the cross but we also reflect on what our own response to the love God showed us in his giving us his only son should be. We hope that through us, lives, communities and the world will be transformed for the better.

Remembrance Sunday brings to mind not only the suffering and death of soldiers in the First and Second World Wars but also the millions of soldiers and civilians who have suffered because of war and armed conflicts since then. Unfortunately wars and skirmishes are still happening throughout the world and tens of thousands of people are still dying each year. Only in the last week we have heard of terrorist attacks in France and Austria. We need to remember so we don't forget what leads to conflict and the effect it has on everyone's lives. In our acts of remembrance, how do we hope it will influence our future? In remembering that in wars there are few winners and that all sides suffer, it should encourage us to break down the barriers that divide people so that the world can be a safer place for everyone. We hope for peace.

For Christians peace is more than an avoidance of war and more than an absence of conflict. We are hoping for that Hebrew word, *Shalom*, which expresses not only peace but harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility. It is a vision of a perfect society which positively and constructively creates a place that values and accepts everyone while at the same time challenging unjust practices and working tirelessly for justice.

And for that we will always need God's help to change each and every one of us into people who have a passion for peace and justice and a care and love for everyone. To follow Jesus' example: to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves.

Without allowing our hearts to be opened and without learning the lessons that the past can teach us, all our acts of remembrance will be pointless. At the end of the First World War it was promised that it would be the war to end all wars and such conflict would never happen again but we were wrong. We need to work tirelessly for peace so that no parent should ever receive the awful news of a child's death, that no wife should be left a widow and that no child should grow up without a parent as a result of war.

We will remember them.

