



Notices:

We will be reviewing arrangements regularly so please look at the church notice sheet, notice boards, Facebook pages and website for up to date information in this rapidly changing situation. Whilst staying under review at the current time we are offering the following:

Services via zoom: Each Sunday we will offer a service via zoom alternating between 9.30am and 11am and during the week we will hold morning prayer Monday - Thursday at 9am via zoom.

Communion (said): On Sundays we will have a short said communion service alternating between Denbury and Ipplepen (see notice sheet for details).

During the week we will continue (for the time being) to have said communions on a Tuesday at Ipplepen and Thursday at Denbury at the revised time of 10.15am.

We have reviewed our Covid precautions to ensure that our buildings and any physical services are COVID secure, especially procedures designed to avoid mingling before and after physical services. Services themselves have been pared right back to a simpler, shorter format. No one should feel any obligation to attend.

Telephone support/chat following the church services: Sheila Sheldon, Church Warden from St Andrew's, Ipplepen, will be available by phone, with joy, whether you already know Sheila or not, for an hour and a half following the services. So up to about midday following the 9.30am service and up to about 1.30pm following the 11am service, although Sheila always enjoy a chat any other time too!. Sheila's phone number is (01803) 814227.

Online Sermon for this Sunday Our online sermon this week comes from Exeter Cathedral's Canon James Mustard: <https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>

Written materials: In addition to services, we are producing weekly written reflections on the Sundays, readings via our notice sheet and are using our Facebook pages to offer further thoughts and reflections during the week.

The Beacon The February-March issue of the Beacon is now available on our website and hardcopies are available in the churches.

Readings

	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
First Reading	Proverbs 8:1, 22-31	2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm	104:26-End	50:1-6
Second Reading	Colossians 1:15-20	2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Gospel	John 1:1-14	Mark 9:2-9
Readings for the week ahead:		
Mon	8 th Mark 6.53-End	
Tue	9 th Mark 7.1-13	
Wed	10 th Mark 7:14-23	
Thurs	11 th Mark 7:24-30	
Fri	12 th Mark 7:31-End	
Sat	13 th Mark 8:1-10	

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

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Today's Sunday Services

9.30am	Mission Community Morning Prayer	- Zoom
	For the Zoom password, email	rachelbelringer@gmail.com
11am	Holy Communion (said)	- At St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen

Morning Prayer

9am - 9.30am Monday to Thursday
this week on Zoom email rev.andrewdown@gmail.com for a link.

Private Prayer & Reflection

Our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week at the following times:

St Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston	9am to 4pm	Sundays and Wednesdays
St Andrew's, Ipplepen	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily

Please note, St John the Baptist, Woodland is currently closed for private prayer and reflection.

Mid-Week Holy Communion Services

Tuesday	10.15am	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15am	- St Mary's, Denbury

Next Sunday – Sunday next before Lent

9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	- At the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11am	Mission Community Morning Prayer - Zoom	
	For the Zoom password, email	rachelbelringer@gmail.com

Notices:

In memory

Michael Basset, Michael Harrison, Betty Adams, Ethel Irish, Francis Harvey, David Hallett and Peter Dewhirst.

Calls For prayer

As we continue through lockdown for sometime to come we keep our wonderful NHS and all those delivering the vaccine in our thoughts and prayers. We pray for

- those who have lost their lives and their loved ones
- those who have lost livelihoods and
- those whose loss of liberty is affecting their physical, mental and spiritual health.

Each month the diocese produces a prayer diary which includes daily prayers for mission communities and people across Devon, as well as prayers for wider social issues.
https://mcusercontent.com/543e9623f7379d75d88235209/files/fe27be8e-d6e8-429f-8469-038224baf4ee/PD_Feb_2021_Spread.pdf



Reflection by Reverend Andrew Down

Second Sunday before Lent

Colossians 1:15-20

Sunday 7th February 2021

So for something a bit different. What follows are the words from Alana Levandoski's magnificent piece The Christ Hymn from her Album Behold I make all things new. In this piece she enlisted the poets Malcolm Guite, Scott Cairns, Joel McKerrrow and Luci Shaw to reflect on the great cosmic canticle found in the first chapter of Colossians and set for today. For those with access to a computer you can listen to the full piece at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/7DoCEHCZjPU>

The Christ Hymn - Alana Levandoski

Everything holds together, everything,
From stars that pierce the dark like living sparks,
To secret seeds that open every spring,
From spanning galaxies to spinning quarks,
Everything holds together and coheres,
Unfolding from the center whence it came.
And now that hidden heart of things appears,
The first-born of creation takes a name.
And shall I see the one through whom I am?
Shall I behold the one for whom I'm made,
The light in light, the flame within the flame,
Eikon tou theou, image of my God?
He comes, a little child, to bless my sight,
That I might come to him for life and light.
(Malcolm Guite)

in whom all things hold together
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And when we had invented death
had severed every soul from life
we made of these, our bodies, sepulchers
and as we wandered dying, dim among the dying
multitudes
He acquiesced to be interred in us
and when He had descended thus
into our persons and the grave
He broke the limits, opening the grip
He shaped of every sepulcher
a womb
(Scott Cairns)

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And this is He
Who takes all He is
and bestows it freely
gives meekly
takes infinite power and bows the knee.
Have you ever seen God on the ground?
Palms pressed to the floor
Sweat dripping on the dirt
The cut and stretch of being human
A sacred shelter of presence
The fullness of He
creator of kingdoms and galaxies
of principalities
and every moment crafted
through time the Divine
placed wholly in human flesh
the infinite squashed down into finite
like fitting ten thousand angels on the top of a
pin
like the entire ocean is poured into a pool
like the wine is running over
like it's bursting at the seams
The Christ
He was bursting at the seams
(Joel McKerrrow)

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Anticipating long stretches of nothingness
we plunge south into California on I-5,
prepared to be bored, uninterested in the view,
and a bit worried that we too may
commit monotony. But then, over us, clouds
contribute their lenticular magnitude to
the two-dimensional—carved by winds into
stream-lined birds or space craft or B-52s.
I take sky photos through the windshield,
admitting that in spite of anonymity, there is
never
nothing. Required to obey gravity,
we occupy open space with substance,
all of us on the skin of the planet created
to lift against the earth's pull yet sustained
entirely.
We live out our singularity along with olive and
almond trees, oleanders, tarmac, trucks, until
size becomes irrelevant: smoke blue coastal
range,
stem of dry grass, brittle eucalyptus leaf,
pebble ground into the ground—each bears
love's print,
is held particular within the universe.
Even the small, soft moth on the window of
the rest area's dingy washroom, unaware of our
scrutiny,
its russet wings traced with intricacies of gray,
owns an intrinsic excellence.
(Luci Shaw)

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Time of reflection:

1. Read Colossians 1: 15-20 slowly a couple of times noting what strikes you. Spend some time thinking, chewing over, meditating on a verse, word or phrase that has struck you in the passage.
2. Read again The Christ Hymn by Alana Levandoski. What words, images or phrases speak to you. Spend some time thinking, chewing over, meditating on a phrase or image that has spoken to you in the piece.
3. Bring to God in a time of prayer what you have discovered in this time of reflection.
4. Will you do anything different today because of what you have discovered?

And a prayer inspired by this piece:

Lord we come to you for life and light
for you shape every sepulchre into a womb.
We see you bursting at the seams of creation
where all your creatures owns an intrinsic
excellence.
We thank you for you hold all things together.
Amen