



**In Memory** Rex Osborn, Frances Fey, Ron Sharland and John Griffin.

### Vicar Who Advised on Pandemic to Be Made Cathedral Prebendary

The Bishop of Exeter is to make the Rev'd Professor Gina Radford a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral in recognition of her service to the Diocese during Covid-19. Gina, who was also recently awarded the Canterbury Cross, is a former Deputy Chief Medical Officer for England and has provided public health guidance to the Church of England and our diocese since the pandemic began.

### Grow Lay Learning Courses Start Tuesday 4 May 2021: Book now

Grow courses are the Diocese of Exeter's introductory-level learning opportunities for people already involved in particular roles, or looking to explore their own calling.

We'd love to encourage you to join this course if you are considering any kind of children, youth or schools work, are already involved, or looking to meet others doing similar roles. You can find out about the other Grow courses we offer <https://exeter.anglican.org/ministry/lay-ministry/lay-learning/>

### New Resource To Help You Grow in Prayer

Growing in prayer is one of our key aims but it is not always easy to know how to do it! The Church of England has produced a series of practical daily reflections based on the Archbishop of York's new book Prayer - Where To Start and How To Keep Going:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/prayer-where-start-and-how-keep-going-email#na>

### Sharing the Story - Linking Schools, Homes and Churches: Zoom Training

Could you support young people to flourish through listening and sharing stories together? Join us for our Zoom training to find out more about this reading initiative in partnership with Ilsham English Hub on Thursday 20 May 2021 or 24 June 2021 10am - 11.30am:

<https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/training-and-events/>

**Look out for the wonderful cards on sale to raise funds for our churches.** Thank you to Robin and Pam Thomas for organising this. Fantastic picture Robin!

### Readings

	This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>		
First Reading	Acts 4:5-12	Acts 8:26-End
Psalm	23	22:25-31
Second Reading	1 John 3:16-End	1 John 4:7-End
Gospel	John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8

Readings for the week ahead:	Day	Scripture
	Mon	26 <sup>th</sup> Mark 13.5-13
	Tue	27 <sup>th</sup> John 10.22-30
	Wed	28 <sup>th</sup> John 12:44-End
	Thurs	29 <sup>th</sup> John 13:16-20
	Fri	30 <sup>th</sup> John 14:1-6
	Sat	1 <sup>st</sup> John 14:1-14

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

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### Today's Sunday Services

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Informal Family Friendly Service (Churches Together with Ipplepen Methodist Church)	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.30pm	Refresh, revisit, reflect course	- Zoom - See details below

**Telephone support/chat following the church services:** Sheila Sheldon is available to speak to following our church services. Sheila's phone number is (01803) 814227.

### Morning Prayer

9am - 9.30am Monday to Thursday this week on Zoom

For the Zoom password, email: [rev.andrewdown@gmail.com](mailto:rev.andrewdown@gmail.com)

### 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 5pm	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 Services

Tuesday	10.15am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

### Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St John The Baptist, Woodland
11.00am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
6.00pm	Zoom Evening Prayer	- Zoom

For the Zoom password, email: [rachelbelringer@gmail.com](mailto:rachelbelringer@gmail.com)

Tues April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am Burial of Ashes – Ron Sharland - St Andrew's Churchyard, Ipplepen

### Happy Easter – a whole 50 days of celebration

As we continue in the season of Easter, which lasts 50 days, we will celebrate that in Jesus' resurrection darkness becomes light, death becomes life, sacrifice becomes love. God's amazing love is hard to believe so we need this time. Like the first disciples we too must see and then gradually come to believe.

**Refresh, revisit, and reflect.** 6 sessions exploring the Christian Way of Life - for all and particularly those wanting to prepare for confirmation meets today at 4:30 via zoom. Contact Andrew for the link. [rev.andrewdown@gmail.com](mailto:rev.andrewdown@gmail.com) Topic this week: April 25th: The Eucharist as a model for life.

### This week's Online Sermon

Rev'd Samantha Stayte shares this sermon for the 4th Sunday of Easter, reflecting on what it means for Jesus to be the 'Good Shepherd' and the importance of listening to His voice.



## Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
John 10:11-18  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

This week we hear the fourth of Jesus' "I am" statements found in John's Gospel, "I am the Good Shepherd". When Jesus first made this statement people would often see shepherds wandering around near their villages with their flocks of sheep so people would have immediately understood what He meant. Even today the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is very familiar and it conjures up a sense of love, care, protection, intimacy and closeness.

Jesus says that he knows his own sheep and that they know him. Jesus is using the word "know" to express an intimate relationship of love, not just having knowledge about someone. He is not using it in the sense we use the word when we say, "do you know so and so?" meaning have you heard of them or have you met them. When Jesus says, "I know them," it means he knows them individually and intimately, he knows them by name. They are not anonymous, not just part of the flock.

Jesus knows each of us completely. There may be times when we are a mystery to family or friends, even at times a mystery to ourselves, but we are never a mystery to Christ. He knows our temperament and our moods. He knows our deepest thoughts, our silent longings, our private triumphs and even our shameful secrets. There is nothing he doesn't know about us and yet still he loves us. He loves us so much that he died for us. There will never be a time when He will say, "You're not worthy". There will never be a time when He will ever abandon you. What better shepherd to guide us in our life and lead us than the one who knows us and loves us best.

As sheep of Jesus' flock, how do we know our shepherd? The one who nurturers, guides and protects us. How do we learn to recognise His voice amongst all the opposing voices we hear around us? We learn about Him from reading scripture, then sharing and reflecting on what we have read. We form a personal relationship by spending time with Him in prayer, listening as much as talking. We share our experiences of Him in our lives with others. In these activities and through worship we will hear His voice. Then we have to discern what action we need to take.

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd also challenges us as we serve/shepherd each other and the communities we are part of. We are to share His concern for those who are in need or in trouble, for the sick and for the poor, and for the injustices and inequalities we see around us. Like a good shepherd who builds up a relationship with their sheep so that they know when they are sick, hungry or hurt, we are to know and understand our communities. It is through the building of relationships that we will know their needs which will enable us to show our love in practical ways using our time and talents where and when it is needed.

