

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



**Happy days!**

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## Smiling Is Infectious

Spike Milligan



Smiling is infectious,  
you catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today,  
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner  
and someone saw my grin.  
When he smiled I realized  
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,  
then I realized its worth.  
A single smile, just like mine  
could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,  
Don't leave it undetected.  
Let's start an epidemic quick,  
and get the world infected!

# From the Editor



## HRH

The death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh on 9<sup>th</sup> April meant that the April Beacon had already been printed and with the plethora of news and features in the world's media there seems to be little left for us to say about this widely reported, historical event, although it is important that we record his death and his achievements for future generations.

Prince Philip, of course, was a pioneer of the worldwide environmental awareness movement, and he took his Christian faith very seriously, as leading religious leaders have reported. He did not always agree with the way the world, or indeed, the church, approached life and would challenge religious leaders of all faiths, scientists, and politicians, with his views on topical subjects including climate change, about which he was reported as being sceptical, fox hunting which he enjoyed, and driving cars at speed! Interestingly, all three of these examples can be held up as being detrimental to the environment.



Whatever your personal views, Prince Philip was an excellent example of someone who used his position in society to raise awareness of the most important issues facing our world. We, as editors, are in a similar, although lesser, position of being able to raise awareness of the same important issues through the pages of our publications. Hopefully, the Beacon Magazine helps to do this ...

Articles for the August /September Beacon Magazine should be received by 20<sup>th</sup> July.

In the meantime all good wishes for a healthy, happy and environmentally aware summer!

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## “Blessings” (Eulogia)

The plural of eulogy I note with editorial obsessiveness is **eulogia**. I think that this must be one of only a few English words of seven or fewer letters that includes all five vowels.

Of the other words that I found include the **sequoia** tree found in California and in this country at Chatsworth in Derbyshire. The only five-letter word and all vowel word is **iouea**, a genus of sea sponges. (Try working that into a sentence today.) Other options include **euonia** (beautiful thinking), and **miaoued**, an alternative spelling of miaowed.

This may be helpful for scrabble and quiz fans if these lock down days are/were to continue!

*Michael Price*



# Our 'Roadmap'

Our church community is going through a process of change. This is stating the obvious perhaps as the only certain and constant in life is that things change. The current change however has the very particular context of the pandemic and all that has meant and does mean. In the last issue of the Beacon I highlighted some of the positive adaptations that have occurred in church life over the last year and so in this issue I want to consider a few of the tasks current and future and the key tools we have to tackle them.



For all of our churches in the Beacon Parishes there are three key aspects to our communal life as 'church'.

- Our villages and communities
- Faith and fellowship
- Worship and prayer

So, where are we?

## Our villages and communities

In terms of **serving the wider community and taking our place in our villages** we do this most obviously through accompanying people at key points in their lives through baptisms, weddings and funerals as well as at other times of need and celebration. Whilst funeral ministry has continued during the pandemic lockdowns it is wonderful that baptisms and wedding are now being rebooked and these important markers come to the fore again. Alongside this is the marking of significant community events and times of year - Remembrance, Christmas, Easter, harvest etc...

In addition, one of our greatest offerings to the wider community are our beautiful buildings:

- In **Denbury** we are entering the final stages of the Bell Restoration project.
- In **Ipplepen** our hall is used widely by the community (including lunch club which is restarting shortly) and we are looking at how the main church building might be used more widely. For example, for music with its wonderful acoustics and to this end Unity in Sound have just started to rehearse in this space again. I wonder what other musical or artistic endeavours might take place at St. Andrew's?
- In **Broadhempston** there is a renewed focus on the use of the building for the wider community, a building which already hosts the community library, archive group displays, is used as a rehearsal space and concert venue. This wider use will be key as Broadhempston looks at what work needs to be done on this beautiful church - toilets and kitchen seem very obvious things that will be considered.

## Faith and fellowship

In terms of **growing together in faith and fellowship** there are lots of new growth currently:

- Four children and two adults from our parishes are making the wonderful step of confirming their baptism vows and receiving communion in Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June.
- We have recently run a course called 'Refresh, revisit, reflect' looking at the basics of the Christian Way of life. This course was run on zoom and as soon as we are able to run it inside we will be offering it again.
- Many of us have enjoyed our lent bookclub book 'Phoebe' and are looking forward to meeting the author Paula Gooder via zoom on 14<sup>th</sup> June. The youth choir have been rehearsing and recording music via zoom are going strong and really looking forward to meeting physically again to sing together.
- On the horizon is our involvement in the Church of England's 'Living in love and faith' project stimulating reflection and sharing on sexuality, gender, identity and faith. We plan to offer a 5 session course in the autumn allowing people to reflect together and share their stories.

## Worship and prayer

- In terms of our **worship and prayer** we have explored many new ways of doing this over the last year from written materials to use at home, the internet (particularly zoom - see Rachel Belringer's article on this) and simplified services.
- One important development had been working more closely as churches together in Ipplpen the result of which has been a new venture of an informal service suitable for all but particularly families on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.
- We will be reflecting and exploring more of what we have learnt during the last year as we continue. One thing we long to be able to do again is sing and it will be a great joy when this becomes possible in our services. As Saint Augustine says "those who sing pray twice".

*As we attend to all of the above we do so with the following tools...*

<b>Prayer</b>	- remembering God's presence in each and every person
<b>Discipleship</b>	- we do this together - remembering that where two or three are gathered God is there
<b>Service</b>	- we remember the gifts we have been given and offer these to our community, to each other and to God ....and at the same time remember to be open to receive gifts from God, each other and the wider community.

The key to all of the above is the opportunity at this time for the church in our communities to take its shape again.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew

# Beacon Parishes Mission Community Weekly Services

## Private Prayer

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
St John the Baptist, Woodland is currently closed for private prayer		

## Weekly Zoom Morning Prayer

9.00 am to 9.30am Monday to Thursday - online via Zoom

Please email Rev'd Andrew Down for the meeting ID and passcode: [rev.andrewdown@gmail.com](mailto:rev.andrewdown@gmail.com)

## Regular Midweek Communion Service

Tuesdays	at 10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursdays	at 10.15 am	Holy Communion (Not on 1 <sup>st</sup> April)	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

## Services for June

Services planned at time of going to print. Please check website / Weekly Notices for updates.

### Sunday Services

#### **Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>**

#### **First Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St John The Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
6pm	Zoom Evening Prayer	- online via Zoom
For the Zoom meeting ID and passcode, email:		<a href="mailto:rachelbelringer@gmail.com">rachelbelringer@gmail.com</a>

#### **Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Second Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

#### **Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Third Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St John The Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
6pm	Evening Prayer	- online via Zoom
For the Zoom meeting ID and passcode, email:		<a href="mailto:rachelbelringer@gmail.com">rachelbelringer@gmail.com</a>

#### **Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Churches Together – Family Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

# Services for July

Services planned at time of going to print. Please check website / Weekly Notices for updates.

## Sunday Services

### Sunday July 4th

### Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St John The Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
6pm	Zoom Evening Prayer	- online via Zoom
For the Zoom meeting ID and passcode, email:		<a href="mailto:rachelbelringer@gmail.com">rachelbelringer@gmail.com</a>

### Sunday July 11th

### Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

### Sunday July 18th

### Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St John The Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
6pm	Evening Prayer	- online via Zoom
For the Zoom meeting ID and passcode, email:		<a href="mailto:rachelbelringer@gmail.com">rachelbelringer@gmail.com</a>

### Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>

### James the Apostle

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Churches Together – Family Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

## Quotes



- “He is not only dull himself, he is the cause of dullness in others.”- *Samuel Johnson*
- “He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up.” - *Paul Keating*
- “He had delusions of adequacy.” - *Walter Kerr*
- “There's nothing wrong with you that reincarnation won't cure.” - *Jack E. Leonard*
- “He has the attention span of a lightning bolt.” - *Robert Redford*
- “They never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge.” - *Thomas Brackett Reed*
- “Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.” - *Oscar Wilde*

# Life Events

We continue to pray for those we, as Beacon Parishes, have had and will have the privilege of supporting and accompanying, and also their family and friends.

## Funerals, Interments and Burials of Ashes

Francis Fey - Ipplepen  
Ron Sharland - Ipplepen  
John Griffin - Denbury  
Fredric Lang - Ipplepen

## Weddings

Roger Savery and Vicky Hamill 8<sup>th</sup> May -Woodland  
Ashley Harvey and Hannah Mole 30<sup>th</sup> May - Broadhempston  
Jack Fairbairn and Alice Wakeham 6<sup>th</sup> June - Denbury  
Richard Mortimore and Samantha Owen 12<sup>th</sup> June - Ipplepen

# How to keep in touch

<b>Weekly Notices</b>	These contain up to date information of services and activities in our parishes. Published prior to each weekend, these are given out at services and also available to pick in the churches during the week. They are also emailed out by the office to those on the email circulation list
<b>Website</b>	The Beacon Parishes website <a href="http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk">www.missioncommunity.org.uk</a> is the 'go to' place for information. It also contains the Weekly Notices and Beacon Magazine
<b>Videos</b>	Video recordings of some of the services held in our Beacon Community can be found on the website
<b>Facebook</b>	Three of our parishes keep up to date Facebook pages:  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsIpplepen/">www.facebook.com/StAndrewsIpplepen/</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/denburyworship">www.facebook.com/denburyworship</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/Broad20/">www.facebook.com/Broad20/</a>  and the Beacon Community Discussion group:  <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/424938598594105">www.facebook.com/groups/424938598594105</a>
<b>Email</b>	The Church Office has an email list which is used for sending out the Weekly Notices as well as any other important information. If you or someone you know would like to be included on this list, please contact the office
<b>Contacts</b>	Names and telephone numbers are to be found in The Beacon.
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# Floodlighting

The towers at both Denbury and Ipplepen have floodlighting which needs sponsorship to cover the cost of electricity and maintenance. Sponsorship is usually for a week at a time, and people often like to sponsor to mark a special occasion.



## Denbury:

For Denbury, contact Rachel Belringer 01803 812529 / 07751804007

### Retrospective

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| May | Margaret Cooper in loving memory of Graham   |
|     | Tom New to mark the anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Trinity Sunday 1955 |

### New

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| June | Margaret and Eric Wakeham. To celebrate the marriage of their Granddaughter Alice to Jack and also their 58 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary |
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## Ipplepen:

- For Ipplepen, the suggested donation is £5 per occasion per week.
- Sponsor forms are available in St. Andrew's and also at [www.missioncommunity.org.uk/floodlighting](http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/floodlighting)
- Or write to the office or email: [ippleflood@beaconparishes.co.uk](mailto:ippleflood@beaconparishes.co.uk)
- Donations can be made by cash, cheque, BACS or via [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ippleflood](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ippleflood)
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation

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| 30 <sup>th</sup> May – 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun | From Mike and Jill Berry to celebrate their granddaughter becoming a teenager on 23 <sup>rd</sup> May.   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June   | In memory of Alan Grimshaw, who would have been 87 on 20 <sup>th</sup> June. Missed dearly by all the family   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July    | Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birthday of Enzo Dewhirst on 7 <sup>th</sup> July  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> July   | Ivor remembering his wife Daphne Partridge on their Wedding Anniversary on 13 <sup>th</sup> July   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> July   | Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Edd and Maddie on 19 <sup>th</sup> July   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> July   | Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birthday of Raphael Dewhirst on 27 <sup>th</sup> July<br>Wishing a happy golden wedding anniversary to Mervyn and Sandra Jehu on 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 with lots of love from Caren, Ben and grandson Theo. X |

# A selection of special days and events in June

## Notable Days in June

12<sup>th</sup> June: HM The Queen's Official Birthday

20<sup>th</sup> June: Father's Day

## Environment Days in June

By good fortune, June also has some special days linked with an environment theme. And, of course, summer officially begins on 21<sup>st</sup> June. There is a lot of material available online for the special days, such as:

30<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June: **Bike Week** - <https://www.cyclinguk.org/bikeweek> (there are alternative dates online - some sites list Bike Week as 5<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June)

1<sup>st</sup> June: **World Milk Day** - <https://worldmilkday.org/>

5<sup>th</sup> June: **World Environment Day** - <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

8<sup>th</sup> June: **World Oceans** - <https://oceanic.global/projects/united-nations-world-oceans-day-2021/>

21<sup>st</sup> June: **World Giraffe Day** - <https://giraffeconservation.org/world-giraffe-day/> (held appropriately on the 'longest' day of the year!)

## A Thank you!

Christian Aid service, St. Andrew's, May 9<sup>th</sup>.



We would like to thank everybody that made the recent Ipplepen Community Service for Christian Aid such a success. At the time of writing this, there are still envelopes to be received and counted, so we will publish the total of Ipplepen donations in the weekly notice sheet as soon as possible.

So our thanks to Rachel, Anne, Jo, Judith, Dawn, Prof David, Rev Kevin, Dr Mike, and especially our school Eco-Ambassador, Charlotte.

Steve and Sheila

## In Memoriam

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh began life being baptised into the Greek Orthodox Church in the Old Fortress in Corfu. Later, he attended Anglican services with his classmates and relations in England and throughout his Royal Navy days.



Prior to his marriage to Princess Elizabeth, he was officially received into the Church of England during a private service in Lambeth Palace in October 1947. It was led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey Fisher.

Of his faith, a URC statement said, 'Many who have known the Duke of Edinburgh bear witness to the depth of his faith and his theological knowledge. A regular visitor to Mount Athos, and a keen questioner of preachers, his faith was much more than nominal'.

*(Mount Athos is a mountain and peninsula in north eastern Greece and is an important centre of Eastern Orthodox monasticism. It is home to 20 monasteries. )*

Prince Philip was described by the John Templeton Foundation as 'a great friend of the Templeton prize for many years'. The John Templeton Prize is awarded annually to a living person for 'outstanding contributions in affirming life's spiritual dimension, whether through insight, discovery, or practical works'. Prince Philip presented the first award to Mother Teresa in 1973 and continued to participate in a private ceremony for the prize winners held at Windsor Castle or Buckingham Palace.

He was also well known for his interfaith work which began in the 1980s when his vision was to bring the faiths together with the World Wildlife Fund and all the major environmental organisations. This led to the foundation of the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC) in 1995 at Windsor Castle. ARC brokered links between the world's major faiths and organisations working on environment programmes. It was also suggested by Prince Philip that the assets of the faiths such as buildings, finance, and purchasing power could revolutionise practical action and engagement with environmental issues. This in turn led to the founding of FaithInvest in 2019 to empower faiths to invest in line with their beliefs and values.

His faith led to action and he is quoted as saying, 'If God is in nature, nature itself becomes divine'. We therefore have 'a responsibility not to harm it, not just for our own selfish interests, but as a duty to the Creator'. How apt at the present time while we are thinking more than ever what we must do about climate change, although climate change is something of which Prince Philip was said to be 'sceptical'.

A spokesperson for the Anglican Communion said, 'His example of duty and service and of care and concern for the environment and for young people will live on'.

His funeral on 17<sup>th</sup> April at St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle featured some of his best loved words and music. These included the hymn, Eternal Father, Strong to Save, the sailor's hymn, and Psalm 104 which he had requested be set to music by William Lovelady.

'May he rest in peace and rise in glory'.

*Michael Price*

# The Nine Tailors

While we were not able to ring bells in the usual 'half muffled' way to mark the passing of Prince Philip, at both Ipplepen and Broadhempston we were able to chime the tenor bell using the Ellacombe chime both churches have.

On the day of his death, I popped into the church and chimed the tenor 99 times. This is the record of it on the "Ringing World" Bellboard website.

**Ipplepen, Devon**  
St Andrew  
Friday, 9 April 2021 (18-1-0 in E)  
**99 Tolling**  
8 Charles P Quartley  
In memoriam HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

The following day, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April, there was a coordinated effort to ring bells across the country at midday. Over 2,000 performances took place.

At Ipplepen and Broadhempston our performances were:

**Devon Association of Ringers**  
**Broadhempston, Devon**  
St Peter and St Paul  
Saturday, 10 April 2021 in 5m (13)  
**99 Tolling Ellacombe Chimes**  
6 Graham Pascoe/Ian Wilkinson/Lesley Rowe  
In memoriam of HRH The Prince Philip

**Ipplepen, Devon**  
St Andrew  
Saturday, 10 April 2021 (18-1-0 in E)  
**Tolling Nine Tailors and 99 Years**  
3+3+3+99  
6 Charles P Quartley  
7 Stephen Bryant  
8 Tony Clark  
Rung on the tenor using the Ellacombe Chime, starting at 12.01, after the clock strike  
In memoriam HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

At Ipplepen we rang the "Nine Tailors". So, what is it and what is the origin of this custom? The name is almost certainly corrupted from "Nine Tellers", or maybe "tollers". It comprises the Tenor bell being tolled nine times, in three groups of three (i.e. a longer pause after each three tolls), for a man; or six times, in two groups of three, for a woman. These six or nine "Tellers" would be followed by further tolls totalling the age of the deceased.

In some communities, just three "Tellers" would signify the death of a child. The bell used for this might also have been smaller; for instance, if the tradition was to toll the Tenor, for a child the Treble would be used instead.

Nowadays, with announcements of deaths in the community being somewhat less immediate (largely because everyone no longer knows everyone else, and churches rarely now have a Sexton who would have undertaken the tolling), and deaths more often happen in hospitals instead of the person's own bed under the care of the village doctor, these traditions may have been transferred to just before or after the funeral service rather than on the person's death.

When the tenor bell began to toll, the first three made you stop what you were doing and take notice. The second three told you it could be either a woman or a man, but if there was a third three it was definitely a man. Then it was tolled once for every year of the deceased's age, so that you knew it was old Mrs So and So or young Billy who had been kicked by a horse yesterday.

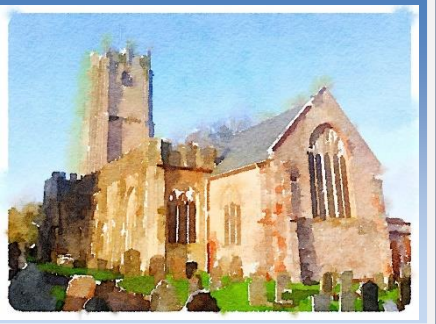
"The Nine Tailors" is also well known, of course, as a Lord Peter Wimsey novel by Dorothy Sayers, written in 1934, which revolves around bell ringing in the fictional village of Fenchurch St. Paul.

*Charles Quartley*



## News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



Mothering Sunday was celebrated on March 14<sup>th</sup> led by Hillarie Griggs and Sarah Nicholls. Posies of flowers were given out to everyone as we left and thanks to Sue for organising. The following week was Passion Sunday and Rev Andrew spoke about

remembering this last year as it was the Anniversary of lockdown on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Where we were experiencing the joy of blue skies we also had to experience the grey ones. In his reflection Andrew encourages us all to reflect on our journey of the last year and how things have changed for us.

On Palm Sunday we had a Celtic Morning Prayer Service which Stephen Bryant led and gave us an interesting talk. He mentioned that years ago in North Devon Pussy willows were used instead of Palm leaves to make the Palm Crosses. Maundy Thursday the Holy Communion Service was at 7.30 pm, always a rather moving service with a Watch following in just candlelight.

Good Friday Service was reflecting on the Cross at 10 30am with our Methodist friends. Rev Anne Burden said how we normally process with the Cross and stop at various places between St. Andrew's and the Methodist Church. This year however we sat and imagined we were at all the places we normally stop, say a prayer and sing a hymn and Marilyn Ellis played a hymn at each venue after Rev Anne had spoken about it. We also missed our Hot Cross Buns that normally follow!

Easter Sunday Holy Communion was celebrated at 11am with Rev Anne. A joyful Service and we were allowed to end the Service outside singing behind our masks 'Jesus Christ is risen today alleluia.' The Church was decorated with flowers from our gardens brought by various members of the congregation.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> April we had a lovely combined Informal Family Friendly Service with the Methodists. Hillarie Griggs and Kevin Hook led it and the theme was 'I am the Good Shepherd.' It was so interesting to hear Steven Harris answer Kevin's questions on being a shepherd to his large flock of sheep and to see the various implements needed for caring for them particularly at lambing time. He obviously has a good relationship with them. We also enjoyed Katherine Petty singing the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm accompanied by Marilyn Ellis.

The theme of Rev Andrew's Communion Service on May 2<sup>nd</sup> was 'Abide in me as I abide in you.' We had a quiet time of contemplation in silent prayer. His written reflection for this week suggested practices of contemplation to help us in our everyday lives.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May was a Christian Aid Service for Churches Together which was joyous and enthusiastically led by Steve and Sheila Sheldon. Christian Aid was founded 75 years ago by a group of Churches in Britain and Ireland as a response to the refugee crisis following the end of the Second World War. It still has an important role today.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Parochial Church Meetings took place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. It was well attended with everyone masked and socially distanced. Geraldine Dennis was presented with a gift of flowers for her great service as a churchwarden. Thanks were given to many people for all the various tasks they undertake and Jo proposed a big thank you also to Rev Andrew Down from us all. As restrictions begin to lift and we have all received our vaccinations we look forward to enjoying some social face to face interaction and social activities in the future.

*Marilyn Clark*

# St Andrew's Youth Choir



A SONG FOR US ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH CHOIR, IPPLEPEN

HOME ABOUT COUNTY SONGS YOUR SONGS NEWS CONTACT SUBMIT YOUR SONG

Rainbow of Hope

Watch later Share

Submitted by: Tom M.  
★ ORIGINAL SONG ★

St Andrew's Youth Choir Ipplepen comprises 9 talented children who were determined to keep in touch through music despite the necessary Covid restrictions imposed in March 2020. With assistance from Tom Morris, they composed and remotely recorded their own song reflecting personal experiences & observations of Lockdown. The uplifting song has also raised over £1,000 for their charity choice, a local Hospice. This link gives you more details about the choir and the things that inspired the song lyrics.  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/TheStAndrewsIpplepenYouthChoir](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/TheStAndrewsIpplepenYouthChoir)

Watch and hear our recording of 'Rainbow of Hope'

<https://asongforus.org/submissions/st-andrews-youth-choir-ipplepen/>

## Still going strong

Meeting weekly at St. Andrew's Church - outside if fine  
Thursdays, 4.30 – 5.15pm

We sing a variety of songs and even try other languages just for fun.

We have made recordings of our songs for charity.

Betty Adams

To join us contact us at 01803 812654

## A view from Torbryan



There are a lot of things that people in this country disagree on, but one thing that almost everybody does see eye to eye about is how much we value and cherish the NHS. And in the last year or so the resilience of this institution and those that work in it have come under unprecedented stress. But as we come out of this once-in-a-

lifetime health crisis and look to progress back to pre-2020 normality, our health service has shown itself to be up to the task of caring for unprecedented numbers of poorly people and also carrying out mass vaccination on a previously unimagined scale.

Up until recently I had always admired the NHS from afar as an occasional consumer of its services (thankfully on an infrequent basis). It was great to know it was there if and when you needed it. More recently, I have volunteered as a steward at Sherborne House in Newton Abbot where the local vaccinations have been carried out, and have seen the quiet efficiency of the NHS in all its understated glory. And in this rather mundane office setting that used to serve as a Job Centre, a little bit of magic has been happening on a daily basis as folk come in and then very soon after come back out again, vaccinated against this terrible disease (or in some cases half vaccinated).



Generally, staff in the NHS go about their work in an efficient and unfussy way: they don't generally like to blow their own trumpet. But I can say that the smooth running of its vaccination campaign has been something amazing to behold. Also, the way that staff have dealt with people from all walks of life, including some very disadvantaged homeless people, on a completely equal and non-discriminatory basis, has been heart-warming.

One little vignette stays with me from one of the sessions there: a very elderly couple had come in for their second jab. They came across as having been married for longer than most of us have been alive. Both of them had great difficulty walking and it had been clearly a lot of effort for them to come to the centre. It is very possible that this was only the second outing they had made in the last year (the first being for their first jab). As they walked away, the man stumbled a little, but his wife caught him and thereafter they linked their hands together to support each other. To me, this simple human contact spoke volumes – a little symbol of hope. We have all stumbled a little in the past year and, very sadly, some of us have fallen altogether; but now, the rest of us are picking ourselves back up again to carry on life's journey.

*Georgie Brendon*

## Smile



A lady decided to send a Bible to her friend as a gift. The assistant at the post office asked the usual question, "Is there anything breakable in here?"

Quick as a flash the lady replied, "Yes, there are ten things near the beginning."

## News from Woodland

St. John the  
Baptist



The early promise of a lush and verdant spring has rather been put on hold with all the dry, sunny, windy and cold weather that we have been having recently. I will spare you the detailed biochemistry, but this sort of very sunny and cold weather is extremely challenging for plant survival and growth and we can certainly

see this reflected both within our gardens and out in the local fields, hedgerows and woods. From a purely aesthetic viewpoint we are able to have a greater view of the native flowers, such as bluebell and wild garlic, which are currently blooming in woods and hedges. This is because the tree species, of which our hedgerows are predominantly comprised, have put out less growth and leaf than usual. From a farming point of view the dry weather has meant that whilst the ground has been dry enough to turn out livestock without poaching it, grass growth has been severely stunted and there has been less food available for them to eat. As it is currently a little warmer and wetter, though, things are certainly now beginning to grow. The swallows are swooping above the fields and every bird I see seems to be carrying nesting material – seasonally things now seem to be back on track.

In a similar way to the slow coming of spring, our village is slowly easing out of lockdown. No coffee mornings or village fetes are planned but we have returned to holding services cautiously within our church, including hosting a wedding; the church itself has had a good spring clean and the village hall came out of wraps to be used as a polling station for the recent elections. Conversations amongst neighbours have changed from “Have you heard when you are going to have your vaccine?” to “How many have you had?”. A long way away from how things used to be, but small steps in the right direction!

Helen Pearce

## Straplines

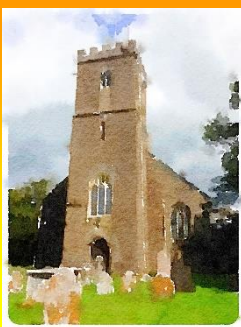


- A man's got to do what a man's got to do. A woman must do what he can't! (*Rhoda Hansom*)
- Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action. (*Benjamin Disraeli*)
- Always tell the truth. It's the easiest thing to remember. (*David Mamet*)
- Christians need half an hour each day for prayer and reflection, except when they are busy then they need an hour. (*Francis de Sales*)
- If you don't have a sense of humour, you probably don't have much sense at all.
- So far as the church is concerned, change is good ... but notes are better.
- Staying in bed shouting 'Oh my God' will never replace going to church to worship him.



## News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



As with our companion churches in the Mission Community, the main focus since the last update has been on our Easter celebrations. Following on from the successful Nativity display, we decided again to showcase and connect with our

community through with an open church in the Easter week. Of significant importance is our connection to the village school, and as in previous years we invited the children to join in with the celebrations by creating Easter gardens which were then displayed in all their glory at the back of the church. The standard of these never ceases to amaze, and the time and effort the children spent was clearly evident, with many intricate structures, use of natural materials and imagination shown (along with a few glittery wrapped chocolate eggs of course!)

The PCC also collaborated once again to produce an immersive experience for visitors spending time in the church, with thought provoking and inspirational poems and words, beautiful flowers and a depiction of the last supper table, complete with palms and a donkey.

This approach to opening up the space for our village to enjoy whilst we have not been able to have regular in-person services has worked well, with many positive comments from both church-goers and passers-by alike. Our Easter day service was a wonderful opportunity to have our first in-church service, and the gentle familiarity was a warm comfort.

Looking forward as lockdown eases, we have been able to resume services in the building, currently twice a month. We are soon opening further to allow the Broad Harmony choir and local band Broadband to resume practicing, which we are all looking forward to.

*Alex Paton*

## True cuttings from British Newspapers



- Commenting on a complaint from a Mr Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said: "We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house". (Daily Telegraph)
- Police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like. (The Guardian)
- A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coastguard spokesman commented: "This sort of thing is all too common". (The Times)
- At the height of the gale, the harbour master radioed a coastguard on the spot and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff. (Aberdeen Evening Express)

## Looking back – to help look forward

*At Broadhempston, as we struggle with our plans for the next phase of the renovation of the church building, it is salutary to remember that many others before us have faced similar challenges over the centuries. The Rev Evans, who was rector of Broadhempston from 1920-58, wrote a comprehensive history of “Parochial Broadhempston”. Here are a few extracts to remind us that we are not the first and certainly will not be the last to take on this challenge!*

- “It is highly probable that William de Cantilupe (c.1159-1254) built the first stone church, of which the base of the tower and parts of the chancel still remain.”
- “During the incumbency of Sir Simon de Bradeleche (1336-43) Bishop Grandisson held a Visitation, when all kinds of defects were revealed in the church which it was estimated would cost over five marks to put right, - - - ”
- “Veysey’s long incumbency (1383-1422) covered a period of rapid recovery from the depression caused by the Black Death and Hundred Years’ War. There was a revival in both the tin and the wool trade and the substantial inhabitants of Broadhempston asked the Bishop for permission to rebuild the church, which was ‘ruinous and notoriously clumsily constucted’, on a larger scale and in a different part of the churchyard. In his reply, dated 8 December 1400, the Bishop graciously consented and promised to grant indulgence to ‘all the faithful who would contribute to so great and pious a work’, on condition that the building was completed within two years. - - - the parishioners failed after all to complete the work in time to satisfy requirements, so, dispirited by missing the indulgence, they left the final completion to a future generation.”
- “The first half of the 15<sup>th</sup> century saw the emergence of men who by their wealth acquired considerable influence and were unwilling to be dictated to by anybody. - - - at Broadhempston the arcades in the church were completed with pillars of Beer stone, which were too short but served their purpose after being trigged up underneath.”
- “The 16<sup>th</sup> century opened pleasantly and comfortably for most of the parishioners. The work on the church had been completed. The screen with its rood-loft, suitably carved and painted, cut off the nave and aisles, which were unusually wide, from the chancel and side chapels, divided by parcloses loyally adorned with Tudor roses.”
- “With a peripatetic parson and a Roman Catholic squire unlikely to encourage the imposition of church rates, upon which the maintenance of the church depended, the situation became so deplorable that in 1775 ‘the state and repair of the Church was under presentment by the Dean Rural’, it appearing that it would require ‘a Very Considerable Expense to Put the Said Church into Proper Repair - - - a Proper and Decent Repair of the Said Church should with all convenience speed be undertaken and set about’.”
- “In the meantime, under the direction and occasional supervision of the Vicar (Rev. Andrew Tucker, 1777-95), Broadhempston was becoming a ‘happy parish’. The comfort of the worshippers was thought of. Twenty pounds were paid for ‘16 new seats and righting the seats’. The ceiling of the church was done and paths were made in the churchyard - - - .”

## Looking back – continued

- “And the Vicar himself made life a song by thinking of some new device, some ornament, something to add to the harmony of life: a new communion table costing £3. 13s. 6d. (the churchwarden took the old one, and converted it into a corn bin), roughcasting the church, a velvet fringe and tassels for the pulpit cloth, new candlesticks and a vestry room with furniture and a fire-place.”
- “After 1851 the population steadily declined from 754 in that year to 661, 592 and 567 during the following decades. With manorial influence against the Established Church it became increasingly difficult to levy a church rate, and the Rev. Francis Hole (1856-70) had to appeal for and rely upon subscriptions to repair the fabric of the church. In 1866 the Vicar and the churchwardens had to sell the churchyard trees, five ash and eight elms, to pay for ‘new healing the church roof’. The Rev. Edward Austin spent the three years during which he was at Broadhempston collecting money to pay for making the roof of the church weather-proof.”
- “In face of the prevalent inertia the Vicar (Rev. Frederick Townsend Chamberlain, 1873-1903) set about ‘doing things for the benefit of the Church and Parish’. By 1877 the chancel had been restored with choir seats and a new east window, the ‘cumbrous and ugly’ west gallery removed and a screen erected in its place. Next year the bells were rehung and an ‘organ placed in the chancel aisle replacing the old harmonium’. Then having dealt with these minor repairs at a cost £600, the complete restoration begun in 1896 was thankfully ended in 1898, when the Vicar and his parishioners were able to worship God under a new roof supported by straightened pillars, with new flooring and the windows reglazed.”
- “The cost was £1,018, but nobody can compute the spiritual benefit conferred on parishioners by his 2,492 sermons and his constant endeavour to endow them with a ‘fuller sense of the goodness and love of our Heavenly Father and the value of the inestimable privileges He has so graciously vouchsafed’.”

*Chris Parker*

## Travelling!



- Sometimes I’m in Capable, and I go there more often as I’m getting older.
- One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!
- I may have been in Continent, but I don’t remember what country I was in. It’s an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.
- Life is too short for negative drama and petty things. So laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly!

*With thanks to Marilyn Clark for sending these in*

## News from Denbury

### St. Mary the Virgin



We are all eagerly looking forward to the imminent lifting of a number of the lockdown criteria that we have been living with for so many months and in particular the opportunity to meet with family and friends in our homes once again. Just how the changes will affect our Sunday worship is still something to be confirmed but until the detail is

available we have been making the best of things within the current restrictions.

Over the last few weeks we have been able to sing outside the church, subject to being spaced apart, and this has been a great way to end our service.

After losing the Easter celebrations almost completely last year, we were delighted to be able to follow most of our normal Eastertide programme of services this year (subject to some tweaking to meet current rules).

Maundy Thursday was marked with a Communion service at 5.30 pm commemorating the Last Supper which was immediately followed by the Watch. This year the length of the Watch was shortened to 9pm rather than the usual midnight. There is something uniquely calming and comforting in sitting in silence in a darkened church without the multitude of distractions ever present during our normal day.

This is particularly the case with an ancient church like St. Mary the Virgin and one is very mindful of the very many worshippers who have sat in this place keeping watch and offering up their prayers. in the same way for literally hundreds of years before us.

A meditative service was held as usual on Good Friday afternoon, followed on the Saturday night by the first Mass of Easter. Fortunately the weather was kind enabling the service to be started with the lighting of the new Paschal candles from a bonfire set up outside the porch. The light is then brought into the dark church showing how the light of Christ spreads out into the world. This is quite a lengthy and complex service with several distinct parts and had to be trimmed in some areas in line with restrictions but remained a very moving event.

Easter Sunday communion brought the week to a close and gave the congregation the opportunity to admire the lovely Easter garden set within the main altar. A tradition on Easter Sunday is that the congregation are urged to bring in flowers which are placed on a flower cross during the service, with the cross being placed on the cistern at the centre of the village for the community to admire and add further flowers if they wish.



Our peal of bells has now been removed from the tower and the bells are being tuned, having new headstocks fitted and generally spruced up with a view to rehanging the enlarged peal in June/July this year.

Unfortunately a problem has arisen in that, following cleaning and crack testing, a small crack was discovered in the treble. A new replacement bell is not viable economically but we are able to have the bell welded by a specialist company at a cost of £2850. This unforeseen expenditure is obviously frustrating as we are so close to completion of the refurbishment. The project team have asked the village community if they can help towards covering this cost and, bearing in mind the wonderful support we have had from so many for the Bell Restoration, we are hopeful the treble bell will be repaired and preserved and the bells rehung and ready for ringing before the end of summer.

*Mike Bray*

*Two of the bells after removal from the tower*



# Recipe for the month – Marmalade Loaf

*This month's recipe has been suggested by ACE member, Deidre Morris*

Being fatless, this is very useful for those on a fat-free or low-fat diet. The flavour varies according to the type of marmalade and sugar used. Dark Oxford marmalade and brown sugar makes a different loaf from lemon shred marmalade and white sugar. Being an all-in-one recipe it is very easy to make.



## Ingredients

- 12 oz / 350g self-raising flour
- 7 oz / 200g dried fruit — raisins, sultanas, chopped apricots
- 4 oz / 125g sugar
- 3-4 tablespoons marmalade
- 2 eggs, beaten
- Milk

## Method

- Preheat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / gas mark 4
- Mix all the ingredients thoroughly with enough milk to make a soft dropping consistency.
- Bake in a greased loaf tin for 1 hour, or until done.
- Leave to settle for 10 minutes then turn on to a rack to cool.
- Serve sliced, with or without butter.

## A Senior's Version of Facebook

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and me gardening, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them “thumbs up” and tell them I “like” them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.



# To Zoom or Not to Zoom – is that the question?

Boy, oh boy! Have we seen some changes in the church in the last year! From being actually barred from the buildings in the first lock down, to still not being able to sing hymns together inside. But as one of the numerous silver linings in our church outreach, we have moved online: Facebook, recording and posting Services, emailed newsletters and the Zoom Services. Now restrictions are slowly lifting, I'd like to start a conversation on the pros and cons of the Zoom Services...what we have learned...how to develop the best bits...the future...



In these Services we have settled into a regular pattern of using the Celtic Morning Prayer as a base for the worship. The various prayers and readings are divided amongst those present (though no one is obliged to do this!). Andrew then leads a discussion, and we talk about what people noticed in particular about the day's readings (again, no obligation!!). This, then, is drawn together and offered to God in prayer. This has been the pattern for all the 9am Morning Prayer Services (especially Wednesdays). It has also been the Sunday option for Woodland and Broadhempston when their Churches were closed for Services – and has now moved to 6pm on a Sunday, fortnightly. After discussion with those who have attended, I would offer the following positive things about Worship-by-Zoom:

- It is a true Beacon Community gathering. There is no “host” church and other formalities. Those taking part get to know and work with each other on a far deeper level, more than just a gathering of parishes.
- We are “face to face” – not all facing the same way in pews, with Andrew “up the front”. This seems to promote a feeling of greater involvement in the reflection, discussion and worship, even if just listening.
- The informal set up and the discussions which happen, remind me of the early Christian gatherings as described in the book “Phoebe” (our Lent book this year). So maybe rather than radical innovation, we are just reverting to the original!!
- The less formal setting builds a greater sense of community within the worship. The coffee-after-the-service served this function in Pre-Pandemic times very well. Its continued absence is keenly felt, I believe, precisely because of this.
- Singing together. A small thing, perhaps, but we can all sing a hymn together, with words and a leader. Although electronic “latency” means we have to be muted – we can still see each other singing!

## Zoom? - continued

So what of the cons?

- The biggest problem, of course, is accessibility. Not everyone has the technology/ understanding / inclination to “Zoom”, and could therefore feel excluded. Which won’t do. (There are options, with restrictions lifting, such as setting the technology up for individuals, or having small groups gather around one computer...)
- Once on line, we are vulnerable to the dreaded computer “glitch”! Very random for supposedly logical machines. Mercifully not experienced often...
- Some people feel uncomfortable and inhibited by the sense of being “on camera”.
- The informality of the Service doesn’t suit some people. This is fine – variety and choice in worship is important. (But if you don’t try things, you may not realise what you’re missing!!)



I personally love the intimacy of the Zoom Services, but am keen to hear others views, and have what I’ve missed pointed out(!). If you came to one, what did you take from the experience? If you didn’t, what was the reason? In the list of advantages, are there any that could be transferred to “live” church? Could it be a seasonal option when the weather is too foul to travel to other churches? Please take a moment to express your opinion. Both bouquets and brick bats welcome!!

To conclude, here’s Hillarie’s opening prayer, prayed at the start of each Refresh, Revisit, Reflect session, but very redolent of the Zoom Services, too...

*Heavenly Father as we meet together to learn and to grow  
let this be a space to think and question  
a place where everyone’s opinion matters  
Send your Holy Spirit to open our eyes, ears and hearts as we read and study your word.  
Give us the courage to take the next step in our journey of faith.  
We ask this through your son our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*Rachel Belringer (rachelbelringer@gmail.com. 812529 / 07751804007)*

# Birds in and around the garden

Birds are often mentioned in the Bible, both literally and metaphorically.

Gazing through the window and thinking when the wet, cold weather eases, I spotted a rare visitor that took me back to my childhood. It was a lone sparrow.

The sparrow is one of the world's most common birds and it has been recorded in every continent except Antarctica. They have been around, it seems, since time began and are mentioned several times in the Bible: *Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God.'* (Luke 12:6).

Sparrows are, therefore, welcome visitors to my Bible garden!

There are 25 species of birds found only in Israel with about 400 species in the neighbouring areas.

In my younger days, **sparrows** and **starlings** (*although not mentioned in the Bible, starlings are said to be 'spiritual messengers'*) were considered pests, they were everywhere, although **blackbirds**, **thrushes** (*Isaiah 38:14*), **blue tits**, **robins** and **wrens** all managed to find a spot to feed. Then in summer the **house martins** and **swallows** (*Isaiah 38:14*) arrived and, when the weather was rough, along came the **seagulls** — these days the smaller birds such as sparrows and starlings have become rare visitors.

While the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds points out that bird numbers vary each year according to the availability of food and the climate, it also records that with many species of birds there has been a worrying steady decline in numbers over the past 30 years — sparrows have declined by 95% and starlings by 71%.

Interestingly, in the last 10 years as the smaller birds have declined in numbers, there has been an obvious rise of larger birds such as **crows** (*same family as the raven Genesis 8:6-7*), **red kites** (*Leviticus 11:14*) and **parakeets**, all of which have larger flocks every year. Just before Christmas last year a **peregrine falcon** (*Leviticus 11:14*) appeared and seems to have attracted another one - I saw one this morning flying by with twigs in its beak, perhaps they are setting up home nearby!

One bird, however, that has been ever present in my Bible garden is the **pigeon** (*Luke 2:24*) which can be a problem during winter when they attack the young broad bean plants. In the Bible pigeons were used for food and sacrifice. While they seem to be ever present, they too are declining in numbers. In America, for example, it has been estimated that billions of them have disappeared in recent years.

I still live in hope that spring will be heralded by a bird that I have not heard for many years, the **cuckoo**, which some experts suggest is one of the unclean birds mentioned in Leviticus 11:14.

So, how are your “twitcher” (bird spotting) skills? See next page.





Answers on page 35

# Bio-Optic Organised Knowledge – is it a device for the future?

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## Straplines



- A diplomat is someone who always remembers a woman's birthday, but never remembers her age.
- Our great-grandfathers called it the holy Sabbath; our grandfathers called it the Sabbath; our fathers called it Sunday; today it's known as the weekend.
- Peace may sound simple – one beautiful word – but it requires everything we have, every quality, every strength, every dream, every high ideal. (*Yehudi Menuhin*)
- Real friendship knows no distance.



# Milking Our Environment

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June is World Milk Day which this year has the theme of 'Sustainability' linked with the environment. There is more information at <https://worldmilkday.org/>



Here's what the organisers say about it .... 'In 2001, World Milk Day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations to recognize the importance of milk as a global food, and to celebrate the dairy sector. Each year since, the benefits of milk and dairy products have been actively promoted around the world, including how dairy supports the livelihoods of 1 billion people.

'To help create a positive stream of conversation, the 2021 celebrations will begin with the Enjoy Dairy Rally 29-31 May, culminating with World Milk Day on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. This year, our theme will focus on sustainability in the dairy sector with messages around the environment, nutrition, and socio-economics. In doing so we will re-introduce dairy farming to the world.

## Smile



- Having attended a church conference for a few days, the young minister thought it would be nice to take his wife a little gift. "Can you show me some perfume?" he asked the cosmetics lady. She showed him a bottle costing £50. "That's a bit much," he said, so she tried a smaller bottle for £30. He said "That's still quite a bit," . Growing impatient, the sales lady showed him a £15 bottle. "What I mean," said the young man, "is I'd like to see something small and quite cheap." The sales lady handed him a mirror
- Long ago, when men beat the ground with sticks they called it witchcraft. Today they call it golf
- With the advent of summer you may be interested in this advice we came across in a newspaper. "It is good to co-operate with God over the things that grow in your garden. When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
- Someone once described a typical church business meeting as an event where minutes are kept and hours are lost!
- The new young minister arrived at church and found only an old farmer had shown up. "I think we'd better cancel the service," he said, whereupon the farmer, in his Sunday best, said "I don't know much 'bout preachin', but I do know somethin' about farmin' and if I went out in the field and found only one cow, I'd still feed 'im." The young minister preached for 45 minutes and then asked the old farmer what he thought of it. He replied, "Well, minister, all I can say is that if I went out in the field and found only one cow, I wouldn't give 'im the whole bale."

# Where there is Love

By Helen Steiner Rice

Where there is love the heart is light,  
Where there is love  
the day is bright,

Where there is love there is a song  
To help when things  
are going wrong...

Where there is love there is a smile  
To make all things  
seem more worthwhile,

Where there is love there's quiet peace  
A tranquil place  
where turmoils cease -

Love changes darkness into light  
And makes the heart  
take "wingless flight"...

Oh, blest are they who walk in love,  
They also walk  
with God above –

And when man walks with God again,  
There shall be Peace on Earth  
for men

*Sent in by Marilyn Clark*

## What makes a good sermon?



Writing in 'The Oldie' about what makes a good sermon, Peter Mullen, a former priest in the City of London, recalled a trademark piece of fire and brimstone in which the Rev Ian Paisley told his church: "Ye are all bound for damnation. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." An old woman raised her hand and gummily asked what would happen to those without any teeth, to which Paisley boomed: "Teeth will be provided."



# Crosses in St. Andrew's Church



Sarah Nichols, who is a Chaplain at Channings Wood Prison, was with us for a month as part of her ongoing training in the Ministry, and we much enjoyed her company.

In a thought-provoking sermon, she started by saying that of the great religions, Christianity is the only one which has, as its symbol, the method by which its founder died - the cross.

This set me thinking because while the cross is the undoubted symbol of Christianity and as Sarah said is widely recognised, the only ones in St. Andrew's are relatively modern.

As far as we can see there were no crosses in St. Andrew's until late Victorian times, when the influence of the Oxford movement changed the look of so many churches. Before about 1875 there was no painted reredos with a cross, no stone cross on the outside of the nave roof, and certainly no processional cross.

While one might think that at the Reformation crosses might have been defaced or removed, there is no sign of this. None of the 14/15th century carving on the screen, font or pillars has a cross. There is plenty of foliage, grapes, birds and animal/human faces - but no crosses. Even the mediaeval glass in the north Chancel window, which shows the instruments of crucifixion - the ladder, nails, hammer etc - doesn't show a cross.

There are two "sort of" exceptions which you may notice - on the screen there is a painting of St. Andrew holding his own cross, but that is in the form of an X. There is also one which forms part of a coat of arms in the mediaeval glass of the East window, but that may show the shield as quartered, and have no religious significance. The only old cross is the mediaeval preaching one opposite the South door which was restored as a memorial to those who died in the Boer War.

I wonder if the same applies to other churches in our Mission Community, and why it should be so.

Stephen Bryant

## Smile

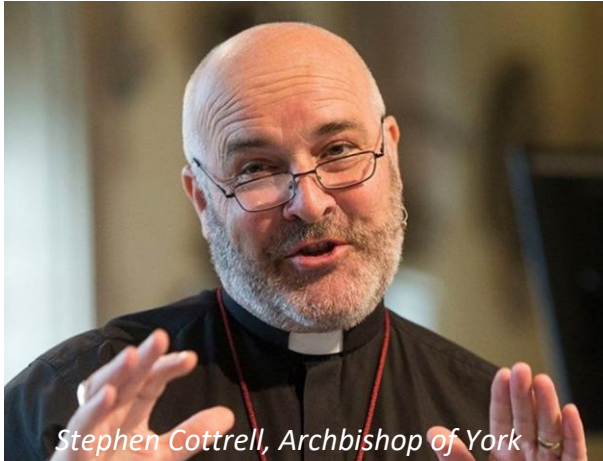


- "He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - *John Bright*
- "I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - *Irvin S. Cobb*
- "He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - *Forrest Tucker*
- "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - *Mark Twain*
- "His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - *Mae West*
- "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." - *Andrew Lang (1844-1912)*

# 'Community'

*Question: What do The Archbishop of York, the Ubuntu philosophy as practised by Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu, and musician Brian Eno (Roxy Music) have in common with the Disciples of Jesus hiding in a back room circa 33AD and the Beacon Parishes circa 2021??*

The answer is a realisation of the importance of, and empowerment through, **Community**.



*Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York*

The Archbishop writes\* of the fundamental need for community in our world – “You cannot be yourself on your own”. From this comes the values and ideals which we need to reshape our world (“Reset the compass”). And this is at the heart of the Christian faith. Even God is a community: Father, Son and Holy Spirit...

“Ubuntu” is a Nguni Bantu term meaning “I am because we are”, (also Zulu and Xhosa). It was made manifest in the Truth and Reconciliation movement following the defeat of Apartheid in South Africa. “The belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity”

And Brian Eno? “Singing [in a choir] is all about immersing yourself in a community....to stop being “me” for a while and to become “us”. That way lies empathy – the great social value”

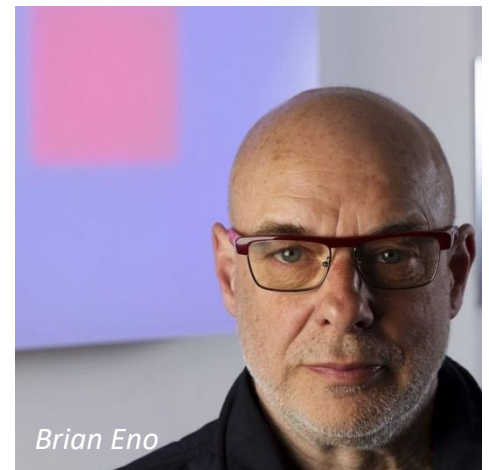
The link with the Beacon Parishes is obvious. From smiling greetings as we pass in the road, and shopping for your neighbour, to the organised networks set up in response to the pandemic. We KNOW the importance of community and the true priorities of comfort, empathy and love. We practice these things...

The Disciples were a different kettle of fish. Despite the evidence that Jesus had risen, they were frightened and dithering. Until **Pentecost** (just celebrated this year on 23<sup>rd</sup> May), when the Holy Spirit came to them, as Jesus had promised. This galvanised them to unite in the greater cause and between them they managed to spread the Word across the globe. Jesus said, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

In the sixth session of the recent Revisit, Refresh, Reflect course, we looked at what Paul termed “the fruits of the (Holy) Spirit.” (Galatians 5): Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. He could have been writing for today! One of the biggest and brightest silver linings of the past year has been the widespread recognition of these values as essential for a healthy society. Let’s keep practising!

The Holy Spirit came as a rushing wind and tongues of flame to the Disciples. Nothing so dramatic these days – but surely still about....

*\* “Dear England” by Stephen Cottrell (Archbishop of York)*



*Brian Eno*

*Rachel Belringer*

# Teach us to pray

## Praying on behalf of others

As a church and as individual Christians we commit ourselves to say prayers on behalf of others. These are known as intercessions. In our intercessions we bring our lives and the lives of those around us, neighbours both near and far, to God for his love and care.



## General weekly cycle of intercessions

### ***Sunday***

We pray for... The universal church, that she proclaim the living Lord... The natural world, that we might use creation sustainably... The needy, that they might know new life...

### ***Monday***

We pray for... The people of God, for inspiration by the spirit... Traditional and digital media, for healthy communication... Those who travel, for safety and protection...

### ***Tuesday***

We pray for... The persecuted church, for protection and faithfulness... The criminal justice system, for wisdom and fairness... The world's displaced people, for freedom and security...

### ***Wednesday***

We pray for... All who follow Christ, for growth in discipleship... All in the medical profession ... All who have no one to pray for them...

### ***Thursday***

We pray for... Ministers of the gospel... Those who work for reconciliation... Those in hospital...

### ***Friday***

We pray for... The local church, for courage to take up the cross of Christ... Those in authority, for the right use of power... Victims and perpetrators of violence, for healing and repentance...

### ***Saturday***

We pray... That Christians may live as citizens of heaven... That the nations of the world will live in harmony... That the dying will know the joy of the resurrection...

# Teach us to pray - continued

## Local weekly cycle of intercessions

We are set in a particular time and place and so we bring our local communities and relationships to God.

### **Sunday**

Our Bishops and those in leadership... Prisoners and staff... Our own friends, family and neighbours... Our Beacon Parishes that we may grow in... Prayer... Discipleship... and Service...

### **Monday**

We pray for... The church community and villagers of Torbryan... Our schools... Those in hospital and the housebound...

### **Tuesday**

We pray for... The church community and villagers of Woodland... Our pubs and restaurants... Carers and those medical professionals...

### **Wednesday**

We pray for... The church community and villages of Denbury... Our residential and care homes... Those who care for children and young people...

### **Thursday**

We pray for... The church community and villagers of Ipplepen... Our local shops and post offices... Our Parish Councils...

### **Friday**

We pray for... The church community and villagers of Broadhempston... Local Farms... Local clubs and societies...

### **Saturday**

We pray for... Our brothers and sisters of other denominations and none... Local Businesses...

## Smile



- With high-definition TV, everything looks bigger and wider – rather like going to a church reunion after you have been away for some years.



# Two Prayers for the Environment

*From Rt Revd David Walker, Bishop of Manchester*

Heavenly Father, you have taught us, through your servant St Francis, that all creation is your handiwork. Grant us your grace that we may exercise wise stewardship of this Earth; tread lightly upon it; and cherish its resources; that our children may enjoy its riches, throughout all generations, and your name be glorified through all that you have made.  
*Amen.*

*From Rt Revd Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter and Chair of the Liturgical Commission*

Everlasting God, whose Spirit broods everlastingly over the lands and the waters and endows them with form and colour: give us, we pray, the mind and heart to rejoice in the majesty of creation. Teach us to be responsible stewards of this world and to seek the common good, that through your blessing all may flourish, and creation sing your praise in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen*

## Intercessions for the Mission Community – June and July

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Jun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Intercessors	Ipplepen Road	East Street	Community Shop	Barton House
Jun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Introducers	The Grange & Grange Close	West Street	Radfords	Rose Cottages
Jun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship teams	Ledsgrove	South Street	Beaston	Wickeridge Mews
Jun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Social/Hospitality groups	Luscombe Close	Editors of Denbury Diary	Downe	Merryfield Farm
Jul 4 <sup>th</sup>	Refreshments after church	Mayfair Road	The Union Inn	Knowle	Pulsford Cottages
Jul 11 <sup>th</sup>	Cleaners	Meadow Park	Our “Posties”	Hemsford	Springfield Wickeridge Farm
Jul 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hall bookings	Moor Road	The Manor	Village Hall	Forder Cottage
Jul 25 <sup>th</sup>	Outreach groups	Silver Street & Newhayes	Community Groups	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Butlers Retreat Wickeridge Farm

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# Sudoku

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Answers to the birds. A: Thrush, B: Parakeet, C: Wren, D: Red Kite, E: Swallow, F: Blackbird, G: Raven, H: Sparrow, I: Pigeon, J: Blue Tit, K: Robin, L: Crow, M: Peregrine Falcon, N: Seagull, O: House Martin, P: Starling, Q: Cuckoo

# Wordsearch

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