

Phoebe - A Story: Meet the Author on June 14th at 7pm. We are delighted that Paula Gooder has kindly agreed to join us via Zoom in a discussion and to answer questions about the book. Many of us have enjoyed reading it during Lent but there is still plenty of time to read it and then to hear about it from the author's mouth. The link will be given nearer the time. Paula is currently Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral. For more about her writing and work see www.gooder.me.uk/about/

Refresh, revisit, and reflect. Congratulations to those who have now completed this course. We will be looking to run it again physically as soon as we are able to meet together inside.

This week's Online Sermon for 6th Sunday of Easter is 'Love as Jesus has loved us' by Rev'd Preb Philip Sourbut. <https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>

In Memory. Ron Sharland and John Griffin and Fredric Lang.

Limit on Mourners at Funerals to be Removed The Government has announced that the limit on the number of people able to attend funerals will soon be lifted. Currently only 30 mourners are permitted. The restriction will now end at stage three of the Roadmap out of lockdown. The change will take place on 17 May at the earliest.

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!

Living in Love And Faith is 'The Task Of Our Generation' The Church of England's Living in Love and Faith (LLF) process, looking at gender, sexuality, identity and faith has been underway since November. Some Mission Communities have run the five week study course already, others are waiting to run it when people can meet together inside. We thought now was a good time to hear from Bishop Jackie, the Diocese of Exeter LLF advocate, about why she thinks Living in Love and Faith is "the task of our generation" and why now is the right time to consider the questions it raises. You can read her interview here: <https://exeter.anglican.org/living-in-love-and-faith-is-the-task-of-our-generation/>

New Bay Church Gets £1.5m Funding to Reach Young People and Families We are delighted to announce that our £1.5m Church of England Strategic Development Fund (SDF) bid for a new mission initiative in Torbay has been successful. The new Bay Church will be based at St Andrew's Church in Paignton with a focus on young people and families. Rev'd Matt Bray, currently curate at Harbour Church, Portsmouth, has been appointed as leader of the initiative. He and his family (seen in the photo) will move to Torbay this summer with a view to launching Bay Church at the beginning of 2022. <https://exeter.anglican.org/new-bay-church-gets-1-5m-funding-to-reach-young-people-and-families/>

Readings

	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
First Reading	Acts 10:44-End	Acts 1:15-17
Psalm	98	1
Second Reading	1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13
Gospel	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19

Readings for the week ahead:	Mon	10 th	John 15:26-16:4
	Tue	11 th	John 16:5-11
	Wed	12 th	John 16:12-15
	Thurs	13 th	Luke 12:44-End
	Fri	14 th	John 15:9-17
	Sat	15 th	John 16:23-28

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

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Notice Sheet_ Sunday_9th May 2021



Weekly Notices

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

Sunday 9th May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's Sunday Services

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

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

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

Monday Rev'd Andrew Down – Day Off

Tuesday 10.15am Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Thursday 10.15am Holy Communion - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Next Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St John The Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	- online via Zoom
		For the Zoom meeting ID and passcode, email: rachelbelringer@gmail.com

Other Services

Tues 25th May at 11am Interment of Ashes – Fredric George Lang - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Ascension to Pentecost

From Friday after Ascension Day begin nine days of prayer (or novena) before Pentecost, prayers of waiting expectantly for the Holy Spirit. In the Beacon Parishes during we will mark this by:

- 13th May - 10.15am, St Mary's Denbury, **Ascension Day Eucharist**
- 16th May - 6pm, Zoom, **Evening service of waiting and vigil**
- Our usual services (morning prayer and Eucharists) during this period will focus on waiting expectantly for the Holy Spirit.

Prayer at home: why not use this period to focus on developing your **practice of contemplation and prayer**. We will place prayer resources on the website home page over this period for guidance and inspiration.

The wider church: 'Thy Kingdom Come' is the name for the global initiative encouraging people to use this 9 day period as a focused time of prayer. Lots of great resources and events in our own diocese and further afield. Simply search for 'Thy Kingdom Come' to discover more.



Reflection by Tessa Amies

Sixth Sunday of Easter
John 15:9-17
Sunday 9th May 2021

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 - 16th MAY. 'Every-one is equal in the sight of God'.

This Sunday marks the start of Christian Aid week. We will be celebrating with a service in St. Andrew's on Sunday at 11am and smaller events in our other churches too. A few years ago, this week would have involved lunches, coffee mornings and stalls all raising funds for Christian Aid but now because of Lockdown and changes in life-style it has become a more modest affair.

Christian Aid started in 1945 at the end of the Second World War. It was set up to help the many refugees who had been displaced across Europe at the end of the war. It then began to help in Palestine, Korea and China. It started the Disaster Emergency Committee and Voluntary Service Overseas. It has gradually expanded and now operates in South America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.

This year it is show-casing the effects of Climate Change on the peoples of Africa.

'They are losing food, water, homes and family. Every day people walk further. dig deeper and build stronger just to survive'.

In Kenya people pray for rain. Rose has to walk 8km a day to collect water with her donkey. This can take up to 6 hours every day. In some villages 'earth dams' are being constructed to collect water. Even then water has to be collected in buckets and plastic containers. Water is getting more scarce, the land is drying up, the rainy season is less reliable - if it comes at all. This leads to poverty and despair. It seems unjust that the people of the Third World are suffering from the extremes of the Western World.

Each year Christian Aid sets a challenge during May to raise funds. This year the challenge is to walk 300,000 sponsored steps during the month of May or 10,000 steps a day. It sounds horrendous. Is it possible? This will raise vital funds for communities battling the worst of the climate crises. Good Luck if you take this one on!

A few years ago the challenge was to spend just ONE POUND a day on FOOD. That's all --- just **£1 a day on food for a week**. So many of us get used to going round the supermarkets filling our trolleys with all sorts of edible goodies and then quickly giving in our plastic cards at the checkout. We read cookery books and watch foodie programmes on the tele. It's easy to forget the people who have grown and produced the food, the miles it has travelled, its packaging and stacking on the shelves and of course the huge surge in price from farmer to our shopping basket. A good challenge.

I found the notes I wrote about it while clearing out during lockdown. I think I need to do it again! The challenge made me ----- well! I am not going to say what, because I am hoping you will join me on the challenge this month - **£1 a day for food for a week**. Just £7 a week. If you do decide to take it on, please do get in touch and at the end of the week please scribble down a few thoughts and experiences about the challenge. I will collate these together and see if they can go in our Beacon Magazine later in the year.

THE CHALLENGE WILL CERTAINLY HELP:

- 1) brain-power by working out the cost of each portion of food.
- 2) Waist line - eating less.
- 3) Christian Aid maybe, by sending them the money you have saved during the challenge.

Good luck!

There's plenty more about Christian Aid on its web-site and money can be donated there too. www.christianaid.org.uk

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Image: In Masue village, Kenya, Christian Aid partner Anglican Development Services East (ADSE) worked with the community to build water tanks. These tanks collect run off from nearby hills and are essential in providing back up water during dry spells. The tanks made a dramatic difference to the life of the community, increasing people's vegetable harvest and shortening the time spent collecting water.