



Online Sermon this Sunday: This week's sermon is courtesy of Dr Jon Curtis, Lay Discipleship Advisor and Grow lay learning courses organiser. <https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>

Remembrance Tree Thanks to everyone who contributed to the remembrance tree at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen, and we hope to do it again at harvest.

Retired Priest tries Syrian Refugee Rations for a Week From 13 - 19 June, Alison Beever from Paignton will be undertaking the 2021 Ration Challenge during Refugee Week. Alison explains the challenge means "living for a week on the equivalent rations a Syrian refugee in one of the camps in Jordan receives - though there are not often enough ration packs for each refugee and family to get one. In doing the challenge, Alison hopes to raise awareness and spark conversations about the plight of those living in the most extreme poverty in our world and to raise money through sponsorship/donation towards these ration packs, and also Covid packs, medical care and training programs. Syrian refugees live off these weekly rations for an average of 17 years, despite the quality and quantity of the food being well below WHO Recommendations:

<https://www.rationchallenge.org.uk/alison-beever>

New Pilgrimage Route. Archbishop Justin Welby To Open New Melanesia Pilgrimage Route In Devon The Archbishop of Canterbury is to visit Devon in September to open a new pilgrimage route in honour of John Coleridge Patteson, the first Bishop of Melanesia. The 12-mile Patteson's Way is a joint initiative between the Melanesian Mission UK (MMUK) of which Archbishop Justin Welby is President, local school children and the Diocese of Exeter.

Holy Ground: Becoming me with Rev'd Prebendary Deborah Parsons and Rev'd Tanya Hockley-Still - Sunday 13 June at 6pm on Zoom "Becoming Me" is an opportunity to listen to and reflect on the stories of two female minority ethnic clergy and their identity in Christ, to consider why some stories get traction and others don't and to reflect on where we've exhibited or experienced bias in our own lives. Zoom Meeting ID: 813 0337 0120 Passcode: 298140

Get Involved with the G7 Visit. Leaders of G7 countries are meeting in Cornwall this weekend, with the climate crisis on the agenda; and Glasgow is hosting the UN COP26 negotiations in November. Linking the two is a 'Relay' of people from the Young Christian Climate Network crossing Britain carrying a boat, symbolising the current catastrophe of rising sea levels and the hope of the ark. Exeter will be its first stop from 29 June to 4 July <https://www.yccn.uk/>. A free 4 week Creation Care course from Melanesian Mission, starts next week: <http://www.mmuk.net/news/4-week-creation-care-course/> and you can sign the 'Take A Stand' letter to world leaders from Tearfund: <https://weartearfund.org/takeastand/>

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Readings

	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
First Reading	Ezekiel 17:22-End	Job 38:1-11
Psalm	92:1-4, 11-14	107:1-3, 23-32
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5:6-10	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Gospel	Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:35-End

Readings for the week ahead:	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
	Matt 5:38-42	Matt 5:43-End	Matt 6:1-6, 16-18	Matt 6:7-15	Matt 6:9-23	Matt 6:24-End

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	Celtic Morning Prayer	- 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 Tuesday to Friday 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's Day Off	
Tuesday	10.15am	Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15am	Holy Communion - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	12 noon	Funeral of Valerie Watson-Jackson - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Next Sunday – Third Sunday after Trinity

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

Confirmation Service 12th June 2021 at 4pm

Congratulations to Lauren, Emily, Isabelle, Charlotte, Jo and Freda who were confirmed yesterday by Bishop Robert at Exeter Cathedral. We continue to keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

Zoom discussion of 'Pheobe' with Paula Gooder tomorrow at 7pm

We are delighted that tomorrow evening, 14th June, Paula Gooder will be joining us to discuss her book 'Pheobe'. For the Zoom password, email: rachelbelringer@gmail.com

Thank you from Steven Sheldon to all those who contributed to the Christian Aid collection in Ipplepen. A total of £674 was raised for the charity.

In Memory. Stephen Heale and Valerie Watson-Jackson.

June and July Edition of the Beacon is now available for you to collect from our churches.

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!

Points for Prayer. We pray for Roger and Vikki, married in Woodland on 8th May, for Ashley and Hannah married in Broadhempston on 30th May, for Jack and Alice married in Denbury on Sunday 6th June 2021 and also for Richard and Samantha married in Ipplepen on Saturday 12th June 2021.



Reflection by Reverend Andrew Down

Second Sunday after Trinity
Mark 4:26-34
Sunday 13th June 2021

Three thoughts about Jesus' use of parables

1. The renewal of our minds:

Our way of thinking and perceiving is often and perhaps mainly about distinction and contrast. This is very good for scientific endeavour for example but becomes wholly inadequate when it comes to topics such as faith, love, death, God. For this we need bigger, more expansive, more connected ways of thinking and perceiving. Parables, stories, poetry etc. offer something of this.



Question: Who are the modern-day parable tellers that you engage with and in whom you find renewal – poets, artists, dancers, novelists, playwrights, film directors?

2. The book of nature:

The topic of Jesus parables was often the natural world. Nature is caught up in and reflects its maker as the following poem expresses.



How Surely Gravity's Law

How surely gravity's law,
strong as an ocean current,
takes hold of the smallest thing
and pulls it toward the heart of the world.

Each thing—
each stone, blossom, child —
is held in place.
Only we, in our arrogance,
push out beyond what we each belong to
for some empty freedom.

If we surrendered
to earth's intelligence
we could rise up rooted, like trees.

Instead we entangle ourselves
in knots of our own making
and struggle, lonely and confused.

So like children, we begin again
to learn from the things,
because they are in God's heart;
they have never left him.

This is what the things can teach us:
to fall,
patiently to trust our heaviness.
Even a bird has to do that
before he can fly.

by Rainer Maria Rilke

Question: What lessons have you learned from nature in the last year? – tending your garden, observing the seasons or perhaps through another activity or hobby that puts you in touch with the natural world

3. As we are able to hear:

Parables are like presents that we can come back to time and time again and unwrap a new layer to discover another gift. They speak differently to us at different times depending on what is going on in our lives.



Question: How do the parables set for today speak to you? What might they have to say in the context of the G7 meeting and Refugee Week?

Here is my immediate response to these parables today:

Why do we so often rush for the sickle forgetting first to scatter... and then sleep... and then look? Small seeds is what we need not the next big idea... a sowing economy....only then will there be room for the sparrow and the ostrich.