



Weekly Notices

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

Sunday 6th June 2021

First Sunday after Trinity

Today's Sunday Services

9.30am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
11.00am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
1.30pm	Wedding of Jack Fairbairn and Alice Wakeham	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
6.00pm	Zoom Evening Prayer	- Zoom
For the Zoom password, email:		rachelbelringer@gmail.com

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
Thursday	10.15am	Holy Communion - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Saturday	12 noon	Wedding of Richard Mortimore and Samantha Owen - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Next Sunday – 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

Confirmation Service 12th June 2021 at 4pm

Please continue to hold Lauren, Emily, Isabelle, Charlotte, Jo and Freda in your prayers as they prepare for this next important step in their journey of faith. Their Confirmation Service will be held at the Cathedral but because of Covid restrictions they are only allowed to have 4 guests each. This means that members of the Mission Community will be unable to attend and give their support in person. You can still be part of their special day and show your support by watching the service via the Cathedral's Facebook page ([facebook.com/exetercathedral/](https://www.facebook.com/exetercathedral/)). You do not need to sign up to Facebook to watch the live feed.

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 to be married in Denbury on Sunday 6th June 2021 and also for Richard and Samantha to be married in Ipplepen on Saturday 12th June 2021.

Online Sermon this Sunday: The Rev'd Preb. Deborah Parsons will be looking at Genesis Chapter 3: 8-15 in her online sermon for World Environment Day 2021 as the UN seeks to put focus on restoring the Earth's ecosystems.

<https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>

In Memory. Fredric Lang, Stephen Heale and Valerie Watson-Jackson.

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!

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

Synod Elections: Will You Stand To Vote On Important Issues? There are elections this June and July for Exeter Diocesan Synod (governing body) and the Church of England's General Synod (like Parliament). We would really love a diverse mix of people of different ages and backgrounds to stand for election. People are elected to the Diocesan Synod for three years and meet three times a year. You need to be over 16, on the electoral roll of a CofE church and be taking Communion. Nominations close in mid June. <https://exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/synod/>

Phoebe We are looking forward to our zoom gathering with Paula Gooder on 14th June. Details to follow.

Remembrance Tree Thanks to everyone who contributed and we hope to do it again at harvest.

Thank you to everyone who helped clean Holy Trinity, Torbryan, in preparation for our Mission Community Evening Prayer Service last Sunday.

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
First Reading	Genesis 3:8-15	Ezekiel 17:22-End
Psalm	130	92:1-4, 11-14
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13)
Gospel	Mark 3:20-End	Mark 4:26-34

Readings for the week ahead:	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	31st	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
	Matt 5.1-12	Matt 5.13-16	Matt 5.17-19	Matt 5.20-26	John 15:12-17	Mat 5:33-37

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

Rector: Rev'd Andrew Down. Tel: 01803 813403 E: rev.andrewdown@gmail.com

Office: Church Office, St. Andrew's Church Hall, Church Path, Ipplepen, TQ12 5RZ

Office hours: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri: 12 noon to 3pm. Thurs: 11am to 3pm

Tel: 01803 814178 E: office@beaconparishes.co.uk W: www.missioncommunity.org.uk

Facebook pages: www.facebook.com/StAndrewsIpplepen/

www.facebook.com/denburyworship www.facebook.com/Broad20/



Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

First Sunday after Trinity
Mark 3:20-End
Sunday 6th June 2021

Who are my mother and my brothers?

This statement from Jesus has always made me stop and think. Is Jesus being disrespectful to and rejecting His family especially His mother? It certainly doesn't fit with the image of a caring and loving person. If interpreted that way it seems to lack understanding and ignores the true message of Jesus, who taught us to love our neighbours. Throughout His earthly ministry Jesus always welcomed the outsider. It was never in His nature nor His teaching to hurt or reject anyone, not even sinners or his own enemies, so how can this be a rejection of his family.

As is typical in Mark's gospel we have a scene within a scene. We have the arrival of the family and the arrival of the scribes. The two scenes being brought together in the narrative allows us to combine them and interpret them together. Both the family and the scribes show an inability to understand who Jesus really is. They had both seen Jesus at work but had drawn their own conclusions.

It was out of concern that the family members came to see Jesus. By now He was being followed by large crowds and was not even given time to eat properly. He was also making enemies of the religious leaders. Those who had known Him from childhood were quite alarmed by His behaviour and wanted to restrain Him as they thought that He had gone insane. This was, as far as they could see, the only explanation of everything that had happened since His baptism. They had drawn their conclusions but now were trying to prevent Him carrying out his mission, or maybe even trying to redirect Him to something different.

The scribes had heard about Jesus' teaching and healing. They recognised a power working in Jesus and acknowledged that he was not a fraud. They knew of only two sources of that kind of power. They concluded it could not have come from God because He could only work in ways according to their narrow definition of scripture. Therefore, Jesus was an agent of Satan. The religious leaders could not tell the difference between God's and Satan's work. For this attack on the Holy Spirit, they are condemned.

Neither Jesus' family or the scribes were willing to do God's will. Both parties were working to their own agendas. They wanted Jesus to act in a certain way or be something He was not. Because of this they could not be true disciples of His.

As Jesus carries on His teaching someone from the crowd tells Him that His family has arrived. Like all good teachers, He uses the situation to teach something important. Jesus is saying that His relationships are not confined to a small earthly family, or a certain group of people, but are open to all of humanity. To anyone who believes and is willing to do God's will. This is not an insult to his family but a warning to his followers. Something for us all to think about.

In our churches we are, in Christ, brothers, sisters, parents and children to and for one another. Jesus' words evoke a vision of a community where people of all ages and diverse backgrounds care for one another physically and spiritually. His words prompt us to consider what it means to know and do God's will. Can only certain kinds of people reflect or promote God's will? Can only a certain type of person belong to our Christian family? What does this mean to the way we welcome people into our community?

