

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



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Strap lines



- You can complain because roses have thorns, or you can rejoice because thorns have roses.
- You are not wise if you give the right answers; you are wise if you ask the right questions.
- Why isn't the word 'phonetic' spelt the way it sounds?
- When you give a talk, you can guarantee no-one is listening until you make a mistake.
- It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words with a heart (*Mahatma Gandhi*)

From the Editor



In April, an all-party parliamentary group published a report: *Learning to Listen, Inquiry into Religious Literacy in Print and Broadcast Media*. The report highlighted the decline in local newspapers and magazines and the resulting cutback in staff, all of which has led to a lack of, or in some cases no religious coverage in the remaining publications.

Here are two relevant short extracts from the report's conclusions ...

"Religion is here to stay. It is deeply woven into this country's way of life both in the past and the present and it continues to act as a source of guidance and teaching to a large majority of the world's inhabitants. A media that fails to recognise that will increasingly be a media that fails to represent our world accurately."

"Religion is not 'back' – it never really left. Religious belief is and will remain an important part of the UK and a growing part of international life and politics. We would widen this to say that religion and belief have always been vital to the political and cultural life of this country and are a growing part of international life and politics. Religion does not need special treatment but we all deserve a media which recognises this reality and has the confidence to report on, interrogate, question and discuss it."

For us, as editors of church and parish magazines, this gap in the marketplace offers an exciting opportunity because our publications are ideally placed to fill the gap.

This, of course, is what the Beacon is all about, to help our churches to achieve their objectives of reaching out to both church members and the communities we serve.

We hope you enjoy this edition and some fine summer weather to go with it!

Articles for the October/November edition should be received by 20th September.

Michael Price

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cost to the Mission Community*

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Smile



Heard at this year's Devon County Show. Two farmers speaking; "Have you come to enjoy yourself today George, or have you got the wife and family with you?"

Beacon Mission Community's structure

'The purpose of power is to give it away' - Nye Bevan founder of the NHS

This quote has something to say to how our local group of churches called the Beacon Parishes Mission Community works together as family in our diversity, gifts and need of each other. We are a set of church communities in the villages of Torbryan, Woodland, Broadhempston, Denbury and Ipplepen.

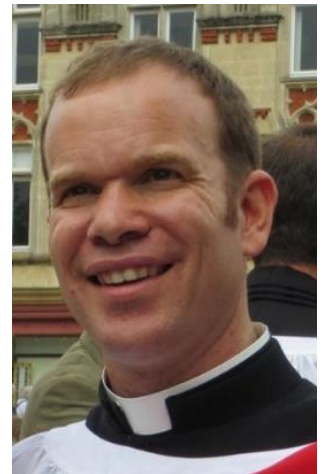
The question arises, as it does in all organisations, of what structures support our flourishing and growth. We are currently making step 4 in the process of easing of restrictions with most legal requirements related to COVID having been lifted. It is a time marked by a move to a more local model of decision making and emphasising the responsibility of organisations and individuals around the management of COVID security. It therefore seems a good opportunity to outline our structures and how they fit together.

We have inherited a set of structures - churchwardens, PCCs, Treasurers, etc.... for each parish and our job is to use these well, adapt and renew them. So here is a snap shot of our own use and renewal of the structures that allow all in our communities to be safe, welcomed, grow and flourish.

Rector - my role is akin to the head of the family. My primary concern is to create an environment where all are welcome and can flourish providing leadership, guidance and encouragement. I share this ministry with our lay ministers and am supported by our retired clergy.

Steering group - consists of representatives from each parish, that I call together to help set overall vision and direction, discussing ideas at an early stage so this is done collaboratively and across all our parishes. It enables us to effectively work together and support one another.

Churchwardens - individuals who have taken on responsibility and authority to look out for the particular needs of a parish. This is a huge role and so we have recently moved to a team structure with each individual churchwarden in a parishes churchwarden team taking a lead in a particular area of church life e.g. prayer and services, care of buildings and grounds, pastoral care of people, safeguarding, serving and contributing to village life to name a few key areas. Due to our churches and villages being different sizes our churchwarden teams also vary in size. The split of tasks and jobs also varies across our parishes depending on the specific context and individuals in these teams. An example of how Broadhempston has divided things up is set out below.



Structure - continued

Parochial Church Councils or PCCs for short - the small teams of people in each parish tasked (along with churchwardens and the rector) with the management of church business and with promoting the mission of each parish to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of our villages with joy.

Working parties and teams - something that every member of the church is encouraged to be part of and also open to those on the edges of the church and those who just feel they want to contribute to the churches life. These are the practical groups which action specific areas of church life. They are the way we all belong to each other and participate. These groups can be for the whole mission community e.g. home communion visiting team, lunch club helpers, courses and learning groups or for an individual parish e.g. working parties to look after the churchyard and buildings, those providing a welcome at services, those leading the prayers in church, choir members, those arranging the flowers, coffee makers etc... or indeed they can straddle both mission community and individual parishes e.g. the pastoral care team and safeguarding team.

Mission Community Office - the mission community office and administrator provides support around communication and administration and acts as a central hub and point of contact for our churches.

So back to the founder of the NHS - Nye Bevan: *'The purpose of power is to give it away'*

The flow of power in our structures is one of sharing, empowering and being accountable to one another. In this flow all are welcome and encouraged to participate, grow and flourish as we support each other in our diversity, gifts and needs.

Andrew



Pictures by Antony Mitchell

BROADHEMPSTON PCC - Jobs and Duties

As set up in April 2021

SERVICES

- Ordinary Services: dates/times, organist, readers etc. [Paul/Maggie](#)
- Occasional Services: baptisms, weddings, funerals, burials etc. [Pam](#)
- Sacristan duties: setting up for services. [Maggie](#)
- Service sheets: collecting & distributing. [Maggie/Janice](#)

OUTREACH

- Pastoral care. [Jo](#)
- School liaison. [Paul/Alex](#)

FACILITIES

- Church building: managing on “Care & Maintenance” basis. [Alex](#)
- Churchyard: managing maintenance of grounds. [Paul](#)
- Churchyard: memorial garden & bins. [Alex](#)

FINANCE

- PCC Accounts: managing cash and bank a/cs, keeping books, preparing Accounts, Gift Aid & VAT claims. [Chris/Jane](#)
- Stewardship: promoting covenanted giving and legacies. [Chris/Jane](#)

SECRETARIAL & ADMIN

- PCC meetings: preparing Agenda, maintaining Minutes etc. [Janice](#)
- Administration: handling correspondence with MC office etc. [Maggie](#)
- Electoral role: maintenance. [Maggie](#)

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Hospitality after services: [Janice](#)
- Organising fundraising events: [PCC Team](#)

OTHER JOBS

- Flowers & Cleaning: arranging rota and Spring clean. [Jane/Janice](#)
- Health & Safety. [Alex/Paul](#)
- Safeguarding. [Paul](#)
- Flag duties. [Alex](#)
- Blackboards & Notices. [Jo](#)
- Beacon articles. [Chris](#)

Beacon Parishes Mission Community Weekly Services

Private Prayer

Our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week at the following times:

| | | |
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| 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 Morning Prayer

| | | |
|--|---------|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday | 9.15 am | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| Wednesday | 9.00 am | - Online using 'Zoom' |
| For the Zoom password, email: rev.andrewdown@gmail.com | | |
| Thursday | 9.15 am | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| Friday | 9.15 am | - St Peter and Paul, Broadhempston |
| (A time of silent prayer and meditation at Broadhempston) | | |

Regular Midweek Communion Service

| | | | |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Tuesdays | at 10.15 am | Holy Communion | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| Thursdays | at 10.15 am | Holy Communion | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |

Sunday Services for August

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

For the Zoom meeting ID and passcode, email: rachelbelringer@gmail.com

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| Sunday August 1st | Ninth Sunday after Trinity | |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | - St John The Baptist, Woodland |
| 9.30am | Celtic Morning Prayer | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 6.00 pm | Zoom Evening Prayer | - online via Zoom |
| Sunday August 8th | Tenth Sunday after Trinity | |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion | - St Peter and Paul, Broadhempston |
| 11.00 am | Celtic Morning Prayer | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| Sunday August 15th | Eleventh Sunday after Trinity | |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | - St John The Baptist, Woodland |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 6.00 pm | Zoom Evening Prayer | - online via Zoom |
| Sunday August 22nd | Twelfth Sunday after Trinity | |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion | - St Peter and Paul, Broadhempston |
| 11.00 am | Churches Together – Family Service | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| Sunday August 29th | Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity | |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | - St John The Baptist, Woodland |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 6.00 pm | Zoom Evening Prayer | - online via Zoom |

Sunday Services for September

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

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Sunday September 5th

9.30 am

9.30am

11.00 am

6.00 pm

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Celtic Morning Prayer

Holy Communion

Zoom Evening Prayer

- St John The Baptist, Woodland

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

- online via Zoom

Sunday September 12th

9.30 am

11.00 am

11.00 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Celtic Morning Prayer

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday September 19th

9.30 am

11.00 am

6.00 pm

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Evening Prayer

- St John The Baptist, Woodland

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

- online via Zoom

Sunday September 26th

9.30 am

11.00 am

11.00 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Churches Together – Family Service

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

How to keep in touch

Weekly Notices

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

Website

The Beacon Parishes website www.missioncommunity.org.uk is the 'go to' place for information. It also contains the Weekly Notices and Beacon Magazine

Videos

Video recordings of some of the services held in our Beacon Community can be found on the website

Facebook

Three of our parishes keep up to date Facebook pages:

www.facebook.com/StAndrewsIpplepen/

www.facebook.com/denburyworship

www.facebook.com/Broad20/

and the Beacon Community Discussion group:

www.facebook.com/groups/424938598594105

Email

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

Contacts

Names and telephone numbers are to be found in The Beacon.

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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.

Baptisms

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Sunday 25 th July | Ipplepen | Stacey Heale |
| Sunday 25 th July | Ipplepen | Zoe Johnston |
| Sunday 25 th July | Ipplepen | Scott Phillips |
| Saturday 31 st July | Ipplepen | Imogen Vickerstaff |

Weddings

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Sunday 6 th June | Denbury | Jack Fairbairn & Alice Wakeham |
| Saturday 12 th June | Ipplepen | Richard Mortimore and Samantha Owen |
| Saturday 17 th July | Ipplepen | Arun Kingwell and Courtney Tout |

Funerals

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Friday 11 th June | Ipplepen | Stephen Heale |
| Friday 18 th June | Denbury | Valerie Watson-Jackson |
| Tuesday 6 th July | Ipplepen | Valerie Dakin |
| Tuesday 20 th July | Ipplepen | Sheila Stacey |
| Friday 23 rd July | Ipplepen | Andy Vickerstaff |

Interments of Ashes

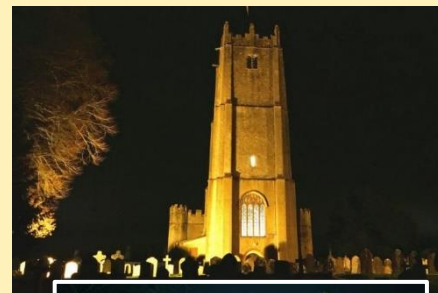
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| Monday 14 th June | Denbury | Barbara Roberts |
| Sunday 27 th June | Ipplepen | Frances Fey |
| Monday 28 th June | Brixham | Betty Elders |
| Tuesday 27 th July | Denbury | Valerie Watson-Jackson |

Confirmations

| | | |
|--|---------------|--|
| Saturday 12 th June at Exeter Cathedral | | |
| Emily Hunt | Ipplepen | |
| Isabelle Hunt | Ipplepen | |
| Lauren Cock | Ipplepen | |
| Charlotte Down | Ipplepen | |
| Freda Badger | Denbury | |
| Jo Winsor | Broadhempston | |

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

June The Triggol family remembering Monica's birthday on 27th June

July Carol Nield in loving memory of her late husband Gerry

New

August & September A villager who likes to see the Church tower lit up



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
- Or write to the office or email: ippleflood@beaconparishes.co.uk
- Donations can be made by cash, cheque, BACS or via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ippleflood
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation

Retrospective

27th June – 3rd July Roger and Sylvia Wheadon to celebrate 60 years of marriage. Our Diamond Wedding Anniversary

4th – 10th July In celebration of Lucy & Ian Woolley, on their 25th Wedding Anniversary on 6th July, with love from all the family x

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New

1st – 7th August In everlasting memory of my cherished father Douglas Moore, especially on 4th August, the date he went to his eternal glory 50 years ago. Shirley Northwood and family.

For Eddie Langworthy on the occasion of his 100th birthday, 3rd August, with love from Sheila and Peter. We miss you.

John and Barbara Tuckett celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 7th August 2021, with congratulations and Love from all the family.

8th – 14th August Linda, Hannah and Katie Simmonds for David's birthday on 10th August.

Tony and Marilyn Clark celebrating our Golden Wedding on 14th August. We give thanks to our lovely family and friends.

News from Ippepen

St. Andrew



This year on Trinity Sunday, 30th May, there was a Mission Community Evening Prayer Service at holy Trinity Church Torbryan at 4.30pm. It was so lovely to enjoy this gentle Service of music, readings and reflection in this special Church on a sunny afternoon. Rev Andrew sang a song especially for Trinity accompanied by his guitar.

The following two weeks Tony and I along with two friends enjoyed a walking holiday firstly in Dent, Cumbria where we had some challenging uphill climbs but then encountered wonderful scenery and plenty of sheep of all descriptions. I was also excited to hear the cuckoo singing every day here. The second week at Tarbet by Loch Lomond with some flat walking alongside the Loch and some more challenging ones that took us up high looking down on the lochs. We were all so thankful to be able to enjoy nature at its best.

Father's Day on 20th June was celebrated at the 11am Communion Service, we were reminded to think of our own Fathers and think of the good things they did for us and then also think of our Heavenly Father and how he helps us. Tessa Amies Reflection this week is based on these thoughts.

The Reflection the following week written by Rev Tony Meek was based on our Gospel Reading today Mark 5 21-43. The story of Jairus asking Jesus to help his dying 12 year old daughter and the woman who was cured by Jesus of her haemorrhaging was acted out in our Churches Together Family Service. Rev Kevin Hook was the Narrator, Steve Sheldon was Jairus and Catherine Petty as the poor ill woman. They portrayed how they put their trust in Jesus. At this lovely Service for the first time since lockdown began four of us, Jo, Vanessa, Catherine and myself spaced across the front of the church and sang two hymns 'Jesus calls us here to meet him' and 'Be still and know that I am God'. We were accompanied by Marilyn Ellis. On the Tuesday Mid-Week Holy Communion Service Rev Andrew also reflected on the same Gospel Reading and this led us nicely into our Pastoral Care Meeting afterwards.

The interment of Betty Elders ashes took place at sea out of Brixham as was her wish on Monday 28th June. Speaking to Rev Andrew and her daughter Shona they said it was very special and they even saw dolphins and seals. Betty died on Easter Sunday 2020 and was unable to have a big funeral in our church but Shona hopes to have a memorial service for her soon.

Sunday 4th July was the first ever National Thankyou Day, a chance to say thanks to people who have made a difference during the Covid Pandemic. Rev Andrew also thanked all those people who help in the church and particularly the Working Party who had worked within and also outside in the churchyard on Saturday 3rd.

The theme of the Celtic Morning Prayer on Sunday 11th July was based on it being Sea Sunday. Stephen Bryant led this service and gave us some interesting facts relating to Sea Craft. Three recorded hymns associated with the sea were played and sung by choirs and to end the Service Marilyn Ellis played a lovely selection of Sea Music which had us all toe tapping

Marilyn Clark

Keeping things neat and tidy!

Although a reasonably long-term member of our community having moved here in 1997 and reasonably active member of our village, being involved with the Ipplepen Film Society. I wanted to introduce myself in my new role as the Eyes-On, Hands-On volunteer for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) honours the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars, ensuring they will never be forgotten. The CWGC maintains over 165,000 war graves at over 12,000 locations in the UK alone. A significant undertaking.



Ken Fraser 'Eyes-On'

To help make the most appropriate use of its valuable professional maintenance teams the CWGC launched its Eyes On, 'Hands On volunteers' scheme. By using volunteers to conduct visual inspections of war graves in their local area and provide simple cleaning, the CWGC's professional highly skilled maintenance teams can be used much more effectively on tasks better suited their skills set.

As an Eyes-On volunteer, I visit local cemeteries at the request of our CWGC Regional Coordinator and report back to the CWGC on the condition of any War Graves.

Additionally, as a Hands-On volunteer I have received further training to enable me to carry out certain maintenance tasks, such as trimming vegetation and cleaning the headstones.

Having served in Her Majesties Armed Forces, honouring those that have made the ultimate sacrifice is very important to me. Especially members of our local community with whom I feel an even stronger bond.

I wanted to thank Rev Down and Churchwarden Clive Tompkins for allowing me to join your monthly maintenance meeting at St. Andrew's for July. I also wanted to thank everyone else present at this maintenance day for making me feel most welcome. St. Andrew's is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers working for the benefit of our village. Thank you.

Ken Fraser

A view from the past

St. Andrew's, New Year's Day 1906

What is different now?



SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

come and enjoy

BLUES IN THE HALL

WITH

THE MUTTER SLATER BLUES BAND



8.00PM-10.30PM (DOORS OPEN 7.15PM)

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A view from Torbryan



I have recently been carrying out some research on local history in preparation for my next book of walks. During the course of this research I came across the fact that in the 13th century nearby Broadhempston was ruled over by a feudal baron, John I de Cantilupe. In those days, the village was called Hempton Cauntelow in honour of its ruler. This baron had quite extensive powers, including being able to inflict capital punishment upon those he ruled over. It got me thinking about how things might pan out if we had such draconian laws and rulers in place nowadays. Some common modern 'crimes' and their medieval punishments might be as follows:

- **Putting your bins out on the wrong day:** A relatively minor offence in the scheme of things, that might be put down to carelessness, or neglecting to be aware of the fact that a bank holiday had just taken place. Nevertheless, it despoileth the neighbourhood. Punishment: a night in the stocks.
- **Exceeding the 20mph speed limit in the village:** A more serious and dangerous crime that sets a bad example to others. Punishment: being pelted with rotten eggs by the other villagers, forsooth.
- **Inconsiderate parking:** Again, a vehicular based crime which doth frequently infuriate other persons in the village and might impede the passage of emergency vehicles. Punishment: a night in the local gaol cell.
- **Having a smoky bonfire in your garden on a sunny day when your neighbours have got their washing hanging out:** A serious misdemeanour punishable by something unpleasant involving thumb screws perchance.
- **Not picking up your dog mess:** A most heinous crime, one that de Cantilupe takes a very dim view of, and for which the liege would impose the ultimate punishment upon his unruly subjects!

Fortunately, we no longer have a feudal system where unelected officials can hand out random punishments. And also, it should be said that in the vast majority of cases villagers everywhere are considerate and look out for their neighbours.

Georgie Brendon

News from Woodland

St. John the
Baptist



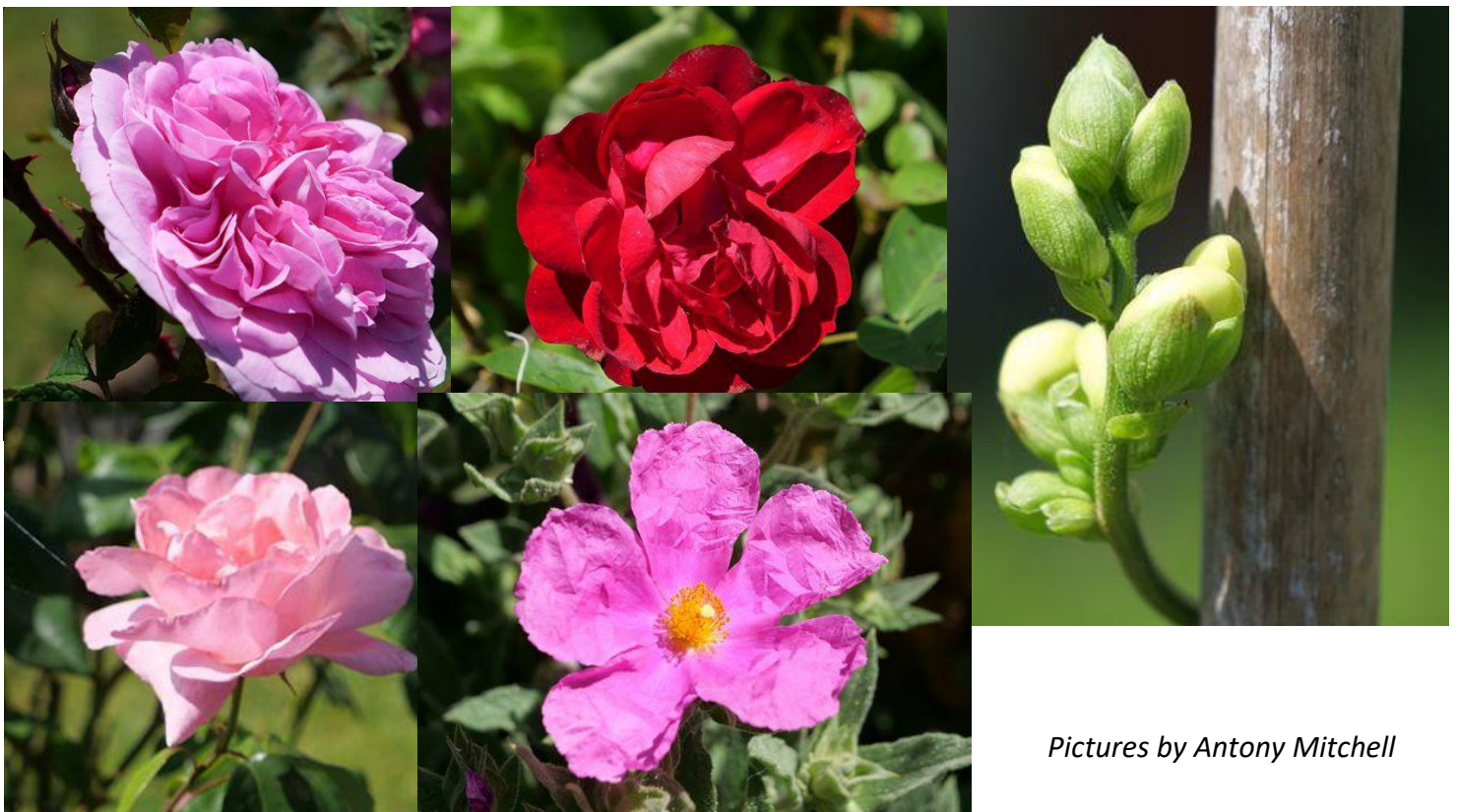
As I write, the so called “Freedom Day”, on which government Covid 19 restrictions are going to be dropped, is approaching and country wide opinion is still unsure whether this is good news or bad. Both locally and nationally many businesses have decided to maintain their precautions and the mood within our village,

overall, seems to be coming down on the side of caution at the moment with no plans as yet for any large scale village events.

A friend recently sent me some photos of her garden, of which she was justifiably proud, as the flowers looked magnificent. A period of wet and humid weather followed by our current spell of bright sunshine and soaring temperatures has certainly led to prolific plant growth throughout our parish, so much so that you can almost see the plants growing! Everyone I met whilst travelling our village lanes in that brief spell after the wet weather ended and before the temperatures rose seemed to be wielding a strimmer, lawn mower or hedge trimmer, trying to tidy up and cope with an excess of growth.

For our farmers the old saying “make hay while the sun shines” is certainly very true if you want good quality hay as it is best baled while the sun is actually shining on it. Tractors have been very busy this week in fields all over the parish cutting and turning grass for second cut silage or hay. It looks to be a heavy crop, which is much needed as the weather of the last two winters has left our farmers with very little in reserve. The cold spring coupled with the recent high humidity, however, means that the cereal crops are still a long way off harvesting as the grain is nowhere near dry enough to combine - however impatient our village farmers may be to get it harvested early and in the barn before the weather changes again!

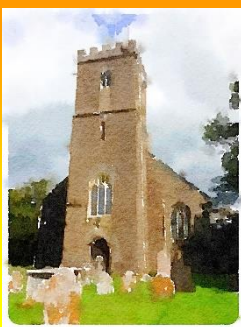
Helen Pearce



Pictures by Antony Mitchell

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



Service Plan - post lockdown

Our schedule of services at Broadhempston Church will continue with an offering of a Holy Communion service at 11 o'clock on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month; with a Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9.15am each Wednesday; and with Silent Prayer at the church at 9.15am on Fridays.

Services are also offered at the three other churches in our Mission Community and details can be viewed on www.missioncommunity.org.uk or on the Notice Board at the church.

Attendees to in-person services will be requested to wear masks until seated, to observe social distancing guidelines and to sanitise hands.

We hope to make the necessary arrangements over the next few weeks for the church to be opened daily. In the meantime, we will continue our existing pattern of opening Wednesdays and Sundays.

These arrangements will, of course, be kept under review in light of changing circumstance.

Maggie Sercombe, Broadhempston PCC Team (01803 813790)

Our Church Building - wider community use?

Our church building at Broadhempston is in need of quite significant renovation over the coming years. It is with this in mind that we, as a PCC at Broadhempston, have been considering how best we can utilise this fantastic, historic and spiritual place. We are aware of how valued this building is to our community and wider, but unfortunately this doesn't seem to translate to attendance at our fortnightly Sunday service.

We have also been learning from the past year and the zoom services many of us at Broadhempston have been attending. The communal, facing each other, sharing aspect of zoom has been something many of us have really valued and we are wondering if we can translate this to the physical space of our church.

We therefore have considered whether our pews inhibit this exploration, both in a different type of service, and also in our desire to see the building being used more by the community. Are the days of sitting in pews, like an audience, enraptured by spirited rhetoric passing? What impression do the lines of pews give to our community? Is it inclusive and welcoming?

We are very much on a journey. With a wedding and funeral request this month we are very aware that at least once or twice in your lifetime (!) a traditional church is required. Challenges and wrong turns lie ahead. We want to take the church and our village with us on this path. We would very much welcome any feedback or thoughts you have in respect to this.

I hope & pray that we will continue to have a church at the centre of our village (mind, body and spirit) for many more years to come.

Paul Russell, Broadhempston PCC Team (01803 762928)

News from Broadhempston - continued

Silent Prayer - an invitation

As mentioned in Andrew's article on the ancient Christian tradition of Silent Prayer, Broadhempston church is hosting these sessions of meditation and prayer each Friday morning at 9.15am. The church is beautifully silent and peaceful at this time. All are very welcome if only to come and sit quietly and enjoy the peace.

Chris Parker, Broadhempston PCC Team (01803 762543)

Broad Harmony Choir is singing again!

With the easing of lockdown, we have decided to cautiously restart choir practices again. We have a few pencilled in dates to perform later in the year, so thought we'd better get rehearsing...

All are welcome, no experience of group singing or reading music is necessary. We are a very welcoming cadre of people who enjoy singing in a group; many of us had little experience with being in a choir prior to joining, but the fun and camaraderie always leaves us with big smiles at the end of the evening - come and experience this for yourself! We sing a wide variety of music based on themes for upcoming performances.

Where and when:

Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Broadhempston

Thursday evenings from 22nd July, 19.30 start

A suggested £2/practice donation towards the use of the church is gratefully received.

In line with government guidance, we have implemented some suggestions to maintain social distancing and minimise risk. We are asking people to maintain their bubbles, and space seating out once in the church. The wearing of masks when arriving and leaving is advised. We are also suggesting members take advantage of the lateral flow tests that are available to the public to test on the Wednesday or Thursday prior to practice.

If you're interested then please feel free to contact myself at: afp01@hotmail.co.uk, and I would be delighted to offer more information and forward you a link to the music we are currently rehearsing from.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Alex Paton, Broad Harmony Choir (01803 812021)

Pastoral Care - work in progress

Our PCC has been discussing how best to respond to the pastoral care needs in our parish. Generally, it is felt that, in the context of a small village community, most care needs are well catered for by neighbours, friends and family. The one area where the church community might play a useful role could be in welcoming newcomers to the village and introducing ourselves perhaps with a small gift together with information on the church and other facilities in the village. Your comments and suggestions would be most welcome.

Jo Winsor, Broadhempston PCC Team (tel. 01803 812080)

News from Broadhempston - continued

Wedding at Broadhempston Church



Hannah and Ashley

What a treat, our church doors open wide again for a lovely local wedding. Flowers in the porch, the organ playing and Julia skilfully playing the carillon of bells.

The groom, Ashley Harvey from Woodland was very lucky to have four generations of the long established Harvey family there to share his marriage to Hannah from Plymouth.

Hannah arrived with her five bridesmaids in two of the longest white and silver vintage American cars I have ever seen, certainly not easy to manoeuvre around our lanes.

It was a lovely occasion for them and us after a long and difficult year.

Pam Perriman (01803 812986)

The Poor Artisan.

*In days of old along a dusty
dirt track
A skilled Artisan made his
way up to a Church that stood
on the edge of a cliff.
The newly laid stones
glistened in the sunlight as he
approached the large oak
door.
On entering the Church with
his tools in his blistered
hands, he fell to his knees, and
a solitary coin fell from his
torn
tunic, spinning, spinning.
He looked up and there in the
face of Christ depicted in a
stained glass window
He heard the voice of
Christ say,*

*Your hands are blistered
in your service to
me, mine are pierced in
my service to you.
Your tunic is dusty
and torn
My tunic they stripped it
from me.
I too climbed a hill with
sweat on my brow, salt
tears all mingled with
blood
It was my greatest task, to
save humanity for there
was no other way.
Arise now, go carve a
cross, set it on the altar
for all to see.
When people enter
this Church
I want them to see the
stained glass, the cross the
font,
But most of all I want
them to know that I love
them.
The question is will they
love me in return.....
WjVowden. ©*

Wendy Vowden is a member of Ipplepen Methodist Church. Thank you Wendy for sending this in.

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



We do finally appear to be on the brink of being able to dispense with many of the restrictions to our normal daily activities which we have all lived with for such a long period. Exactly how the lifting of restrictions will affect our normal church service routine is still currently under review but a

return to 'normality' does now appear to be much closer.

If we are permitted, it will be great to be able to meet up with our friends socially after the services for a chat and to exchange views. This contact is so important to us all, particularly those who live at home or who have had to spend long periods in isolation and has been much missed over the months. Social events which are so vital to the church both for the fellowship they bring and also the financial input might also be back on the agendas in the not too distant future. We can but hope.

The current spell of warm weather allowed our midweek service to be held outside this week which is not only very pleasant but also allows us to feel close to nature in all its glory. We are lucky that our churchyard is managed to avoid cutting and pruning in large areas allowing the wild flowers and wildlife to flourish.

The Bell Restoration project is now hopefully moving into its final stages. The builders are now at work in the tower installing an extra steel beam to support the bellframe needed as we will have an extra (6th) bell. Once this job and some smaller tasks are completed it is anticipated the refurbished and enlarged peal will be rehung by the end of summer/early autumn. This is eagerly anticipated by the ringers as it feels that the bells have been silent for a long time and it will be great to hear them again.

The continuing support and enthusiasm for the project shown by so many within the local community has been absolutely fantastic throughout the 7 long years since the appeal was launched and a real inspiration to all connected to the bell restoration.

Once the bells are in place, we will look at establishing a small museum on the ground floor detailing aspects of the church's long history. A project for the winter perhaps.

We look forward positively and hope that by the date of the next Beacon many of the aspects of our normal church life will have been restored.

Mike Bray



Recipe for the summer months – Tuna Fish Roll

This month's recipe from Deidre Morris is ideal for a picnic. Do you have a favourite recipe to share? - if so, send it to us!

Ingredients

- Small packet puff pastry (fresh, frozen or chilled)
- 1 onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 can of tuna, drained
- Small packet of frozen mixed vegetables (peas, carrots, green beans, sweet peppers, sweet corn)
- 1 beaten egg
- 6oz/175g grated mild cheese (Edam, Double Gloucester)
- Seasoning

Method

- The pastry should be cool from the fridge, but not frozen.
Roll it out into an oblong, rolling it thin.
Leave the pastry to rest while you prepare the filling.
- Sauté the onion in a little butter or oil until soft. Allow to cool.
- Put the mixed vegetables into boiling water, return to the boil, drain and rinse in cold water. Allow to cool.
- In a bowl thoroughly mix the onion, vegetables, flaked tuna, seasoning, most of the egg and 4oz of cheese.
- Spread the mixture evenly over the pastry, to within 2 cms of the edge.
- Damp the edges of the pastry with cold water, roll up, swiss roll style, from the long side and seal the edges well. Lift the roll carefully onto a dampened baking sheet and form into a circle or horseshoe.
- Using a sharp knife, cut deeply across the roll at 2-3 cm intervals. Brush with egg and bake in the centre of a 220C/425F/gas mark 7 oven for 15 minutes.
- Remove, sprinkle with the remaining 2oz of cheese and return to a 190C/375F/gas mark 5 oven for 30 minutes, or until golden brown and cooked through.
- Serve hot, with extra vegetables, or cold with salad.

It slices for a buffet or picnic and also freezes well.

An evening with Paula Gooder

Here are three articles reflecting on the recent Zoom meeting with Paula Gooder. It is available to view on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuYqJr3ZEKw>

As a suggested Lent activity, a number of us read the book “Phoebe” by Paula Gooder. Most found the book interesting and enjoyable, but it also raised a number of questions. So, we contacted the author and in June we were fortunate to be given the opportunity to hear her speak about writing the book and for her to answer some of our questions. It was a real privilege to have this very busy and distinguished theologian join our small group as she often speaks to very large audiences. All this was made possible by Zoom as Paula did not have to travel and could join us from the comfort of her study.

After introductions people were able to share with Paula what they thought as they had read the book, in the same way you would if you have ever gone to a Book Club. Various common themes had resonated with many of us. These included slavery and the exploitation of women, and how these are still prevalent in our society today although maybe in more subtle forms.

Paula told us that, as a biblical scholar, she wanted to appeal to as wide an audience as possible, especially those who would not automatically read a large academic tome on Pauline theology. She had hoped that through her imagination and storytelling people would engage with Paul’s letter to the Romans and that it would bring it to life in a more easily accessible form than a traditional bible study. She chose to write about the letter to the Romans instead of one of his other letters because there is a lot of historical information known about Rome and the life of its people at the time. As a result, it was possible to give the story a real sense of what life may have been like for the different characters. She chose Phoebe as her main character as she is drawn to the women in the New Testament, and had always been intrigued about who she was. Phoebe is only mentioned in a couple of verses towards the end of Paul’s letter but it gives some tantalising information about her. She also reminded us that Paul was passionate about what he believed so people would react to him, some favourably but not all, as was illustrated in her book by some of the conversations between her characters. Paul is still seen by many as a controversial character today. Paula revealed that she is writing another fiction book, but this time her main character will be Lydia who is mentioned in Acts as a woman from Thyatira who sold purple cloth.

In our remaining time we were invited to talk to Paula about more general topics, which included themes as diverse as the division within the churches at the time of Paul and today, the importance of storytelling and engaging with people (Jesus himself did this by using the parables), and what Paul and the first century church has to teach the church today and in the future. When asked what order Paula would advise reading the letters she suggested to read them in chronological order, but bearing in mind the context of what was happening within the Roman Empire at the time, which was a time of uncertainty and change, as we are experiencing today.

I think everyone who came along gained something from the session and really appreciated Paula giving her time so generously and sharing her knowledge and understanding, but also from her talent of communicating this to others. I certainly did and I look forward to reading her next book when it is published sometime towards the end of the year.



Hillarie Griggs

Paula Gooder - continued

Paula Gooder, Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, Lecturer in Biblical Studies and author of the novel *Phoebe* met on Zoom with a

group of about twenty of us from the Beacon parishes, as well as Methodist and Catholic friends.

Rachel Belringer's brilliant management of the technical aspects of our hour with Paula, and Hillarie Griggs' chairing of the debate ensured our time was well spent.

It was a privilege to listen to and learn from Paula who had always enjoyed story telling from a young age. As a Pauline scholar she has combined in "*Phoebe*" her extensive knowledge of Paul's letter to the Romans with the aim of sharing that knowledge with the reader in a manner that is more easily accessible.

Phoebe enabled us to consider further aspects of our lent course. Slavery; Community/worship; regret and forgiveness, and the needs of our community were the themes of that course and are dominant features of the story of Phoebe.

Sometime around 56 AD the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome and chose Phoebe, a little known deacon of the early church, to deliver it. Much is known about the Roman Empire, the context of Paul's letter and Paula gave us an insight, in *Phoebe*, into what it was like to live in that time.

We shared with Paula what we found affirming in the book. There were many aspects relevant in the establishment of early Christianity that remain pertinent now. I was aware when reading the novel of the similarities as well as differences in our freedom to worship as we choose to and a number of us felt encouraged to read more of Paul's letter to the Romans. Phoebe worked out that true freedom is to love and be loved (page 84).

The challenges of having a Christian faith were also discussed briefly and for me chapter 12 was most enlightening.

When we read the letters of Paul, we do not find people's responses to Paul. The novel gives us Paula's insight into how Paul was viewed.

Phoebe's back story was of slavery, regarded as "normal" and linked to adoption and inheritance in AD 56 and our history of slavery and indeed the horrors of modern slavery were noted in our debate.

As a highly renowned New Testament scholar, Paula was able to recommend the order in which we could learn most from Paul's letters. She suggested we begin with Thessalonians, which covers a tumultuous period of history in the Roman Empire; followed by Corinthians, Romans and then Philippians.

I am encouraged to read Paula's next book on Lydia in Acts 16 which will be published in September and inspired to learn more about Paul and how his beliefs and actions have formed the basis of the Christian church. It was a privilege to meet with Paula.

Ann Holroyd

Sheila Sheldon also wrote some thoughts:

"It was wonderful to have the opportunity to see and speak to Paula, and to share views and thoughts whilst 'zooming' with others. I was very struck by the idea of our Church community today and moving forward, replicating something of the 'Church' portrayed in the book (i.e. 1st century).

"A group of people gathering in a house, some of whom had travelled a long way, and being very free to share their views, thoughts and ideas. Disagreeing on occasion, never losing sight that all the discussion was in love and praise to God. These gatherings would often be quite rowdy, however, very honest, and everyone was listened to.

"The concept of slavery was present throughout the story of Phoebe, (who had been a slave herself). A reminder to be aware of slavery in today's society and the gender inequality issues that still exist today."

Why sing?

With the lifting of restrictions, comes the joyous expectation of being able to sing together again in Church. In response, Andrew sparked a conversation between various ‘musical types’ in the Mission Community on the importance of singing in worship. You’ll not be surprised to learn that we ALL thought it was a Good Thing, but the general response to various musical experiences – cantor/ solo singing...the wonderful Youth choir videos during lockdown...loving singing together in the churchyard – suggests we are not alone in thinking this.

We all agreed on the fundamental elements of singing together, but it was intriguing to note the slightly different aspects emphasised by each contributor. For Andrew it was the learning elements, for Jo Innes-Lumsden it was the actual and spiritual harmony, for Marilyn Ellis the joy of creating synergy between player and singers, for Tom Morris the physical and neurological benefits and for me the sense of community. Michael Roberts has submitted a wonderful personal reflection on what music means to him – with examples! - which I don’t propose to meddle with. I’m hoping the Editor will find room to print it in its entirety....

So here, in no particular order, are our collective thoughts on why you should sing out in Church – even if you only mumble!!

- Singing is good for you! Increased oxygen intake, better posture, improved focus.
- Singing is good for you! Neuroscience confirms the “high” you feel as increased levels of happy hormone Oxytocin, associated with empathy, trust, and relationship building. Singing, hugging and chocolate all have this effect – though claiming singing as a slimming aid is pushing it!
- Singing is the ultimate social “glue”. People who sing together (and not just choirs) feel the harmony and awareness of community and surroundings at the deepest level (and, weirdly, it continues to work even on Zoom!)
- Singing enables worship. We’re joining in, taking part, doing our bit...
- Singing enables worship. Music, especially singing, goes directly to the emotions without reference to the intellect. We gain emotional release and spiritual comfort with direct access to the soul’s expression of praise...joy...reflection...grief...love...
- Singing enables worship, especially if you have organist and choir enriching the music experience, leading the hymns and extending the repertoire.
- Singing assists learning. You remember the theology you sing – reinforcing the Gospel message, and going with you into the following week when you find yourself singing the hymn in the shower/ car/ office (?!).
- Singing well known hymns provides familiarity, reassurance and continuity in the church family. And is the reason so many people come to sing carols at Christmas!
- Singing in church provides the opportunity, without judgement or competition, to sing your heart out in public. And the more you do it, the better you’ll get! Nobody ever learned to sing by not singing!!

I am a singer. For me a good choral experience is the nearest you can get to flying without mechanical aids. But, if you feel less confident, just remember the Psalmist’s words:

“Make a joyful *noise* to the Lord...come into his presence with singing” (Psalm 100)

Rachel Belringer and others

Nature watch – Trees!

By Fran Hamilton

New neighbours move in and immediately cut down a magnificent silver birch and create a drive with non-porous material. I am mad! I love trees. What's all the fuss about?

Let's start at the bottom, below the surface of the soil. Maybe you have noticed white threads on old rotting wood. These are called mycorrhizal fungi and absorb nutrients and minerals in the soil and transport them from one plant or tree to another, often over huge areas. In this way they extend the roots of any plant. Nearly all plants (including vegetables) are dependent on mycorrhizal fungi for their thriving and survival. You can read about the astonishing abilities of underground fungal networks in Merlin Sheldrake's book 'Entangled Life'.

Still at ground level, trees absorb water and hold it, thus regulating the flow that any heavy rain brings. Once a tree has been removed, soil erosion can result from the removal of the many roots that anchored it in the soil.

Above the ground, the water the trees have absorbed is drawn up and eventually expelled via the branches and leaves. This cools the air, which brings increasing benefits as extreme weather becomes the norm due to climate change. One large oak tree is capable of transpiring 40,000 gallons of water into the atmosphere each year. Strategically planted deciduous trees can cool a building in the hotter months, and then allow the warming sun into our homes during the winter months. Trees can also protect buildings from the wind.

Another key benefit of trees is the reduction in pollutants as a result of the leaves absorbing particles. Researchers from the US Forest Service have calculated that trees in the US remove over 17 million tonnes of air pollution each year, saving at least 850 lives that would otherwise be lost through acute respiratory illness. No doubt the UK will also have a high figure.

Trees are also a vital habitat for wildlife. Tree cavities provide nest and roost sites for birds and bats. In Europe, an estimated 30% of forest-dwelling birds use tree cavities, and it is well known that the availability of cavities "in number and type" is a limiting factor of bird-population size. We quietly acknowledge the lack of tree cavities in our landscape every time we put up a nest or bat-box. The research, however, is starting to suggest that these boxes are not adequate replacements for natural hollows and cavities. Trees have more stable microclimates than boxes, buffering against temperature fluctuations.

Even a dead tree is valuable for wildlife. Springtails, mites, beetles, flies and parasitoid wasps are particularly likely to use dead trees, but it isn't unusual to find the humble earthworm living metres-high in a tree cavity.

So besides not cutting down a perfectly healthy tree what can we do? Tree cover in Devon is only 11.8% - slightly less than the national average. Surprisingly, Camden and Croydon feature among the top 20 places in England and Wales with the most tree cover, while largely rural areas like the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales have the least.

But before rushing out to plant a tree it's worth doing some research on which tree to plant. You need the right tree in the right place. Getting it wrong can do more harm than good. The Woodland Trust has lots of information on its website, including an A-Z of British trees and a tree ID app, plus tips on how to choose a tree and where to plant it.

Planting trees is often promoted as a way of offsetting our carbon emissions, but such schemes can be little more than greenwash. In many cases the trees would have been planted anyway. Reducing emissions in the first place is always the better option.

So be alert to the sound of the chainsaw; trees are really precious and need all the help we can give them for all our sakes.

Fran Hamilton is a member of Action on Climate in Teignbridge

Nature events in August – creatures great and small

With fewer opportunities for overseas holidays this year, many of us will be visiting the UK's beaches and shorelines and so what better time could The Wildlife Trust choose than to have its annual **National Marine Week** from 25th July to 9th August. Despite its name, it lasts for 15 days to allow for variations in tide times around the country, so you need to bear that in mind when planning your visits. There is a lot of information to help you on: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/get-involved/campaign/national-marine-week> where the trust says they are particularly interested in sightings of Pacific oyster, wireweed, slipper limpet, Chinese mitten crab, oarweed, snakelock anemone, stalked jellyfish, shore crab, beadlet anemone and common limpet, but feel free to report any other sightings as well.

August is also a month to celebrate several other creatures, great and small:

The 4th August should be a hoot as the International **Owl** Awareness Day is being celebrated around the UK at bird sanctuaries, wildlife parks and even book sellers who are suggesting you spend the day reading a wide selection of owl-centred stories! Four days later on the 8th **cats** take centre stage, while on the 24th **dogs** get their turn. If larger animals are your love, then look out for **lions** on 10th August, **elephants** on the 17th and **orangutans** on the 19th!

For most animal lovers, however, 22nd August is perhaps the most important day of the month because it is when The International Society for Animal Rights is holding its annual '**Homeless Animals Day**'. This special day was introduced to spread awareness about pet overpopulation and the society's meaningful work which includes saving the lives of millions of animals around the world.

To round off a month of animal celebrations the 'night owls' among us can sit up all night long on 28th-29th August and take part in the International **Bat** Night. This annual night out started in 1997 and if you want get involved go to www.eurobats.org/international_bat_night

Insults with class

- "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."-- *Winston Churchill*
- "A modest little person, with much to be modest about."-- *Winston Churchill*
- "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."-- *Clarence Darrow*
- "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."-- *Mark Twain*
- "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." -- *Oscar Wilde*

The Archbishop of Canterbury 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.



Feniton



Patteson's Cross

The 12-mile Patteson's Way is a joint initiative between the Melanesian Mission (MMUK) of which Archbishop Justin Welby is President, local school children and the Diocese of Exeter.

This year marks 150 years since Patteson, who grew up in Feniton in East Devon, was killed for his faith in 1871, after travelling from Devon to Melanesia as a Christian missionary in 1855.

The Diocese of Exeter is linked with the Anglican Province of Melanesia which covers the South Pacific nations of the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia.

Today Christians in the islands revere Patteson as a martyr and many regard his family home and churches in Devon as places of pilgrimage.

The Right Reverend Mark Rylands, an assistant bishop in the Diocese of Exeter and Chair of MMUK, said *"The Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to Devon is a wonderful tribute to the witness and ministry of a great missionary."*

"150 years ago, Patteson's endeavours helped to birth a Melanesian Church that is numerically and spiritually vibrant today. Now, they are ready, willing and able to help us in the UK to renew our Christian faith and tread more lightly upon the earth."

The new circular pilgrimage route begins and ends at St. Andrew's Church in Feniton. It also includes St. James and St. Anne, Alfington, where Patteson was first a priest, St. Mary's, Ottery St. Mary, which has a Melanesian Chapel, and Patteson's Cross, a memorial sited where Patteson left Devon by stagecoach on his journey to Melanesia.

During his visit on 18th September, Archbishop Justin will do part of the walk with local families before preaching at a special service at Exeter Cathedral.

Katie Drew, MMUK's Executive Officer, said *"The legacy of Patteson lives on, not only in Melanesia, but in Devon. So many of his values and concerns speak to us today – hidden slavery, black lives matter and care of the environment."*

"We hope this new pilgrimage route will enable people to reflect on Patteson's life, mission and courage, and bring a little bit of Melanesia to walkers in the beautiful East Devon Countryside."

The Reverend David Carrington, vicar of St. Andrew's, Feniton, said *"I am sure Bishop Patteson could not have imagined what would grow from his missionary work. He simply followed his calling and sowed in faith and love."*

MMUK, which is based in Devon, also works to highlight the effects of climate change in Melanesia, where some islands are already succumbing to rising sea levels.

Mark Rylands said the Melanesia link was an opportunity for Christians in the UK to make a difference in the fight against climate change *"We, in MMUK, do all we can to help the people of Melanesia with disaster relief funding, resourcing vital research and facing the impact of global warming. We are a family 10,000 miles apart – brothers and sisters in Christ supporting one another."*

For more information on MMUK visit <http://www.mmuk.net/>

Pastoral Care Review



What brilliant care and support has been given during the lockdown restrictions by our pastoral care teams in the Beacon parishes particularly to those who have been shielding as well as to the lonely, the sick, or bereaved, anxious or sad.

Pastoral Care is an integral part of our commitment to continuing to create an environment which is safe and nurturing. It follows the example of the Good Shepherd and embodies the values and approaches of how the church aims to care for people.

As restrictions are reduced, it is a good time to review our practice in the Mission Community. We are able to explore how this important work can develop, making best use of people's considerable skills, experience and expertise.

We aim to develop a co-ordinated response to pastoral care throughout the Mission Community so that:

- Best practice can be celebrated.
- Each church is able to develop its practice according to its individual community need based on the principles agreed in the Mission Community as a whole.
- All care provided on behalf of the church is compliant with safeguarding procedures as set out by the House of Bishops.
- All volunteers providing care, in whatever form, feel supported.

In this early stage of a review, those currently involved in carrying out this important work will be consulted in their parish meetings to: identify the many ways in which support is currently given, listen to the ideas for growth and acknowledge any difficulties or concerns that are presented.

It is hoped many will contribute to this review.

Andrew

The All-seeing Eye - or perhaps a parallel universe

The Church of England takes safeguarding seriously. Following an inquiry into the case of Bishop Peter Ball in 2017 it was recommended that there should be a national register of clergy.

To many people's surprise it became apparent that there was no record of who had Permission to Officiate (PTO).

So four years later the Church has launched a new personnel tool called the People System.

According to Private Eye magazine legislation was enacted requiring all clergy to enter their information on an on-line database by last March. They go on to point out that it was the first time in history that C of E clergy have been asked to say what religion they belong to. A drop-down box offers options including Jewish, Sikh, Hindu, Christian (Anglican), Christian (other). As the magazine says perhaps the most Anglican of all is the final option "Prefer not to say".

Stephen Bryant

What has the office ever done for us?

Andrew reflects on how the church office has helped us:

The office has now been open for just over two years. This has signalled an important development in the life of the Beacon Parishes Mission Community. So what has happened over this time and what work and support does the office give?



Andrew and Caren in the Office

The early days

In the beginning the office 'formless and void' and so Caren spent most of her time creating. There were filing systems to set up, both physically and on the computer, letterheads to produce, spreadsheets and logs to create and generally getting me organised. The challenge of this time was us all transitioning from old ways of working to the new. For example: how baptisms, weddings and funerals were administered.

During the pandemic

The office really came into its own when the physical office was closed due to the pandemic and I was off work for a period. This illustrates that the key part of the office is Caren. Work during this time was about keeping us connected as a community. In practical terms this meant putting together postal lists and emails lists of contacts, developing a weekly email for readings, reflections and information about television and radio broadcasts, updating the website and ensuring all the practical items related to COVID security were available in each parish for example, posters and hand gel.

A huge piece of work was the support that Caren offered around funerals when the churches were closed and the support she offered to wedding couples during this time. It is not an underestimation to say that Caren's work and role were essential to us journeying well as a community through this period and being able to offer support to our wider community.

The office today

Whilst continuing to develop, thankfully office life has settled into an established pattern. Alongside supporting me in my role, there is the weekly notice sheet to put together and produce, wedding funeral and baptism administration to do, providing information to the Editors of the monthly magazines, administrative support to church wardens and other church officers and a big piece of work at the current time is providing administrative support for safeguarding checks for our volunteers. Very importantly the office functions as a central point of contact and enquiry for the Mission Community where people can seek advice and information and be signposted to the right place.

So what now?

We are in the process revamping the physical office. Decoration has already happened and very soon Tom Hooker will be coming to help with sound proofing so that yoga in the Church Hall doesn't need to be disturbed by the telephone!

The Office - continued

So what has the office done for us? This is what people say about Caren and the office:

"How did we ever survive without her before? Incredibly valuable. Specific thanks for sorting out the gravestone issue at Broadhempston"
Paul Russell Churchwarden at Broadhempston

"Caren is a very positive and joyful person, greeting all questions and queries with a smile and great patience. Especially my questions around technology, and she has been so very helpful with completing the DBS process! Thank you, Caren".
Sheila Sheldon, Churchwarden at Ipplepen

"Caren is always warm and welcoming on the phone and in receiving me in the office. She has been quick to adapt to the demands of a wide range of tasks including the safeguarding checks. I am very grateful to Caren for all that she does and am sure that she is a loyal personal assistant to Andrew."
Ann Holroyd, Beacon Parishes Safeguarding Advocate

"The best decision the Beacon Mission Community ever made. The position to support the administrative detail of the work of the Community, freeing Andrew to focus of worship and pastoral care. Which is as it should be. And the person who, in her cheerful and reliable persona, unfailingly greases the wheels of our Mission enterprise. A winning combination!"
Rachel Belringer, PCC Member at Denbury

"I think that Caren/ the office has become a very important cog in the wheel of the Beacon Mission Community. Personally, I'm very grateful for her organising and communication skills"
Steve Bassett, Churchwarden at Denbury

It's only flock and roll.....

"To become a bishop in the past it helped to be a strong theologian, and have decent Latin and look good in purple. Now you need to be Mick Jagger in a chasuble.

The Diocese of Rochester is looking to appoint a new bishop and is canvassing public opinion. In a video for those who might "feel puzzled by church talk", Simon Burton-Jones, Bishop of Tonbridge, explains that the ideal candidate is "basically the lead singer in a rock band" since the job involves being "visible and performative" and bringing others along.

Jagger would be a good local choice, having grown up in Dartford, though *Sympathy for the Devil* might count against him and he may prefer something stronger than incense. I wonder if the Catholic Church will follow this populist route and call its next conclave 'Pope Idol'."

Patrick Kidd - The Times 9/06/21

Confirmation Day – some personal reflections



Bishop Robert with Hillarie, the Confirmation candidates and Andrew after the service

I recently was confirmed, something that finally I was able to consider at the ripe old age of 59! What a lovely afternoon. We gathered outside Exeter Cathedral. It has been a while since my last visit and its splendour didn't disappoint. I had until now never actually been inside though. The setting is lovely and that afternoon the grassy banks were filled with people sitting and enjoying the afternoon sun (I think one of the few sunny days we had had all year). A mobile coffee van provided refreshments and a welcoming seating area whilst we waited for the rehearsal. Yes! we had a much needed hour rehearsal beforehand! This gave me a chance to have a good look inside as well as familiarising myself with the proceedings - when to stand, when to sit, remove mask etc. Seating 'bubbles' were provided for friends and families and actually this made for a less formal occasion - which suited me. Shaded in the cathedral it felt cool but still very light and the atmosphere was very relaxed with the organisers, Andrew and the Bishop, The Right Reverend Robert Atwell, putting us at ease.

The actual ceremony for me was lovely (the rehearsal certainly reduced my nerves) - 16 candidates in all were confirmed (6 from our parishes who were presented by Andrew) and in addition one baptism. Despite restrictions a small choir was able to sing and hymns were dispersed between readings, prayers and Holy Communion. We then made our promises in our small groups at the altar. Candles were given at the end and lit to reaffirm our baptism and with these we walked out of the church followed by friends and family. Once at the door the flame from the candle was extinguished by the outside air but the bright sunny afternoon certainly was a fitting replacement. Photos outside the cathedral were taken and there seemed a lovely friendly buzz and sense of occasion as people chatted with friends and family watched by - I think a few puzzled sitters on the grass. It was a lovely day now treasured by me and I hope by all the other participants, their friends, and their families. Thank you to all who made it very special and in particular Andrew for enabling this to happen for me. A very special occasion indeed.

Jo Winser, Broadhempston

Confirmation Day – continued

A few weeks ago, my sister Isabelle and I, along with some other people from the church, were confirmed. The pandemic made preparing for it more challenging, but we had a series of Zoom meetings with Reverend Andrew and Hillarie to talk about our religious beliefs. We thought about it as a stage in our journey, and so we felt we were ready to be confirmed.

Although numbers were very limited, we invited a few family members, and then sat masked and socially distanced in Exeter Cathedral. It was very calm in the Cathedral as it was cool and peaceful, a nice change from the hot busyness of the city outside.

During the Service Bishop Robert spoke about being thankful in life rather than seeking to have more all the time. The music was beautiful, and when our names were called we went up to the front in small groups. The Bishop confirmed us and it felt very exciting, especially as we hadn't been able to take part in many church services or special events during the pandemic.

After the Confirmation, we went outside into warm sunshine to take photos and thank the Bishop. We were also very thankful that some of our family whom we had not seen for many months had been able to travel down for the afternoon to join us, and others managed to watch the live stream that was being recorded during the event, including a cousin in Australia.

Overall, we had a lovely day, and are very grateful to Reverend Andrew, and all the people who helped us through our journey, and for the chance to be confirmed in Exeter Cathedral.

Emily Hunt

Isn't nature wonderful!

We are told that the laws of nature are unchanging and reliable.

We can be certain that the heavenly bodies will come and go with precision, that the tides will rise and fall when expected and that the sun will come up in the morning and set at night at a precise time.

Each year I mean to write this small article, because the laws of nature are far from precise in the plant and animal kingdom and seemingly perverse. Every year, for a great many years, I have grown runner beans. Every year each bean has tried to climb another bean's support. Very few beans want to go up the stick or wire meant for them - they all seem to be as awkward as possible and climb a support some distance away from their allotted one.

This perversity seems to be everywhere in nature. The sheep in our field, with several acres of sweet grass, choose to climb the hedges to eat leaves off the bushes. Not only that, after a few days, still with plenty of sweet grass, they try hard to get over the hedges and into the road if they can. Some of you will remember the late Victor Elliot's funeral in Ipplepen - the packed church, the foxhounds coming in and the huntsman playing "Gone Away" on his horn. But the last words of the funeral oration were quite simple - "Wherever Victor is now, his sheep will be in somebody else's field". I think that sums up the situation perfectly.

And perversity is widespread in human nature. We all seem to want what someone else has got. Sidestepping the lives of prominent politicians, what does advertising do? It generally relies on exciting a need for something we don't have - to make us feel better about ourselves, or even to make someone else envious. Rarely do we actually need what is advertised. Like the runner beans, we are conditioned to be needlessly different. At the back of Ipplepen church are the ten commandments, and the tenth covers all this. It is just a pity that runner beans and sheep can't read!

Stephen Bryant

The Seed Shop by Muriel Stuart

Recently, while reading Mark's Gospel, I found myself reflecting on the parables of the sower and the mustard seed and was reminded of the following poem, which I'd like to share with you:



Here in a quiet and dusty room they lie,
Faded as crumbled stone and shifting sand,
Forlorn as ashes, shrivelled, scentless, dry -
Meadows and gardens running through my hand.

Dead that shall quicken at the voice of spring,
Sleepers to wake beneath June's tempest kiss;
Though birds pass over, unremembering,
And no bee find here roses that were his.

In this brown husk a dale of hawthorn dreams;
A cedar in this narrow cell is thrust,
That shall drink deeply at a century's streams;
These lilies shall make summer on my dust.

Here in their safe and simple house of death,
Sealed in their shells, a million roses leap;
Here I can stir a garden with my breath,
And in my hand a forest lies asleep.

In the poem, Muriel Stuart shares about the hidden potential of seeds. In their current state, they look like lifeless stones, but an entire garden and forest rests inside of them when they are planted. The same could be said about people. When we don't embrace our purpose to fulfil and contribute to God's wonderful creation, we are no better than unplanted seeds. But once we allow our gifts and talents to be used, we create beauty for others to enjoy.

We exist solely because God deemed it should be so; and we are assured by the death and resurrection of Jesus that at God's will the 'dead that shall quicken at the voice of Spring...' will awake, born to new life just as the seeds in their 'safe and simple house of death...' are scattered to blossom and mature into the fullness of life.

I commend the image of God as the gardener and us the seeds to you.

Perhaps you have an observation on this poem or, perhaps, a favourite of your own that you would like to share?

Steve Bassett

It's a Man's World?

In our third Compline service this Lent, the introduction was:

All too often, even today, we hear the comment "It's a man's world" and despite all efforts of recent years, there is still some truth in that remark. Yet if that is so today, it was even more in the time of Jesus.

There followed a meditation about the anonymous Syrophonecian woman in Mark 7:24-30. (At least Phoebe gets her name mentioned in the Bible, even if only in one verse).

Yes, in Biblical times it was a man's world and men are central to much of the bible, but---- they often fail in some way, and the women don't. There are of course a few exceptions, but the men often come off badly.

At the beginning there is Adam. Over the years men have blamed Eve for what went wrong - she took the first bite of the apple - but when God saw what was happening he didn't go to Eve for an explanation- he went to Adam. Adam was the "responsible adult", he was the one in charge of the garden, he could see what was going on (it was hardly crowded) - And what did he do? He immediately passed the blame onto Eve saying "she made me do it". You have to agree that Adam failed as much or more than Eve.

At the other end of the bible we have the crucifixion story. Not only did the men fail badly, but their names have come down to us as people who were seriously at fault. Think of Judas Iscariot, Pontius Pilate, Herod Antipas and the high priest Caiaphas. And the disciples fell asleep in the garden, Peter denied Jesus, and later on Thomas doubted. All men - and they did not have much to be proud of. Yes, and it was women who took the risk of going to the tomb on Easter day, and it was Pilate's wife who tried to make her husband "man up".

The same story goes all through the Bible. Moses was found in the bullrushes and cared for by women (including his mother). Why? Because a man, the Pharaoh Ramses the 2nd, had given orders that all Jewish boys were to be drowned at birth. And when Jesus was born another man, Herod the Great, had all male children in Bethlehem killed if they were under two years old.

One more example of many is Balthazaar, Nebuchadnezzar's son. Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed the temple in Jerusalem and looted the sacred gold and silver vessels and utensils. Balthazaar gave a huge feast for a thousand grandees. Carried away with the occasion he started to show off. He decided to use the gold and silver vessels stolen from the temple to drink from. Suddenly during the feast they were all astonished to see a hand - just a hand -writing on the wall. No one could understand what had been written and so eventually the prophet Daniel was called for. He was able to interpret the writing, which foretold that Balthazaar's day was over. He would die that night and his kingdom given to others. The hand wrote that he had been "weighed in the balance and found wanting".

One day all of us, men and women, will be weighed in that same balance. The season of Lent gave us all the opportunity to consider our lives, and pray that none of us at the end will have been "found wanting".

Stephen Bryant

How is your wellbeing?

Throwing a pebble into the pond - a thought from the Rector:

I recently attended a wonderful gathering of vicars looking at wellbeing and what aspects are important in a vicar's role and life. What struck me was that whilst it was good to share with others in similar roles what was being discussed was simply the principles of how to live well as a human being and could apply to anyone. So I share a few points to aid your thinking and reflection on your own wellbeing.

Wellbeing is different for all of us but has some common themes.

- Mental and physical wellbeing
- Financial and material wellbeing
- Our relationships
- Participation and involvement in life and our communities
- Spiritual and vocational wellbeing

How are you doing in each of these areas? Are there things you might need to address at this time? Who do you need alongside you to help in a particular area? I am asking myself these questions at the moment and working on my overall wellbeing - why not join me and look at yours.

As St. Augustine said 'The glory of God is a person fully alive' - that's what I am aiming for each day (little by little) and we as a church are aiming for in creating a culture that supports wellbeing in each of its members and in the wider community.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew

Insults with class



- "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one."-- *George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill*
- "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." -- *Winston Churchill, in response*
- "I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here."-- *Stephen Bishop*
- "He has Van Gogh's ear for music." — *Billy Wilder*



Reflect, Revisit, Reflect



For six sessions a group of people, of varied ages and from different parishes, met with Andrew and I over Zoom to explore and discuss aspects of the Christian faith and way of life. People's reasons for being there were also varied. For some it was part of their preparation for confirmation, for others a chance to refresh and revisit things that they may not have thought deeply about for a while, and for others an opportunity to find out more about Christianity.

The course was structured to provide a framework where everyone could listen to others and then share their ideas. It was not about being given all the answers but about engaging with the material and asking questions, knowing your opinions were valued. Through the sharing it would help us all grow in our own understanding of and relationship with God. Everyone had something to offer no matter their reason for being there, their age or their experience of church.

Each session followed a similar format. They started with the course prayer which summed up the aims of the course. There then followed a general question related to the theme for that session. In our first session we not only shared our names but told everyone something about it, for example: What it means? Who gave it to you? And perhaps why they chose it. Questions like this helped us to know each other better and got everyone used to speaking.

This was followed by some teaching from either Andrew or I before we split into two smaller groups. This enabled people to have a chance to discuss either something from the passage we had read together or something from the teaching session that they had heard. This time the groups were split by age; the youth group led by Andrew and one for the more mature led by me. I really enjoyed the discussions we had. They were thought provoking as we wrestled with what the passages meant and what difference this would make to the way we live our lives.

Everyone then joined back together and what had been discussed in the individual groups was summarised. It was also interesting to hear what the different groups explored and sometimes how very different they were.

The evening ended with The Grace and The Lord's Prayer.

Material covered:

| Session | Material | Scriptural Reference | Theme/Keyword |
|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Jesus' summary of the law | Matthew 22:37-40 | Love |
| 2 | The Lord's Prayer | Luke 11:1-11 | Prayer |
| 3 | The Apostles' Creed | | Trust |
| 4 | The Beatitudes | Matthew 5:3-11 | Blessings |
| 5 | The Eucharist as a model of life | Luke 24:13-35 | Thanksgiving |
| 6 | God making home with us | John 3:1-8 | Life in the Spirit |

Reflect, Revisit, Reflect - continued



Our course prayer:

*Heavenly Father as we meet together to learn and to grow
let this be a space to think and question and 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 steps in our journey of faith.
We ask this through your son, our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

The feedback from the course was that everyone had gained something from coming together and being given the opportunity to learn from each other. Some comments from participants:

I attended the 6 sessions of the Revisit, Refresh and Reflect course mainly because I was hosting the Zoom meetings! But what I thought would be a gentle refresher course turned out to be an immersive, fascinating exploration. I learned SO much! Rachel

The two most memorable sessions for me were on the Beatitudes and the Fruits of the Spirit. The initial presentation from Hillarie and the ensuing discussion in groups in each session opened my mind to new understanding and greater meaning, which I am still processing. It flexed my spiritual muscles!
Rachel

For me, as a non-confirmed member of the grazing flock, the course was a really nice opportunity to dedicate some focused time to God and thinking about my place in things. It was really interesting to hear others' views and interpretations, and made me feel closer to the meaning of the texts that we studied. Colin

Having not attended a Sunday school, the course provided a welcome platform to find out a bit more about what Christians believe and bringing Christianity into everyday life; an introduction that attending a Communion service or Mass can't necessarily provide. Colin

I found it a really good way to study an aspect of our basic faith and have the opportunity to share my thoughts with others in a friendly way where our thoughts were met with respect. It also deepened my understanding of The Lord's prayer and the Beatitudes and other themes we covered. Jo

We are hoping to run this course again at a later date but this time in person. If you are interested and would like more information on the course please contact Andrew or myself. Details under Contacts at the end of this magazine.

Hillarie

Silent Prayer in the Christian tradition

"God speaks to us in the great silence of the heart" - Augustine of Hippo.

Silence: An ancient form of prayer

Finding God in silence is a very ancient tradition with examples found throughout the bible. For example, being still before God is mentioned in the psalms still and know that I am God." (46:10) an "On God alone my soul in stillness waits" (62:1). In the book of Kings God came to Elijah not in the wind, fire or earthquake but in the stillness of a cave. The gospels tell us that Jesus himself spent long hours praying in the silence of the night or that he went up into the hills to pray before dawn. In Matthew's gospel when Jesus instructs his disciples on prayer, he tells them to "enter your inner room and close the door." This contemplative prayer is about detaching from the noise and busyness of the world and to open yourself to listen to God and deepen your relationship with him.



From its beginnings, contemplative prayer has been part of the Christian tradition. From about the 3rd century it was practised and taught by the desert Mothers and Fathers. They were the groups of hermits, ascetics and monks who went mainly into the Scetes desert of Egypt looking for a life of simplicity and prayer. They wanted to set aside time to be fully present in the presence of God. It was not a time for telling God about their needs. It was a time to go beyond words with no agenda and no expectations, but in that stillness and in silence they waited to receive what God gives. It was also a practice in Celtic Christianity.

In the medieval period it became mostly associated with monasticism. Benedictine monks would have drawn on things like the writings of John Cassian (360-435 AD) and books such as the Cloud of Unknowing, a 14th century spiritual guide on contemplative prayer. It continued to be practised after the Reformation, but mainly in the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches.

In the 20th century silent personal prayer was reclaimed from the monasteries and became a normal part of many people's spiritual journey. They came from many different traditions. Different ways of entering into silent prayer were developed but all of them had an emphasis on being still and allowing God to draw close so that you might be able to hear what he is saying. This reclaiming was led by Thomas Keating (Centering Prayer), John Main and Lawrence Freeman (Meditation) and Richard Rohr (Contemplation).

So from this it is clear that silence has been an integral part of Christian prayer for the time of Jesus until the present day.

Our practice of silence in the Beacon Parishes:

As well as having moments and times of silent prayer in all our services and publishing some teaching and guidance around the practice of silent prayer for individuals we have recently begun to explore this ancient practice and what it might look like in a communal context.

Silent Prayer - continued

Friday mornings, 9.15am at St Peter and St Paul's
Broadhempston.



Our meeting takes the following shape/form:

- Any discussion/ talking is kept to the beginning as we gather
- A short scripture reading or prayer is used to start
- A gong or bell is rung to mark that we are going into the time of silence
- There is 20 minutes of silence together
- A second gong or bell is used to mark the end of silence
- A short reading, prayer or poem is read to close our time
- We leave in silence....this allows some to stay for longer or to leave and continue their contemplation on a walk for example.

Why not join us for these times of communal silence.

- All are welcome
- No experience necessary
- Just come and experience the power of silence

Back to St Augustine of Hippo for some words of inspiration and encouragement

Late have I loved you, beauty ever old yet ever new!

Late have I loved you!

You were within me, but I was outside.

There I sought you, as I rushed about among the beautiful things you had made.

You were with me, but I was not with you.

The beautiful things of this world kept me from you.

You called. You cried.

You burst through my deafness.

You scattered my blindness.

I breathed your fragrance, and now I pine for you.

I tasted you, and I hunger and thirst for you.

You touched me, and I burn with desire for your peace.

From St. Augustine's Confessions

Andrew, Hillarie and Chris

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...

Strap lines

- Arguments are like fences – they always have two sides.
- Any method of evangelism will work if God is in it. (*Leonard Ravenhill*)



An image for 'thinking' prayer



Intercessions for the Mission Community – August and September

| Sunday | Mission Community | Ipplepen | Denbury | Broadhempston | Woodland |
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| Aug 1 st | Flower arrangers | North Street & North End Close | The Green | Main Street | Waye Farm Cottage |
| Aug 8 th | Kneeler makers | Orchard Road | Down View Road | Houndhead Way | Woodland Barn |
| Aug 15 th | Deanery Synod members | Orley Road & The Glebe | Greenhill Lane | Vicarage Hill | White Eagle |
| Aug 22 nd | Deanery chapter | Osborn Close | Fairview | Primary School | Higher Lake Barn |
| Aug 29 th | PCCs & Rector | Parish Council & local businesses | Parish Council & local businesses | Parish Council & local businesses | Parish Meeting & local businesses |
| Sep 5 th | Users of the hall & church | Park Hill | Moorland Avenue | Community Shop | Well Farm |
| Sep 12 th | Visitors | Poplar Terrace | Orchard Close | Radfords | Woodland Vale Farm |
| Sep 19 th | Readers | Thorn Orchard | Heathfield Road | Beaston | Crazy Acre Well Farm |
| Sep 26 th | Lay leaders | Torbryan | Heathfield Terrace | Downe | Dipwell Cottage |

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UK Shipping Forecast Areas

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| VIKING | THAMES | FASTNET |
| NORTHUTSIRE | DOVER | IRISHSEA |
| SOUTHUTSIRE | WIGHT | SHANNON |
| FORTIES | PORTLAND | ROCKALL |
| CROMARTY | PLYMOUTH | MALIN |
| FORTH | BISCAY | HEBRIDES |
| TYNE | TRAFALGAR | BAILEY |
| DOGGER | FITZROY | FAIRISLE |
| FISHER | SOLE | FAEROES |
| GERMANBIGHT | LUNDY | SOUTHEASTICELAND |
| HUMBER | | |

