



Sunday 18th July 2021

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	- Online via Zoom

For the Zoom password, email: rachelbelringer@gmail.com

Telephone support/chat following the church services: Sheila Sheldon is available to speak to following our church services. Sheila's phone number is (01803) 814227.

Morning Prayer

Tuesday	9.15 am	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.00 am	- For the Zoom password, email: rev.andrewdown@gmail.com
Thursday	9.15 am	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

(A time of silent prayer and meditation at Broadhempston)

Reflection

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

St Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston	9am to 5pm	Sundays and Wednesdays
St Andrew's, Ipplepen	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily

Please note, St John the Baptist, Woodland is currently closed for private prayer and reflection.

Mid-Week

Monday	Rev'd Andrew Down's Day Off		
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	2.00 pm	Funeral of Sheila Stacey	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	7.30 pm	Broadhempston PCC Meeting	- Broadhempston
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Bellingring Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	1.30 pm	Funeral of Andy Vickerstaff	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Next Sunday – Eighth Sunday after Trinity – James the Apostle

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

Online Sermon this Sunday: This week the Rev'd Giles King-Smith, acting Archdeacon of Barnstaple, is preaching on "Compassion and Care" based on the Bible readings for Sunday 17 July. <https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>

June and July Edition of the Beacon is now available for you to collect from our churches. We are always looking for new contributors. If you have an idea or article do contact the editor.

Points for Prayer. We pray for the end of the school year, holidays and a time of rest. We pray for the steering group, PCCs and church wardens as they consider our response to the lifting of restrictions and planning for our life as a mission community over these next few months.

In Memory. Valerie Dakin, Sheila Stacey, Andy Vickerstaff and William Easterbrook.

Look out for the wonderful cards on sale to raise funds for our churches. Thank you to Robin and Pam Thomas for organising this. Fantastic picture Robin!

Job Opportunity: Social Justice and Creation Care Officer Diocese of Exeter Mission and Ministry Team. Closing date 23 July We are looking for someone passionate about social and environmental issues with the ability to build relationships, support and manage volunteers, work with vulnerable people and inspire sustainable activities around land use, food, energy, finance, travel, procurement and lifestyle as part of our Christian Mission. Is this you or someone you know? If yes, we would love you to apply!

<https://exeter.anglican.org/vacancies/mission-and-ministry-social-justice-and-creation-care>

Lifting of lockdown rules This will be a relief for many but will also cause increased levels of anxiety for others. As a church we will need to handle this sensitively and also be mindful of our duty of care. The Government's Places of Worship Taskforce and the Diocese of Exeter will both provide guidance. The Mission Community Steering Group will meet to discuss and come up with a uniform policy for the whole Mission Community. Then individual parish PCCs will be tasked to use this policy when deciding how they will implement this practically in their situation taking into account the specific needs of their building and their congregation.

Living in Love and Faith recommended reading list: The Living in Love and Faith resources hub is full of useful articles, podcasts and books which are helpful to read alongside doing the Living in Love and Faith Course. The LLF national team have now produced a helpful recommended reading list if you want to explore some of the themes more deeply but don't have time to read everything!

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/living-love-and-faith-learning-hub>

<https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/A-selection-of-resources-from-the-LLF-Online-Library.pdf>

Readings

	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Jeremiah 23:1-6	2 Kings 4:42-End
Psalm	23	145:10-19
2nd Reading	Ephesians 2:11-End	Ephesians 3:14-End
Gospel	Mark 6:30-34, 53-End	John 6:1-21

Readings for the week ahead:	Mon	19 th	Matt 12.38-42
	Tue	20 th	Matt 12.46-End
	Wed	21 st	Matt 13:1-9
	Thurs	22 nd	John 20:1-2, 11-18
	Fri	23 rd	Matt 13:18-23
	Sat	24 th	Matt 13:24-30

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

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Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

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Mark 6:30-34, 53-End
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Earlier in this chapter Jesus sent out his disciples into the surrounding villages. The twelve were now back from their first time preaching, teaching and healing without him. They must have been full of stories, eager and excited to tell him what they had seen and done. By now, every day the size of the crowds had grown and the demands for healing increased, so much so that that there were always people around demanding something from them. This meant they found it difficult to find any time to rest or even eat a meal in peace. There was no time or place for them to be alone with Jesus. Their lives had become increasingly busy. There were so many demands on their time.

It is then that Jesus tells his disciples to “come away to a deserted place all by yourself and rest a while”. He was not asking them to abandon their ministry of witness and care for others but was urging them to retire, rest and reflect on the meaning of what they were doing. Throughout the gospels this was a practice that Jesus did, withdrawing by himself to renew his connection to his Father and to recharge his spiritual batteries. He was encouraging them to find balance in their lives to find a natural rhythm that would make up their Christian Life, spending time with God that would then enable them to serve others. Otherwise, there is always the danger that they would have become busy for busyness’ sake or for other less worthy motives. They could have been caught up in their own new found fame or become addicted to the need to be needed. They could have forgotten that all their power came from God, that they did not do it by themselves.

They got on a boat and set off to find a deserted place, hoping to find peace, quiet and rest. It would also have given them time to talk with Jesus about their experiences. But the unexpected happened, many people saw them leave and hurried to the place where they were going. If you have ever been to the Sea of Galilee it is really a reasonable-sized lake so no part of it cannot be seen from the hills that surround the shore. This time of rest was abandoned when Jesus saw and had compassion for the great needs of the people. He saw that the greater need in this particular situation was to “teach them many things”. The short journey across the lake became their place of rest, renewal and reflection.

We are called to seek places of rest where we can be still and know God and to have balance in our lives. I think, especially at the moment as lockdown and restrictions end, we need to reflect together what is the right response in this situation. We need to learn, through careful discernment, through a time of reflection what is the right thing to do at the right time. We will then be ready to serve the needs of the community. We need to learn we don’t need to be busy for busyness’ sake.

