

**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!

**Church Office cover for August.** Please note for the period of August, Andrew and Caren will be working to a different pattern as well as having specific time off which will be advertised in this weekly notice sheet. They will only be covering essential work for this period. Non-essential work will be picked up again in September.

**Lifting of lockdown rules** Clear guidance will be given at all our services. In broad terms we are recommending the continuation of social distancing and wearing of masks in our buildings. Each community will be considering how to reintroduce singing and refreshments.

**August and September 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.

**Remembering Devon's Missionary Bishop** On Saturday 18 September the Archbishop of Canterbury will visit Devon to open the new Pateson Way Pilgrimage route and lead a service at Exeter Cathedral. John Coleridge Pateson was born in Devon and became the first Bishop of Melanesia before being killed for his faith 150 years ago this September.

**Could You Stand For General Synod?** Elections for new members of the Church of England's governing body, the General Synod, are taking place this autumn. Anyone can stand for election, you just need to be over 18, be on your church Electoral Roll and be receiving Communion. It doesn't matter how long you have been a Christian, what your background is or how old or young you are! <https://exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/synod> Please call (01392) 294931 if you have any questions.

**Book onto a Grow Course and Begin Lay Learning Now:**

- Sharing Our Faith: Thursdays: 2nd, 9th and 16th of September
- Stewardship Advocates: Tuesdays: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th of September
- Pastoral Care: Mondays: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th of October

The courses will be taking place in the evenings starting at 7:30pm, online using Zoom.

To sign up <https://exeter.anglican.org/ministry/lay-ministry/lay-learning/>

Readings	This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>		
1st Reading	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalms	15	146
2nd Reading	James 1:17-End	James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17
Gospel	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Mark 7:24-37
<b>Readings for the week ahead:</b>		
Mon	30 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 4:16-30
Tue	31 <sup>st</sup>	Luke 4:31-37
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke 4:38-End
Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke 5:1-11
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke 5:33-End
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 6:1-5

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

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Notice Sheet\_ Sunday\_29th August 2021



## Weekly Notices

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

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

### Today's Sunday Services

11.00 am Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

**Evening Prayer online using 'Zoom':** Please note, there will be no 6pm Evening Prayer (which is usually on the first and third Sunday of each month) throughout August.

**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

This week morning prayer will be said at the following times:

Tuesday	9.15 am	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.00 am	- For the Zoom password, email: <a href="mailto:rachelbelringer@gmail.com">rachelbelringer@gmail.com</a> (Please contact Rachel by the Tuesday for the zoom password)
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	Daily
St Andrew's, Ipplepen	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily
St John the Baptist, Woodland	10am to 4pm	Daily

### Mid-Week

Rev'd Andrew Down on Annual leave on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays throughout August.

Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Tuesday	6.30 pm	Wedding Meeting	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

### Next Sunday – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
9.30 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

**Online Sermon this Sunday:** The Archdeacon of Totnes, the Ven. Douglas Dettmer shares this sermon for Generosity Sunday reflecting on God's generosity and reminding us that 'every good and perfect gift is from above' (James 1.17) <https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>

**Points for Prayer.** For all those killed and injured in the explosions in Kabul. Praying for a peaceful conclusion as the deadline approaches this week.

**In Memory.** Sheila Stacey, Andy Vickerstaff, William Easterbrook, Jocelyn Cassey, Rita Bull, Karen Hooper, Cynthia Floyd, Jennifer Mitchelmore.



## Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

Thirteen Sunday after Trinity  
James 1:17-27  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

In this passage James, the brother of Jesus and leader of the early church in Jerusalem, explores what it means to be a disciple and how this affects the way we live our lives. He starts by asking Who is God?

James calls God the “Father of Lights” referring to the story in Genesis where the first gift God gave was light and on the fourth day the lights became the sun, the moon and the stars. Without our sun’s light and heat there would be no life on Earth and we simply would not exist. Our very lives and all we have come from Him.

James also reminds us that through Jesus we are called to be the first fruits. This means we belong to God and are expected to be examples of how people of God should lead their lives. We show this by our behaviour to others. James’ advice is that we should *“Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.”* How many times have we done this in the wrong order and been quick to be angry and spoken before we have considered the consequences, or even before we have really listened to what we are being told. How often have we ignored the good advice to count to 10 before saying something in anger. It does not mean that we shouldn’t get angry but we need to know what it is that is making us angry. That it is not just because we are feeling tired and irritable. That it is not an expression of our own selfishness, fear or desire to be in control. When we slow our anger down we may learn what it is that is really making us angry and we are then able to do something about it.

James also urges us to be *“doers of the word not merely hearers”*. If we are just hearers of the word we are like someone who looks into a mirror and then forgets what they are supposed to look like. That would be absurd. It would be the same foolishness to hear the Word of God and not act on it. It is

through our words and actions that our faith is seen by others. When we allow our hearts to be transformed by God it will change our lives. If we become doers it has the potential to improve the lives of the most vulnerable, the orphans and widows in scripture. We need to be listeners to the hurt, pain and suffering of those around us and then walk alongside them, supporting them and building good relationships. It is by caring and supporting each other that we are blessed.

As I reflect on the illustration of a mirror and remember that in Genesis we are told that we are created in the image of God I wonder how am I reflecting the love of God to others. Every morning we use a mirror to get ready to face the world. We think of the image we want to project, this usually means making sure we have not left breakfast or toothpaste around our mouths or that our hair is at least reasonably tidy. Maybe we need to use scripture and our knowledge of God through Jesus to see how our lives are supposed to look and then readjust our lives accordingly. But first we need to look in the mirror and remind ourselves that we are loved and chosen by God in our own uniqueness, that we are not trying to do everything just doing our part. To be and reflect the image of God in the way only we can.

