

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



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The Beacon

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Take Heart!

A warm welcome to this edition of the Beacon!

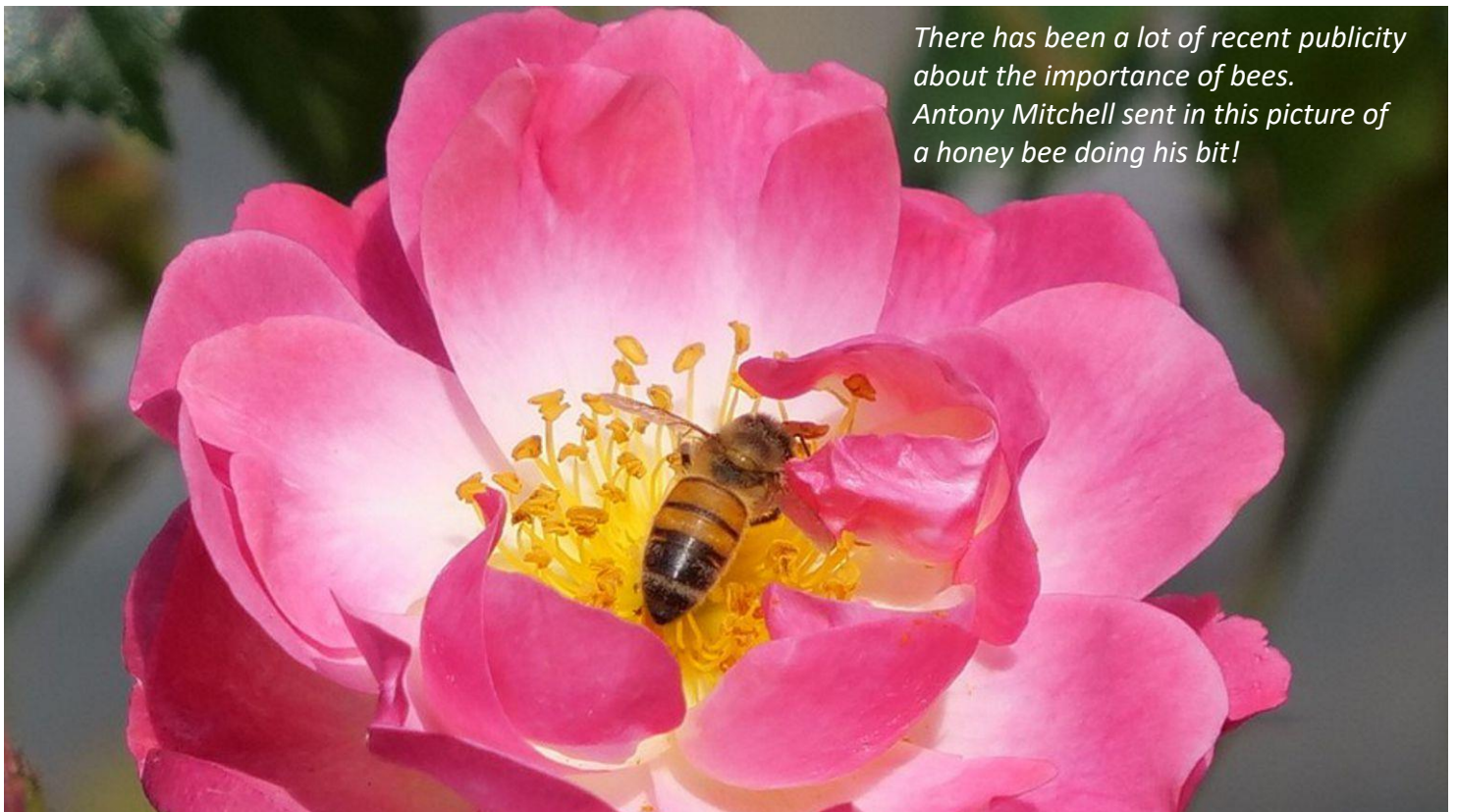
We hope there is something for everyone whether you are a regular church goer, not so regular, hardly ever or indeed of no faith persuasion.

God loves the lot of us, regardless, and “Times they are a-changing” as Bob Dylan sang in 1964! Whilst summer is coming to its end, schools and colleges are back and life itself is beginning to become more recognisable with news of more concerts, Christmas Fairs, more opportunities to meet with friends and even starting to sing a hymn or two in church.

My thanks to all our contributors to this edition without whom there wouldn't be a magazine. Do let us know your views; letters, articles and comments are always welcomed.

Contributions for our next edition for Christmas should reach me by November 20th.

Michael Price, Editor



There has been a lot of recent publicity about the importance of bees. Antony Mitchell sent in this picture of a honey bee doing his bit!

Counting our blessings



Dear reader,

At harvest time we pause to count our blessings and what we have been given. Jesus said 'Where your treasure is your heart will be also'. How we use the gifts of our time, talents and material gifts says a great deal about us. It is where our intentions become reality. The gospel passage for the Feast of St. Andrew (30th November) is the calling of the first disciples as relayed in Matthews gospel (4. 18-22).

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

From this passage I see three important principles when it comes to how we handle the gifts we have been given be they time, talent or material gifts.

1. Jesus walked along the shore and saw

Jesus spent the time to notice and see what was there. He walked along the shore and noticed and saw the disciples. Seeing, noticing and knowing what our gifts are is essential.

2. Andrew, Simon, James and John were mending and using nets

These fishermen were keeping their nets in good order and using them. What we have been given as I have already said is gift. We hold it in trust and therefore are to look after it and care for it. It was given and we are to order it for its purpose now, use it and be ready to pass it on to future generations.

3. Jesus calls these fisherman to follow him and fish for people

Jesus asks these fishermen to dance to the beat of a different drum, to leave behind their old ways, to follow him and join in; telling the good news that all are loved by God.

The world often thinks in terms of added value and judges this value by beauty, productivity, and/or amount. Our true value however is not based on these things. All have intrinsic value and are lovable and capable of love. It is this perspective of love that allows us to create a different relationship to the gifts we have been given. Our security and value are based on the laws of love and so that we become free to give and free to receive - we don't need to prove anything.

So in conclusion for me, good economics is about:

- **Accountability - knowing and being known**
- **Gift - looking after and using what we have been entrusted with**
- **Love - living in the security and freedom of love and allowing others to do the same**

Peace and good wishes,

Andrew

Beacon Parishes Mission Community Weekly Services

Private Prayer

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

St Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston	9am to 4pm	Daily
St Andrew's, Ipplepen	9am to 5pm	Daily
St John the Baptist, Woodland	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily

Weekly Morning Prayer

Tuesday	9.00 am	- St John the Baptist. Woodland
Wednesday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
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)		

Regular Midweek Events and Communion Service

Monday	at 3 – 5pm	'T-pot'	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	at 10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	at 7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	at 10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Sunday Services for October

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

Sunday October 3rd

Eighteenth 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	Joint Harvest Communion (with Ipplepen Methodist Church) - St Andrew's, Ipplepen	
4.30 pm	Reflective Evening Prayer – St Francis - Holy Trinity, Torbryan	

Sunday October 10th

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Harvest Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday October 17th

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday October 24th

Last Sunday after Trinity

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	

Sunday October 31st

All Saints' and All Souls'

11.00 am	Holy Communion for All Saints	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
7.00 pm	All Souls Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday Services for November

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

Sunday November 7th

Third Sunday before Advent

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

Sunday November 14th

Second Sunday before Advent / Remembrance Sunday

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
10.15 am	Churches Together – Village Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
10.55 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

Sunday November 21st

Sunday Next to Advent / Christ the King

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday November 28th

First Sunday of Advent

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
6.00 pm	Advent Carols	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

Other events

Saturday 2 nd October	9.00 am – 5.00 pm	Gift Day	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	10.30 am – 12 noon	Coffee Morning	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Monday 4 th October	11.00 am – 12 noon	Visiting ringers	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Living in Love and Faith Course: (For details see our website www.missioncommunity.org.uk)

On Tuesdays	(19 th Oct – 23 rd Nov)	7.30pm – 9.00 pm
On Wednesdays	(20 th Oct – 24 th Nov)	1.30pm – 3.00 pm

Saturday 20 th November	7.15 pm	Exmouth Shanty Men	- Ipplepen Village Hall
Saturday 27 th November	6.00 pm	Lantern Procession (sets off at 6.30 pm)	- Ipplepen Village Hall
Tuesday 30 th November	7.00 pm	Patronal Festival with Refreshments	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Saturday 4 th December	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Christmas Fair	- Ipplepen Village Hall

Living in Love and Faith



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Living in love and Faith is a series of resources looking at the topics of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. The hope is for people in Church of England churches across the country to use the LLF resources to study and pray together. The resources are designed to encourage and enable engagement and learning in a variety of settings.

The purpose of the resources is to enable the Church of England churches across the country to participate in a process of learning and praying together as part of discerning a way forward in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

As a result of engaging with the Living in Love & Faith resources, it is hoped that people and church communities will:

- be inspired
- have discovered how to engage with rich biblical, theological, historical and scientific thinking about human identity, sexuality and marriage
- have a deeper and wider understanding of these topics
- have heard the voices and encountered the experiences of people who would otherwise have been invisible to them.
- have learned different ways of reading scripture together
- find help for everyday Christian discipleship
- be alert to the interaction between the life of the church and its cultural contexts

Part of the resources is a 6 session course which we will be running in the Beacon Parishes on the following dates:

Tuesday Evenings: 7:30-9:00 pm from 19th October until 23rd November 2021

Wednesday Afternoons: 1:30-3:00pm from 20th October until 24th November 2021

Venue: t.b.c.

Please sign up for the course by either putting your name on the sign-up sheets in our churches or contacting Caren in the church office.

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 1 st August 2021	Ipplepen	Regan Heale
Sunday 22 nd August 2021	Ipplepen	Amelia Perret
Sunday 19 th September 2021	Broadhempston	Ralph Sear

Weddings

Saturday 7 th August 2021	Ipplepen	Karl Hopkins & Hannah Needs
Saturday 18 th September 2021	Ipplepen	Stephen Willis & Kirsty Lunn

Funerals

Tuesday 3 rd August 2021	Broadhempston	William 'Bill' Easterbrook
Monday 16 th August 2021	Ipplepen	Rita Bull
Monday 6 th September 2021	Ipplepen	Karen Hooper
Wednesday 8 th September 2021	Ipplepen	Cynthia Floyd
Friday 10 th September 2021	Ipplepen	Jennifer Mitchelmore

Memorial Service

Wednesday 8 th September 2021	Ipplepen	Winifred 'Betty' Adams
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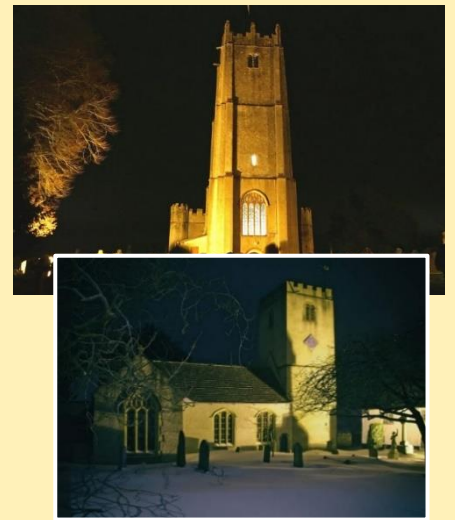
Tuesday 28 th September 2021	Ipplepen	Edna Mackrill
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How to keep in touch

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.
Rector	Rev'd Andrew Down. Tel: 01803 813403 E: rev.andrewdown@gmail.com
Church Office	Church Office, St. Andrew's Church Hall, Church Path, Ipplepen, TQ12 5RZ Tel: 01803 814178 E: office@beaconparishes.co.uk

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

New

October Lorraine Broughton and family to celebrate the life of David Broughton and all the happy memories and laughter he left

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

19th – 25th Sept Congratulations to Jeremy Wotherspoon on his 80th birthday, 21st September, with love from Val, Joanna and Helen

26th Sept – 2nd Oct For the 28th September in memory of my wife Peggy Deen who passed away on that day three years ago in 2018. Still missed, loved and with me always. She is now at rest in our lovely churchyard.

New

October From Major David Hough, who has enjoyed seeing the tower floodlit whilst staying in Blackstone Road during July and August

10th – 16th Oct John and Margaret Phipps to celebrate our Golden wedding anniversary on 16th October
From Barbara and John Tuckett in memory of dear Dad, Arthur Bearne, on 16th October

7th – 13th Nov Celebrating 13th November when I met my wonderful wife Annita 7 years ago. Wonderful times. Always xx Barry
From Mike and Jill Berry to celebrate their son Graham's 50th birthday on 7th November

28th Nov – 4th Dec Joanna Wildgoose for her late Dad on his birthday, 28th November. He loved the church and enjoyed many visits there.

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



Looking back to twelve months ago on August 2nd, we returned to church after lockdown restrictions lifted. We are still observing social distance to some extent, sanitising hands and wearing masks, however it is good we can sing hymns behind our masks, not ideal but better than nothing!

We have enjoyed a variety of services during the summer months, Celtic Morning Prayer, Churches Together Family Service, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Memorial Services as well as Communion services.

Sheila Stacey's funeral was conducted by Rev Andrew Down on Tuesday 20th July. It was a lovely celebration of her busy life and the interesting address given by Rev Anne Burden and the reading from John 14 verses 1-6 read by her grandson Daniel Murray. Sheila was particularly known for her love of flowers and her beautiful arrangements in church for weddings and special occasions as well as helping on hospitality at Coffee Mornings and Lunches etc. She will be very much missed by us all. It has been lovely to see her daughter Anne Murray attending church services and we welcome her into our church Family.

Sadly Bridget Vickerstaff's husband Andy passed away and his funeral took place on Friday 23rd July in St. Andrew's. We send our condolences to Bridget – one of our churchwardens - and the family.

The marriage of Hannah Needs and Karl Hopkins took place on August 7th the church was filled with happy guests. Rev Andrew welcomed everyone and it was a lovely service of hymns, a reading from Sophie Rumney, and poem read by Angie Hopkins. During the signing of the register Emma Matthews played and sang beautifully 'Song Bird' and 'I can't help falling in Love'. The lovely bride and happy groom and pretty bridesmaids processed out to the Wedding March played on the organ by Michael Roberts.

In contrast to a new bride and groom, Tony and I celebrated our Golden Wedding on 14th August and ended with family celebrations in the park for the brilliant Carnival Fireworks. Rev Andrew included us in the communion service on 15th August by inviting us out to the front, speaking some kind words and giving us a blessing which was special and appreciated.

Wedding Photo Aug 14th 1971:

Marilyn and Tony Clark, Best Man Colin Clark, and bridesmaids Julie Clark, Julie Sanders, Wendy Clark and Janet Sanders



The Churches Together Family Service on the 22nd August was extremely busy and lively as there was also a Baptism for Amelia Perrett. Rev Kevin Hook and Hillarie Griggs led the service with Rev Andrew Down doing the baptism. Amelia enjoyed dipping her toes in the font and was enjoying the attention.

News from Ipplepen – cont'd

A celebration of the life of Betty Adams took place on Wednesday 8th September. Tony Clark tolled the bell before the service which began at 2.30pm with Tessa Amie's introduction and welcome. Winifred Elizabeth Adams (Betty) was born on 31st May 1916 and died 15th January 2021, a wonderful good long life. She was remembered as a devout church member, as a WI member, Jenny Roberts spoke about her Bowling Club achievements and Dennis Smith of her Ipplepen Amateur Dramatic Society plays she acted in and she became a Life Member. Betty's carer spoke affectionately about her and the family. The hymns chosen for this lovely service were 'All things Bright and Beautiful' and 'Abide with Me' with a reading of the 23rd Psalm. Michael Roberts played the organ music 'Sailing' at the beginning and ended the service with the beautiful 'Elizabethan Serenade'.

Summer is coming to an end and we now look forward to autumn days and Harvest time.

Marilyn Clark

The family of Betty Adams would like to thank all who attended the memorial service for her on 8th September. In particular Tessa Amies for the gentle way she conducted the service, Dennis Smith for his recollections from Ipplepen Amateur Dramatics, Jenny Roberts representing Ipplepen Bowling Club, Marion Ellis for her memories of Ipplepen WI and by no means least, Nikki for getting us all to laugh with her heartfelt reminiscences of Betty's last years. Betty will be remembered as a gentle, sociable and happy person by those of us who knew her.

Antony Mitchell

Musical events in Ipplepen

Saturday, 4th September was the first of a small series of musical events I have been arranging as fund raisers for St. Andrew's church. Whilst not sold out there was a good turnout and it seems that everyone who attended really enjoyed the music from the Mutter Slater Blues Band; 6 very talented musicians playing the blues from 80 years ago to the present day writings of Mutter Slater. Many people have asked if we can do it again as they enjoyed the band so much, so watch out for a repeat next year.

THE MUTTER SLATER BLUES BAND



The second event has a very different flavour with a performance by the Exmouth Shanty Men (and Helen) on Saturday 20th November. Tickets are available now at £8.00. These are some of the best Shanty singers in the country and it promises to be a great night (the bar is very reasonable priced as well.)

Trevor Ashford

SING-A-LONG WITH THE ORIGINAL BUOY BAND



THE EXMOUTH SHANTY MEN

APPEARING ON THE DECK OF THE

S.S. IPPLEPEN VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

FESTIVITIES FROM 8.00PM-10.00PM (doors open 7.15pm)

LANDLUBBERS WELCOME FOR 8 GOLDEN COINS

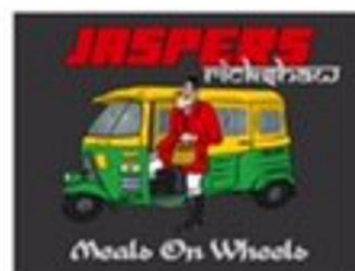
LICENSED BAR AND RAFFLE (Cash only)



Tickets from trevorashford321@gmail.com or 07860 134154

Sponsored by Hunters Brewery, The Wellington Inn
and Jaspers Rickshaw

All profits in aid of St Andrew's Church





St Andrew's Church Gift Day

Saturday 2nd October 2021



Ipplepen is a village with a strong community spirit which has been particularly evident in these strange and testing times. St. Andrew's church members enjoy taking their place in supporting and building this community. Our church building which stands in the heart of our village is not just home to the church family of regular church-goers but is used widely by our community. It is open every day as a place of quiet, a place of prayer and used throughout the year to mark significant moments in our community and events in our lives e.g. harvest, remembrance, the lantern procession, weddings, funerals and baptisms. These are being celebrated in different and creative ways in this current time.

Our annual gift day is an opportunity for the village to contribute financially to the church's place in our community and ensuring it is able to continue to play a vibrant and vital part in our village life. Usually we focus on our church building and in the past the funds raised have allowed us to renovate the clock for example. This year like last, our need is different. Rather than needing funds for the building we are in need of funds to keep the work of the church going e.g. being around to mark and arrange the events listed above.

We would be extremely grateful for any financial help you can give us. Please return your gift in an envelope to the church on Saturday October 2nd between 9am and 5pm (coffee morning 10.30 -12noon) or post it through the postbox at the Church Hall. If you can Gift Aid your donation, this would give us a further 25% at no cost to you. Cheques should be made payable to St. Andrew's Ipplepen P.C.C.

St. Andrew's is your church and you are most welcome to use the building to take some space in a busy week, to join a wider community gathering or come to one of our regular services. For up to date information about what is going on see our website, our Facebook page, the Ipplepen Magazine or keep an eye on the noticeboards.

Thank you for your generosity,

Best wishes,

Rev'd Andrew Down, Rector and Jane Outhwaite, Churchwarden.

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Gift Aid declaration

Please treat the enclosed gift of £ as a Gift Aid donation.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

Name: Signature:

Address:

Christmas Fair



Saturday 4th December 2021

2 to 4 pm

Ipplepen Village Hall

Cards

Raffle

Refreshments

Books

Preserves

Bottle Stall - Tombola

Cake Stall

Bric a Brac



In aid of St. Andrew's Church



St. Andrew's Ipplepen – Parish Giving Scheme

For the past five years over forty members of St. Andrew's church community have given to our parish financially through the Parish Giving Scheme, donating over £165,000 to date plus gift aid.

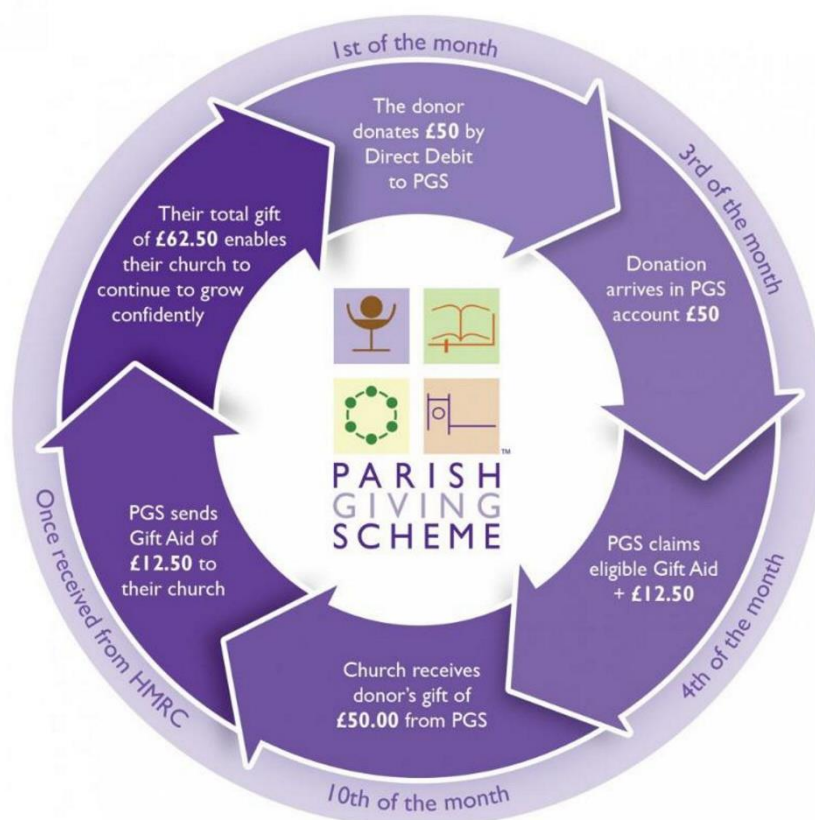
Essentially, the scheme enables members to make contributions on a regular basis by Direct Debit, with gift aid being collected for taxpaying members (see example below). If desired, payments can be linked to inflation and can be reduced or cancelled should circumstances change. Members can remain anonymous and all costs are paid by the diocese.

There is considerable benefit in us not having to count cash in these times of Covid, and I would encourage everyone to make their donations in this manner if possible.

In particular, there are some new church members who have joined us in recent years and they may not be aware of the advantages of the scheme. I would be very happy to provide further details and a simple application form.



Roger Chamberlain. (St Andrew's PCC Planned Giving Officer) (01803) 368964



The fact that a high proportion of the St. Andrew's congregation take part in the scheme has meant that, even with the absence of services due to Covid, income at St. Andrew's was maintained at a significant level. Thankyou Roger for the work you have put in to setting the scheme up for St. Andrew's - Editor

A view from Torbryan



The crowds have somewhat dispersed from the West Country, but for a while in July and August it did rather feel like Devon, and Cornwall in particular, couldn't really take much more in the way of tourists. I imagined the local tourist boards

going into reverse mode and trying to think of ways to dissuade more visitors from turning up.

As has been well documented, many businesses serving tourists were completely unable to reap the benefits of having almost unlimited customers due to being unable to get the staff. It's no surprise really that many people working in hospitality realised during lockdown that there were maybe better jobs out there than one that often involves long hours for limited pay and in which the customer isn't always overly polite to you.

There is also the question of how our infrastructure has been able to cope with the increased numbers of visitors, in particular our roads. On one memorable occasion recently we were walking down a narrow lane leading to a picturesque South Hams beach when we came across a horrendous traffic jam. There were dozens of cars trying to head in both directions down a single track lane, all of them seemingly unwilling or unable to reverse. It would have taken a maths genius to solve this problem. One exasperated driver remarked to me that he thought they would be there all day, and sure enough when we rather smugly returned from the beach two hours later the same queue was still there fuming away (both drivers and vehicles).

So, all in all, while do must welcome tourists to this beautiful part of the world, it is possible to have too much of a good thing. If too many people arrive, everyone has less of a good time. With luck, next year Covid will be well and truly a thing of the past, international travel will be less of a bureaucratic headache and we will all have a wider choice of viable holiday destinations.

Georgie Brendon

Celebrating the Saints at Holy Trinity Torbryan

'St Francis'



Sunday 3rd October 2021 at 4.30pm

A service of Evening Prayer

- simple - Celtic inspired
- time of silence - music - art - poetry - prayer

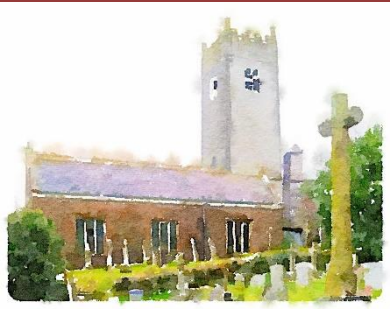


Holy Trinity Torbryan
part of the Beacon Parishes Mission Community



News from Woodland

St. John the
Baptist



It is now past the mid-point of September and, as I write, despite the continuing high temperatures and gloriously sunny days, a slight hint of autumnal coolness has crept into the air along with early morning mistiness (indeed

sometimes downright fogginess). Unlike the dreadful droughts that are afflicting some parts of our world, the past couple of months have been ideal growing conditions for grass and my recent journeys about our village have shown me many fields still being cut and baled to bring in as winter fodder for the animals. For the majority, the dry and sunny weather has meant that cereal crops are now gathered in and safely tucked away in barns and corn bins and our gardens still bursting with late season produce. It is time, indeed, to forget the ravages wrought by blight amongst our potatoes and tomatoes or caterpillars amongst our brassicas and celebrate the successes of our fields and gardens at our Harvest Festival service. This will take place on the fourth Sunday in September (the 26th) and this year we will once again be able to sing the traditional harvest hymns. I love seeing our church decorated with flowers and produce from our many farms and gardens and feel that it gives a real flavour of how the year has progressed in terms of what flowers are currently still in bloom and how prolific different fruits and vegetables have been. With so many of our homes existing in little microclimates of their own I know that if my asters have not made it out into bloom in time then somebody else's will have!

Because Harvest Festival is a celebration and reflection of an ending it is difficult to remember that, for us, September is more a time of new beginnings than one of ending. Our children return to new classes and teachers in our schools and colleges, sometimes starting completely afresh in a new school or college. This year many are returning to clubs and activities which haven't been able to take place for a very long time and some people are choosing to take up new clubs and activities. Some are starting new jobs whilst others have begun different ways of working in a job which they have had for a while. On our farms the field work doesn't stop with the harvest. Plans for the next year begin immediately and already some fields have been ploughed and new seed sown. Autumn is as great a season of change as springtime – at this rate we will soon be looking forward to and planning our Christmas festivities!

Helen Pearce

Smile



Here's something to write on your birthday party invitations:

- Forget about the past – you can't change it;
- Forget about the future – you can't predict it;
- But don't forget about the present.

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



We are pleased that our church is now open every day, grateful thanks to Gwen who is unlocking and locking each day so that we can call into the church on a walk or when we visit the Village Shop to enjoy some quiet time in our busy lives.

We are offering a Holy Communion service at 11:00am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month and we are now singing hymns which we are all enjoying and learning new hymns together, accompanied by Anthony on church organ or piano.

Services are offered at the three other churches in our Mission Community and details can be viewed on www.missioncommunity.org.uk. We welcome all from the Mission Community to join us.

Our wonderful bellringers led by captain Graham Pascoe have once again been calling our village to church before a service. Many people have said how wonderful it is to hear the bells ringing out over the village.

On Sunday 19th September Ralph Sear, younger son of Rebecca and Guy Sear who live in Broadhempston, was welcomed into the church family. It was a sunny afternoon with the church doors wide open. Rev Andrew Down led a beautiful service with Guy reading the lesson and a family member playing the piano for the Hymn 'Be still for the presence of the Lord'. It was a real family occasion and although the highlight was Ralph's baptism, all the children enjoyed Andrew's 'race' to the font which brought smiles and laughter for all.

We held our Harvest Festival on Sunday 26th September. Non-perishable items were collected for (HITS) Homeless in Teignbridge Support <https://hitsfoodbank.org/> and it was lovely to see the church decorated with vegetables, fruit, flowers, foliage and our Harvest Loaf to celebrate Harvest for all.



The Sear family

Maggie Sercombe, Broadhempston PCC Team (01803 813790)

Events at the church

The last 18 months has been extremely difficult for raising funds to keep our church building in Broadhempston maintained, let alone considering starting any new renovation projects that are needed.

With lockdown easing, we are hoping to have a Whist Drive sometime in November, which Lesley Rowe is very kindly trying to organise for us, to raise money for Broadhempston Church and Devon Historic Church's Ride & Stride.

Please look out for further information on village notice boards and websites.

Janice Parnell, Broadhempston PCC Team (07811 443624)

Broad Harmony Choir

It's been a long time coming, and despite a few false starts we're pleased to report that Broad Harmony, the village choir, has begun rehearsals in the church again.

We normally have somewhat of a summer hiatus, but given the last 18 months wanted to get back into good voice, especially with a gig lined up! We've been asked back for a belated encore at the village Oktoberfest, a beer festival hosted in the village hall, and a much anticipated event in the calendar.

News from Broadhempston - continued

We'll be singing one or two rounds fitting to the occasion, plus some new material we have been working on; expect sea shanties, country and folk music arranged for a chorus.

The Oktoberfest is on 16th October, and all are welcome; beer donated by local homebrewers and breweries will be available with proceeds going to charity. Stay tuned for further details which will be on posters, blackboards and the village shop in due course.

As always, we welcome new members, so if you would like to know more or perhaps join us for a practice, please feel free to get in touch at afp01@hotmail.co.uk

Alex Paton, Broad Harmony Choir & PCC Team member (01803 812021)

Village Library

When we came to Broadhempston some 20 years ago a mobile van from Devon Library Services came to the village once a week. Such a service was common throughout many villages in Devon with many being a long distance from a public library. Although valuable, such a service was costly and only available to a minority of villagers who happened to be in the village on a fixed time on a Thursday afternoon. With the development of the community shop negotiations with Devon Library Services led to a library being established in the shop with a regular change of books provided the shop collected and returned the books. This worked very



well especially as the Library Services were under considerable financial pressure. Unfortunately Devon Library Services were unable to continue to supply regularly changing books and the success of the shop meant that it required more space to display its products. The need to continue some form of library service was recognised and Broadhempston Church offered space for it as part of its service to the community (see accompanying photo). Books were moved to the church and the pandemic arrived which would have closed a library wherever it had been situated. With the church now open daily the library is again available to be used and has provided my wife and myself with a wide range of reading material in recent months. We now need to advertise the facility more widely, which is available to all. We also need to identify a way of maintaining a regular source of fresh up-to-date books. So if anyone has recent books they no longer need please consider donating them to our library. We primarily cover fiction, non-fiction excluding gardening and cookery books and books for children.

The service is free and all are welcome.

David and Eileen Heath (01803 814169)

Stewardship

Like probably all the other parishes in our Mission Community and beyond, our income over the last couple of years has been hit hard by the effects of the pandemic: cancelled Services and postponed social events. It is likely that, as a consequence, we will incur a net cash loss this year of £4-5,000. In response we intend to launch a fundraising appeal within the next few months. In the meantime we thank parishioners for their ongoing support and invite anyone interested in making a donation to get in touch either by email to chrisparker134@gmail.com or by phone.

Chris Parker, Broadhempston PCC Treasurer (01803 762543)

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



The relaxation of many of the restrictions we have been living with for what feels like a very long time on “Freedom Day” in July has meant the

welcome return of some of the regular services and events at St. Mary the Virgin that we enjoy so much.

Our Celtic Morning Prayer service has been restarted and will take place on the 1st Sunday of every month. This month the theme was The Creation, led by Tessa and included a very thought provoking reflection on the topic by Steve. This is a popular form of service and given the relaxed and flexible format allows plenty of scope for periods of silence and meditation throughout the service.

At our communion services, we have continued the practice of singing the last hymn outdoors, weather permitting. This provides an uplifting send off for the congregation but is also a good form of outreach as walkers and passers-by are left in no doubt that the church is still functioning and that services are being held. Post service refreshments are also back on the agenda with coffee and biscuits being served from the Church Cottage which provides an enjoyable and much missed opportunity to chat with friends.

Over the last couple of weeks the weekly Teapot gathering has recommenced every Monday afternoon and also the monthly Coffee Mates social meeting on Thursdays has also started up once again. Both of these regular events provide an excellent opportunity for village folk to enjoy a couple of hours of chat and to keep up to date with what is happening in the village and further afield and are very popular occasions always very well attended.

One further form of outreach comes in the shape of our bells, with the chiming of the clock, the ringing on practice night and on Sunday mornings being an essential feature of village life. Unfortunately these have been silent for several months now as the bells are away for refurbishment, however the building work required to insert steel support beams under the existing frame has been completed and all electrical work in the new ringing room has now been done and the way is clear for the return of the bells when the refurbishment work is finalised. Hopefully this day will not now be far away.

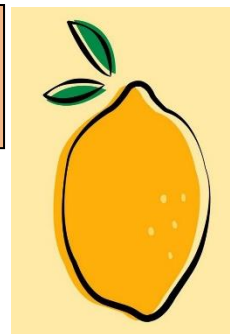
Our Patronal Festival was held on Sunday 12th September. Unfortunately we were unable to hold a lunch after the service as has been the norm in previous years but we did enjoy coffee and cakes in Church Cottage after the service.

It is the intention to arrange a collection for the local homeless charity H.I.T.S.in conjunction with our forthcoming Harvest celebrations. A similar collection was held last year which was an outstanding success with many households in the village donating produce for those in need and this year is expected to be just as successful.

We are now starting to look at arranging a social events programme for the forthcoming months which really makes it feel that normality is indeed beginning to be restored.

Mike Bray

Recipe – Lemon Drizzle Cake



This recipe comes from the Children's Society supporter, Angela, and has been sent in by Sue Hird. It sounds delicious.

Ingredients

Cake

- 170g/6oz self raising flour
- 170g/6oz butter
- 170g/6oz soft brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 lemons

Topping

- 1 tsp baking powder
- 52g/2oz sugar



Method

- Heat the oven to 180°C and line a tin (either a 7 inch cake tin or a loaf tin) with greaseproof paper
- Cream the butter and sugar until fluffy. Gradually add the eggs
- Grate the zest of the lemons into the mixture
- Mix baking powder and flour, add this to the mixture gradually, stirring slowly all the time. Keep stirring until all the mixture is combined and has a soft consistency
- Spoon the mixture into the cake tin
- Bake the cake for 40 to 50 minutes, or until it looks golden on top and a thin skewer comes out clean
- When the cake is out of the oven, put it aside and heat the remaining sugar in a pan with the juice of the two lemons and allow to bubble for around 30 seconds. When the sugar has dissolved into the liquid carefully pour the syrup over the top of the cake. Leave this to soak in while the cake cools
- Enjoy eating it

Snookered!

We Devonians are famous for many things as well as playing bowls on Plymouth Hoe - but did you know this?

In the days when Britain ruled India, enormous wagon trains accompanied army units from one post to another. Two essential items of furniture - without which a cultivated military life could not be borne - were transported. They were the officers' mess dining table and the billiard table. The

Devonshire Regiment in India in the 1870s was the same - the billiard table was an essential part of the officers' amusement, with variations of the game being Pool, Black Pool and Pyramids. During a wet afternoon at Jubbulpore a young officer of the Devons decided to vary the game of Black Pool by putting additional coloured balls on the table. When one of the party failed to hole a coloured ball close to the corner pocket someone called out to him "Why, you're a regular snooker!" To soothe the feelings of the culprit another officer, Sir Neville Chamberlain, added that they were all snookers at the game, so it would be appropriate to call the game "Snooker" - and the name stuck.



Stephen Bryant

Strap lines



- Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud
- Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous. (*Albert Einstein*)
- Don't fall into the trap of judging people by their relatives.
- Every path will have a few puddles.
- God gives every bird its food, but he doesn't throw it into its nest.
- I know God loves everybody, but I don't think he's met my sister. (From a six-year old)
- If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging and start praying.

The following information is taken from the COP26 website:



COP26 IS THE 2021 EDITION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ANNUAL CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE.

COP stands for Conference of the Parties. Parties are the signatories of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) - a treaty agreed in 1994 which has 197 Parties (196 countries and the EU). The 2021 conference, hosted by the UK, together with our partners Italy, in Glasgow, will be the 26th meeting of the Parties, which is why it's called COP26.

United Nations climate change conferences are among the largest international meetings in the world. The negotiations between governments are complex and involve officials from every country in the world as well as representatives from civil society and the global news media.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A COP?

Activity at a COP takes place in two different zones - the Blue Zone and the Green Zone.

The Blue Zone is for people registered with the UN body tasked with coordinating the global response to the threat of climate change – the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In the Blue Zone you might be part of a national delegation, work for the United Nations and related organisations & agencies or be a member of the media or non-profit observer organisation.

In the Blue Zone, delegates from countries meet for both formal negotiations and informal consultations. They may also take part in meetings with other delegations to clarify their position and interests with the aim of reaching agreement or overcoming a negotiating deadlock. The UNFCCC will also host a range of events, including technical briefings, to support the negotiations process.

The Green Zone is for the general public. There will be a wide range of events, including workshops, art exhibitions and installations, as well as presentations, demonstrations of technology and musical performances for everyone to attend.

WHAT IS THE PARIS AGREEMENT?

The Paris Agreement was agreed at COP21 in 2015. For the first time ever it saw almost every country around the world enter into a legally binding commitment to reduce emissions.

It was 'top down' in that every country – no matter how big or small – signed up to cutting carbon emissions to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees and ideally to 1.5 degrees above pre- industrial levels; and it was 'bottom up' in that it left room for each individual country to decide how they would get there. These were called Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

The Paris Agreement also set out ambitious goals on adaptation and on finance, recognising that many people around the world are already experiencing the impacts of a changing climate, and that support - financial, technical and capacity building - would be needed



WHY DOES LIMITING TEMPERATURE RISE TO 1.5 DEGREES MATTER?

At 2 degrees of global warming, there would be widespread and severe impacts on people and nature. A third of the world's population would be regularly exposed to severe heat, leading to health problems and more heat-related deaths.

Almost all warm water coral reefs would be destroyed, and the Arctic sea ice would melt entirely at least one summer per decade, with devastating impacts on the wildlife and communities they support. We cannot rule out the possibility that irreversible loss of ice sheets in Greenland and the Antarctic could be triggered, leading to several metres of sea level rise over centuries to come.

At 1.5°C, the impacts would be serious, but less severe. There would be lower risks of food and water shortages, lower risks to economic growth and fewer species at risk of extinction. Threats to human health from air pollution, disease, malnutrition and exposure to extreme heat would also be lower. That is why every fraction of a degree of warming matters, and why we are dedicated to keeping the prospect of holding temperature rises to 1.5 degrees alive.

To find out more go to <https://ukcop26.org/>

Smile



- A strongman at a circus tent squeezed an orange until he had collected a small glass of juice.
He then offered £10.00 to anyone who could get another drop of juice from the orange. Several spectators tried but they all failed. Then a small weedy man in a black suit said "I'll try but give me the £10 note first." The strong- man obliged stifling his laughter. Everyone was amazed when the man succeeded in squeezing five drops from the orange. "That's incredible", said the strong man, "What is your job?" "I'm the church treasurer." he said.
- A man scolded his son for being so unruly. The child rebelled and picked up some of his clothes, his favourite toy and proudly announced, "I'm running away from home!" The father said, "What if you get hungry, run out of money and your clothes get dirty?" The boy said, "I will come back and mummy will sort everything out for me." The father turned to his wife and said, "I reckon he's not running away from home, he's going off to university."

Spotlight on Safeguarding - October 2021

This autumn many churches across the country will be turning a spotlight on safeguarding.

Protecting vulnerable and often voiceless people is at the heart of the Christian message. It is for each church in the Beacon mission community to decide how to focus on Safeguarding in their worship throughout October and November. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the work that is taking place to develop church as a safer place and to demonstrate that we take seriously our responsibilities. By worshipping and discussing openly the issues, and where relationships are strong and where individuals look after their neighbours' welfare, we all become more alert to the needs of the vulnerable and can confidently support them.



Sunday 10th October is National Safeguarding Sunday

Here is a Safeguarding Sunday prayer for use in our worship in church and at home.

Loving Father God

We come to you in the knowledge that you hold all your children in unconditional love.

We lift to you those who are vulnerable and in need of protection.

Give them your safety, comfort and peace.

We cry to you for those who are hurting and whose trust has been broken.

Give them your healing, restoration and justice.

We bring to you those who seek to forgive others who have hurt them.

Give them your strength, courage and hope.

For those who by their actions or attitudes have caused hurt and harm to others

Lead them to seek your forgiveness and to enter into true repentance.

Thank you for all who give their time, knowledge and skills to make our communities safer.

Give them your wisdom, guidance and grace.

For ourselves we ask you to give us your heart for the vulnerable, the oppressed, the voiceless and the forgotten. Help us to see them as you see them, to value them as you value them, and to nurture and protect them as you desire.

Help each one of us play our part in creating safer places for all your people.

In your name we pray, Amen

Safeguarding - continued

The Safeguarding Sunday prayer is provided by Thirtyone:eight, the only independent Christian charity offering organisations and individuals, professional advice, training, support and resources in all areas of safeguarding children and adults at risk of harm and supported by the Church of England.

Monday 18th October is Anti Slavery Day

The Clewer Initiative believes that the church as a presence in our communities has a primary responsibility in leading efforts to end modern slavery.

The Clewer Initiative is the national work of the Church of England to combat modern slavery. The project will continue until 2030. They have been asked to coordinate the **Church of England's national online service on Sunday 17th October.**

Modern slavery takes many forms, and includes human trafficking, domestic servitude financial and sexual exploitation and labour exploitation. Rural areas are affected by it as much as towns and cities. It is here that there is a high demand for seasonal workers and where remote locations allow criminal operations to hide.

The Order of St John the Baptist, the Clewer Sisters, are an order of Anglican nuns who donate generously to causes related to the eradication of human trafficking. They collaborate with law enforcement agencies, charities local government and wider faith groups to build resilience and support the vulnerable.

It is of particular interest to us here in the Beacon Mission Community that some of the nuns were from the convent in West Ogwell and were known to some of the congregation in Denbury who supported the convent as cooks, house keepers and visitors. Andrew our Rector knew some of them when they moved to Oxford and he was studying there.

A prayer for Anti Slavery Day from the Clewer Initiative:

*Lord, you are a God who sets the captives free
Your Spirit searches restlessly for those in despair
That they may find the life you are calling them to.
We pray for those who are being trafficked and put to work in our region.*

*On the cross you were powerless
And subject to the rule of others.
Look with mercy on those who suffer this way.*

*May we, who are blinded by the
shallow distractions of daily life
Feel the fear of the cornered and be roused to action.*

Anne Holroyd

Music and Worship – a personal view

Here is an article from Michael Roberts. Michael is an organist and choir leader many of us will have met playing at Ipplepen, Denbury and Abbotskerswell. He hails originally from Wales, but has lived in Abbotskerswell for 30 years. Retired now, he ended a varied career driving taxis around the local area. He describes himself as an OLR (Organist of Last Resort). Anyone who has heard him play will disagree....! Ed

Andrew's invitation to write a piece on why music is so important to me/us prompted a great deal of contemplation and thought on my part on this most abstract of subjects. To me, music simply just is so I have found it difficult to put into words something that just is. However, here are what probably will appear a series of incoherent and disconnected jottings which I hope I can develop into something meaningful.

When I was a youngster of about 11 years old we had, at home, a wind-up gramophone and a small collection of 78 rpm Bakelite records. *(For any youngsters who may be reading this, Bakelite, dear old Google tells us, comprises a polymer made up of the monomers phenol and formaldehyde. This phenol-formaldehyde resin is a thermosetting polymer onto which music was recorded -so now you know!).*

Back to our subject...

Music without words... I must have heard several of those records played, but there was one by which, from the very opening chord, I was absolutely transfixed; it was the 2nd movement of Beethoven's Piano Concerto 1 in C, played (probably) by Eileen Joyce, but here by Vladimir Ashkenazy.

Here is a Youtube link for you:- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpd7tucT7Ac>

I was so spellbound that even now, all those years later, listening to it as I write, I am transported by its ineffable quality. The difference now is that, as the years have rolled by, that beautiful music has taken on a different, dare I say spiritual, dimension. No words, no pictures – and yetbut here my literary skills fail me. Nevertheless, without doubt, my feelings of wonder and gratitude are sharpened by the exquisite sublimity of this miraculous art form. And this, without the addition of words to interpret it for me!

Turning now to **music with words** many readers will be familiar with Stainer's Oratorio "Crucifixion".

Following the narrative at the beginning of this work, "And they came to a place named Gethsemane", and the Recitative, "The Agony", the chorus joins in so very delicately and softly with, "Jesu, Lord Jesu, bowed in bitter anguish".

The words on their own are moving enough; set to this music they become almost heartbreaking, and it is hardly surprising that singers and audience alike often are moved to tears.

Here is a Youtube link:- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGJY8UGN27Y>

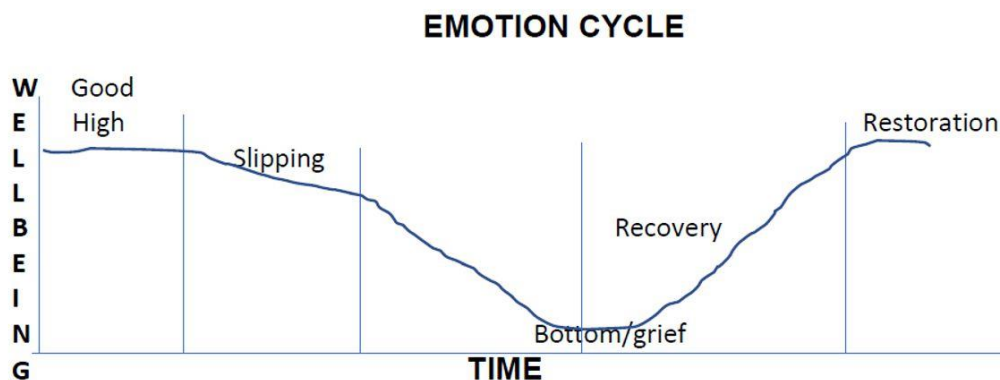
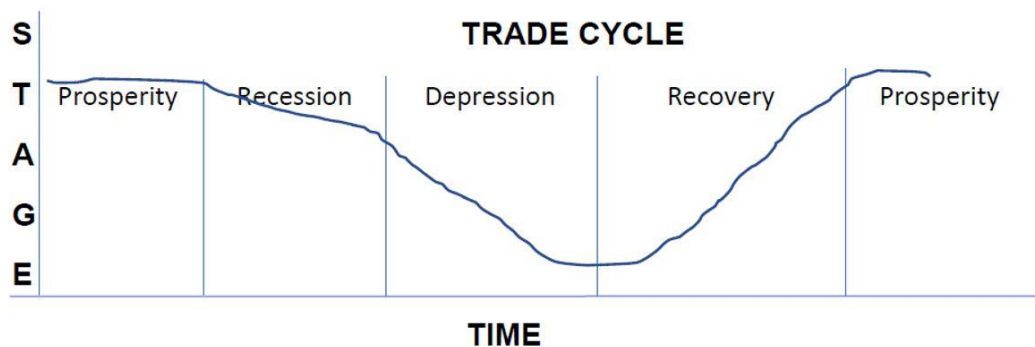
Singing: Fellow contributors to this exercise will know vastly more than I about the medical and physical aspects of singing, so I will leave that to them! 'Abdication,' I think is the word! All I would say is that, to me, singing is very much a part of my whole being, whether it is me or, preferably, others. To hear individual parts, then to hear them together is simply thrilling. See if you can identify the individual parts in the following cloakroom practice (!) of Mendelssohn's "Lift Thine Eyes", and a choral version, then let the wonderful harmony sink in as a complete work.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYmbLgVwmDM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWmuLobEqJ4>

Music and Worship – continued

Music-the-comforter... At times of great personal loss, which we all suffer at some time or other, music can often help in the recovery process. I have a theory, perhaps simplistic, flawed, parochial, or bizarre one might think, likened to the trade cycle. It goes something like the graph below:-



What interests me is that, at each stage, often we are unable to imagine an end to it. But – “*all things must pass*”, and so indeed the cycle/rhythm continues. However, it seems to me that the pace of recovery cannot be rushed: rather, in the musical context, my view is that the music at a funeral, for example, should reflect the solemnity of the occasion even though I do understand that a life is being celebrated and tastes differ.. “*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts...*” to me is so profoundly solemn and sad that from that point on the direction surely can only be upwards. You will know of other pieces in similar vein.

To listen to this beautiful piece click on:- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMzaLEQx3no>

While looking this up I came across the following (un-edited) review in connection with it: “*One of my favourites. The intervals between the notes and the subtlety of what should mathematically not work? Genius. I've got Aspergers sacred choral and early music is my passion especially since I have synaesthesia and can hear colours in the blend. I'm lucky!*”

Once the sadness has been acknowledge in this way then the recovery process may proceed in Nature’s own time. And then of course, The Beatles, Freddie Mercury, Classic Rock etc etc, together with hymns and the entire range of music all play their part in this restorative progression.

Now for the difficult part: I simply am not capable of explaining in what way music is important in my beliefs – it just is vital. Even though much religious music has been written by atheists I cannot help feeling that divine intervention has been involved somehow. Such music is, to me, as essential as the oxygen we breathe.

Michael Roberts

The Ringers of Torrington



This is a Victorian song which I remember from my grandfather:

Good ringers we be that in Torrington dwell
And who we all are I will speedily tell:
The treble's called Turner, the second called Swete
The third is a blacksmith, the fourth Harry Neate

The fifth is a doctor, a man of renown
The tenor the tailor that clothes all the town.
The breezes proclaim in their fall and their swell
No jar in their ringing, no flaw in a bell.

The winds that are blowing o'er moorland and lea
Bear swiftly our message as far as the sea
Stand all men in order, give each bell its due
We can't all be tenors, but each can ring true.

*(The tenor is the heaviest bell which sets the pace of the peal, and the tenor is "always right".
So the last line is sound advice to anyone, of any age, in any walk of life)*

Stephen Bryant

The Meacher Bill – Assisted Dying

Baroness Meacher has introduced a private member's bill to legalise assisted dying in England and Wales as a choice for the terminally ill, mentally competent adults in the final six months of life. Two independent doctors and a High Court judge would have to assess each request, which if granted would enable a patient to die in a manner and at a time and place of their choosing. The introduction of the bill paves the way for the first debate on prospective legislation in Westminster for more than five years. What are your thoughts and have they changed on this difficult and ethically fraught issue?

In this article I have tried to put both sides to this issue. Your thoughts are important and relevant and correspondence for the Beacon is welcomed.

Her bill, claims Baroness Meacher, will be “an insurance policy against intolerable suffering at the end of life and will enable a more compassionate, person centred approach to dying, whether we chose this option or not” she said. The legislation is backed by some doctors and opposed by others.

The ‘medical’ debate

Sir Terence English, who performed the first successful heart transplant in 1979 revealed he backed the campaign. He highlighted legislation in Oregon, where assisted dying has been legal since 1997. There had been no cases of abuse and the law has not been extended beyond terminally ill adults. Approximately one third of their patients accepted for assisted dying never used it, because their terminal suffering was alleviated by good palliative care. They did have the comfort of knowing that this was available should their suffering or indignity become intolerable. The person would have to be deemed to have “a voluntary, clear, settled and informed wish to end his or her own life, be aged over 18 and have been living in England or Wales for at least a year”. A doctor would prescribe medicines to end that person's life. The person must take the medicines themselves or use a device set up by a doctor to do so.

Sir Richard Thompson, the former president of the Royal College of Physicians and the Queen's private doctor for 21 years, said helping patients to die who were “suffering uncontrollably with a “nasty disease” should be part of the job. He said he “absolutely” believed that terminally ill patients should be able to end their lives comfortably. “I think we treat a lot of patients worse than we treat animals,” he said.

Under the 1961 Suicide Act, it is a criminal offence to help someone end their life, with a prison sentence of 14 years. People have advanced the view that it is time for a law change. It's about compassion for our fellow human beings, caring for people and helping them- and trying to make a better society in which there is an option if somebody is suffering uncontrollably.

The other side of the issue was put in a letter to the Sunday Times in which some ten medical specialists and professors in palliative care described the idea for assisted dying as a ‘frightening message’ noting the campaign with great concern. They wrote that the campaign failed to mention palliative care, which in their professional experience afforded exactly the kind of peaceful and dignified death that patients deserve and that there is significant opposition within medicine, strongest among doctors most involved in caring for the dying. They felt such an act would threaten their ability to safeguard vulnerable patients from abuse, undermine the trust the public places in the profession and could reduce investment in end of life care. They were most concerned about the message sent to frail, elderly and disabled patients about the value placed on them as people if suicide were normalised for those in similar situations.

The Meacher Bill – continued

Baroness Meacher



The 'faith' debate

After the different views within the medical profession, what of the views of faith leaders?

A recent YouGov poll has shown that more than half of the faithful support end of life choice and that Faith leaders must no longer stand in the way of assisted dying. The survey of more than 5,000 adults, more than half (53 per cent) of those belonging to a religion said their leaders should not have lobbied MPs to try to stop them changing the law in 2015. Less than a quarter-of people of faith (22 per cent) believe their intervention was right.

Of none religious people, 70 per cent said it was wrong for faith leaders to have intervened to influence politicians. Only 9 per cent thought it was right. The findings come as a new alliance of religious leaders who back the legislation of assisted dying "because of our faith, not in spite of it" has been launched.

Rabbi Jonathan Romain, chairman of the group, said its aim was "to challenge the misguided and inaccurate view that people of faith are monolithically opposed to assisted dying".

"The truth is quite the opposite," he said. "Many people of faith from all denominations, both lay people and leaders, support a law that would enable true end of life choice in this country. There is no sanctity in suffering, nothing holy about agony. We support a change in the law on assisted dying because of our faith, not in spite of it."

Lord Carey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, has also joined the group. "For too long we have turned a blind eye to the suffering inflicted on terminally ill people by the ban on assisted dying," he said. "Compassion, a central tenet of the Christian faith, should not be a crime, and yet under the current law-it is treated as such."

In 2015, faith leaders including Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury wrote to MPs to urge them to oppose the second reading of an assisted dying bill in the Commons. The bills was defeated.

Last month Baroness Meacher introduced a private members bill to legalise assisted dying in England and Wales as a choice for terminally ill, a second reading is expected in the autumn. A previous poll, by Populus in 2019 found 80 per cent of religious people and 84 per cent of the public broadly back the changes her bill purposes.

I find this a really difficult issue, but feel my views are changing. Perhaps issues of ethics can be viewed from a differing perspective or are they set in stone?

I need some people to help.

Michael Price

Smile



- With high-definition TV, everyone looks bigger and wider – rather like going to a reunion after you have been away for some years.

A Selection of Special Days in October

There seems to be a 'day/week' for most things nowadays. Here are some examples:

22 September – 23 October

The Tree Council's seed, nut and fruit gathering campaign for 2021

1-30 October The Big Draw promoting visual literacy and art

1 October International Coffee Day

1 October World Vegetarian Day

4-10 October World Dyslexia Week

4-10 October National Baby Swimming Day

7 October National Poetry Day

11-17 October National Braille Week

21 October World Apple Day

23 October Wear it Pink Day for breast cancer fund raising

24 October Bible Sunday

27 October National Cheese Toastie Day

31 October All Hallows Eve

Smile



- George had been a fit and God-fearing man all his life. At 87 he decided to see his doctor to a medical examination. A few days later, the doctor met George walking down the street with an attractive young lady on his arm and he told him he looked great. "Doing just you said doctor" said George, "Get a hot mamma and be cheerful." The doctor replied, "George, I said you'd got a heart murmur and be careful."
- An elderly couple were having dinner with friends from their church and while their wives were busy in the kitchen, Billy said, "I can strongly recommend a restaurant we went to last night." Fred asked the name of it, whereupon, Billy thought for quite a while and said, "What's the name of the flower with prickles you give to someone you love?" Fred replied, "Do you mean a rose?" Turning toward the kitchen, Billy called out, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

A Celtic ending to the church year

“When the Celtic tribes of ancient Britain’s and Ireland embraced the Gospel they created a unique form of Christianity. They rejoiced in the beauty of God’s creation, even welcoming animals in their monasteries. They understood the unity of spirit and matter, infusing work and pleasure with the spirit of prayer. And they expressed their faith not in theology and dogma but in poetry and parable, music and art”. Extract from Celtic Fire: An anthology of Celtic Christian Literature by Robert Van de Weyer, Published by DLT 1990

As we come to the end of the church year we celebrate

- God’s provision in creation through our Harvest services;
- Our continued connection with those who have gone before us as we celebrate All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday.
- The eternal kingdom of which we are part in the Feast of Christ the King.

In the Beacon Parishes we have been using a form of Celtic Morning and Evening Prayer from the Northumbrian Community across our parishes for over two years now and gained greatly from rekindling our connection with this ancient tradition. At the end of our church year the early Celtic writings have much to offer. Here are three gems for the journey taken from Celtic Fire by Robert Van de Weyer. The first two poems come from ‘The Black Book of Camarthan’

God

I am the wind that breathes upon the sea,
I am the wave on the ocean,
I am the murmur of leaves rustling,
I am the rays of sun,
I am the beam of the moon and stars,
I am the power of the trees growing,
I am the bud breaking into blossom,
I am the movement of the salmon swimming,
I am the courage of the wild boar fighting,
I am the speed of the stag running,
I am the strength of the ox pulling the plough,
I am the size of the mighty oak tree,
And I am the thoughts of all people
Who praise my beauty and Grace.

A Celtic ending to the church year - continued

The soul

I am a flame of fire, blazing with passionate love;
I am a spark of light, illuminating the deepest truth;
I am a rough ocean, heavy with righteous anger;
I am a calm lake, comforting the troubled breast;
I am a wild storm, raging at human sins;
I am a gentle breeze, blowing hope in a saddened heart;
I am dry dust, chocking worldly ambition;
I am wet earth, bearing rich fruits of Grace.

The tree of life

O, King of the Tree of Life
The blossoms on the branches are your people,
The singing birds are your angels,
The whispering breeze is your Spirit.

O, King of the Tree of life,
May the blossoms bring forth the sweetest fruit,
May the birds sing out the highest praise,
May your Spirit cover all with his gentle breath.

Andrew

Smile



- A young man was taken on as a temporary caretaker at a large city church. When he reported for his first day at work, the vicar greeted him with a warm handshake and a smile. He gave him a broom and said, "I'm afraid the place is in a bit of a mess, so for your first job you will have to sweep the whole place and make it tidy." The young man looked shocked and he said, rather indignantly, "Have you forgotten I'm a university graduate?" The vicar replied, "Oh, sorry, I'd forgotten that; here give me the broom and I'll show you how it's done."
- A clergyman consulted his doctor about his wife's snoring. "It has to STOP," he insisted. The doctor was intrigued: "Does it really bother you that much?" The clergyman explained, 'Well, it's not just me, it's bothering the whole congregation.'

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...

Smile



- A young girl once confessed to her priest that she was guilty of a great sin, because she looked in the mirror and said to herself, "I am so beautiful." The priest said, "My dear, that isn't a great sin, it's only a small mistake."
- Two young people called at a Quaker guest house while on a holiday tour. The owner asked them, "Are you Friends?" The answer was, "No, but we are married."
- "Why is the bride wearing white?" a child asked her mother at a wedding. She replied, "Because this is her happiest day and white is the colour of happiness." After a thoughtful pause the child asked, "Then why is the bridegroom wearing black?"
- Speaking to a group of children at a morning service, the vicar asked them if they ever prayed. One boy said, "I used to pray and I once asked God for a new bicycle but then I remembered you telling us once that God doesn't work that way, so I stole one and asked for His forgiveness."
- Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after a discussion on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out – it's probably just your dad."

Intercessions for the Mission Community – October and November

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Oct 3 rd	Pastoral Care Team	Totnes Road	West End Terrace	Knowle	Daisy Park
Oct 10 th	Newly baptised & confirmed	Townsend Hill	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Higher Woodland Farm
Oct 17 th	Wedding couples	Tremlett Grove	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Larch Cottage
Oct 24 th	Scouts & Guides	Two Mile Oak	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Wickeridge Cottage
Oct 31 st	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses
Nov 7 th	Dearly departed	Wesley Terrace & Wesley View	Shute Lane	Main Street	Levaton Farm House
Nov 14 th	Service planning group	Wrigwell Lane	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Dipwell Farm
Nov 21 st	Vision group	Beech Trees Lane	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Higher Lake Farm
Nov 28 th	Mission Action Plan group	Elliott Court	The Post Office and Shop	Primary School	Wickeridge Farm

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