



Online Sermon this Sunday: This week's sermon "What Will You Do About It?" is brought to us by the Reverend Nathan Kiyaga, Torbay Rural Dean. <https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>

Celebrating the Saints at Holy Trinity Torbryan - St Francis. 3rd October 2021, 4.30pm, Evening Prayer. Simple - Celtic inspired- time of silence - music - art - poetry – prayer.

Denbury Church will be hosting another village wide collection of items for H.I.T.S. Contributions welcome on the church windowsills from w/b 27th Sept.

Harvest Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Church. On Saturday 2nd October we will be holding a Harvest Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Church from 10.30am to 12 noon for the St Andrew's annual 'Gift Day'. Donations welcome (cakes, preserves, fruit and vegetables) If you have any queries, please contact Marilyn Ellis (01803) 812568

Living in Love and Faith Course: 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. Part of the resources is a six session course which we will be running in The Beacon Parishes on the following dates:

On Tuesdays (19th Oct – 23rd Nov) 7.30pm – 9.00 pm

On Wednesdays (20th Oct – 24th Nov) 1.30pm – 3.00 pm

Diocese of Exeter's Next Steps Vision and Strategy 2021 'Next Steps' is our new vision and strategy to help the diocese and its mission communities move forward from the pandemic in a way that is both creative and sustainable. Learn more about the Next Steps and sign up to discussion events in each archdeaconry. These will be a chance for you to share your views

<https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Next-Steps-MC-vision-document-1-7-21.pdf>

<https://exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/vision-strategy/vision-next-steps-events-autumn-2021/>

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Num. 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm	19.7-End	8
2nd Reading	James 5:13-End	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Gospel	Mark 9:38-End	Mark 10:2-16
Readings for the week ahead:		
Mon	27 th Luke 9.46-50	
Tue	28 th Luke 9.51-56	
Wed	29 th John 1.47-End	
Thurs	30 th Luke 10:1-12	
Fri	1 st Luke 10:13-16	
Sat	2 nd Luke 10:17-24	

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

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Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Harvest Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Churches Together – Family Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
2.00 pm	Baptism of Casper	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
6.00 pm	Harvest Service	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

Morning Prayer

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

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)

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	9am to 5pm	Daily

Mid-Week

Rev'd Andrew Down's Day Off on Mondays each week.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	11.30 am	Interment of Ashes – Edna Mackrill	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	10.00 am	MC PCT Meeting	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	11.00 am	Remembrance Service	
		For John Hutcheson	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
Saturday	9am-5pm	Gift Day (Coffee Morning 10.30am-12noon)	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Next Sunday 3rd October – 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	Harvest Communion	
	(with Ipplepen Methodist Church)	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.30 pm	Reflective Evening Prayer – St Francis	- Holy Trinity, Torbryan

Points for Prayer. Casper baptised today in Broadhempston. All those ordained Priests in Exeter Cathedral this weekend. Those preparing and involved in COP26 in Glasgow 1-12 Nov 2021. Those finding they need to use food banks and the work of HITS.

In Memory. Karen Hooper, Cynthia Floyd, Betty Adams, Jennifer Mitchelmore. Edna Mackrill, John Hutcheson and Geoffrey Williamson.



Reflection by Rev'd Anne Burden

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Mark 9:38-End
Sunday 26th September 2021

The starting point for my reflection this week is the Old Testament reading (Numbers 11, 4-6, 10-16, 24-29). I've always liked this passage because it gives such a colourful picture of human nature - it's less good side, I'm afraid! But it still has much to teach us, and as such is a useful background both to the New Testament reading from the letter of James and to the Gospel passage.

The Israelites are whingeing - and driving their leader Moses to despair. God has led them to freedom from slavery in Egypt and has saved and protected them on their journey towards the Promised Land. He parted the waters of the Red Sea when the Egyptians pursued them; he made water spring from a rock to quench their thirst; he provided manna in the middle of the desert to save them from starving. And still they whinge because they don't like the kind of food God is giving them. They choose to forget that they were slaves in Egypt and now they're free. They don't look around the barren wilderness and praise God that they are alive at all. They prefer to remember the delicious meals they had in Egypt - they dream up menus - and blame Moses for everything that displeases them. They've been given the gift of freedom - but they're not grateful - and they make no attempt to use their gift for God's glory. No wonder - we read - "the Lord became very angry and Moses was displeased".

Moses reaction is to blame God. (He's only human, after all!). He assumes that the only way to pacify the people is to give them what they want - and he knows he can't do this. You can hear him saying 'this job is impossible and I never wanted it in the first place.' So what does God do? He doesn't explode in anger or abandon them - like many human beings would. He doesn't even issue instructions and tell the people what to do. God wants his people to stop being slaves, and grow up into freedom - which involves maturing and taking some responsibility for themselves. So God takes some of the task he had given to Moses, and shares it among the 70 elders of the people. They too are called and given God's spirit to guide them. With freedom goes power - but also responsibility. They must learn that they can't

share in the glorious power and purpose of God one moment - and then sin and go against God the next. They have to work together in the power of God's spirit - one community of faith with God leading and guiding. The way of freedom is God's way - and our commitment to him must underline everything we do as his disciples.

All this connects with two things, I think. The first is with our other two readings for today. The letter of James is talking about the power of the community of faith - people working together and with God to achieve his purpose - the power which can only come to fulfilment when God and his people are one. Similarly with the Gospel passage - those who work in God's name must be followers of his will and purpose - nothing is more important.

And the other connection with the message of the Old Testament reading follows from the fact that this is a weekend of ordinations to the priesthood in our Diocese. Many people chosen by God and the Church will receive the spirit which comes from God at the hands of our Bishops to equip them for mission and ministry in the Church. You may know someone who is being ordained - and I hope you are praying for them all. Because their position as priests brings joy and privilege and blessing - but also heartache and disappointment and sheer hard work. Pray that they they don't have too many moments of despair, like Moses did - and that more and more people will experience the joy and fulfilment of belonging to Christian communities, sharing in the task God has given to all his followers - which is to take his love and joy and hope to everybody, especially those in difficulty, danger or despair.

