



Sunday 5th September 2021 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Points for Prayer. Those across the US north-east states affected by the flooding caused by Storm Ida. The situation in Afghanistan and those who have been forced to flee that may they find a welcome in their new homes.

In Memory. William Easterbrook, Jocelyn Cassey, Rita Bull, Karen Hooper, Cynthia Floyd, Betty Adams and Jennifer Mitchelmore.

The Mutter Slater Blues Band. A big thank you to all those who organised the fundraising "Blues in the Hall" in aid of St Andrew's Church last night. I hope everyone who attended had a great evening.

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 The August and September Edition of the Beacon is available for you to collect from our churches. If you would like to contribute to the October and November Edition, articles need to be with the Editor, Dr Michael Price, by September 20th. 01803 813403 / michaelprice44@gmail.com

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

Paratrooper Turned Priest Shares Afghanistan Reflection Rev'd Huw Riden served in the Paratroopers in Afghanistan in 2001 and 2002, before becoming a photographer. He was ordained in Exeter Diocese in 2017, serving as a curate in Exmouth before recently training as an army chaplain. He is currently Padre to 3 Division Signals Regiment.

Here he shares his personal reflection on the Taliban's sweep back to power and the British withdrawal from Afghanistan, two decades after he and his comrades first went in.

Read his reflection: <https://exeter.anglican.org/paratrooper-turned-priest-shares-afghanistan-reflection/>

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm	146	116:1-8
2nd Reading	James 2:1-17	James 3:1-12
Gospel	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38
Readings for the week ahead:		
Mon	6 th Luke 6:6-11	
Tue	7 th Luke 6:12-19	
Wed	8 th Luke 6:20-26	
Thurs	9 th Luke 6:27-38	
Fri	10 th Luke 6:39-42	
Sat	11 th Luke 6:43-End	

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

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: rachelbelringer@gmail.com (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.

Monday	12 noon	'Broadband' Choir Rehearsal	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
	1.30 pm	Funeral Service for Karen Hooper	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	12.30 pm	Funeral Service for Cynthia Floyd	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	2.30 pm	Remembrance Service for Betty Adams	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	3.00 pm	Funeral Service for Jennifer Mitchelmore	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

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9.30 am	Holy Communion – Patronal Service	- 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

Online Sermon this Sunday:

Rev'd Canon Cate Edmonds shares this sermon reflecting on Jesus' encounters with the marginalised, and reminding us that His love is for everyone. <https://vimeo.com/cofedevon>



Reflection by Reverend Tony Meek

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Mark 7:24-37

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The Christian healing ministry is both awesome and fulfilling. The healing power is not of the healer, who is only a channel, a focus for the healing power of God.

Those two stories of Jesus the healer in our gospel today had happy results. And significant points in the story of the daughter of the Syrophenician woman is that he was healing a Gentile and that Jesus was not physically with her for the healing to take place.

One of our problems as Christians is that not everyone we pray for gets better. When the great preacher and healer David Watson died of cancer some years ago, many of his followers were distraught. Their prayers had failed. They felt that they hadn't tried hard enough. Or even that in some way he had not been worthy.

C S Lewis once wrote that what we cannot bear is the thought that there may be no one out there to hear our prayers. We can take the answer "No", as long as we know that it is the answer provided by God. God does not work by vague general laws. He works by particular purposes for particular people. But those purposes are always worked out in dialogue with us. They take into account our desires and choices and indeed, dare we say, can be modified by them.

Christ at first refused the request of the Syrophenician woman. But her bold determination won and changed the heart of Jesus. So what is in our Gospel today for us? Jesus teaches us that there is no

need to feel guilty if we sometimes need to get away from the pressures and familiarities of our daily lives. So many of us look forward to being able to go away on holiday again. Many, like Jennie and I, are not yet brave enough even to consider that. But, when we can, I am sure we will come back the better enabled to deal with things.

Jesus teaches us that his message is for all mankind, not just his own people, the Jews. He teaches us that his physical presence is not required for the miracle of God's healing power to take effect.

Above all, he teaches that we should pray honestly and wholeheartedly for what we really want. Writing in the Church Times many years ago, Richard Harries, then my Bishop in Oxford diocese, said: "*The religion of all of us has a great deal of unreality about it. We should bring into our prayers what is most urgent and real to us, and come to those prayers with the faith that God is real. Our request may or may not be granted. But we will discern more of the purpose of God for us: our religion will become more real.*"

