



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

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**All Saints' and All Souls'**

**We are pleased to announce the Living in Love and Faith Course is starting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 1.30pm to 3pm at St Andrew's Church. Please place your names and your contact telephone number on the sign-up sheets in each church or alternatively call the church office (01803) 814178 to leave your contact details.**

On Wednesdays (3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – 1<sup>st</sup> Dec) 1.30pm – 3.00 pm.

For more information about the course: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith> If you would like to have a conversation about this course, please call Hillarie on (01803) 812197 or Sheila on (01803) 814227.

**Why Living in Love and Faith Matters to Me: A Churchwarden's Point of View** Gillian Parker is the former Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police. She lives on Dartmoor and is churchwarden of St Mary's church in Holne. In the first of our series of articles about Living in Love and Faith, she shares her thoughts about why it is important for churches and individuals to engage with the Church of England's current discernment process around relationships, sexuality and gender. <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith> <https://exeter.anglican.org/why-living-in-love-and-faith-matters-to-me-a-churchwardens-point-of-view/>

**We Welcome Peter Wood who is a Reader in Training with South West Ministry Course.** Peter will be on placement with us during the autumn.

**Churches Together Lunch Club at St Andrew's Church Hall on the first Wednesday of each month** Would you value having lunch with like-minded people? Do you live alone or are you a carer for your partner? Our next Lunch club will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. If you would like to join us, please contact Rose Chamberlain (01803) 368964 or Maria Alsop (01803) 813110.

**Coffee Mornings in Woodland on the first Saturday of each month** This will NOT be starting on November 6<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised. Watch the notices for when this will start.

**Coffee Mates takes place in Denbury on the second Wednesday of each month, 10.30-12 noon** at Church Cottage, Denbury. All men welcome to join us on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**How Can Churches Support Social Care?** On Monday 8 November from 10-11am there is a zoom meeting looking at how we can offer help for those whom the formal care systems are not able to fully support (for example visiting elderly people who are isolated.) It is being hosted by the Diocese in partnership with Devon County Council. Email [mandm@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:mandm@exeter.anglican.org) to book a place.

Readings	This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>		
1st Reading	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9	Jonah 3:1-5. 10
Psalm	24:1-6	62:6-14
2nd Reading	Revelation 21:1-6a	Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel	John 11:32-44	Mark 1:14-20
<b>Readings for the week ahead:</b>		
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke 14:12-14	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Luke 15:1-10
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke 14:15-24	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Luke 16:1-8
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke 14:25-33	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Luke 16:9-15

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

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## Today's Sunday Services

11.00 am	Holy Communion for All Saints	- St Andrew's, Ippelepen
12 noon	Pastoral Care Meeting	- St Andrew's, Ippelepen
7.00 pm	All Souls' Service	- St Andrew's, Ippelepen

## 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 4pm	Daily
St Andrew's, Ippelepen	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 (Every Monday - All Welcome!)- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ippelepen
Wednesday	12 noon	Lunch Club - Churches Together - St Andrew's Church Hall, Ippelepen
	1.30 pm	Living in Love and Faith Course - St Andrew's, Ippelepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice - St Andrew's, Ippelepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	12 noon	Interment of Ashes of Margaret 'Peggy' James - Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston
	10.15 am	Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ippelepen
	2.00 pm	Funeral of Edward 'Ted' Wonnacott - St Andrew's, Ippelepen
	7.00 pm	PCC Meeting - St Andrew's, Ippelepen

## Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – 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, Ippelepen
2.00 pm	Wedding Meeting	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

**Points for Prayer.** Matilda Webb, baptised in Denbury last Sunday. 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.** John Hutcheson, Geoffrey Williamson, David Luscombe, William Isaac, Sydney 'James' Joint, Margaret 'Peggy' James, Edward 'Ted' Wonnacott and Muriel Hall



## Reflection by Rev'd Tony Meek

Third Sunday before Advent  
All Saints Sunday  
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How did you get your faith? You got it from men and women who lived by it, witnessed to it and passed it on for twenty centuries. But more directly, you got it again from people: from parents; from clergy in your parishes; from teachers in school or church; from someone who bothered about you in days of adolescence, someone to whom you could turn; from a friend who set you right when you were on the wrong track; from Billy Graham in the Haringay Arena or more recently in Wembley Stadium. It was through people that God made himself known to you. One of my favourite sayings is that 'Christianity is caught, not taught.'

Perhaps you were influenced by the lives and writings of Christians who lived in past centuries. And they were none of them perfect people. They had their blind spots, their sins. Sometimes their actions seemed to belie the faith for which they stood. How could Christians in the eighteenth century be so blind to the evils of the slave trade? How could some Victorian churchmen readily accept an order of society that permitted such massive inequalities of wealth? Yet the imperfections of those people do not deny the validity of the things they taught.

I asked you one question just now, 'How did you get your faith?' Now I ask another, 'How is that faith going to be passed on?' The answer is surely the same, through people. It can be passed on through those of us who are parents or grandparents and through those of us who are able to make something of our role as godparents. I hope all those who are privileged to take on that role do regard it as a most solemn and inescapable duty. It saddens me at Baptisms to encounter godparents who patently have no faith of their own and who have been chosen only to avoid family unpleasantness, or in the expectation of generous future Christmas and Birthday gifts.

Faith can be passed on by those who teach; through those who are caring about people in their neighbourhood; through those who are trying to help others through bad times; through those who are helping to change for good the character of the society in which they live.

Were you in one of those categories? You should have been. There was something there for each and every one of us. If you are doing nothing to pass on your faith, what is your faith to you?

Remember once again, God does not wait for perfect people when he wants men and women to serve him. He above all knows how long he would have to wait for that! The clergy aren't perfect: I know this, because I am one of them! But as the great Methodist Lord Soper once said about the selection of ministers, 'We've only got the laity to choose from.'

Of course, none of us is good enough or clever enough for the task of communicating the Gospel. But then, no one ever has been. Our faith has come to us through imperfect people, and will be passed on by imperfect people.

We are no better than jars of clay to contain this treasure, but it is not ourselves we preach, but Jesus Christ as Lord.

We are all saints. If your faith means anything to you, make sure you share it. And begin by doing so with those you love the most.

