



The Living in Love and Faith Course at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen, commenced on Wednesday 3rd November at 1.30pm to 3pm. It will continue to be held weekly until Wednesday 1st December. 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.

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 1st December. 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 from December - from 10am to 12 noon – All welcome.

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 10th November.

Books and Bric-a-brac wanted for the St Andrew's Christmas Fair taking place on Saturday 4th December at St Andrew's Church. If you have any items that you would like to be collected then please contact Vanessa on (01803) 812812.

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 to book a place.

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/>

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Jonah 3:1-5. 10	Daniel 3:1-5. 10
Psalm	62:6-14	16
2nd Reading	Hebrews 9:24-28	Hebrews 10:11-25
Gospel	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 13:1-8

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	8 th	John 17:18-23	Thurs	11 th	Luke 17:20-25
Tue	9 th	Luke 17:7-10	Fri	12 th	Luke 17:26-End
Wed	10 th	Luke 17:11-19	Sat	13 th	Luke 18:1-8

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
2.00 pm	Wedding Meeting	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

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, 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 (Every Monday - All Welcome!) - Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	10.30 am	Coffee Mates (2 nd Wed, monthly) - Church Cottage, Denbury
	1.30 pm	Living in Love and Faith Course - 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	12.30 pm	Wedding of Thomas Newton & Olivia O'Keeffe - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	5.00 pm	Christmas Shoebox Service - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Saturday	10.00 am	Interment of Ashes of Cynthia Floyd - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Next Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Sunday

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

Points for Prayer. Thomas Newton and Olivia O'Keeffe as they prepare for their wedding ceremony taking place on Friday 12th November. Those 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, Moira Van Den Bergh & Cynthia Floyd.



Reflection by Rev'd Anne Burden

Third Sunday before Advent
Sunday 7th November 2021

The clocks have gone back. The evenings are drawing in. The beautiful autumn leaves are blowing off the trees and landing on the soggy ground. All signs that the year is winding down to its conclusion. A lot of people don't like these dark gloomy days - especially because they often become associated with loss. Not just the loss of the warm sunny days - but the losses bound up in this season of remembering - All Souls Day - Remembrance Day. Not to mention the sobering thoughts about climate change quite properly emerging from the COP26 conference - from the talk and we hope the action. It's a difficult season to live through - every year, not just this year - and we have to find ways to find meaning and purpose, and in order to be true to our faith, that essential Christian quality of hope.

The mood of the season is reflected in the life and calendar of the Church as the Christian year comes to an end. Yes, I understand that it might feel that way - 'it comes to an end' - but a better description is that the Church's year is moving not to an end but to its climax with the festival of Christ the King in two weeks time. We are in the Kingdom Season which runs from All Saints Day to Advent Sunday, and it reminds us that God is the King of earth and heaven, and his kingdom is both now here among us and for all ages that have been and are to come. The themes of the season are those phrases we might remember from the creed "the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the life everlasting." A key point to remember is that life in God's kingdom is much more than our earthly experience, and it is also much more than life with God after we die. It is something of both.

We have just celebrated All Saints Day and were reminded that saints are not only those who have led exemplary lives and have been "promoted to glory". They are ordinary men and women, ordinary members of the Church family who are on a journey with and to God. The saints are the real men and women of every age - and that includes us - in whose lives we can glimpse heaven in our midst. And whether we are on earth or have moved to life eternal - Christ is our King. This is what we celebrate at the climax and conclusion of the Church's year.

"Heaven and earth are full of your glory." These are words which we hear in our service of Holy Communion as we prepare to receive the eternal God into our earthbound lives. It is something to think about whenever we receive Communion - but something to ponder particularly in this Kingdom Season. God's kingship is not just in the world to come, but here among us, today tomorrow and for ever. It's not too early to think ahead to the festival of Christ the King - the climax of the Church's year - and how it tips us into Advent - when we start again, another stage of our journey with God, another preparation to welcome God, among us in a different way - as the Baby at Bethlehem. It's a beginning - a bit like a resurrection - not an ending at all.

This is the story of Christian hope - that every ending contains the seeds of a new beginning - just as the seeds from our plants in the dark winter earth are even now moving towards spring. Hope is God's gift to us when we seek to travel with him - a gift to be lived in our every day lives bringing light and love - and continuing hope - to our currently dark and gloomy world.