



Reflective evening prayer at Holy Trinity Torbryan. Thank you for all those who made the St Lucy service so special. We look forward to celebrating St Valentine in February.

Living in Love and Faith Thank you to all those that took part in our Living in Love & Faith course.

Taking some space during Advent

How are you going to mark advent? - read an advent book; go for a walk each day; nominate one or two people to be your 'advent friends' and think, pray and look out for them; have a quiet day or retreat; use an online retreat resource such as the Pray-As-You-Go Advent retreat - this year entitled Stepping Beyond : <https://pray-as-you-go.org/article/advent-2021-stepping-beyond>

Compline at 7pm on Tuesdays We continue our compline for the next two Tuesdays.

Christmas Services For our Christmas services please check the latest Beacon magazine, the website and the notice boards.

Denbury Advent Windows 2021. Look for the posters to find which new window is lighting up each evening in Advent, till all are ablaze for Christmas and into the new year. Starting Wednesday, 1st December.

Road Closure near Woodland. The road from Lower Woodland Farm to Purcombe Cross will be closed for nine days starting on 6th December,

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 12th January.

Bishop Robert's Advent Message Read Bishop Robert's Advent Ad Clerum (newsletter)

https://mcusercontent.com/543e9623f7379d75d88235209/files/e6d186a2-23b3-3daf-c90e-0c203210270e/Ad_Clerum_Advent_2_December_2021.pdf . It includes reflections on Advent and

Christmas, Covid19 and details of 2022 Clergy Quiet Days - which clergy can now sign up to here.

<https://exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/bishop-roberts-quiet-days/>

Living in Love and Faith Podcasts To go deeper into some of the subjects covered on the Living in Love and Faith course, you might like to listen to the Living in Love and Faith podcast series. You can find why the Diocese of Exeter is encouraging everyone to do the Living in Love and Faith course <https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/living-in-love-and-faith/>

A Generous Advent with the Parish Giving Scheme In a new podcast series, PGS is offering readings and reflections exploring the story of the nativity through the lens of generosity. Every day from 28 November until Christmas. <https://www.paritygiving.org.uk/about-us/insights/podcasts/>

Readings

	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Zephaniah 3:14-end	Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm	Isaiah 12:2-End	Luke 1:46b-55
2nd Reading	Philippians 4:4-7	Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel	Luke 3:7-18	Luke 1:39-45

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	13 th	Matt 21:23-27	Thurs	16 th	Luke 7:24-30
Tue	14 th	Matt 21:28-32	Fri	17 th	Matt 1:1-17
Wed	15 th	Luke 7:18b-23	Sat	18 th	Matt 1:18-24

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	Christingle & Communion Service	- Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplpen
6.30 pm	Carol Service with Christingle	- St Andrew's, Ipplpen

Morning Prayer

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

Tuesday	9.15 am	- St Andrew's, Ipplpen
Wednesday	9.15 am	- Via Zoom (for the zoom password email rev.andrewdown@gmail.com)
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, Ipplpen	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, Ipplpen
	7.00 pm	Mission Community Compline	- St Andrew's, Ipplpen
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplpen
	6.00 pm	School Carol Concert	- Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	12 noon	Funeral of Cynthia Griffiths	- St Andrew's, Ipplpen
	4.30 pm	Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplpen
	8.00 pm	'Broadharmony' Concert	- Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston
Friday	7.00 pm	Carols on the Green	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Next Sunday 19th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplpen
4.00 pm	Carol Concert	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
6.00 pm	Christingle & Carol Service	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

Points for Prayer during advent. We pray that we will be ready whenever God comes in our lives: That the nations of the world will work for peace. That the broken will find healing.

In Memory. Cynthia Floyd, Muriel Hall, Val Denning, Marysia Willoughby and Cynthia Griffiths.



Reflection by Rev'd Tony Meek

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday 12th December 2021

As we travel together through Advent on our way to Christmas, we pause today to spend a moment with someone else who was pointing towards the coming of the Christ: St John the Baptist. John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

John warned us to flee from the wrath to come; it sounds like a message of fear. Jesus appeals to us to enter into life; his is a gospel of love.

Jesus did start his teaching from where John had to leave off. He acknowledged openly that John had been his forerunner, preparing the way for him. He took up the theme of judgement, and the need for a revolution in morality.

What John could not have foreseen was that Jesus would be initiating a new order and not just bringing an old order to an end.

For Jesus, the kingdom of God was not only to be expected, but welcomed and prayed for. To enter into it would require as much change of heart as the judgement which was the theme of the preaching of John. In a sense, John is giving a warning, and Jesus promising a new life.

What is common to both messages is the need for repentance, for a change of heart and outlook and of one's way of life.

The preaching of repentance remains an essential part of the Christian message. I know that for some forty years I have written and spoken about it more than about any other topic! It is common to both Old and New Testaments. When the prophet Joel says, *'Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God.* (Joel 2.13), it seems a very Old Testament theme.

But at the close of the great sermon by Peter at Pentecost those who heard it said, *'Brothers, what shall we do?'* (Acts 2.37), to which the reply comes at once, *'Repent and be baptised.'*

There can be no acceptance of the salvation Jesus came to bring without repentance. Repentance is not just about saying sorry. It means a complete change of direction in our lives. It means turning and walking away from what we have done wrong, and it means walking with Christ towards the kingdom of God.

John the Baptist was indeed preparing the way for Jesus. His message of repentance remains essential as a preparation for the coming of Christ into our hearts. It remains essential as we prepare once more to celebrate the coming of the Son of God as a tiny baby in a manger in Bethlehem.

Repentance: turning and walking away from what we have done wrong, and walking with Christ towards the kingdom of God.

If you remember nothing else that any minister says or writes this Advent, I implore you to remember that.

