



Sunday 5th December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

The Living in Love and Faith Course at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen, This will be held weekly until Wednesday 8th December from 1.30pm to 3pm.

Reflective evening prayer at Holy Trinity Torbryan. 4.30pm on 5th December. This time focusing on St Lucy. A time of prayer, poetry, music, silence and song.

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>

Don't forget our Advent Tuesday night gatherings starting on Tuesday 30th with a special Mission Community Eucharist for St Andrew's day at 7pm and then Compline at 7pm on the following three Tuesdays during Advent.

We are holding an Advent Quiet Morning on Saturday 11th December 10am to 1pm in St Andrew's Ipplepen. All welcome. At this busy time of year, we hope you will be able to make time for some space.

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 8th December.

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,

Readings

| | This week | Next week |
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| Readings for this Sunday: | | |
| 1st Reading | Baruch 5:1-9 | Zephaniah 3:14-end |
| Psalm | Luke 1:68-79 | Isaiah 12:2-End |
| 2nd Reading | Philippians 1:3-11 | Philippians 4:4-7 |
| Gospel | Luke 3:1-6 | Luke 3:7-18 |

Readings for the week ahead:

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| Mon | 6 th | Luke 5:17-26 | Thurs | 9 th | Matt 11:11-15 |
| Tue | 7 th | Matt 18:12-14 | Fri | 10 th | Matt 11:16-19 |
| Wed | 8 th | Matt 11:28-End | Sat | 11 th | Matt 17:10-13 |

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

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Today's Sunday Services

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| 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 |
| 4.30 pm | Reflective Evening Prayer – St Lucy | - Holy Trinity, Torbryan |

Morning Prayer

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

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| Tuesday | 9.00 am | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen (for the next two weeks) |
| Wednesday | 9.15 am | - Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston (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:

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| 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.

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| Monday | 3pm-5pm | T-Pot (Every Monday - All Welcome!)- Church Cottage, Denbury |
| Tuesday | 10.15 am | Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| | 7.00 pm | Mission Community Compline - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| Wednesday | 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 |
| | 4.30 pm | Youth Choir Practice - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| Friday | 12 noon | Funeral of Val Denning - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| Saturday | 10am-1pm | Mission Community - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| | | Advent Quiet Morning |

Next Sunday 12th December – Third Sunday of Advent

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| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| 11.00 am | Christingle & Communion | - Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston |
| 11.00 am | Celtic Morning Prayer | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 6.30 pm | Carol Service with Christingle | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |

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.



LUCY AND LIGHT;

How are you finding the dark winter evenings? The clocks went back some 3 or 4 weeks ago and the sudden darkness at 5pm takes some getting used to. Torches need new batteries, reflective jackets need to be found. All dog walkers seem to go out at about the same time, and dogs get spooked by torch light and shadows, resulting in growls and barks. It needs to be light enough to walk the dogs, dark enough for the chickens to go to bed and late enough to lock the church, quite an effort and the rush hour traffic doesn't help! (Yes we do have a bit of a rush hour even in Denbury!)

One comfort - the shortest day is not far off, it will get lighter!
Light is important to us. Not just to see by, it helps us function better too. Our minds and bodies seem to work better in the light.
We are so lucky to have electricity. At the flick of a switch a room can be flooded with light and darkness banished. Imagine what it would have been like with just the embers of a dying fire, a few spluttering candles or perhaps the soft light of a gas lamp. The surrounding darkness must have been so frightening and oppressive.

Light is important to us. There are some 60 references to light in the New Testament alone. Christ referred to himself as the 'Light of the World.' He referred to lights being hidden under a cover. We read phrases such as:

Let your light so shine
The Lord is my light and salvation;
The light shone in the darkness
Walk as children of the Light, and so on.

In these dark days we have a saint who is particularly associated with Light. A 4th Century saint called LUCY. A virgin martyr of the early church. She lived and worked in Syracuse in Sicily. Probably came from a wealthy family as she gave many of her possessions away to the poor of the town - much to the annoyance of her husband. She refused to consummate her marriage, was taken to court and as a punishment was ordered into a brothel. She survived many other horrific tortures, including losing her eyesight and was eventually beheaded. Her feast day is on the 13th December. Lucy is the patron of glass-workers, gondoliers, lamplighters and the city of Syracuse.

In Sweden on the 13th December the youngest daughter of the household dresses in white and takes rolls and coffee to other members of the house while singing a special song. (Perhaps a take on breakfast in bed).

Illustrations: _

1. A procession of Virgin martyrs (including St. Lucy) - in St. Apollinare in Ravenna.



2. St. Lucy with her attributes - a martyr's palm in one hand with a dish bearing her two eyes in the other. Sometimes also a sword to show she was beheaded and a lamp to show her association with light.



Find out more about St. Lucy at Torbryan Church on Sunday 5th Dec at 4.30pm.