



Sunday 23rd January 2022

Third Sunday of Epiphany

This Sunday 23rd January

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Churches Together – Family Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
12 noon	Wedding Meeting	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
2.30 pm	Baptism Rehearsal	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

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	- Online 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, 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 is on Mondays each week.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	6.30-8pm	Refresh Revisit Reflect Course	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Next Sunday 30th January 2022 – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10.00 am	New Year Mission Community Communion Service	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
2.00 pm	Baptism of Charlotte Olding	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

A reminder about wreaths in St Andrew's Churchyard. Please can parishioners clear their Christmas wreaths and bouquets by Candlemas (Wednesday 2nd February 2022) as the Church Working Party will be tidying and clearing the Churchyard on Saturday 5th February. If you have recently laid a wreath that you would like to remain in the churchyard then please contact Geraldine Dennis, Church Warden, to let her know (01803) 813077. Thank You.

Church of England Covid Guidance. In light of the new government Covid measures, you will be guided on arrival at services and events about how each event will be managed. In broad terms mask wearing is now mandatory, sanitiser will be available, the building will be well ventilated and guidance will be given regarding seating and distancing.

Refresh Revisit Reflect Course From Tuesday 11th January from 6.30pm to 8pm, each Tuesday until 15th February, in St Andrew's Church Ipplepen. This course explores the Christian way of life. **This week we will be looking at the Apostle's Creed.** Feel free to come along to this session or all sessions. All Welcome

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 - 25 January Materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, which includes our link diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. Download readings, reflections and prayers for each day from 18 to 25 January. <https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/WPCU-2022-English-A5-1.pdf.pagespeed.ce.c2Ohs37kOX.pdf>

Bishop Nick Announces his Retirement The Bishop of Plymouth, the Right Reverend Nick McKinnel, is to retire in August 2022. Bishop Nick, who is married to Jan and has four children and nine grandchildren, will be 68 and has been Bishop of Plymouth since 2015. A farewell service is planned for Bishop Nick at Exeter Cathedral in the summer. <https://exeter.anglican.org/bishop-of-plymouth-announces-retirement/> Listen to Bishop Nick's interview with Radio Devon here. (1:56:15) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0bf7vbj>

New Year Mission Community Communion Service. 10am Sunday 30th January St Peter and St Paul's Broadhempston. Come and celebrate Candlemas - the presentation of Christ in the temple. We come together at the start of 2022 to celebrate the life of our parishes (Woodland, Broadhempston, Denbury, Ipplepen with Torbryan) and to pray for the year ahead. All Welcome.

Readings

	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Malachi 3:1-5
	Psalm 19:1-6	24:1-End
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Hebrew's 2:14-End
Gospel	Luke 4:14-21	Luke 2:22-40

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon 24 th	Mark 3:22-30	Thurs 27 th	Mark 4:21-25
Tue 25 th	Matt 19:27-End	Fri 28 th	Mark 4:26-34
Wed 26 th	Luke 10:1-9	Sat 29 th	Mark 4:35-End

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

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Points for Prayer. The people of Tonga as they cope with the aftermath of the eruption of the volcano and the subsequent tsunami.

In Memory. Alison Foster, Beryl Lentern, Beryl Savery and Mary Cock.



Reflection by Rev'd Tony Meek

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In Chester Cathedral there is an inscription which reads:

*When I was a child I laughed and wept – time crept;
When I was a youth I waxed more bold – time strolled;
When I became a full-grown man – time ran;
When older I daily grew – time flew;
Soon I shall find in passing on – time gone.
O Christ, wilt thou have saved me then? Amen.*

Like so many poems about time, those words give us a feeling of urgency. Not the kind that prompts us to rush around, but the urgency which reminds us that there are some really important things to do before it is too late.

We often put off doing something really important, only to realise that it is too late to remedy it. In its most extreme form that can mean, for example, that we intend to write a letter or to visit when a friend is ill, but we delay and before we have done it, that person dies.

Many early Christians had a great sense of urgency; they believed that time was running out on them. They expected the world to end in their lifetime. Perhaps we are getting back to that feeling. It seems sadly only too possible that some major catastrophe will take place, if not in our lifetime, then in that of our children or grandchildren. A catastrophe caused either by the deliberate use of weapons of mass destruction, by a pandemic, or by the seemingly deliberate destruction of our environment.

In other words, time is not on our side; therefore we must use now the talents which God has given us. Every so often, we hear about some new infant prodigy. It is well known that Mozart could compose from the age of four. Watching television, we are often shown children who are highly gifted in music or sport. When we hear the expression, 'a gifted child', we usually think of those with world class talent; but it cannot be said too often that every one of us is gifted. And how good it is to use the word 'gifted' in a proper sense, rather than as a pretentious substitute for the simple and correct 'given'!

The urgent need to use our gifts is all the more important when we look at our Christian ministry. "Whatever can I do?" is all too often the feeling of most of us in the pew. There is still sometimes a mistaken feeling that only the clergy and a few specially trained lay people have gifts of ministry.

There are many who exercise their gifts in quiet ways for God. Helping to keep the churchyard tidy is a lovely thing to do. Making tea and coffee after services and at other functions; serving at the altar or giving the readings at the services; singing in the choir; playing the organ; leading the intercessions; arranging the flowers; cleaning the church. The list of jobs which need doing goes on and on. Can anyone become our Accountant?

Doing these things gives great pleasure to many, and how much we all value those who give of their talents in this kind of way.

Many congregations include people whose highly responsible jobs affect, or have affected, the lives of thousands: people who are experts in communication – teachers, journalists, broadcasters, accountants; people who are expert counsellors, some professionally qualified, and others who are simply ready quietly to listen and to help. This list could go on and on. What a world of talent we have in the Church. But do we use it?

We hear a lot about 'Stewardship', mostly in the context of the constant need to ensure a church has the financial resources to carry on. But stewardship is also a matter of time and talent. It may be that the time has come to surprise each other, to ask ourselves earnestly, "Have I a gift that I could use, or use more, in God's service?" "Do I have a little more time that I could cheerfully employ in furthering the work and worship of the church?"

