



**In Memory.** Beryl Savery, Mary Cock, Betty Elders and Grace Domoney.

**Points for Prayer.** As we read about Simeon and Anna, we give thanks for the faithful work done by the elderly and the retired in our parishes and pray for those who live or work at the Grange and in Bramble Down.

**New Year Mission Community Communion Service. 10am This Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January St Peter and St Paul's Broadhempston. Come and celebrate Candlemas - the presentation of Christ in the temple.** We come together to celebrate the life of our parishes.

**Celebrating the Saints – Torbryan – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 4.30pm.** A service of Evening Prayer. Simple, Celtic inspired. A time of silence, music, art, poetry and prayer.

**A reminder about wreaths in St Andrew's Churchyard.** Please can parishioners clear their Christmas wreaths and bouquets by Candlemas (Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022) as the Church Working Party will be tidying and clearing the Churchyard on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 we continue to advise mask wearing, sanitiser will be available, the building will be well ventilated and guidance will be given regarding seating.

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

**Bishop Nick Announces his Retirement** The Bishop of Plymouth, the Right Reverend Nick McKinnel, is to retire in August 2022. 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>

**Coming soon:** Compline and Study Course for Lent.

Readings	This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>		
1st Reading	Malachi 3:1-5	Isaiah 6:1-End
Psalm	24:1-End	138
2nd Reading	Hebrew's 2:14-End	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40	Luke 5:1-11

### Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	31 <sup>st</sup>	Mark 5:1-20	Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark 6:7-13
Tue	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark 6:21-End	Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 6:14-29
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark 6:1-6a	Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 6:30-34

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

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### Today's Sunday Services

10.00 am	Mission Community – Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
2.00 pm	Baptism of Charlotte Olding	- 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	9.15 am	- Online Via Zoom (for the zoom password email <a href="mailto:rev.andrewdown@gmail.com">rev.andrewdown@gmail.com</a> )
Thursday	9.30 am	- Church Cottage, 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
	12 noon	Funeral of Mary Cock	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	5pm	Meeting	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	6.30pm	Wedding Meeting	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	6.30-8pm	Refresh Revisit Reflect Course	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	12 noon	Lunch Club	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	12 noon	Remembrance Service for Betty Elders	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

### Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Fourth Sunday Before Lent

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 Valentine	- Holy Trinity, Torbryan



## Reflection by Rev'd Anne Burden

Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
Luke 2:22-40  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

I'm very fond of my set of crib figures - made by Benedictine monks and sold in Buckfast Abbey. I built up the collection slowly because the figures are rather expensive. Some were presents - like the camel from my colleagues when I left Brixham, and the 'novice' angel with lumps on his back which might one day grow into wings. I wonder why they were chosen for me!! Now the set is complete, and for most of the year it sits on a display shelf in the lounge. I can see the figures from the sofa if I turn my head to the left. On Advent Sunday or thereabouts they move to the hearth where they sit with a candle beside them - and at Candlemas they move back to the shelf. I've enjoyed looking at them 'head-on' during Christmas - but with Candlemas round the corner, it will soon be time for them to go back to their shelf. The one thing that never happens to them is being packed away with the Christmas decorations. They're always on view - either straight on or to the side. There's a message in this, I think!!

When we look at a Christmas crib it's more than a picture from history. Jesus came all those years ago - but he also comes now today, tomorrow and for ever. The miracle of Christmas is not only that Jesus came into the world as a human baby once, but that he makes his home in human hearts today. Emmanuel, God with us, is forever. The "full on view" is for the Christmas season - but at other times if we stop and turn our heads to the side - just like with my nativity figures - Jesus is still there. The message of Christmas is 'incarnation' - which means 'the Word became flesh'. And when you spell the word with a small "i" - it's for every day.

We celebrate Candlemas today in advance of its actual date of 2nd February, and officially this is the end of the Christmas/Epiphany season. It's the day when we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple - and that fascinating account forms the Gospel Reading for the day. There are also great riches in the liturgy sometimes used for Candlemas. Churches have their own customs, but usually include a procession with candles to the crib and on to the font or the church door. Then the candles are extinguished as a reminder that the "Light of Christ" is not just in the baby in the crib - but in the world and in human life. Candlemas is a turning point for the liturgy of the Church, and one of the ways of expressing this is "One last look at the crib, now, turn to face the cross." Liturgy moves on. The white colours of Christmas are changed for the green of Ordinary Time before the purple of Lent. Our Christian life and discipleship need to move on too - learning and growing but building on all of our experience from the past and present. That's why we need to hold on to what we discover each Christmas season - and to glance sideways at the crib, as it were, to remember that God has his home on earth and more specifically in us - you, me, and the people we meet. What does it mean to live with God in us? Only you can answer this.

Perhaps a promise for Candlemas could lie in a quote from Charles Dickens in 'A Christmas Carol' which many of you may know:

*"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year"*

