



Sunday 9th January 2022

Baptism of Christ

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 Starting on 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 looking at Jesus's summary of the law, the Lord's Prayer, The Apostles' Creed. The Beatitudes, The Eucharist and the Life of the Spirit. Feel free to come along to one session or all sessions. 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 this Wednesday 12th January.

The Anglican Community Pays Tribute to Archbishop Desmond Tutu The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have joined leaders from across the Church of England, the Anglican Communion and other churches in paying tribute to Desmond Tutu the Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, who has died at the age of 90. The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby described Archbishop Tutu as "a great warrior for justice who never stopped fighting – whether it was for those in his own country, for inclusivity in the South African Constitution, or for those suffering injustice around the world." Read more here. <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/prophet-and-priest-man-words-and-action-tributes-archbishop-desmond>

The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message 2022 The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, shares a hopeful environmental reflection in his New Year Message 2022. It was broadcast on BBC One on New Year's Day and filmed at Kew Gardens. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00134ln>

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm	29	36:5-10
2nd Reading	Acts 8:14-17	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	John 2:1-11
Readings for the week ahead:		
Mon 10 th	Mark 1:14-20	Thurs 13 th Mark 1:40-End
Tue 11 th	Mark 1:21-28	Fri 14 th Mark 2:1-12
Wed 12 th	Mark 1:29-39	Sat 15 th Mark 2:13-17

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	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- 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	10.30am-12	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	2.00 pm	Funeral Service & Burial of Beryl Savery	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Next Sunday 16th January 2022 – Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Points for Prayer. All those who have been baptised in our churches over the last year.

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



Reflection by Rev'd Andrew Down

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As we celebrate the Baptism of Christ here are some brief quotes and thoughts along with the symbols of baptism to stimulate and aid your reflection.

Two quotes and thoughts inspired by the late Rachel Held Evans

'Identity - it's always God's first move' - Nadia Bolz-Weber

When Jesus emerged from the water of the river of Jordan a voice from heaven declared "This is my son whom I love, with him I am well pleased". Jesus did not begin to be loved at his baptism or ceased to be loved when his baptism became a memory. Baptism named and declared the reality of his belovedness. So it is with us. In baptism we are named and identified as beloved children of God.

'How bold one gets when one is sure of being loved' - Sigmund Freud

After Jesus was baptised he was tempted for 40 days in the desert. He was bold and free in the face of these temptations. This freedom was ultimately expressed in his journey to the cross and beyond. In baptism we make the public and audacious claim that neither evil or death gets the final word on who we are. We declare that we are a beloved child of God and we renounce anything or anyone who says or tells us otherwise. We declare that death in all its forms is powerless against love.

Actions speak louder than words: how do the symbols of baptism speak to you today?

Suggestion: jot down or perhaps draw your responses in the spaces to the right of each picture.

Cross: the sign of the cross traced on the forehead



Journey: the walking from front of church to the font at the back



Water: used three times baptising in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Oil: anointing and praying for the guidance and empowering of the Holy Spirit



Candle: lit from the Paschal Candle, a candle is given recognising the light of all lights that enlightens everyone.



Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
now and for ever.
Amen

'All water has a perfect memory and is forever trying to get back to where it was' - Tony Morrison.