



Sunday 13th February 2022

Third Sunday Before Lent

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 'God making home with us – Life of the Spirit'. Feel free to come along to this last session. All Welcome.

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.

Lent Course 2022: 'Surprised by Generosity' is a new seven week Lent course looking at God's generosity to us and our call to live generously in return. It has been devised by the Diocese of Exeter Mission Resources Advisor Brigit Kiyaga and written by contributors from across the diocese, including author and speaker Dave Hopwood. It is based on the Gospel of Luke and features video reflections, interviews, a small group study guide and suggested church service talks. <https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/generous-giving/lentcourse2022/>

The course will be held on Sunday evenings from 5pm to 6.30pm from 27th February to 10th April 2022, to be held in St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen. (The session on 3rd April to be held from 6pm to 7.30pm due to the 4.30pm service taking place in Torbryan).

Lent Compline (30 minutes of quiet prayerful service) for our Mission Community will held on Tuesday evenings from 8th March to 12th April 2022 in St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen.

Foundations in Christian Ministry - September 2022 - June 2023 Would you like to deepen your faith, develop your gifts and explore God's calling for your life? The Diocese of Exeter offers a free one year course which runs over seven Saturdays. It includes teaching on the Bible, Spirituality, Theology and Pastoral Care. Contact Programmes Coordinator & Administrator, the Rev'd Belinda Speed-Andrews: admin@swmtc.org.uk, 01392 272544 or have a conversation with Hillarie Griggs ()1803 812197). Application need to be submitted by 17th April 2022 to <https://swmtc.org.uk/study/foundations-in-christian-ministry/>

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2022 'Embracing Justice' available as a Big Church Read. Author Isabelle Hamley invites you to journey with her through 'Embracing Justice'. The Big Church Read provides exclusive videos from Isabelle Hamley for each chapter <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/embracing-justice/>

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Genesis 2:4b-9. 15-End
Psalm	1	65
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Revelation 4
Gospel	Luke 6:17-26	Luke 8:22-25

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	14 th	Mark 8:11-13	Thurs	17 th	Mark 8:27-33
Tue	15 th	Mark 8:14-21	Fri	18 th	Mark 8:34-9.1
Wed	16 th	Mark 8:22-26	Sat	19 th	Mark 9:2-13

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 – Family Service	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.30 pm	Church Warden Meeting	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
6.00 pm	Wedding Meeting	- 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 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

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

Points for Prayer. We hold in prayer the upcoming annual parochial church meetings and all the preparations that will be being done for these.

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

Printed copies of the February and March 2022 edition of 'The Beacon' magazine are now available for you to pick up from inside the Beacon Parishes Mission Community churches.



Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

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Luke 6:17-26
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This teaching of Jesus happens just after he has finished choosing twelve apostles from among his disciples and before he begins his final journey to Jerusalem. His popularity with the crowds who have come to listen and be healed has grown. He is now teaching them how the Kingdom of God is very different from what was considered “the norm” at this time. (And possibly even in our time?) It challenges everything, and flips it upside down to show how things really are from God’s perspective. Similar teaching is found in the Beatitudes found in Matthew gospel.

When learning a new board game or sport you usually start with a few basic rules, three or four things that you need to remember to do and a similar number of things that you should avoid. As you practice more and become more skilled you learn the subtleties of the game. In the same way Jesus is setting out the characteristics and attitudes that will be present in his followers and will deepen as they grow in faith. It is not a “must do” list to get into the kingdom of God, rather Jesus is helping them and us to see God’s intention and desire for our lives. He points us in the direction of living the new life that we can have in him. These words may startle us because they confront how society has shown us to look at the world, how we should behave and what we should strive for. Jesus calls his followers to live differently from those who do not know him.

He highlights four themes; wealth, hunger, weeping and laughter, and popularity. Each one comes as a pair, “blessed” and or “woe”. The word ‘blessed’ means more than the word “happy” that it is sometimes translated as. The word has a deeper meaning as it is beyond the superficial emotion. It is an exclamation of the inner joy and peace that comes with being right with God. Happiness may indeed be a part of it, but it is a happiness not affected by what happens in the world around us. It does not imply that life will not be a struggle. “Woe” is an exclamation denoting pain or displeasure. It is an expression of pity for those who stand under divine judgment and gives a strong warning about impending doom.

Poor/Rich

Jesus is challenging us about our attitude to money. It is not wealth per se that is the problem, but it is when we become obsessed about acquiring worldly possessions. When it becomes our source of security and the driving force of our life. We think that if we just have more money we will be happy and it will insulate us from the struggles of life. This is why Jesus says the poor are blessed. The rich tend to be self-satisfied and rely on themselves. The poor, on the other hand, are forced to trust in God, since they have no wealth to trust in to tide them over.

Hungry/Well fed

Reading this literally we know some people who use food as a means of comfort, a way to find happiness. They eat because they are sad or depressed and they think that food will make them feel better. It doesn’t. After they eat, they are still unhappy. Jesus is challenging his followers to constantly hunger for a deeper and fuller relationship with God. If we are satisfied we stop working, reaching, and growing.

Weeping/Laughter

Many people think that doing fun, and sometimes foolish, things is the same as being happy, but it isn't. Often, people who are laughing on the outside are crying on the inside. Jesus is challenging us to see the injustices in the world and to help and to bring comfort.

Hated/Praised

We live in an age where the cult of popularity has influenced society. The desire to be accepted and popular can lead us not to be true to our faith and ourselves. Popularity can be an illusion and does not last. Jesus challenges us to look for faithfulness in our relationships as is shown by God’s love and faithfulness to us.

Although Jesus does not directly urge listeners to make a choice between the ways of blessing and woe, the fact that there are these two possibilities implies such a choice. Luke wants listeners to choose the way of blessing. To choose the way of God not of man.

Jesus challenges us to think and act differently from those around us. We want those outside the church to see this. We want it to be visible to them that Jesus can change lives, that this it is not just a slogan. Sometimes they see no evidence of God’s transforming power in those who claim to follow him.

