

Mission Community of Ipplepen with Torbryan, Denbury, Broadhempston and Woodland



See inside for the story behind
St. Andrew's Youth Choir's new logo

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The Beacon

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Welcome

Peace in Ukraine



From The Methodist Church: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/>

Holy and Gracious God,

We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy. Amen

My thanks to the many contributors to this April edition.

- The war in Ukraine remains uppermost in our thoughts and prayer.
- A view from Torbryan by George Brendon has some excellent personal ideas for coping strategies.
- The suggested new name for the St. Andrew's Youth Choir makes our opening page in all its font of bright colour. See page 12.
- The 'WOW' factor for the young in church is an uplifting article see page 21.
- As we come through our time in Lent into Holy Week and Easter Hillarie Griggs follows her inspirational article 'Why an Ash Cross at the beginning Lent (see P17 Feb/March Beacon) with her article 'The Triduum' explaining some of the meaning and relevance of the three days from Maundy Thursday through to the Easter Vigil.

ENJOY the spring weather and a Happy Easter all our readers.

Articles for the June July edition should reach me by July 21st 2022

Michael Price, Editor

Sunday and Easter Week Services for April

Services planned at time of going to print. Please check website / Weekly Notices for updates.

Sunday April 3rd

9.30 am

9.30 am

11.00 am

4.30 pm

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

Celtic Morning Prayer

Holy Communion

Reflective Evening Prayer - St George

- St John The Baptist, Woodland

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

- Holy Trinity, Torbryan

Sunday April 10th

10.00 am

6.00 pm

6.00 pm

Palm Sunday

Holy Communion

Mission Community Service

BCP Evensong

Celtic Evening Prayer

- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Monday April 11th

7.00 pm

Monday of Holy Week

Holy Communion

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Tuesday April 12th

7.00 pm

Tuesday of Holy Week

Holy Communion

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Wednesday April 13th

7.00 pm

Wednesday of Holy Week

Holy Communion

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Thursday April 14th

5.30 pm

7.30 pm

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion followed by Watch

Holy Communion followed by Watch

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Friday April 15th

10.30 am

2.00 pm

Good Friday

Joint service and Walk of Witness

Reflecting around the Cross

- Gathering at Ipplepen Methodist Church

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Saturday April 16th

8.00 pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Sunday April 17th

9.30 am

10.00 am

10.00 am

11.00 am

Easter Day

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

- St John The Baptist, Woodland

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday April 24th

9.30 am

11.00 am

11.00 am

Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Churches Together – Family Service

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday Services and Ascension Day for May

Services planned at time of going to print. Please check website / Weekly Notices for updates.

May 1st

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

Easter 3

May 8th

9:30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11:00am	Holy Communion	St Peter and St Paul's, Broadhempston
11:00am	Celtic Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Easter 4

May 15th

9:30 am	Holy Communion	St John The Baptist, Woodland
11:00 am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Easter 5

May 22nd

9:30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11:00am	Holy Communion	St Peter and St Paul's, Broadhempston
11:00am	Churches Together	St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Easter 6

Ascension Day

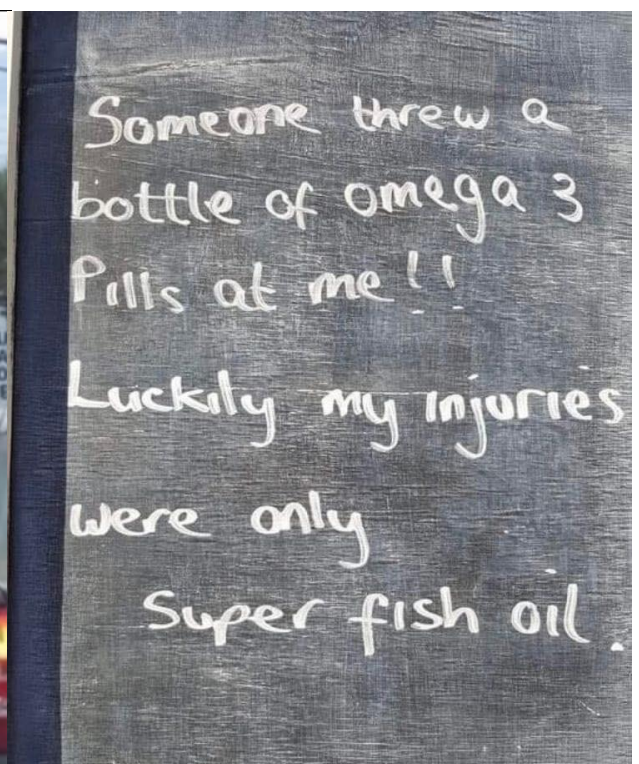
10:15am	Ascension Day	St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
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Thursday May 26th

May 29th

10:00am	Mission Community Holy Communion	St John The Baptist, Woodland
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Easter 7 - Sunday after Ascension Day



Other events for April and May

Sat 2 nd April	10am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning (1 st Saturday of each month)	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
Sundays (3 rd & 10 th April)	5.00 pm	Lent Course 2022 'Surprised by Generosity'	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Tues 5 th April	7.00pm	Compline	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wed 6 th April	12 noon	Churches Together - Lunch Club (1 st Wednesday of each month)	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Wed 13 th April	10.30am	Coffee Mates (2 nd Wednesday of each month)	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Wed 4 th May	12 noon	Churches Together - Lunch Club (1 st Wednesday of each month)	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Sat 7 th May	10am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning (1 st Saturday of each month)	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
Wed 1 st May	10.30 am	Coffee Mates (2 nd Wednesday of each month)	- Church Cottage, Denbury

Beacon Parishes Mission Community Weekly Events

Private Prayer

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 John the Baptist, Woodland	9am to 5pm	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	10am to 5pm	Daily

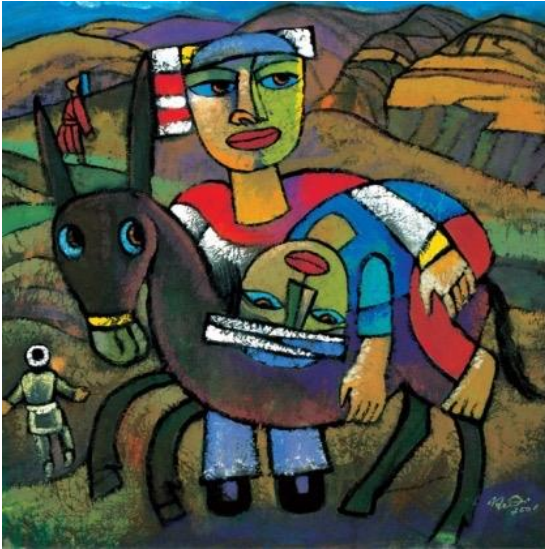
Weekly Morning Prayer

Tuesday	9.15 am (Book of Common Prayer)	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.15 am (Celtic Morning Prayer)	- Online using 'Zoom'
For the Zoom password, email: rev.andrewdown@gmail.com		
Thursday	9.15 am (Common Worship)	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am (A time of silent prayer and meditation)	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

Regular Midweek Events and Communion Services

Monday	at 3 – 5pm	'T-pot'	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	at 7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Tuesdays	at 10.15 am (except 12 th April)	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	at 7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	at 10.15 am (except 12 th April)	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	at 4.30pm	sta*x Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Being a Neighbour?



We all continue to hold the unfolding conflict in Ukraine in our prayers, hearts and our actions. As we do this we also remember those caught up in other areas of conflict and need around the world. Our lives are mingled with the lives of those involved in conflict and need as we get to know their story; they become part of us; they start to become our neighbours.

Throughout this year in church we have been reading from the Gospel of Luke. One of the most famous parables in Luke's gospel is that of the **Good Samaritan**. A story about a very unlikely person who chose to help someone in need. They chose to be a neighbour - to come close. As you work out how you respond to areas of need you come across including the conflict in Ukraine why not read this parable again. You can find it in Luke Chapter 10: 25-37.

We will soon be marking the high point of the Christian year with the festival of Easter. From sundown on Maundy Thursday (14th April) to sundown on Easter Sunday (17th April). This festival of God's love this year will undoubtedly be influenced by the context of the conflict in Ukraine and importantly offer an opportunity to process and explore our responses together. Whatever other festivals or gatherings you plan to join this spring and summer, why not join with the Easter celebrations on offer in our local churches and allow these collective gatherings to support you as you seek to come close to and be a neighbour to those in need in your life. And remember the person in need of a neighbour might well be you.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew

Strap lines



- Anger is just one letter short of danger.
- I do not want the peace that passes understanding; I want the understanding which brings peace. *(Helen Keller)*
- We haven't got a plan, so nothing can go wrong. *(Spike Milligan)*
- You can't have a silver lining without a cloud.
- When the power of love overtakes the love of power we shall be moving towards peace.
- When it seems that God doesn't solve your problem, perhaps he has faith in your ability.
- Church is not so much a shrine for saints, but a hospital for sinners.

Life Events

We continue to pray for those we, as Beacon Parishes, have had and will have the privilege of supporting and accompanying, and also their family and friends.

Baptisms

Sunday 13 th March 2022	Denbury	Mabel Freeborn
Sunday 13 th March 2022	Ipplepen	Charles Hooker

Funerals

Tuesday 1 st February 2022	Ipplepen	Mary Cock
Tuesday 22 nd February 2022	Ipplepen	Winifred 'Grace' Domoney
Friday 25 th February 2022	Ipplepen	Mavis Walker
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	Broadhempston	Gwendoline Marks
Wednesday 30 th March 2022	Denbury	Edith Mortimore
Thursday 31 st March 2022	Broadhempston	Michael Dow

Remembrance Services

Friday 4 th February 2022	Ipplepen	Betty Elders
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Interments of Ashes

Wednesday 9 th March 2022	Broadhempston	Michael Binmore
Saturday 26 th March 2022	Ipplepen	Andy Vickerstaff

How to keep in touch

Weekly Notices	These contain up to date information of services and activities in our parishes. Published prior to each weekend, these are given out at services and also available to pick in the churches during the week. They are also emailed out by the office to those on the email circulation list.
Website	The Beacon Parishes website www.missioncommunity.org.uk is the 'go to' place for information. It also contains the Weekly Notices and Beacon Magazine.
Videos	Video recordings of some of the services held in our Beacon Community can be found on the website.
Facebook	Three of our parishes keep up to date Facebook pages: www.facebook.com/StAndrewsIpplepen/ www.facebook.com/denburyworship www.facebook.com/Broad20/ and the Beacon Community Discussion group: www.facebook.com/groups/424938598594105
Email	The Church Office has an email list which is used for sending out the Weekly Notices as well as any other important information. If you or someone you know would like to be included on this list, please contact the office.
Contacts	Names and telephone numbers are to be found in The Beacon.
Rector	Rev'd Andrew Down. Tel: 01803 813403 E: rev.andrewdown@gmail.com
Church Office	Church Office, St. Andrew's Church Hall, Church Path, Ipplepen, TQ12 5RZ Tel: 01803 814178 E: office@beaconparishes.co.uk

Floodlighting

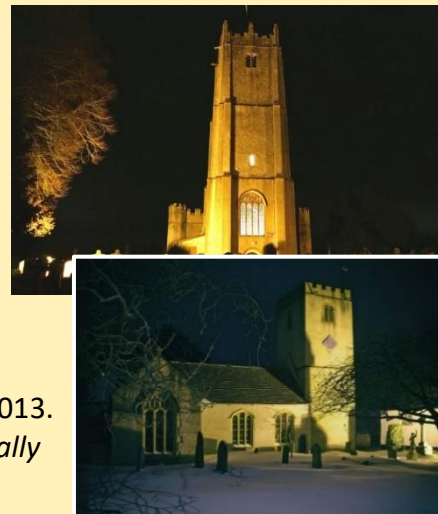
The towers at both Denbury and Ipplepen have floodlighting which needs sponsorship to cover the cost of electricity and maintenance. Sponsorship is usually for a week at a time, and people often like to sponsor to mark a special occasion.

Denbury:

For Denbury, contact Rachel Belringer 01803 812529 / 07751804007

New

April: John Harrison: Mio bellissimo Muriel. 7th March 1944 - 12th April 2013.
R.I.P. Luv Johnny & India. *John - a proud Yorkshire man! - specifically asked to keep the spelling in his dedication!*



March a villager who likes to see the tower lit

Ipplepen: For Ipplepen, the suggested donation is £5 per occasion per week.

- Sponsor forms are available in St. Andrew's and also at www.missioncommunity.org.uk/floodlighting
- Or write to the office or email: ippleflood@beaconparishes.co.uk
- Donations can be made by cash, cheque, BACS or via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ippleflood
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation

Corrections:

In the February list, we inadvertently missed out important words from the dedication for Paul Kemp, and also a note from Val and Peter Sleight: They should have read:

30th Jan – 5th Feb **In memory of** Paul Kemp on his birthday January 30th with love from Sheila, Graham and Beckie Needs and Hannah Hopkins

6th – 12th Mar From Val and Peter Sleight remembering her parents, Phil and Peter Monks, at the time of their birthdays. **This year they would have been 100**

Retrospective

6th – 12th Mar For Grace Domoney who sadly passed away in January. Remembering our Mum on what would have been her 90th birthday on 9th March. Phil, Wendy and family

New

27th Mar – 2nd Apr In memory of Geoffrey Williamson, on the occasion of his birthday on 29th March. He is missed so much and with us always.

10th – 16th April Remembering Pamela on her birthday, 10th April. A loving wife and mother, sadly missed. Love - Mark, Karen and Ken Squire

Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birthday of Otto Mace on 12th April

Dennis Hurrell and family in memory of his wife, Sally, whose birthday would have been on 14th April

Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birthday of Franz Mace on 15th April

Ivor Janice Julie & Adam remembering Daphne Partridge, a dear wife, mother & Gran on her birthday on 15th April

From Anna Heywood on April 16th in memory of the gorgeous Phil Heywood

17th – 23rd April Dennis Hurrell and family in memory of his wife, Sally, whose birthday would have been on 14th April

Floodlighting

Ipplepen New - continued



- 17th – 23rd April In memory of Amy Treeby who would have been 90 on the 20th April. Remembering all the laughter and happy times, with love from Kevin and Alison
- 24th – 30th April Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Alex and Jonas on 26th April
- Antony Mitchell remembering his mother Mary, and grandfather George Came
- In memory of Jim Clark on his birthday, 30th April, from Tony, Marilyn and family
- 1st – 7th May Sunday 1st May - in loving memory of Rex Osborn on his birthday, with love Liz and Bruce Hooker and family.
- 8th – 14th May A beacon of light on 11th May for Wendy Jensen on her birthday
- Wishing Marilyn Clark a happy 70th birthday on the 14th May. Love from Tony, Andrew, Fiona and all the grandchildren
- 15th – 28th May Margaret Hatten in loving memory of her darling husband David, whose birthday would have been on 17th May.
- 22nd – 28th May Linda, David and Hannah Simmonds for Katie's birthday on 25th May
- 26th Mat – 4th June Peter Mason remembering his wife Jan on 29th May when they would have been married for 57 years.

Pride, the wartime Blackout - and a fall



I read with interest Chris Prince's article in the January/February Beacon "Pride comes before a fall". Haven't we all felt this. However it reminded me of a story my Grandfather used to tell about the blackout in Exeter during the last war. My Grandfather volunteered as one of the many Air-Raid Wardens. One dark night he was patrolling in a part of the City that was unfamiliar to him. Having checked the fronts of the houses in one street he decided to walk through the back alley. To his surprise he saw a light shining around and above a back door and knew that he had to do something about it. Grandfather knocked on the door and a small child's voice answered. The conversation went like this:

Grandfather: Is your father in?

Child: No, my dad went out when my mother came in.

Grandfather: Well, can I speak to your mother?

Child: No, my mother went out when my sister came in.

Grandfather: Let me speak to your sister then.

Child: My sister went out when I came in

Grandfather (getting irritated) Well is there anybody in the house?

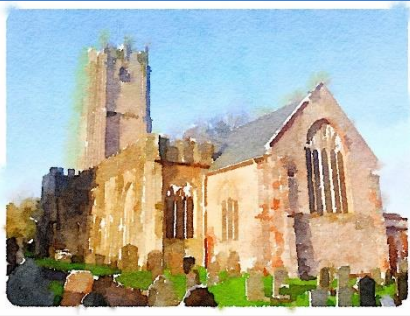
Child: It's not a house, it's a lavatory*

(*Word changed as Beacon viewers are sensitive people)

Stephen Bryant

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



Sunday 6th February was the 70th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne and this was the theme of the Communion Service that Rev Andrew conducted. She is a wonderful Queen with a strong faith and we all look forward to the celebrations later in the year. Also on this day St. Valentine was celebrated at the Reflective Evening Prayer Service at Holy Trinity, Torbryan at 4 30pm.

The following week the Service was Celtic Morning Prayer. The Gospel reading on Sunday 20th February 'Jesus calms the storm' was also Rev Andrew's Reflection on the weekly notices and made us really think and ponder over that story.

It was a 'Churches together family service' on Feb 27th led by Tessa Amies and Rev Kevin Hook. Also a Lent Course on the theme of Generosity started from 5pm to 6-30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall.

Villagers turned out on a cold wet evening on Tuesday March 1st for a vigil in support of Ukraine. Councillor Dewhirst spoke first then Rev Andrew Down led the prayers. There was a collection bucket for donations.

Ash Wednesday was marked with a service of Holy Communion with imposition of ashes at 7pm at St. Andrew's.

Churches Together Compline Services for this year are themed on 'Cross Encounters', meetings people had with Jesus whilst carrying his cross. Services will be on Tuesdays in St Andrew's at 7pm from 8th March each week until 5th April.

The First Sunday of Lent on 6th March at the Holy Communion Service Rev Andrew spoke about Jesus being led into the Wilderness where for forty days he was tempted by the devil, and how Lent is a time to discipline ourselves. We also reflected on the dire situation in Ukraine and prayed for peace. There is an ongoing collection for Ukraine with a plate for donations at the door.



'The World Day of Prayer' service was held at St. Andrew's at 6pm on Friday 4th March, and was led by ladies from the 'Churches Together'. The theme of the service was God's promise found in the book of Jeremiah 'I know I have Plans for you' and focused on freedom, forgiveness, justice and God's peace. This special service was celebrated all over the world in seven regions and this was reflected as we lit seven candles during the service and there were warmest greetings from the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The singing was accompanied by Madeleine Fredrick. The service included readings from the bible, stories of hope, prayers of confession and thanksgiving. The Lord's Prayer beautifully spoken in Welsh and followed by us all saying the English version. The altar was thoughtfully decorated with a blue cloth symbolising the sea around our islands, a globe in the centre and the seven candles. Our thoughts were also of Ukraine represented by the blue and yellow. We were able to enjoy delicious refreshments after the service with Welsh cakes, Victoria sandwich and soda bread with cheese along with tea or coffee. Thank you to Tessa, Maria and everyone who organised this moving service.



We look forward to celebrating Mothering Sunday and all the Easter Services in the coming weeks.

Marilyn Clark

St. Andrew's Youth Choir

St. Andrew's Youth Choir now have a name! Tom Morris explains how the members worked it out!

Buzz words to use: St. Andrew's - St A
Choir - C

Youth Choir: comprises Juniors & Seniors. Theo suggested using "Kids" rather than "Juniors".

Build up the word:

StACK	St Andrew's (keep the t in Saint in the lower case) Choir for Kids
StACS	St Andrew's Choir for Seniors
StACKS	St Andrew's Choir for Kids & Seniors
StAX	Abbreviate the CKS ending to X

X - is the Ancient Greek letter Chi, which is often used as an abbreviation to refer to Christ (Xmas)

Add an asterisk: StA*X so that when anyone asks, you can tell them you are A* grade!

Then choose a font:

Using this font, the letter T stands proud of the other letters like a cross looking down. The font is called 'Quite Mighty'.

Add Rainbow colours:

This reminds us of the song that the choir wrote during the first "Lockdown" of the 2020 Pandemic, "Rainbow of Hope".

Create logo:

Get sweatshirts printed:

Wear them:



The logo links the word StA*X to music and St. Andrew's

StA*X meet regularly in St. Andrew's on Thursdays from 4.30 to 5.30 pm. We welcome new members of ALL ages. Our focus is on performing for special events. For more information, please contact me on 01803 812654

Jo Innes- Lumsden

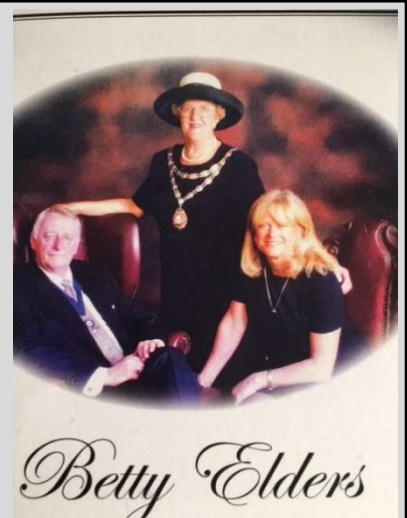
In Memoriam

Betty Elders

16th December 1932 - 12th April 2020

Betty Elders passed away on Easter Sunday 2020 during our first lockdown and had a small funeral at Torquay Crematorium when only ten of us in total were allowed. Shona, her daughter, said she would arrange a memorial service in St. Andrew's when it was possible. Well, after all the lockdowns this lovely service was on the 4th February. Rev Andrew said in his introduction "well how many parties can one have" as there had been a memorial service held in Yorkshire where Betty had lived and worked previously and also a celebration toast when her ashes were scattered in the sea off Brixham.

The service began with the hymn 'Jerusalem'. I was privileged to read Psalm 121 and Rev Andrew read the Eulogy of Betty's very full life. Shona chose a beautiful prayer poem to read for her Mother after the hymn 'The Day thou Gavest'. After prayers and thanksgiving the hymn 'Eternal Father, strong to save' a favourite of hers, and to end the Commendation and Blessing. We were invited to the Church Hall afterwards for a delicious cream tea prepared by Shona. She proposed the final farewell toast at this celebration of Betty's life. She would have loved it! God Bless!



Marilyn Clark

Mary Louise Cock

Mary passed away on 7th January and her funeral took place at St. Andrew's Church at 12 noon on Tuesday 1st February. Rev Andrew Down who conducted the Service reflected on Mary's love of nature, her garden and countryside, her smile and faith and of course her family. There was a reading by Martine Sessions her granddaughter and memories from Rose Debenhams. The music and hymns were well chosen for this lovely lady who we will miss seeing in church.

Marilyn Clark



Winifred Grace Domoney

9th March 1932 - 26th January 2022

Grace's funeral was on Tuesday 22nd February at 12 noon in St. Andrew's and was conducted by Rev Andrew. Dear Grace was being cared for at the Grange Residential Home latterly after living in Darley House since moving to the Village in 1952. She loved being part of the Church family and had held many posts within the church .

The reading of John 14 verses 1-6 was read by Jo Wildgoose and there was a lovely tribute from Wendy and Philip of their Mum's busy life. It was also good to see Rev Philip Darby who led the prayers. Grace's granddaughter Gemma sang the first two verses of 'The Lord's My Shepherd' and appropriately the departing music was 'Amazing Grace'.

Marilyn Clark



Strap lines



- If you can smile when things go wrong...you've probably got someone in mind to blame.
- Bread-making recipes are presently being jealously traded on a knead to know basis.
- If one synchronised swimmer drowns, do the others drown too?
- Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
- How is it possible to have a civil war?
- Beware of laughing too much at political jokestoo many of them get elected!
- Atheism is a non-prophet organisation.

A view from Torbryan



You have probably read enough about the distressing events in Ukraine over recent weeks. My heart bleeds for the unfortunate people in that country and it is hard to feel anything but fury against their invaders. But, as with the

blanket coverage of the pandemic, which we have only just put behind us, it is easy to reach saturation point. Of course, it is important to keep abreast of momentous world events, but not in my view to the point of obsessing over every bit of breaking news churned out by the 24-hour-a-day current affairs machines. Unfortunately, there is not a great deal most of us can do to prevent something like war or pandemic, so it seems to me the only thing affected by news-binging is the negative state of mind of the viewer.

So, it is important at times like this to also focus on things closer to home and find comfort in simple things. I normally find that my mood is lifted just by the action of going outside after a long period of being indoors. And it further improves by getting stuck in to a long-neglected gardening job or some other sort of outdoor labour such as sawing and chopping wood for the fire. Aside from that, walks in the countryside and the occasional plunge into the icy waters of the Dart also take my mind off the troubles of the world.

It has not always been easy to get outdoors in this late winter period when it has either been too wet or too dark to easily do outdoor stuff. This is especially true for office workers with a long commute, who barely see a daylight hour at home during the week. But by the time you read this, the clocks will have gone forward – a harbinger of hope and lighter evenings.

It's amazing how a bit more daylight can lift a person's mood and even in these somewhat troubled times, getting home from work with a few hours of daylight still ahead of me is a great source of personal optimism. And, like all of us, I can only hope that as time progresses we see an increase in world peace and healthiness. As far as the news is concerned, we could really do with some quiet news days with little of note to report. There is an apocryphal Times headline from a quiet news day that read 'Small earthquake in Chile, not many dead' or something along those lines. And I think we could really do with a few days without supposed doomsday headlines to sooth our shredded nerves.

Georgie Brendon

Grace before a meal

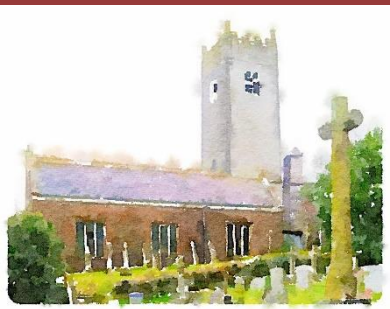


*Our Saviour first went out to dine
And turned the water into wine
It falls to us, as sinful men,
To drink - and turn it back again*

(Anon)

News from Woodland

St. John the
Baptist

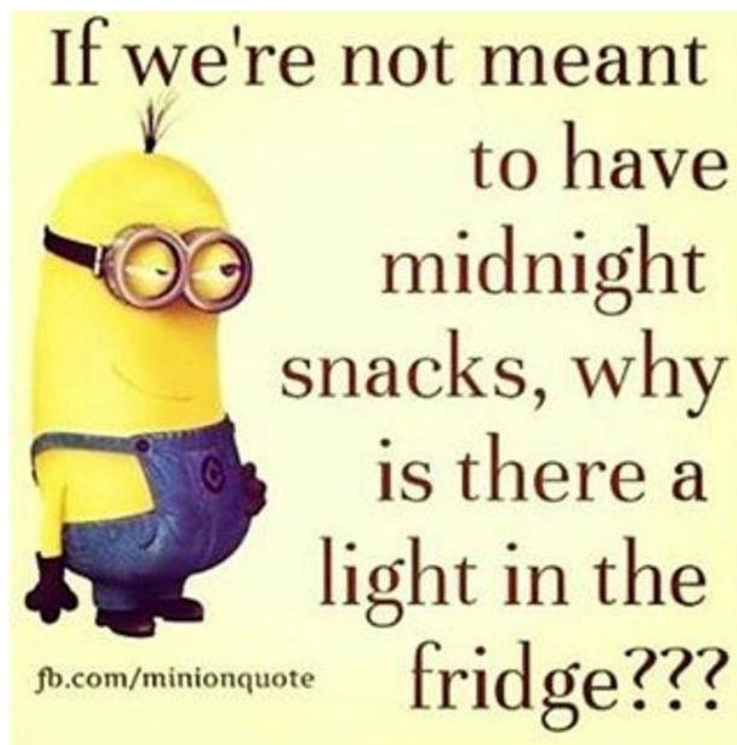


Despite the occasionally very cold, wet or windy weather that we have had recently, no one who has walked our village lanes and seen the spring flowers or new plant growth at the foot of our hedges can be in any doubt that spring is firmly on its way. We still have a long way to go before bluebells coat our woodland floors with their blue haze but the snowdrops have been spectacular and primroses and daffodils now abound. With the changing of the clocks towards the end of this month, I think we can now feel that the dark days of winter are finally over.

The return of spring has also coincided with the return of our monthly parish library and coffee mornings. At last we have been able to gather as a community and talk face to face. Spring is a common time for people to consider putting their houses on the market and plan to move on to pastures new. For those members of our community who have made that decision this year, I wish all the best luck for the future. For those who have joined our parish over the last couple of years and we have not yet had the opportunity to get to know better, I bid you a (possibly belated) welcome. Of course, choosing to leave your home and move on to create a new one is one thing: being made to flee your home due to the bloodshed and destruction of war is quite another. By the time you read this, we will have held a collection in church for those so unfortunately affected by the terrible war in Ukraine.

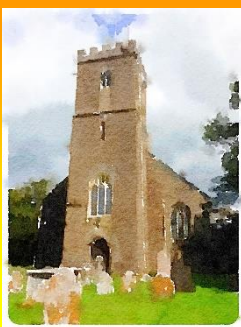
Looking ahead, now our monthly gatherings have resumed, we will continue to hold these on the first Saturday morning of every month from 10:00-12:00. We also have Mothering Sunday and the Easter celebrations to look forward to, with Mothering Sunday falling on Sunday 27th March and Easter on Sunday 17th April, a little later than usual this year. This time of year is always such a busy one for both farmers and gardeners alike. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and give us the right conditions for our outdoor tasks as the spring time develops.

Helen Pearse



News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



Family Themed Services

We have been continuing with our family themed services on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11am with a craft table set up for



the children linked to the theme of the service. Our most recent service focused on 'The Lord is our Light' with the children creating prayer jars and lanterns. We read Psalm 27 and backed this up with the Taize chant 'The Lord is our light'. Perhaps God was letting us know where we should draw our strength in these troubling times?

Palm Sunday, 10th April



We are looking forward to our next themed service which will be held on Palm Sunday, 10th April, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am. From there we plan to process through the village to the church. We look forward to welcoming the whole

Mission Community to this service and hope it will be a fun occasion - hopefully we will have sourced a donkey to lead the procession!

Please keep checking our Facebook Page for updates@Broad20



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Easter Sunday, 17th April

Please note that our Easter Sunday service will start an hour earlier than normal, at 10am.

Gwen Marks Funeral

On the 3rd of March the funeral was held in Broadhempston church of Gwen Marks. Gwen lived in our village for many years working hard with her husband Frank as the owners of the village shop.

The funeral was made rather special with a guard of honour to welcome Gwen by the very smartly attired Ipplepen Bowls Club. Gwen was a much loved and I am sure talented player in the club to deserve this admiring gesture from her fellow members.

Gwen used to visit Broadhempston Community shop regularly to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. No doubt she also liked to keep an eye on things that all was up to standard as it had been in her day!

Church Building

In other news, we are meeting a member of the rural churches and diocesan architect this week to discuss potential changes to the church building. This will be the first step in our journey to both utilise our building more effectively for worship and for the village. Watch this space.

Concert Friday, 29th April

We will be hosting a concert in the church on Friday 29th April. 'Community Service' will be a night for both children (6 til 8pm) and adults (8 onwards). DJs will be playing an eclectic mix of music to get your dancing!

Chris Parker

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



Once again we are now well into the quieter, more reflective period of the church's year which falls between the formal end of Christmas and the start of Easter. At this time of year social events and occasions have historically taken a bit of a breather with more contemplative gatherings coming to the fore.

We began the period of Lent with a service held on 2nd March to commemorate Ash Wednesday which replaced the normal weekly communion held on Thursdays. Several members of the congregation have been attending the Exeter Diocese Lent course entitled "Surprised by Generosity" which is held on Sunday evenings at Ipplepen and which is already proving to be very thought provoking. We have also attended the short, prayerful Compline service which is being held weekly at St. Andrew's throughout Lent.

Our monthly Celtic Morning Prayer services held on the 1st Sunday continue to be well attended and popular. The flexible format of the service provides an ideal opportunity to try out new ideas. To achieve an informal, welcoming ambiance, the congregation sit in a circle in the chancel with a candlelit feature providing a focus point at the centre. The service usually contains a reflection prepared by different presenters each month and we have learned much about the lives of the early Celtic saints and the pillars of Celtic church spirituality over the months.

The Celtic church had a great affinity with Nature and in recent services we have been prompted to think of our own relationship with nature and how we can nurture and develop it. The simple joys of a peaceful walk in the countryside or along the seashore, listening to the rhythms of the waves, or a gaze at the stars on a clear night can bring enormous therapeutic benefits to us all, something we all badly need in these stressful times. This is a theme that will undoubtedly continue to be explored and developed in the months ahead.

Unfortunately our (possibly rather optimistic) forecast that our refurbished bells would be back in situ and ready to ring for Easter now looks unlikely as we are still awaiting firm dates for the re-installation and following this there will still be a significant amount of making good, re-plastering and re-decorating needed before the ringers will get to experience their new (and hopefully much more comfortable) ringing room. We are, however, confident that we are in the last furlong and that the village will hear the bells again before too long.

We are also now approaching a time of considerable activity by the PCC on the administrative front as we start to organise the APCM and preliminary meetings to review accounts, appoint officials etc. A key item on the agenda this year will be the investigation of the ways we can recharge church activities to try to put the restrictions and frustrations due to the pandemic firmly behind us.

Mike Bray

Strap lines

- What if there were no hypothetical questions?
- Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.



South Korea here we come!

Hi! We are 4 Scouts from Ipplepen and we have been selected to go to the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023 as part of the UK contingent. We are so proud to be representing Devon - and more importantly Ipplepen! We each had to go through a tough selection process to be chosen and are thrilled that all Ipplepen Scouts who applied got through – thank you to all the leaders who have helped us over the years!



The World Scout Jamboree is an international event where scouts aged 14-17 from over 100 countries will meet to share their experiences. We are really looking forward to learning about the major issues currently affecting our world with other young people from many different cultures and backgrounds. There will also be various workshops and activities such as the Better World Tent and Global Development Village where we will learn how to connect with nature, promote environmental sustainability, create a culture of peace & dialogue and encourage diversity & inclusion.

In return for the opportunity to spend time learning about our changing environment and our responsibilities for it, we will return to Devon more passionate than ever about the importance of sustainability and the huge impact we as individuals can have on the world we live in. We want to share what we learn when we return home by talking to local schools, businesses and other organisations here in Ipplepen and in the local area.

To travel to Korea, we each have to raise £4,300. This is to cover travel, accommodation en route, camp costs for both training and the Jamboree, uniforms, food and much more. While we are each trying to raise funds personally, we also all want to work together to raise money jointly because we are all friends and want to do this as a team.

So far we have created craft kits for young children to complete at home with household items (to minimize waste and encourage the repurposing of old objects), sold handmade cards and cakes, as well as selling toys and books that we no longer use. We have lots of plans for events such as quizzes, race nights, craft afternoons and hope to have a stall at the Village Show. Watch out for news on these events in this magazine and on posters! We also have an Instagram account where we will post updates on our training camps and on how our fund-raising is going: [ipplepenwsj2023](https://www.instagram.com/ipplepenwsj2023)



We are also looking for local businesses who would be interested in sponsoring us. We are going to travel the distance from Ipplepen to South Korea mainly by rowing as we are all members of Dart Totnes Rowing Club. We plan to do some rowing on rowing machines in public places where we will be able to display the list of our sponsors. If you are interested, please contact us via our e-mail ipplepenwsj2023@gmail.com

We have set up a GoFundMe page <https://gofund.me/b1457863> for donations and our collecting tins will be in the Post Office and at the Hub. We shall be very grateful for any donations which will help us reach our dream. Thank you!

Rose, Paige, Lucy and Katie

The Two Babylons – book review

Some time ago I wrote an article for the Beacon to the effect that there were no crosses displayed in Ipplepen church until the late Victorian era. Then a single one was placed in the reredos behind the altar.

A very kind lady in the village who had read the article lent me a number of books and among them was one written by the Rev Alexander Hislop, a minister of the Free Church of Scotland. It has the title “The Two Babylons - or the Papal Worship proved to be the Worship of Nimrod and his Wife”.

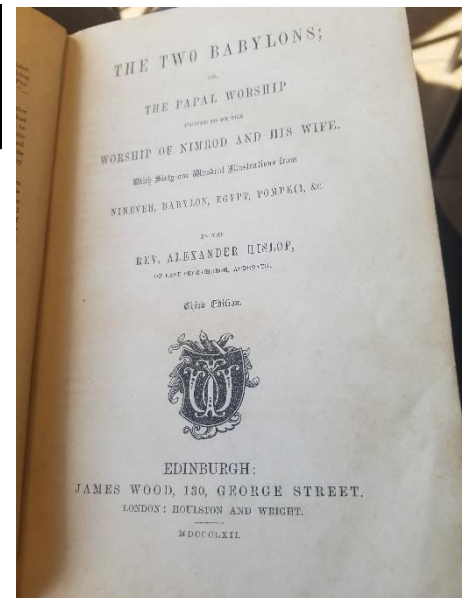
This is an extraordinary book, more or less denouncing the Pope as “the legitimate representative of Saturn” and “the head of the mystery of Iniquity”. It also denounces Roman Catholic principles and beliefs in general, including the use of the sign of the cross. However odd this may seem today, the book was a best seller in its time. It ran to four editions and nineteen print runs, from 1916 to 1984 and sold many thousands of copies. Why was this so popular?

It is hard now to remember what rural Anglican churches were like until about fifty years ago. Very few indeed used any sort of vestments, or had crucifixes, candles, reserved sacraments, stations of the cross or incense. To try and understand the book “The Two Babylons”, one needs to look further back to the Oxford Movement and the Tractarians.

This was a movement of High Church members of the Church of England which started in 1833 and eventually developed into Anglo-Catholicism. Their rather effete devotees were mostly associated with Oxford University. They argued for the re-instatement of Roman Catholic traditions, devotional customs and ritualism which had been abandoned at the Reformation. Conversely, at the time, many clergy in the parishes were strongly Evangelical, as a result of the revivals led by John Wesley, and there was a clash between the two.

In general, the Oxford movement took root in large towns and in poor working class areas where the colours and ritualism were a welcome contrast to their drab lives. It rarely flourished in the countryside, where it caused great controversy and was strongly resisted. This is where “The Two Babylons” was widely read and appreciated. To give some flavour of the book it says *“In the papal system the image of the cross and the sign of the cross are all in all. No prayer can be said, no worship engaged in, no step almost can be taken, without the frequent use of the sign of the cross .. It is the grand charm, the infallible preservative from the powers of darkness. The same sign of the cross that Rome now worships was used in the Babylonian mysteries....and was originally no Christian symbol at all..”*

Showing how things have changed - the book denounces the use of lamps and wax candles in church, which seems extremely odd to us today. *“Another peculiarity of Papal worship is the use of lamps and candles. If the Madonna and child are set up in a niche they must have a lamp to burn before them. If mass is to be celebrated, though in broad daylight, there must be wax candles lighted on the altar; if a grand procession is formed it cannot be complete without lighted tapers”*. It then links this to the worship of Zoroaster and the sun-God.



All this seems eccentric and strange to us, but it would not have been at the beginning of the last century. The Free Church of England had been established to counteract the Oxford movement, and one of its first churches was St. John's, Bridgetown, Totnes, built by the 11th Duke of Somerset. As mentioned earlier, until the latter half of the twentieth century, few rural churches would have shown any sign of ritualism, or used any vestment other than a surplice, and certainly anyone reserving the sacrament, carrying candles or crossing themselves, would have been thought extremely odd. Why we have changed, what has driven the change, is something I cannot explain. As I have no theological training I am not sure that it matters too much, as long as one feels comfortable with it. We can just be thankful that we are not so dogmatic (and perhaps uncharitable) as "The Two Babylons" appears to us today".



Stephen Bryant

Baptisms are back!

"Wow" - exclaimed a little boy as he came into St. Andrew's recently in his buggy for his cousin's baptism. I will never forget that wonderful reaction.

The lifting of restrictions has enabled families in each of our churches to share this important life event with many relatives and friends. Some have chosen to be welcomed as church members by the church congregation in our regular services, whilst others have had their own thoughtfully prepared "bespoke" services, sometimes with 50 and 70 guests.

There has been the joy of many children of all ages at these services. They have played quietly with parents, had bible stories with family members, eaten their sandwiches, drunk their milk and one or two have wandered curiously and quietly around the church. One little one had to be fetched from the pulpit for her "star" moment. There have been no tears!!!

Hymns have been carefully considered and music played on one occasion by a Godparent. At another service 5 year old friends of the family had learned the chosen hymn in school and they joined Andrew confidently at the front to sing. The church was full of voices singing and lots of smiles.

They have all been memorable events for all those involved, both young and older and it was the families themselves that made them so.

I look forward as I am sure others do too, to hearing a child say "wow" to the church experience again.

Ann Holroyd

Definitions



ANTIQUES: Objects you once struggled to get rid of which people now pay good money for.

COMPUTER: Piece of machinery especially designed to take the blame for human errors.

Safeguarding

The Church of England takes its responsibility of Safe Guarding children and vulnerable adults very seriously. We all have a part to play in this.

There is a simple guide explaining the process of reporting any concerns you may have, and the key pages are shown below.

Each Parish has a safeguarding representative you can speak to, details below.

Sheila Sheldon

Ippelepen:

Sheila Sheldon – 01803 814227

Denbury:

Tessa Amies – 01803 813993

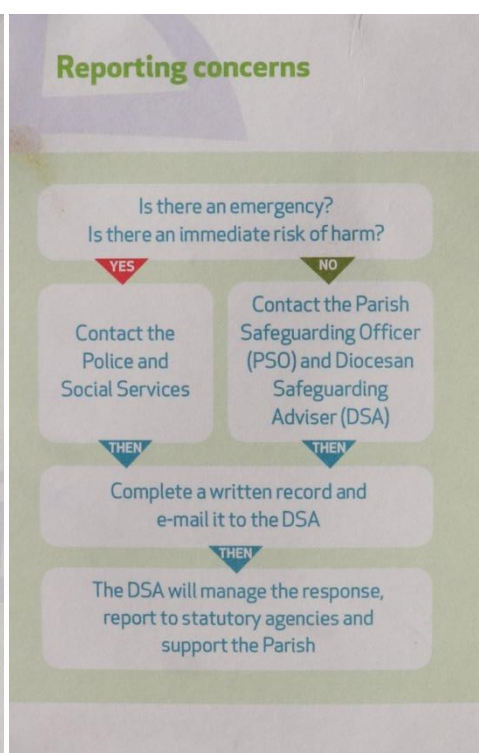
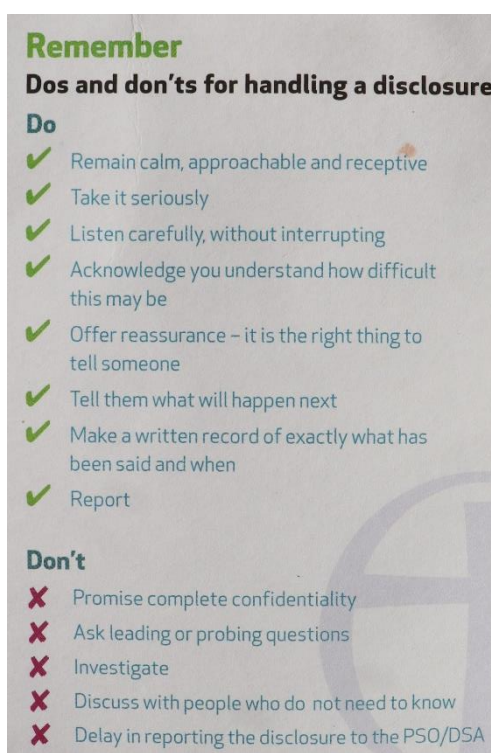
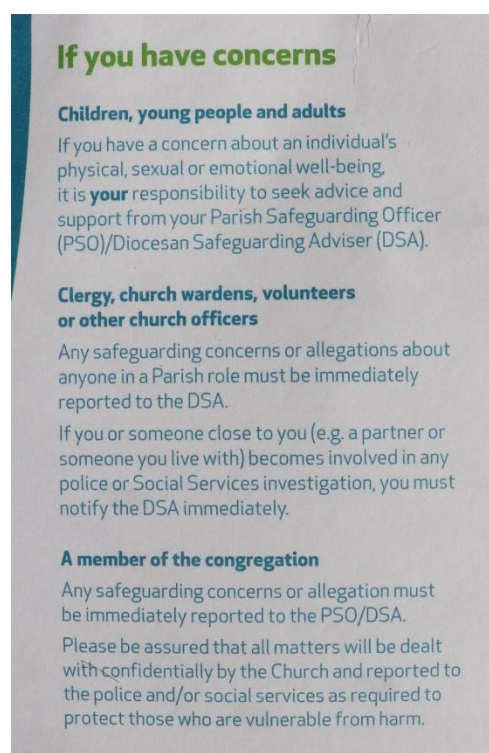
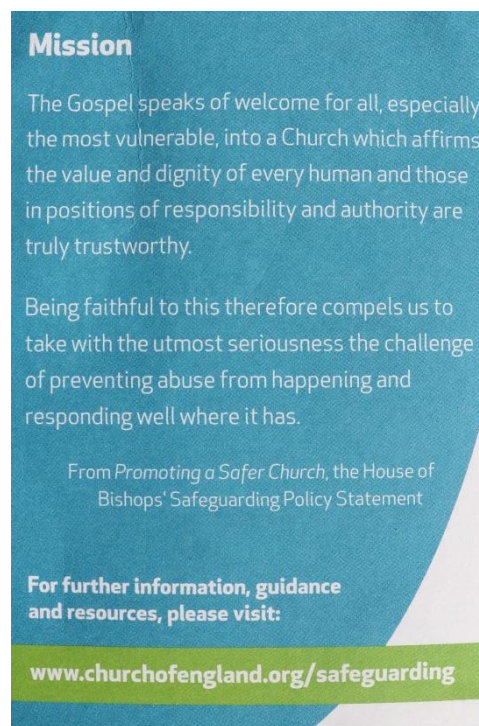
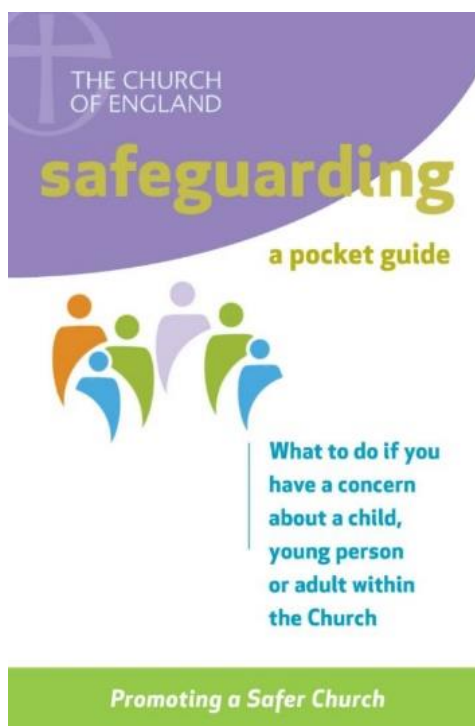
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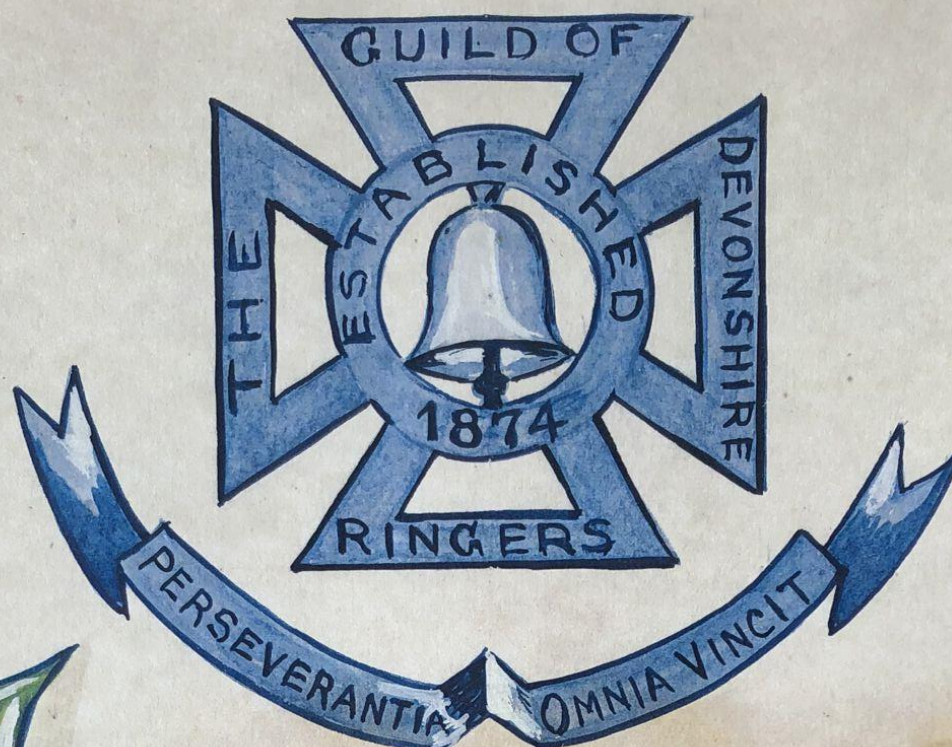
Woodland:

Jane Usher – 01626 353454

Our Local Advocate for
Children and Adults who may
be at risk is Ann Holroyd:
Contact number 01803 411373



Ringers Tour - 1910!



A

small memento of a very pleasant ringing tour held in this district by St David's Society of Change Ringers with members of The Exeter Ringers Cycling Club on September 3rd & 4th 1910, when it was their pleasure to visit the undermentioned towers in most obtaining very pleasant rings which together with the grandeur of the scenery in which the district abounds and the hearty welcome of the different incumbents and local bands of ringers left very pleasant memories in the minds of those whose formed the party who trust their visit will be the means of some of the bands visited joining the above Guild

Dean-Prior.

Holne.

Widcombe - in the moor

Buckland - in the moor

Ashburton

Denbury

Ipplepen

Broadhempston

Slaverton

Darlington

Each of the towers which were visited were presented with a hand written certificate. This is the one from Ipplepen.

Thoughts on a Church Hall

At the beginning of March I was given the privilege of speaking at the Food for Thought lunch. I decided to give a brief history of the Church Hall and how, when the late John Walters and I were churchwardens, we decided to completely refurbish it. This included changing the entrance by adding on the new porch, and how the old door was where the present lavatories are - with one smelly WC. Builders took out the fireplace, renewed the antiquated kitchen, put on a new roof and replaced the diamond pane windows. What I had not bargained for was that some of the lunch-clubbers knew much more than I did about the hall's origins. Subsequently Jill Earp provided me with the following extract from an old local newspaper (we are not sure which one) of April 1897 and I thought it might be of more general interest to Beacon readers. The Rev Stuart was only in Ipplepen for 10 years and sadly died at a relatively early age having achieved a great deal in the parish.



Stephen Bryant

Funeral of the Vicar of Ipplepen (1897)

Rev Douglas Stuart, Vicar of Ipplepen, who died on April 2nd after an illness lasting six weeks, from tumour on the brain, was a most popular clergyman, and all the district felt that they have sustained a personal loss. Immediately after his arrival in the parish he established a splendid Sunday School. A wooden building, which had been erected a year or so before his arrival, was disposed of, and a substantial and artistic structure was erected on the north side of the churchyard. The Cottage Garden Society and Cricket Club held meetings there, and an evening school, which he personally conducted, were also held. It was no little source of gratification to him to know that his instruction thus imparted was the means of placing some of his adult scholars in more lucrative posts.

His cheery countenance was welcomed in every household. Many acts of charity he performed in poverty-stricken homes. The most difficult task he set himself was the restoration of the fine old parish church. So large was the required sum that the churchwardens, who nobly seconded him in all his efforts, simply looked aghast and asked "where is all the money to come from?". Landowners, ecclesiastical commissioners, and the Dean and Chapter of Windsor (in whose gift is the living) were appealed to, besides a number of his personal friends, and a house to house canvas was made, with the result that the necessary funds were soon forthcoming. Meanwhile, most beautiful altar cloths were presented, and a fine oak reredos (which has recently been decorated and figures representing Apostles, Saints and martyrs) was received, as well as two massive silver candlesticks, and two flower vases, also of silver. There yet remained one scheme on which he had set his heart, and that was the restoration of the mutilated, but once beautiful screen, so often met with in the South-West, but he died before he had publicly announced the steps he proposed taking.

Not the least of his work was with the Sunday School. In the children he always took a great interest. From the first the Misses Dawson, Mrs Robinson, and Mr G H Dawson have rendered splendid service, while Mr J F Robinson has been its veteran superintendent.

The funeral took place yesterday. As he always held that the gloomy side of this ceremonial was often too prominent, hymns A and M Nos 303, 537, and 222 and the "Nunc Dimittis" were sung at the grave. As the procession entered the church, the organist played from St Paul's "But the lord is mindful of his own" and as it left the church "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun." The Sunday School children were also present in church, and joined in the outward procession, each carrying a bunch of primroses, which was subsequently thrown on the coffin as a parting tribute of affection.

Following clergymen were present - Rev E P Gregg, rural dean; F Prideaux, resident curate-in-charge; G Fagan, Kingskerswell; F F Chamberlain, Broadhempston; J Reibey, Denbury; P Lilly, Collaton; H Prideaux, Leusden; F Binyon, Newton.

The service in church was conducted by the Rev F Prideaux, and at the grave the Rev G H Fagan, the blessing being pronounced by the Rev E P Gregg; Wreaths were sent by Miss Beatrice Stuart (sister), Mr Horace Stuart, Mr Jno Stuart (brothers), Mr Archer Hind and Miss Huntley, Mr and Mrs Robinson, the choir, the Misses Gray and Mrs Edwin Gray, Misses de Lisle, Mrs and Miss Stevenson, Mr and Mrs Matthew Fortescue, Mrs and Misses Stevens, Mr H Pearce and Annie Hayman and Minnie Bowden.

A Prayer from the heart

Whilst visiting family over Christmastime we popped into their local church in Uffculme, we then walked around the churchyard, where my nephew asked if we could stop and say a prayer together.

Little did we know then how his prayer would be so appropriate today with what is happening in the Ukraine.

Sue Hird

This is his prayer:-

Dear God,

In this time of need,

Help those who need help the most,

Supply the men and women with all the Medical supplies they need,

And help those who need help in this time of need,

Please give the support they need.

Amen

By Edward Cuthbertson. Aged 10.

“Living in Love and Faith” - 1



LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

During November and into December 2021 we ran a course entitled Living in Love and Faith.

A group from across the Mission Community met in St. Andrew's Church each Wednesday afternoon for 5 weeks.

Each session of the course included prayer, bible study and video stories (some personnel testimony and some teaching). There was also time and space where we were invited to share our thoughts/concerns/ experiences.

The course presented interesting issues and some difficult ones for us to wrestle with.

Outline of the Sessions:

1. **Learning together.** This introductory session was an opportunity to get to know each other and begin to build relationships by sharing some of our own life stories. After reading Matthew 7.24-29 we thought about what this passage tells us about learning and life as a follower of Jesus.
2. **Identity.** We started this session by thinking about the words we would use to describe ourselves to other people. After reading Genesis 1:27 and Galatians 3:28 we discussed what it meant to have a new identity in Christ that is more important than another other labels we give ourselves including “male and female”. We tried to understand the connection between sexuality and identity.
3. **Relationships.** This session looked at relationships including friendships and marriage. We read John 5:13 and Matthew 19:1-12. We discussed our understanding of relationships, marriage and divorce and the church.
4. **Sex.** While acknowledging that God made us physical beings and our need for intimacy we expressed our views about some aspects of sexual behaviour in our present culture that we either found challenging or liberating. The bible passage was 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 and we were asked to note any similarities between the Christians today and those in Corinth. We ended the session thinking about how we could show the radical welcome of Jesus to people who share very different views on Christian teaching about sexual relationships.
5. **Life together.** This session made us think about what it means to be a Christian community and we read John 17. We then reflected together about what new insights, difficulties and possibilities we had learned from being part of this course as a starting point for us to discern what God asking of us and the church as a whole.

A big thank you to those who attended for their time and commitment to this course.

Members of the group were very generous with their honesty, and sharing of thoughts and experiences.

Wider engagement and interest relevant to the course content was generated by posters displayed in the Church. These posters were well received and depicted 6 pastoral principles.

The Pastoral Principles:

1. **Acknowledge Prejudice.** We all have prejudices which we have gained during our life, either from our experiences or through things we have been taught. We need to reflect on our attitudes and behaviours when we meet people who are different from or hold differing views to us.
2. **Speak into Silence.** Everyone must be given the space, opportunity and permission to express their opinion. This creates a community where all feel welcomed and valued.
3. **Address Ignorance.** Ignorance is inevitable, nobody knows everything, but we need to form genuine relationships so we do not make assumptions about other people's needs or situation.
4. **Cast Out Fear.** At times we have all been cautious or even fearful about speaking out. We fear being exposed or ostracised when we share personal information or a different view to others.
5. **Admit Hypocrisy.** We need to learn to be honest with each other and notice which of our behaviours, structures or practices could be perceived as hypocritical.
6. **Pay attention to Power.** We all hold some kind of power over others either because of the role we have or our social standing, gender, age or personality. We need to acknowledge this and look out for any imbalance as this can lead to abuse.

A major concern we will feed into the national Church consultation is that language is key. This needs to be looked at and handled sensitively and carefully.

Sheila Sheldon

Just count your blessings



A group of seniors were sitting around talking about all their ailments while drinking coffee. "My arms have become so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one. "Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad, I can't even see my coffee". "I couldn't even mark an 'X' at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third. "What? Speak up! I can't hear you!" shouted another. "I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a fifth senior, to which several others nodded weakly in agreement. "My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another. "I forget where I am, and where I'm going," said another. I guess that's the price we pay for getting old", winced an old man as he slowly shook his head. The others nodded in agreement. "Well, count your blessings," said a woman, "thank God we can all still drive"!

“Living in Love and Faith” - 2



LIVING
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During Advent last year several of us from around the Mission Community met at St Andrew's to discuss the Church of England initiative called “Living in Love and Faith”. Over six weeks we viewed videos prepared by the Church and discussed them in conjunction with short Bible studies. This was a very bold and brave program for the Church to present as we had conversations about our differences of view relating to the ethics and lifestyle of opposite sex relationships, gender and identity issues, and the pastoral provisions for transgender people. However the most pressing among our differences were questions around same-sex relationships and other interconnected issues.

The purpose of these discussions was to explore our disagreements in order to learn and discern together so that right judgements and decisions can be made about our common life in the Church of England.

We were of one mind that regardless of our other views, the Church should aim to be an inclusive community, welcoming all people without regard to the human distinctions of race, class, gender, ability or sexual orientation.

At the end of the course a statement on behalf of the House of Bishops made it clear that they were looking for a way forward in order to deal with the urgent need to resolve the issue of same-sex unions within the Church. We were given three likely scenarios:

- 1) No change to policies or canon law, while offering “pastoral accompaniment”.
- 2) Acknowledging the disagreements within the Church and allowing local acceptance of same-sex unions with the consent of the minister and congregation. This would be a public affirmation that policies regarding same-sex relationships need not be consistent, and could happen without a major change in canon law.
- 3) A revision of formal teaching and a change of canon law allowing for formal blessing by the Church of same-sex unions.

A formal change in teaching could be construed many ways including a U-turn, a correction or a development. The Church in England has been on a long journey of nearly 2000 years, and has changed, altered and adapted itself many times in order to be able to minister to the needs of the people while continuing to hold to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Whether this will be such a time of change or not will require us all to pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit as we discern the next step on our journey together.

Steve Sheldon

Definitions



SUPERMARKET: A retail establishment where it takes you seven visits to discover where they keep everything before they shift everything around for your eighth visit

GARDEN: Plot of land once needing only two evening's work a week, but which now needs a full-time gardener.

“Living in Love and Faith” - 3



LIVING
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I began the Living in Love and Faith course with the Beacon Churches, but couldn't complete it for family reasons. However, I was sufficiently hooked to apply for one of the Diocese Zoom courses.

Both to complete the course and to draw on a wider network of opinion (more on that later).

I was singularly impressed with the course. Issues were addressed compassionately and thoughtfully. There was bible passage study and interpretation, consideration of modern trends and knowledge, prayer and a series of “case studies”. These were couples of all sorts (and one celibate gay man), talking about their love and lives together.

We were challenged, from the first session, to look critically at our own opinions and to listen to others – REALLY listen. The pastoral principles, outlined in Hillarie and Sheila's piece, underpinned this – and was manifest in all the sessions. The challenge was to be totally honest and self aware. Are we really free of prejudice, ignorance etc. Are our statements based on understanding and love?

Again and again, it felt that there was a deeper truth needing acknowledgment. God is love. God loves us and calls us by name – not type. Our identity in and through Christ is bigger and deeper than a sexual label. The Church must be inclusive – how does this square with some elements of canon law? Laws and rules give structure, tools to be applied. Granted Jesus often challenged the application, but he didn't throw out the rule book.

It was the “case study” couples that stuck with me. We had all sorts of sexual combinations presented to us. But they were all united in a shining conviction of their love for each other and their Christian faith. All showed a generous, self giving commitment to each other. My heart ached for those who talked of being rejected by their church: especially for Julie and Alice. Both were confident that God is OK with them, but saddened that Alice couldn't be an ordinand. Wistfully, one remarked, “It would be wonderful to be able to get married in Church” Well it would – wouldn't it?!

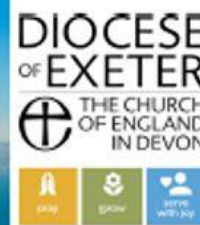
I, as the original woolly minded liberal, have to be especially careful. It would be far too easy to cherry pick the parts that suit my thinking, and I'm still not sure that I've managed to avoid this in what I've written here. When I joined the course, I wanted to hear the views of others to try to understand them and not summarily dismiss things I disagreed with. I looked forward to discussion of differences bound around by the pastoral principles to learn from one another. However, that's not how it worked out. In Ipplepen church and with the 40+ people on the Zoom calls, there was rather too much consensus - far too many liberals! Where was the wide spectrum of opinion for which the Church of England is famous? A clue came from one man who had come on the Zoom course because his Vicar, when asked to run the course, had said no because it would be felt to be “controversial”. Well it would – wouldn't it?!

I sincerely hope other Living in Love and Faith courses DID have a wider range of opinion. Otherwise it seems a bit of a waste of a very well thought out and presented course. I suppose we could say, the Church gave everyone the opportunity to speak, and “they” missed their chance. But inclusivity cuts both ways. That would hardly be the Christian response. I don't envy the Bishops discerning which of the three options, outlined by Stephen, is best.

What would Jesus do....? Discuss – I hope!

Rachel Belringer

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The Triduum - celebrating the mystery of our Faith

As I write this we are not even halfway through Lent and the celebration of Easter is still some time away. We will soon be remembering the events of Jesus' last week of earthly life, starting with Palm Sunday, continuing through Holy Week and culminating in the final three days, known as the Triduum, from the Latin for three days. Through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil we mark our journey from Lent to Easter as we commemorate the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. These should not be seen as three separate services on three consecutive days, rather they form one single commemoration. These three services help us retell and reflect on the story, both in words and song, and through physical rituals. Each service has a unique feel to it. Each one helping us to go deeper into the mystery of our faith. I want to invite and encourage everyone to join us for these services by giving you some insight into the special nature of each one. The times and places of where these services are taking place are listed under "Services and other events" at the front of this magazine.

Maundy Thursday: The Holy Eucharist of the Lord's Supper

The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum," which means "commandment." On this evening we remember Jesus' commandment to his disciples, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John. 13:34).

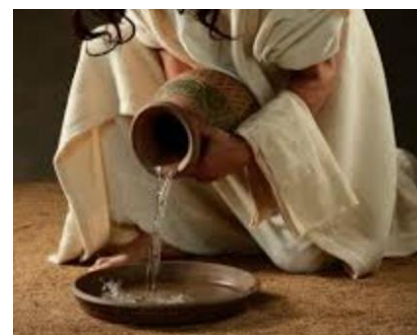


The focus of this service is the events of the Last Supper. It was during this meal with his disciples that Jesus again declared that he would be betrayed, which would lead to his death. Also through the blessing and giving of bread and wine he gave the instruction to do this in remembrance of him and instituted the Eucharist.

An important part of this service is the foot washing. Jesus came as the Servant King who washed the feet of his disciples. This is traditionally done by the priest but we, all as his disciples, need reminding that

we are called to be a servant church.

At the end of the service the church is stripped of all its ornaments, ready for Good Friday. This serves as a reminder that Christ completely emptied himself to be offered up as a sacrifice for sin. The consecrated bread moves to a side chapel. The movement from one place of worship to another recaptures a sense of the journey by the disciples from the upper room to the Garden of Gethsemane. Many people will stay in Church for private prayers or meditation in what is called "The Watch", remembering Jesus' words "Could you not keep awake one hour?" (Mark 14:37)



There is no formal ending, no blessing and no sending out. All leave the building in silence.

Good Friday: The liturgy of the Lord's Passion

On Good Friday we remember Jesus' crucifixion and death. We call it "good" because it is only through the sacrifice of Christ that our sins can be atoned for, once and for all time. On this day we come into a church that is naked and empty, devoid of all decorations. During the service we listen to

the whole story of the Lord's passion from the Garden of Gethsemane through his trial, death on the cross, to the grave, as recorded in the Gospel according to John.

An ancient part of this service is the Veneration of the Cross. A time when individual members of the congregation can come forward and stand before the cross and contemplate personally what the cross means for them. Some will offer a gesture of respect to all that it represents. This gesture usually includes kneeling or bowing before the cross and then kissing it.



When it comes to communion the bread and wine that was consecrated at the Maundy Thursday Service, will be brought from the side chapel. As we are in the midst of remembering the suffering and death of Jesus there is a sense that it is not appropriate to celebrate the Eucharist, the thanksgiving for his death and resurrection, where the risen Lord is made known in the breaking of bread. But we do receive communion as a participation in the benefits of what was sacrificed for us, body and blood. Again we leave this service in silence.

The Easter Vigil: Celebrating the Resurrection

The word 'vigil' is commonly misunderstood. The word does not mean 'all night' but 'awake' or 'watchful'. We are encouraged to be attentive to what happened on that night.

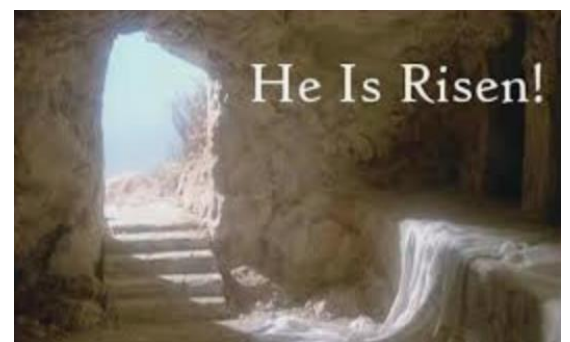


We start this service outside in darkness to remind us of the death of Jesus and the placing of his body into the tomb. The extinguishing of his life was not the end but in his resurrection he became the light of the world that leads us out of our darkness. We re-enact this by marking, blessing and lighting the Paschal Candle bringing light into the church. The Paschal Candle is carried while singing "The Light of Christ," to which the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God." Pew candles will also be lit at this time and the once dark nave will fill with the Light of Christ. An ancient song known as the Exsultet will be said or sung. This song celebrates the Light of Christ overcoming the darkness of the world. During the service more and more lights are lit until the church is fully illuminated.

For our readings we recount the history of God's love for the whole of humanity. It is the story of our salvation. It begins with creation, then God's Covenant with Abraham, the freeing of Israel from Egypt and reaches its fulfilment in the resurrection of Jesus.

Traditionally this was the time new Christians would be baptised, becoming part of this story. It is also when we renew our own baptismal vows.

We end with the celebration of the Eucharist, a thanksgiving to the God that creates and recreates us in Jesus. In the Early Church this would have been the only celebration of the Eucharist at Easter as everyone would have gone home together to break their Lenten fast and celebrate each other's company in Christ.



Hillarie Griggs

Teach us to pray



Praying on behalf of others

As a church and as individual Christians we commit ourselves to say prayers on behalf of others. These are known as intercessions. In our intercessions we bring our lives and the lives of those around us, neighbours both near and far, to God for his love and care.

General weekly cycle of intercessions

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| <i>Sunday</i> | We pray for... The universal church, that she proclaim the living Lord... The natural world, that we might use creation sustainably... The needy, that they might know new life... |
| <i>Monday</i> | We pray for... The people of God, for inspiration by the spirit... Traditional and digital media, for healthy communication... Those who travel, for safety and protection... |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | We pray for... The persecuted church, for protection and faithfulness... The criminal justice system, for wisdom and fairness... The world's displaced people, for freedom and security... |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | We pray for... All who follow Christ, for growth in discipleship... All in the medical profession ... All who have no one to pray for them... |
| <i>Thursday</i> | We pray for... Ministers of the gospel... Those who work for reconciliation... Those in hospital... |
| <i>Friday</i> | We pray for... The local church, for courage to take up the cross of Christ... Those in authority, for the right use of power... Victims and perpetrators of violence, for healing and repentance... |
| <i>Saturday</i> | We pray... That Christians may live as citizens of heaven... That the nations of the world will live in harmony... That the dying will know the joy of the resurrection... |

Local weekly cycle of intercessions

We are set in a particular time and place and so we bring our local communities and relationships to God.



- Sunday** We pray for... Our Bishops and those in leadership... Prisoners and staff... Our own friends, family and neighbours... Our Beacon Parishes that we may grow in... Prayer... Discipleship... and Service...
- Monday** We pray for... The church community and villagers of Torbryan... Our schools... Those in hospital and the housebound...
- Tuesday** We pray for... The church community and villagers of Woodland... Our pubs and restaurants... Carers and those medical professionals...
- Wednesday** We pray for... The church community and villages of Denbury... Our residential and care homes... Those who care for children and young people...
- Thursday** We pray for... The church community and villagers of Ipplepen... Our local shops and post offices... Our Parish Councils...
- Friday** We pray for... The church community and villagers of Broadhempston... Local Farms... Local clubs and societies...
- Saturday** We pray for... Our brothers and sisters of other denominations and none... Local Businesses...

Intercessions for the Mission Community – April - May

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Apr 3 rd	Richard Innes-Lumsden in the office	Court Gate Close & Edgelands Lane	West End Terrace	Knowle	Oldstone House
Apr 10 th	The Beacon team	Croft Road, Croft Meadow & Croft Orchard	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Tor Farm
Apr 17 th	The website team	Crokers Way	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Lower Woodland Farm
Apr 24 th	Churchyard teams	Denbury Cross	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Woodland Cottage
May 1 st	Fabric teams	Dornafield Road & Dornafield Close	Shute Lane	Main Street	Wickeridge House
May 8 th	Bellringers	Dornafield Drive East, West & Fulton Close	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Oakdene
May 15 th	Messy Church	East Street & Foredown Road	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Orleycombe
May 22 nd	Sunday Club	Fore Street	North Street	Primary School	Hillside
May 29 th	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses

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