



Crossing Borders - Conflicts and Opportunities. How does working towards resolving conflicts create new opportunities? March 19th 1pm -4.15pm, Mint Methodist Centre, Fore Steet, Exeter, EX4 3AT. Guest Speaker Rev Dr Alex Wimberly, Leader of the Corrymeela Community Northern Ireland. Doors open at 12noon for registration and to share our picnic lunch together if desired. Tea and coffee will be provided. Entry by donation. Please book via email to: exetercorry-meelagroup@btinternet.com or Phone 0146066159

Giving to Ukraine:

We will be holding special collections at our services over the coming weeks. Additionally...

A number of charities have specific appeals to help people in Ukraine. They include [Christian Aid](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/), [Unicef](https://www.unicef.org.uk), the [British Red Cross](https://www.redcross.org.uk) and [Christian Response 2 Eastern Europe](https://www.facebook.com/groups/cr2ee/)
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Opportunities for prayer and study during Lent:

Lent Course 2022: 'Surprised by Generosity' This weeks theme Daily Bread. Come and see what it is all about 5pm Sunday evening St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen.

Lent Compline 2022: 'Cross Encounters' - come and reflect on the meetings people had with Jesus and his cross. Tuesday evening 7pm, St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2022: 'Embracing Justice'. Author Isabelle Hamley invites you to journey with her through 'Embracing Justice'.

Live Lent: Embracing Justice is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2022 with an app, daily email and printed book of reflections for each day all available.

Faith, gifts and calling beyond lent:

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 (01803 812197). Application need to be submitted by 17th April 2022 to <https://swmtc.org.uk/study/foundations-in-christian-ministry/>

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18	Isaiah 55: 1-9
Psalm	27	3:1-9
2nd Reading	Philippians 3:17- 4:1	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Gospel	Luke 13: 31-end	Luke 13: 1-9
Readings for the week ahead:		
Mon 14th	Luke 6: 36-38	Thurs 17th Luke 16: 19-end
Tue 15th	Matthew 23:1-12	Fri 18th Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Wed 16th	Matthew 20: 17-28	Sat 19th Matthew 1: 18-end

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Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
11.00 am	Family Holy Communion	-Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
5pm	Lent Course	- St Andrew's, Church Hall, 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

The church office is closed until 15th March for all enquiries please contact Rev'd Andrew Down on 01803 813403 or a churchwarden

Rev'd Andrew Down day off Monday

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	7pm	Compline	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Next Sunday 20th March 2022 – Third Sunday of Lent

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
5pm	Lent Course	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen

Points for Prayer. We hold in prayer the ongoing conflict in Ukraine praying for peace

In Memory, Gwendoline Marks, Michael Binmore and Michael Dow



Surprised by Generosity Reflection for the Second Sunday of Lent

**Dr Jon Curtis - Lay discipleship project manager
reflecting on the Gospel set for evening prayer Luke 14.**

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The history of the world is full of former occupations. Now that humanity has reached the twenty-first century in all its automated glory, we can wonder in amazement at the jobs that some of our ancestors and forebears fulfilled. Whether it's the children that were sent climbing into the darkness above the fireplace to sweep the chimneys of grand houses, or the armies of agricultural workers that would descend into the fields at harvest time, we now live with a completely different relationship to the work that needs fulfilling, and the ways in which it is done. When we read both the story of the disciples catching more fish than their nets could manage in Luke 5, or Jesus talking about the building of towers to teach about the cost of discipleship in Luke 14:27-33, we can be forgiven for thinking that these are words and stories for a different era with little relevance to us today.

Luke 14:33 records Jesus saying this; 'any of you who does not give up everything cannot be my disciple'. Surely this attitude belongs in the past too, and God wouldn't expect us to respond in this way now? Are we really being asked to give up everything we have by a God who loves us? Is that the behaviour of a gracious and loving Heavenly parent?

And yet, here it is in black and white – paying the full costs of discipleship is a very real requirement. This was not an easy path for those first disciples of Jesus, and it is not an easy path for us now. But Jesus is eminently fair throughout the gospels when it comes to the standards he asks for: these expectations are clearly explained. If the desire to build a tower overtakes us, and we set to work without fully understanding what will be required, we're likely to fall short of the high standards (no pun intended). Jesus is correct to say that an unfinished tower is no good to anyone. In his words, 'this person was unable to finish'. Our landscape is littered with ambitious architectural projects, and the failings are there for us all to see.

The question for us then is this – if we're stepping out and following Jesus' call to follow him, are we prepared to commit to this choice? When Simon Peter, James and John went fishing, and Jesus accompanied them to give direction, we were shown how significantly our tasks and lives can be changed by Jesus' involvement. In Luke's words 'they were all astonished at the catch of fish they had taken'.

To misquote President Franklin Roosevelt – when it comes to Jesus, the only thing to expect is the unexpected. In other words, all that we can fully know is that much will be required, in ways that we don't yet appreciate or understand. But to begin the journey means that we will be asked for much indeed, particularly in terms of faith – trusting God to be with us, no matter how hard the journey might be.

When Jesus tells Simon Peter to let down his fishing nets again, we can sense the doubt in Simon's reply. He doesn't expect the new command to make any difference to their haul of fish – he might well see Jesus as another armchair fisherman, with all the good ideas but none of the experience. And yet, he does as Jesus says, and his whole life changes.

We can be similarly inclined to think that we know best. And yet both of these stories tell us that we have to give space to the words and life of Jesus. Simon Peter knows as much, even though Jesus' kingship is nowhere near yet fully revealed. He's taken him out on the boat and started to engage with him, so when he speaks with authority, the fisherman decides to listen. The results are startling.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them,

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace
Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell