

## 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](#), [Unicef](#), the [British Red Cross](#) and [Christian Response 2 Eastern Europe](#)

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

<https://www.unicef.org.uk>

<https://www.redcross.org.uk>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cr2ee/>

## Opportunities for prayer and study during Lent:

**Lent Course 2022: 'Surprised by Generosity'** looking at God's generosity to us and our call to live generously in return. This weeks theme Catch Fish. 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. Starts this Tuesday evenings 8<sup>th</sup> March 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. The Big Church Read provides exclusive videos from Isabelle Hamley for each chapter <https://thebigchurch-read.co.uk/embracing-justice/>

## 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](mailto:admin@swmtc.org.uk), 01392 272544 or have a conversation with Hillarie Griggs (01803 812197). Application need to be submitted by 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to <https://swmtc.org.uk/study/foundations-in-christian-ministry/>

## Readings

	This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>		
1st Reading	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
Psalm	91: 1,2,9-end	27
2nd Reading	Romans 10:8b-13	Philippians 3:17- 4:1
Gospel	Luke 4. 1-13	Luke 13: 31-end

## Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	7th	Matthew 25:31-end	Thurs	10th	Mathew 7:7-12
Tue	8th	Mathew 6: 7-15	Fri	11th	Mathew 5:20-26
Wed	9th	Luke 11:29-32	Sat	12th	Mathew 5: 43-end

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

# Weekly Notices

**Sunday 6th March 2022**

**First Sunday of Lent**

## Today's Sunday Services

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
5pm	Lent Course	- St Andrew's, Church Hall, Ipplepen

## Morning Prayer

This week morning prayer will be said at the following times:

Wednesday	9.15 am	- Online Via Zoom (for the zoom password email <a href="mailto:rev.andrewdown@gmail.com">rev.andrewdown@gmail.com</a> )
Thursday	9.15 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 at Cell Group Monday and Tuesday this week

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	7pm	Compline	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
Wednesday	11am	Burial of Ashes.	- St Peter and St Paul, Broadhempston
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

## Next Sunday 13th March 2022 – Second Sunday of Lent

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
9.30 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Peter and St Paul's Broadhempston
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.** Grace Domoney, Mavis Walker, Gwendoline Marks and Michael Dow



## Surprised by Generosity Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent

**The Rev'd Ruth Frampton. Rector Teign Valley and Haldon  
Hill Mission Community**

What idols do we worship? Power? Money? Consumerism? Celebrity? What do our hearts long for? Where do we fix our gaze and our attention? Popularity? Appearance, whether of beauty or fitness? Success born from ambition? All these things contain an element of good but they are not ends in themselves. If we pursue these worldly ambitions so blindly that they become all in all to us, we may be in danger of riding roughshod over others, blind to their equality with us as children of God; we may even become blind to the image of God in which we are made - in danger of losing our own core identity as beloved children of God.

And the ultimate test of all - the test of faith. 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here ...', insinuates the devil, for you know from the words of Psalm 91:11-12 that God will save you: 'For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' But Jesus replies, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' Follow the example of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego: 'If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.' (Daniel 3:17-18). Don't look for spectacular miracles: we know God has a care for even the smallest sparrow: 'Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father' (Matt 10:29).

It is hard to keep alert all the time; life can be frenetic and the rush of events can choke every waking hour. What is opportunity and what is temptation? Simeon and Anna could recognise the coming of God's salvation in a baby. How is God working in the ordinary of our lives? Do we really see when we look? And really hear when we listen? Are our hearts and minds open to God working in new ways around us? God is with us and never leaves us - and that love is expressed in and through the people around us. Where is God active in our communities, both inside and outside our churches? Sometimes we are called to see things with different eyes.

Can we live in the midst of our world and not be tempted? Jesus understood that temptations surround us and prayed to his Father for his disciples, 'I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world' (John 17:15-16). To live in the world without belonging to the world summarises the essence of the spiritual life (Romans 8:13). The spiritual life keeps us aware that our true home is not here, surrounded by temptations to put me, me, me first, 'because you're worth it'! Our true home is where God resides: a home overflowing with an abundance of grace and love; a love that is always for-giving and never counts the cost. So in Lent we examine ourselves honestly and ask if we are doing enough to share the blessings we have received, 'the bounty that the Lord [y]our God has given' us.

### 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