



In Memory: Penelope Kittow, Royston Hopkins, Gwen Hayman, Anne Vooght, Muriel Duke, Jean Rogers-Came, Sam Ward, Clifford Raymont, Anthony 'Tony' Squire Parnell and Marina Harris.

Points for Prayer. We hold in prayer the ongoing conflict in Ukraine praying for peace. We particularly pray for those families who are facing separation due to the conflict.

Tree planting on Sunday 5th June at St Andrew's Church Field, Ipplepen. Family Holy Communion will be at 11am including children's activities then at 12noon we will be moving from St Andrew's Church to the field behind the St Andrew's Church Hall to plant a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee after which there will be refreshments in the Church Hall.

Family Fest South West, 10-12 June, book now for earlybird discount! After a break of two years, the Family Fest camping weekend at the River Dart County Park is back!! The Christian camp is organised by a group of Diocese of Exeter churches, with the aim of making it affordable to everyone. It is an opportunity to gather together with other families and share a weekend of activities, games, workshops, music and worship. The cost is £25 per person (including camping pitch and most food). Find out more and book your place here. <https://familyfestsouthwest.com/>

Invitation to Jubilee Service at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 4 June The Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral would like to extend an invitation to you and a guest to attend a Platinum Jubilee service at 4pm at Exeter Cathedral followed by a drinks' reception in the Bishop's palace garden. This will be a ticketed event. Please contact Exeter Cathedral if you wish to attend.

Could You Help Shape the Future of Our Church Buildings? The Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DAC) is looking for new members and consultants. The DAC offers specialist advice to parishes about works to church buildings and churchyards and advises the Chancellor on granting faculty permissions. The DAC is appointed every six years with the current term ending in July 2022. If you feel you could help the committee by becoming a member or consultant, expressions of interest for the next six year term ending 2028 are invited before 6th June.

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34
Psalm	67	97
2nd Reading	Revelation 21:10. 22-22:5	Revelation 22:12-14
Gospel	John 14:23-29	John 14:23-29

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon 23 rd	John 15:26-16.4	Thurs 26 th	Luke 24:44-End
Tue 24 th	John 16:5-11	Fri 27 th	John 16:20-23
Wed 25 th	John 16:12-15	Sat 28 th	John 16:23-28

Readings can 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 and Baptism of Beatrix Hunt	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Churches Together – Christian Aid Service	- 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

All our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week from approximately 9am to 5pm each day.

Mid-Week

Rev'd Andrew Down - Day off on Mondays.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
	7-8.30 pm	Mute-you-all Choir Practice	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	7.00 pm	APCM	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Wednesday	2.30 pm	Hospitality Meeting	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	7.00 pm	Bellringers AGM	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Ascension Day	
		Mission Community Service	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	11.00 am	PCC Meeting	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	3.30-7pm	Broadband Choir Practice	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
	4.30 pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Saturday	5.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

Next Sunday 29th May 2022 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30 am	Holy Communion – Mission Community Service	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
2.00 pm	Wedding of Attila 'James' Drury & Vanessa Callender	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston



Reflection by Rev'd Tony Meek

John 14:23-29
Sunday 29th May 2022

In that Gospel reading, one of the alternatives for today, Jesus speaks of God sending the Holy Spirit, referred to as the *Advocate*. I find it more helpful to read in the King James Bible of the Holy Spirit being 'the *Comforter*'. For the word *comforter* is derived from the Latin *fortis*, which means brave. And in 17th Century English to “comfort” meant to make brave, to strengthen.

In this sense the translators of the King James Bible were right. The Holy Spirit does make people brave. Luke tells us that when the believers in Jerusalem were being threatened by the Jewish authorities “*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness*” (Acts 4.31). Peter & John had been forbidden to speak of Jesus, but they refused to be silenced – why? because the “*Comforter*” made them bold.

This original meaning of “*Comforter*” is found in the Bayeux tapestry, which in 72 pictures tells the story of King William & the Norman conquest of England in 1066. In one scene William is marching behind his troops with a drawn sword, prodding them. Beneath are the words: “*King William comforteth his soldiers*“. It is a wonderful illustration of the task of the Holy Spirit– the Holy Spirit prods us, incites us, and urges us on. The Holy Spirit ‘comforts’ the church, in the sense that he drives the church out in mission. We see this in the Book of Acts, where the ‘Acts of the Apostles’ were acts inspired by the Holy Spirit.

An *advocate* is a person who speaks on another’s behalf and in their favour.

In the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, the word used is '*Counsellor*'. Unfortunately today when we think of ‘counsellors’, we tend to think of people who are there to help us to understand ourselves – who begin each session asking “*How do you feel today? What kind of a week have you had?*” But the Holy Spirit is not a Counsellor in the non-directive psycho-therapeutic mould. He is not there in the first place to help us understand ourselves. Rather he is there to “*guide (us) into all the truth*”. Perhaps a better translation would be “*consultant*” or ‘*advisor*’.

Yet more versions of the Bible refer to the Holy Spirit as '*Helper*'. The fact is that none of us are strong enough to be self-sufficient. We need God’s Holy Spirit in our lives to cope with all life’s challenges.

The Holy Spirit helps us, by giving us courage to witness to the Lord Jesus. In difficult situations he helps by giving us the right words to say. When faced with complex decisions, he is there as our own personal consultant, ready to guide and advise. Full of wisdom, he is there to help us.

But in our passage for today, the focus is on a different aspect of the Holy Spirit’s help. In verse 24, Jesus says,: The *Advocate* will “*teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you*”. Reminding or remembering brings understanding. Jesus said that when the disciples later recall their time with him, they will understand the significance of all that they saw and heard. The Holy Spirit not only enabled the disciples to recall the words and deeds of Jesus, but also to perceive their significance – the Holy Spirit enabled them to see the truth of God’s revelation in Jesus.

Our lives as Christians are sustained immeasurably by the work of the Holy Spirit. Whether by being prodded and strengthened by the Comforter, represented by the Advocate, guided by the Counsellor, supported by the Helper, or taught and reminded of the words and doings of Jesus.

But I like the word '*Comforter*' and that is certainly the sense in which I refer to the Holy Spirit, in the words used with a dying person:

'Go forth upon your journey from this world in the name of God the Father almighty who created you; in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered death for you; in the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.'

May we continue to find and value in our lives the strength of God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.