

In Memory: Penelope Kittow, Royston Hopkins, Gwen Hayman, Anne Vooght, Muriel Duke, Jean Rogers-Came, Sam Ward and Clifford Raymont.

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.

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 £20 per person (including camping pitch and most food) if you book before 1 May (£25 after 1 May). Find out more and book your place here. <https://familyfestsouthwest.com/>

Living in Love and Faith Update The Bishop of Crediton, the Rt. Rev'd Jackie Searle, led a prayer event in Exeter Cathedral on 28 April to mark the move to the next stage of the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith (LLF) process. The event featured a short service and four reflective prayer stations which will be on display in Exeter Cathedral's St John's Chapel for the next month. Over the past 18 months churches across England have been encouraged to run the five-week LLF discussion course as a way of enabling people to contribute to the conversation about the future direction of the Church of England on matters of relationships, sexuality, gender and marriage. Bishop Jackie, who is the LLF Advocate for the Diocese of Exeter, said "We've had this huge engagement with LLF across the diocese but now it's being passed on to the General Synod members and the college of Bishops. It seemed important to mark that this is happening, to stand together and to offer it all to God in prayer. I feel so grateful for all we have done together, for the journey that we've been on in the diocese, it's not been without its challenges, but it has also been really joyful." Exeter's General Synod representatives and Bishop Robert, who will be playing an active role in LLF discussions going forward, were given lit candles and prayed for during the service.

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Acts 9:36-End	Acts 11:1-18
Psalm	23	148
2nd Reading	Revelation 7:9-End	Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel	John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35
Readings for the week ahead:		
Mon 9 th	John 10:1-10	Thurs 12 th John 13:16-20
Tue 10 th	John 10:22-30	Fri 13 th John 14:1-6
Wed 11 th	John 12:44-End	Sat 14 th John 15:9-17

Readings can be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

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Weekly Notices

Sunday 8th May 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- 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	10.15am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
	1.00 pm	Funeral of Anne Vooght	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
	7.00 pm	PCC Meeting	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	10.00 am	Steering Group Meeting	- Venue to be confirmed
	10.30am	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	1.30 pm	Funeral and Burial Service of Muriel Duke	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	4.30 pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	6.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Friday	10.30 am	Interment of Ashes followed by Remembrance Service for Penelope Kittow	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Saturday	1.00 pm	Wedding of William Slade and Emily Herridge	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Next Sunday 15th May 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



Reflection by Rev'd Andrew Down

Vocation Sunday
Sunday 8th May 2022

This Sunday is Vocation Sunday when we think about our deepest callings. Here is an excerpt from John O'Donohue's book 'To Bless the Space Between Us' to stimulate your thinking, prayer and reflection.

“When we arrive on earth, we are provided with no map for our life journey. Only gradually, as our identity forms and we get an inkling of who we are, do possibilities begin to emerge that call us. It is one of the weightiest decisions: to decide what to do with your life. The challenge is to find a way of life that will be in harmony with your gifts and needs.

Behind each face there is a unique world that no one else can see. This is the mystery of individuality. The shape of each soul is different. No one else feels your life the way you do. No one else see or hears the world as you do. The creation of the individual is a divine masterpiece. We were dreamed for a long time before we were born. Our souls, minds, hearts fashioned in the divine imagination. Such care and attention went into the creation of each person. Given the uniqueness of each of us, it should not be surprising that one of the greatest challenges is to inhabit our own individuality and to discover which life-form best expresses it.

The great law of life is: Be yourself. Though this axiom sounds simple, it is often a difficult task. To be yourself, you have to learn how to become who you were dreamed to be. Each person has a unique destiny. To be born is to be chosen. There is something special that each of us has to do in the world. If someone else could do it, they would be here and not us. One of the fascinating question is to decipher what one's destiny is. At the heart of each destiny is hidden a unique life calling. What is it you are called to do? in old-fashioned language; what is your vocation in life?

For some people, the question of their calling is very difficult to decipher; for others, it follows from an early intuition and practically unfolds of its own accord. For some, it can be the singular and exclusive direction their life takes; for others, it can change and follow new directions.

Again, some people never seem to find what they are called to do; this can burden them with a continual restlessness and dissatisfaction. When you find what you are

called to do, your life takes on a focus and purpose. You come into rhythm with the deeper longing of your heart.

The notion of vocation is interesting and rich. It suggests that there is a special form of life that one is called to; to follow this is the way to realise one's destiny. Following one's vocation ensures that what you choose to do finds itself in harmony with your inner nature. It also means that this is the optimum way to unfold and develop whatever gifts one has. A vocation does not clear before you a smooth path through difficulties. Having a sense of one's vocation does not in any way relieve one of the travail and turbulence of being human. Indeed, being true to one's vocation can often require a level of generosity and risk that will cause great suffering, for more often than not there is no surge of light to clarify direction; the light on offer is enough to guide only the next step.

The nature of the calling can change over time, taking a person down pathways never anticipated. The calling opens new territories within the heart; this in turn deepens the calling itself. The faces of the calling change; what at the beginning seemed simple and clear can become ambivalent and complex as it unfolds. To develop a heart that is generous and equal to this complexity is the continual challenge of growth. This is the creative tension that dwells at the heart of vocation. One is urged and coaxed beyond the pale regions into rich territories of risk and promise.

It is devastating to feel trapped in a form of life where you feel utterly misplaced and all your effort is laboured; everything you do is done against the grain. You take no joy or pleasure in what you do, and your heart is haunted by alternative lives you will never have. When you feel like this it can make for a resentful and bitter life — a life where you are neither seen nor understood for much of the time — and your gifts remain locked away, never to emerge. It is clearly time to change what you are doing, perhaps sacrifice the familiar in order to find your true calling. Such change can utterly transform your life. It is such a relief and joy to find the calling that expresses and incarnates your spirit. When you find that you are doing what you love, what you were brought here to do, it makes for a rich and contented life. You have come into rhythm with your longing. Your work and action emerge naturally; you don't have to force yourself. Your energy is immediate. Your passion is clear and creative. A new calling can open the door into the house of vision and belonging. You feel at home in your life, heart and hearth at one.”

*You did not choose me, but I chose you
and I appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit -fruit that will last -
and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*

John 15:16