

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

Makes you think!



Images from the James Webb Telescope

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The Beacon

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Welcome

The remarkable pictures from the James Webb Telescope certainly created a marvel for all. The vastness of time and space is mind blowing. It brought to my mind the words of the one hundred and fiftieth psalm:

“Praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: Praise him according to his excellent greatness. “

From this to our corner of Devon! Yet much is happening in the here and now. So as the schools break up a warm welcome to this eclectic edition of the Beacon. I hope there is something for everyone!

Our parish reports record a number of special services and events. It is good to be able to see what has happened both in our own village and also the activities in our sister parishes in the Mission Community. Do note the various “specials” that will be happening in the coming weeks in the different parishes. These occasions are always worthwhile, fun and open to all.

We can update you with Diocesan news about the new Bishop of Plymouth, the appointment of our own Rector Andrew as the new Rural Dean of the Newton Abbot Deanery and we have a chance to “get to know” a little more about Rev Anne Burden in conversation with church warden Steve Sheldon. Many of my generation were particularly delighted with the reintroduction of Evensong at St Andrew’s on Palm Sunday. So enjoy Stephen Bryant’s reflections on this service.

Having been briefly involved with the Falklands 40 years ago as an RNR Medical officer in the relative safety of HMS Northwood, I was particularly interested to read the article from the Diocese web site about Rev Steve Jones experience as a Royal Marine in the conflict and the later moves in his life becoming a police officer, barrister and feeling called to become a church minister.

My thanks to all the many contributors without whom the magazine would not happen and to Charles Quartley who has the skill and talent to put all this together so professionally.

Articles and photos for the October November edition should reach me by September 21st 2022

Michael Price, Editor

Strap Lines



- Have you tried the chocolate and garlic diet? You’ll pile on the weight but nobody will come near enough to notice.
- Is nostalgia a thing of the past?
- Why do guests who bring sausages to barbecues always eat the steak?

Appointment as Rural Dean

So I have been appointed Rural Dean of the Newton Abbot Deanery. You may or may not know what this means and so I thought I would outline here something of this as I take up the role.



First of all it is a role that is performed alongside my existing role as Rector of the Beacon Parishes Mission Community so I won't be going anywhere. You can breathe a sigh of relief or not! As part of all stipendiary clergy's roles, as well as their parish responsibilities, they are encouraged and expected to contribute a portion of time to the wider church and and/ or diocese. In the past I have done this through being a vocations advisor (helping people as they discern God's call) and teaching on South West Ministry Course (particularly in the area of worship) amongst other things. The Rural Dean role will now be a key part of this wider contribution.

So what does the role of Rural Dean entail?

- *Organising regular Deanery chapter meetings with the support of the Lay Chair*
- *Being the first point of contact for pastoral care of local clergy which includes regular clergy chapter meetings, support, guidance, welcoming new clergy into the deanery*
- *Supporting parishes in vacancies and during the appointment processes*
- *Enabling and supporting prayer, discipleship and service across the Deanery*
- *Acting as a conduit for communication across the Deanery and between the Deanery and the Diocese.*

The Newton Abbot Deanery covers quite a wide geographical area:

- The Newton Abbot Parishes
- Ashburton and the Moorland team of parishes
- Kingsteignton and Teigngrace Mission Community
- Chudleigh Parish
- The Three Wells Mission Community
- The Beacon Parishes Mission Community

I feel honoured and humbled to be appointed Rural Dean for the Newton Abbot Deanery, not least because of the process by which Rural Deans are appointed. When a vacancy for Rural Dean occurs the local clergy are asked to write to the Bishop suggesting who they would like out of their number and why they think they would be suitable for the role. From those suggested and in consultation with Archdeacon, the lay chair and others the Bishop will decide who to approach and hopefully appoint.

As with everything key to the role is the building of relationships - first and foremost with the local clergy, Readers / Licensed Lay Ministers and Deanery Synod Reps, Archdeacon and very importantly the Lay Chair who will provide the administration support for this role and therefore with whom I will work closely.

So that is a snap shot of the role of Rural Dean and I look forward to starting this role over the summer and then celebrating this new role and the Newton Abbot Deanery more generally at a special service within Bishop James Grier, the new Bishop of Plymouth on the 18th October at 7pm at St. Andrew's Ipplepen.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew

Sunday Services for August and September

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

During August and September we are in 'Ordinary Time'. The colour around our churches is usually green. It is the great growing season in the church year when we take a break from the narrative story (which we tell at Christmas, Easter and Pentecost) and focus on Jesus' teaching and our growth in the faith. The feeling of this time of year is relaxed and gentle with many people taking time out for holidays, retreat and rest. We will keep a few feasts during this time celebrating some of these on Sundays and others on weekdays. We will celebrate The Transfiguration, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Denbury's Patronal Festival, Holy Cross Day, St. Matthew Apostle and Evangelist, St Michael and All Angels and conclude September by starting our harvest celebrations which will then continue into October. Lots to enjoy.

August 7th

Transfiguration of Our Lord (Transferred from 6th August)

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 with Children's Activities	St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4:30 pm	Reflective Evening Prayer Theme: St Mary	Holy Trinity, Torbryan

August 14th

Blessed Virgin Mary (Transferred from 15th August)

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

August 21st

Trinity 10

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

August 28th

Trinity 11

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

September 4th

Trinity 12

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 with Children's Activities	St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4:30pm	Come Holy Spirit: An Informal Reflective Service St Andrew's Church Hall	

September 11th

Trinity 13

9:30 am	Patronal Festival Holy Communion followed by refreshments	St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11:00am	Holy Communion with Children's Activities	St Peter and St Paul's, Broadhempston
11:00am	Celtic Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday Services - continued

September 18th Trinity 14

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

September 25th Trinity 15

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
4:00pm	Harvest afternoon tea	The Parish Rooms, Woodland
5:00pm	Harvest Service	St John The Baptist, Woodland

Special mid-week services

Holy Cross falls on Wednesday 14th September and will be celebrated on:

Tuesday 13 th September	St Andrew's Ipplepen
Thursday 15 th September	St Mary the Virgin Denbury

St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, falls on 21st September and will be celebrated on:

Tuesday 20 th September	St Andrew's Ipplepen
Thursday 22 nd September	St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

St Michael and All Angels falls on 29th September and will be celebrated on:

Tuesday 27 th September	St Andrew's Ipplepen
Thursday 29 th September	St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Beacon Parishes Mission Community Weekly Events

Private Prayer

Our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week from 9am to 5pm each day


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

Mondays	at 3 – 5pm	'T-pot'	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesdays	at 10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesdays	at 7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursdays	at 10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	at 4.30pm	sta*x Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Other events for August and September

Wed 3 rd August	12 noon	Churches Together - Lunch Club (1 st Wednesday of each month)	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Sat 6 th August	10am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning (1 st Saturday of each month)	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
Wed 10 th August	10.30am	Coffee Mates (2 nd Wednesday of each month)	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Sunday 14 th August	3 pm	"Tea for Two" musical afternoon with Tea & Cakes	- St. Andrew's, Ipplepen
Sat 3 rd Sept	10am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning (1 st Saturday of each month)	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
	4.30pm	Concert with Rosa Rebecka and 	- St. Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wed 7 th Sept	12 noon	Churches Together - Lunch Club (1 st Wednesday of each month)	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Wed 14 th Sept	10.30am	Coffee Mates (2 nd Wednesday of each month)	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Sat 10 th Sept	2.30pm on	Cream Tea for Ride & Stride – Devon Historic Churches Trust	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Sun 11 th Sept	2.30pm	Jim Causley Concert	- St. Mary's, Denbury

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

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 26 th June 2022	Ipplepen	Noah Heale
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Weddings

Saturday 2 nd July 2022	Broadhempston	Carl Tonepohl and Fiona Hill
Saturday 23 rd July 2022	Ipplepen	Samuel Green and Katherine Harris

Wedding Blessings Ceremony

Saturday 9 th July 2022	Broadhempston	David Williams and Sarah 'Sassie' Tickle
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Funerals

Tuesday 31 st May 2022	Broadhempston	Clifford Rayment
<i>(Clifford Rayment's funeral was incorrectly noted as Ipplepen in the previous Beacon magazine)</i>		
Monday 6 th June 2022	Ipplepen	Marina Harris
Tuesday 28 th June 2022	Denbury	Eric Wakeham
Wednesday 6 th July 2022	Ipplepen	Pamelia Langworthy

Remembrance Services

Sunday 3 rd July 2022	Ipplepen	Charles 'Sam' Ward
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Interments of Ashes

Wednesday 1 st June 2022	Ipplepen	Lawrence Hurley
Wednesday 1 st June 2022	Ipplepen	Penelope Hurley
Sunday 3 rd July 2022	Ipplepen	Charles 'Sam' Ward
Wednesday 6 th July 2022	Broadhempston	Michael Dow
Sunday 24 th July 2022	Ipplepen	Cynthia Griffiths

Tea for Two

A Concert with Tom Morris and Marilyn Ellis

St. Andrew's Church - Sunday 14th August at 3 pm

Tea and Cake during the interval

Tickets £5 from Marilyn Ellis

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

Retrospective

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| June | Liz Triggol and family in memory of Monica |
| July | Carol, Debby and Julia in loving memory of Gerry Nield |

New

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| August and September | A villager who likes to see the tower lit |
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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

Retrospective

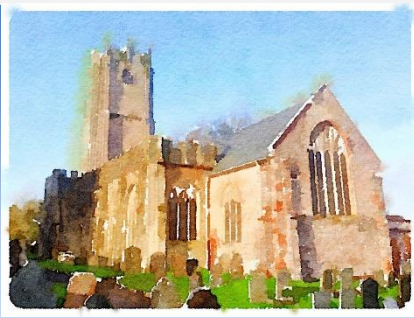
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| 29 th May – 18 th June | In memory of Jean Rogers-Came, Kitty Barwick (her mother) and Bryan Rogers (her late husband), as they all passed away around this time of year. Rosalind |
| 5 th – 11 th June | For 8 th June, to Ann Wallace who passed away peacefully on the 19th May 2022 - love you always, Brian |
| 3 rd – 9 th July | In loving memory of Dad who enjoyed his visits to Ipplepen. All our love, Chris & Jenny Howard and family |

New

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| 7 th – 13 th Aug | Linda, Hannah and Katie Simmonds for David's birthday on 10 th August |
| 14 th – 20 th Aug | Jayne and Roland would like to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Yvonne Slocombe on the 14 th of August |
| 28 th Aug – 3 rd Sept | David, Linda, Hannah & Katie Simmonds in memory of David's mother, Kay Simmonds on her birthday, 30 th August |

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



The church was beautifully decorated with red, white and blue flowers for the Communion Service at 11am on Sunday 5th June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

After this lovely Service where we were also invited to be anointed with holy oil, Rev Andrew and the congregation gathered in the churchyard to plant a Silver Birch tree to commemorate this wonderful occasion.

Everyone was invited then to stay and enjoy refreshments in the Church Hall. Sue Hird and Pam Thomas served them from a pretty festive Royal table

and there was a toast to our wonderful Queen Elizabeth. This Sunday was also the feast of Pentecost and there was an informal Service held in the Church Hall at 4.30pm.



Trinity Sunday on 12th June was a Celtic Morning Prayer Service at 11am. Hillarie Griggs in her reflection says her thinking of the Trinity is to imagine three separate people who come together to form a circle of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Patronal Festival - Trinity was also celebrated at Holy Trinity Church, Torbryan at 4.30pm with Reflective Evening Prayer.

Father's Day on Sunday 19th June was the theme of Tessa Amie's Reflection and the Holy Communion Service at 11am.

Churches Together Service was led by Hillarie Griggs and Rev Kevin Hook on 26th June. The Reflection was written by Rev Tony Meek about our Commitment to Christ or possibly not always!

Many of us from St. Andrew's attended the Patronal Evensong at St. John the Baptist, Woodland. It was a lovely Service led by Tessa Amies, but before this cream teas were served in the Parish Rooms and certainly enjoyed by us all, thank you!

Holy Communion on 3rd July was conducted by Rev Andrew and Reflection by Steve Sheldon, then Sam Ward's Memorial and Interment of Ashes was at 2pm.

Celtic Morning Prayer on 10th July was led by Jo Innes-Lumsden on this Sea Sunday. Marilyn Ellis played 'Eternal Father, strong to save' as our first hymn and Jo said it was a hymn definitely appropriate for today. It was lovely to hear Maureen Birley read again after her absence through illness, and Charles Quartley read the Meditation and Vanessa Bevan the Intersessions. Wedding Banns were read for the first time by Steve Sheldon for Victoria Weal and Ross Stamp.

The weather has been beautiful and hopefully everyone can enjoy their gardens, local walks or on the moors or a coastal walk which we recently did in North Devon. The sea is also inviting and it is certainly a time to appreciate where we live, and safe travels for those going on holiday.

Marilyn Clark

Jean Rogers-Came

Nearly 100 people attended the funeral of Jean Rogers-Came on Friday 20th May on a breezy sunny day.

It was conducted by Rev. Andrew Down who said it was a day for treasuring the memories and giving thanks for Jean's life. He led the address saying that her love and care for people was evident and she had a wicked sense of humour. Her faith was very important to her. She was born in Dean Prior on 24th November 1933 and lived a full life marrying Bryan Rogers and after widowhood, Hugh Came. She loved travelling but was also a home bird. She was an elegant lady and was not averse to a little tippie as shown by the pictures on the back of the Order of Service. Hymns were lustily sung and the coffin went out of Church for burial to "Always look on the Bright Side" by Monty Python. There were many people to thank as latterly Jean and Hugh needed care - meals and cakes provided, support from the Methodist and Anglican

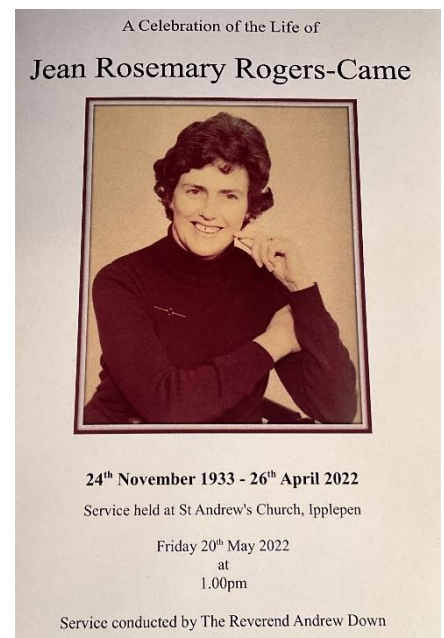


churches and neighbours in Blackstone Road and the W.I. She will be much missed.

Vanessa Bevan

Tony and I unfortunately were unable to attend Jean's funeral as we were away on holiday but thank Vanessa for her report. I know Tony enjoyed his chats with Jean over coffee after gardening there. I quite often joined them and Hugh. They knew Mum well through their love of dancing. A lovely lady we certainly miss!

Marilyn Clark



Sam Ward

Many family and friends gathered in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday 3rd July 2022 at 2pm for the Memorial Service for Charles Samuel Ward. Dear Sam passed away on 27th April at Milton Ernest Hall Nursing Home in Bedford with his family around him. He moved there from his home in Tremlett Grove when he was unable to be cared for at home any longer due to his illness.

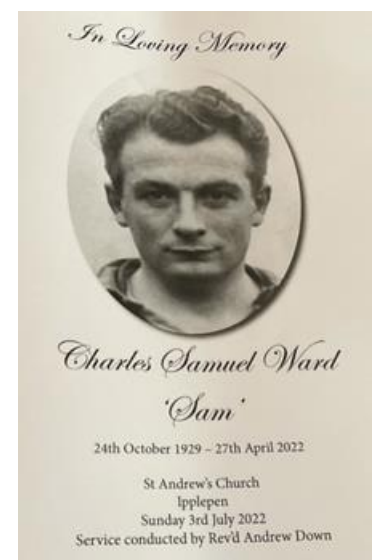
Sam and his wife Pam were members of St. Andrew's Church who regularly attended church and social events. Pam's cheese scones always went down well at the coffee mornings. Sam enjoyed a full life and particularly followed local sport Rugby All Whites, horse-racing and cricket.

Daughters Anna and Jessica both spoke about their father in their tributes to him following Rev Andrew's Bible reading from John chapter 14 verses 1-6. The service began with a welcome from Rev Andrew then the hymn "Jerusalem". Grandson Jack read a poem. The music for reflection was "My dearest Dear - Ivor Novello" and was played by Marilyn Ellis. After prayers we sang the hymn "How great thou art" before the commendation and farewell blessing. The music on departure was the theme from Test Match Special.

Sam loved to read the Beacon and so I made sure I sent it to him when he went to Bedford. Anna said she would read it to him a bit of a time on her daily visits and he especially loved the strap lines as he had a great sense of humour and a twinkle in his eye.

Rest in Peace dear Sam.

Marilyn Clark



Welcomers welcome!

At the May Ipplepen PCC meeting it was decided that it would be helpful *outside welcoming people into the church*. To this end Sheila Sheldon has begun recruiting individuals for a rota of 'welcomers' for this task which will free up the sidespeople to perform their many jobs as well as providing an additional welcome inside. If you think you might be interested in this service please have a word with her.

Andrew



Weather vane will soon be back!



Colin and the renovated vane

Stephen Bryant does an excellent job of finding all the little maintenance jobs which are needed around St. Andrew's, and these form the basis of activities for the monthly working party - **1st Saturday of each month, 9.30 am onwards for those who might like to join us**. One of the more challenging jobs in May was to remove the weather vane from its support as it was looking in need of some TLC.

With some ingenious use of a couple of long 'branch loppers', and lengths of rope we managed to remove the vane with no requirement for anyone to climb the supporting pinnacle at the top of the tower. The vane has now been ably renovated by Colin Clark and we plan to put it back at the next working party in August.

Does anyone have an idea on origin of the emblem on the vane?

Ringin' for the Jubilee & Beating the Bounds

Along with many hundreds of towers and thousands of ringers around the Country and also the Commonwealth, Ipplepen ringers celebrated the Platinum Jubilee. We also rang for the start and finish of the 2022 Ipplepen Beating the Bounds.

Here is our record of the event.

Charles Quartley

On Thursday, 2 June 2022 in 30m

Ipplepen, Devon

St Andrew

Tenor: 18-1-0 in E

Call Changes Including Queens

- 1 Andrew Vickery
- 2 John Robinson
- 3 Bats
- 4 Mike Squire
- 5 Tony Clark
- 6 Bryan Tuckett
- 7 Linda Caunter
- 8 Stephen Bryant
- 9 Charles P Quartley



The start of the Beating the Bounds – recognise anyone?

Rung for the Jubilee, at the start of the Beating of the Bounds of Ipplepen

Ipplepen School – End of Year Report!

As we reach the end of a very challenging year for the school, I feel nothing but pride and admiration for how well the children, staff, parents and families have pulled together to ensure the year has been such a positive one for all involved.

There have been many highlights and I am sure if you ask any person connected with the school, they will probably give you a different answer as to what their highlight has been. Whether it be the return of events such as sports day which brought the whole school community together or the amazing Key Stage 2 performance during the summer term, the Key Stage 1 and foundation Nativity in the dark on the playground or the many school trips and visits which have lit up the school year there are so many things that have made our school a special place for all involved this year.

The ethos of the school is very much built on community both local and wider. This was highlighted by the raising of over £6000 for UNICEF to support families affected by the conflict in the Ukraine. The children were challenged to come up with their own fundraising ideas based around doing 3000 of something or 15 of something. Fundraising events ranged from cycling 3000 meters 15 times, to writing a 3000-word story, to hula hooping 3000 times. The imagination and dedication of the children was truly inspirational. To ensure I did my bit I undertook, the Welsh 3000s challenge. Scaling 15 peaks of 3000ft or greater in the Snowdonia Mountain range over the course of 3 days. I undertook this along with other senior staff from our federation of schools.

Another achievement the school reached this year was our Silver UNICEF rights respecting award, reflecting the way in which the school puts the rights of the children first in all we do.

Looking ahead I am taking a slight step away from my role as Head of School here at Ipplepen as my wider role within our federation of schools means I will be working with other schools more regularly from September. To manage this, I will be joined by Mrs. Sophie Wiseman who will be co-head of school with me from September. Sophie is an experienced Head of School having led Doddiscombesliegh Primary School for a number of years. I know she will fit in to our school community incredibly well and she is very excited about joining us. I know everyone will make her feel incredibly welcome.

On behalf of all the staff, governors, and children at the Primary I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable summer.

Marcus West (Head of School)



Strap Lines



- Why do we press harder on the TV remote control when we know the batteries are failing?
- Politicians and nappies should be changed frequently - and for the same reason.

A view from Torbryan



I always feel that at this time of the year real life sort of grinds to a halt to some extent. In some ways it feels like we are living in a state of sort of suspended animation. Many things are just on hold pending the end of the summer holidays.

This feeling has maybe been particularly acute this year due to us experiencing quite a prolonged period of hot weather. This sort of accentuates the torpor. In fact, it has not always been that pleasant to go outside – fortunately one of the advantages of living in an ancient, thick-walled house is that it always stays cool inside (although admittedly this is not an advantage in the winter). It is clear that global warming is not some abstract concept for the future but is happening now, and I hope that our leaders and each one of us individually will take drastic steps to limit our greenhouse gas emissions.

Whilst in some cases we might look forward to our normal routine recommencing, there are some who you wish would take a break from their day job. I'm thinking in particular of Putin and the ongoing senseless barbarism by the Russians in Ukraine. Maybe Putin could take a step back from his senseless war and take a summer holiday. At that point perhaps he would have a moment of reflection and realise the pointlessness of his actions.

I shouldn't forget that for many in this region this is a time for making hay while the sun shines: our tourism industry makes most of its money in the summer months and the farmers must literally make hay.

So, all in all, the summer pause is quite a nice chance for most of us to have some downtime and take stock. Which is nice in a lot of ways, although part of me still looks forward to the return of 'real life' in September. Either way, if you are having a break, I hope it is a relaxing one and you return refreshed.

Georgie Brendon

Spell checker?



I have a spelling chequer, which came with my pea sea,
It plainly marques for my revue, Miss Steaks eye cannot sea.

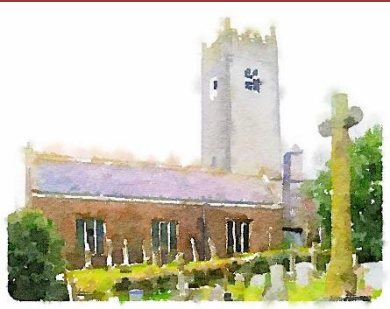
I strike sum quays and right a word, and weight for it two say
Weather I am write or wrong, it shows me strait away.

As soon as a mist ache is maid, it nose bee four two long,
And eye can put the error write, it's very rarely wrong.

I've run this poem threw it, I'm shore yore pleased to no
It's letter perfect in it's weigh - my chequer tells me sew!

News from Woodland

St. John the
Baptist



The current spell of hot and dry weather has certainly changed the appearance of our surrounding countryside. Fields turned from green to brown as grass unstocked for hay grew seed heads and turned brown. With hay now successfully cut these fields are pale yellow and are awaiting enough rain for new grass shoots to grow and turn them green again. Ripening corn has turned from green to shades of gold and gathering in the harvest has been going on at full pelt, as anyone who has met tractors pulling trailers piled up high with corn or bales of straw will be able to testify. For those interested in the engineering side of things, corn needs to be combined with the sun shining on it and the moment dusk falls it stops going through the combine harvester well. Some balers, however, bale straw better when it is not under full sunlight and this is one reason why fields seem to be full of tractor lights both day and night at this time of year.

Harvest was, of course, one of the main topics of conversation at our most recent coffee and library morning in the Village Hall. By this, however, I mean not only the agricultural harvest (which was looking imminent at the time with the crops visibly ripening fast) but also the harvests of our own gardens - the flowers, fruit and vegetables that we grow for our own pleasure rather than our livelihood. This is not unique to rural people. I've had similar conversations with friends and work colleagues too. As a species we may have moved a long way away from our hunter gatherer roots and so many of us enjoy the process of planting, nurturing and picking. In Woodland the culmination of this productivity can be seen in autumn, at our Harvest Festival service. With the church decorated abundantly from the produce of our local fields and gardens, there is always something different to look at in every corner and no two years have ever been the same. In our fields the harvest has only just started. Many later varieties of corn are still not yet ripe and the maize will be later still but the date has already been set for this year's Harvest Festival service and it will take place on 25th September. A date to be truly thankful for what we have been given this year!

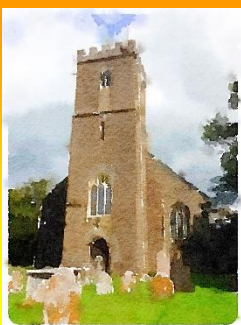
Helen Pearce



**Heads up: If you are
feeling sick and
sweating while filling
up your vehicle with
gas, you may have
CAROWNERVIRUS.**

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM were held in the church on 24th May 2022 with the election of Church Wardens. Paul Russell, Jo Winsor, Maggie Sercombe and Janice Parnell agreed to continue as Church Wardens with Chris Parker continuing as Treasurer.

Jubilee Celebrations

Broadhempston Village Fete Committee organised a fantastic day celebrating Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June. 'Bunting Bees' had been busy making bunting on a Sunday in the Village Hall that adorned our village and we were encouraged to decorate the outside of our houses.

The church bells rang out at 1:30pm to start the proceedings led by Captain of Bells Graham Pascoe, proceedings started at 2pm with a Street Party & BBQ in the village square, cream teas, cake, and strawberries in the village hall.

With Crowns and Tiara Fancy Dress, Show Stopper Bake Off Competition, Best Themed Floral Decoration, the PTFA ran a stall and provided activities by the village playground, Hula Hooping on the Village Green, Pete's Ice Cream Van free ice cream for under 18's, our home-grown rock band Broadband provided music and the Broadhempston History Society provided an Archive Display in the Village Hall, (you can see this display now in the church).

St Peter and St Paul's church was open over the weekend with Jubilee themed floral arrangements, bible verses and poems providing a quiet cool place to sit and reflect

Thank you to the Broadhempston Village Fete Committee for all your hard work, it was such a special day



Wedding Blessing

In the August/September 2020 edition of the Beacon we published a photograph of the marriage of Sassie Tickle and David Williams. Due to COVID restrictions at the time, attendance at the wedding was heavily restricted with only the immediate family of the bride and groom allowed to attend. It is therefore pleasing to report that on Saturday, 9th July 2022, exactly two years after the original wedding, a Wedding Blessing was held for Sassie and David together with their baby daughter, Grace (see photo) and all their family and friends. A truly joyous occasion!



Chamber Music Concert: 21st July 2022



The PCC was privileged to host a concert organised by Ashburton Arts as part of their Chamber Music Festival. An international group of top classical musicians performed a programme of four pieces including the String Quartet No.2 by Dmitri Shostakovich. Around 75 people attended a very rewarding event with the opportunity to experience an evening of outstanding musicianship in a wonderful setting.

The Broadhempston PCC Team

The wisdom of kids



Children at a primary school were asked questions about the Bible. These were some of their answers:

"Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles."

"Solomon was one of David's sons. He had 300 wives and 700 porcupines."

"Jesus was helped out by the 12 decibels."

"The epistles were the wives of the Apostles."

"Christians are only allowed one spouse. This is called monotony."

"The Virgin Mary had an immaculate contraption"

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



Summer has well and truly arrived with temperatures, for many of us, a little too hot for comfort. Although for much of the year we complain about the church building being a bit chilly, at the present time the cool, quiet interior provides a very welcome place to cool off a bit.

The sunny days have made us think about holding some services out of doors (when

temperatures have reduced a little) and when this happens our gathering will be enhanced by the fact that we have two new benches, which shortly will become three, available in the grassy area alongside church cottage. These new benches are replacing the former seating which have done their duty and are being retired! Very many thanks are due to the generous Denbury folk who kindly donated towards the purchase of the benches enabling the order to be placed very quickly after the appeal was launched.

The benches provide a great facility for visitors to the churchyard and the church building to take a welcome rest and enjoy the peace and quiet of the churchyard. We know from past comments that passers-by have often stopped here to soak up the atmosphere at the centre of the village.

Early in June we all enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. To start the celebrations to St. Mary's a cream tea and cake day was held in the cottage by way of launching an exhibition of art and craft items with a theme of "Celebrating Denbury". The day itself was a great success raising over £100 for church funds and it is intended to run a similar event probably in September. The exhibition will continue for much of the summer and the model items and paintings/photographs etc. give visitors a good idea of the village past and present.

We had hoped to have some firm dates for the rehangings of our refurbished and enlarged bell peal by now. Unfortunately the work is still delayed due to the effects of Covid on the workforce and we await further details of when the bellhangers will be returning to Denbury.

As forecast we have started to make some slight alterations to our Sunday communion services which are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The large portable altar has been pushed back towards the main altar allowing the congregation to sit in a circle in the chancel. This provides a comfortable, less formal arrangement with the congregation very much involved in the service. The music for this service will be either unaccompanied or led by Rachel playing her guitar. The service on the 4th Sunday will remain on more traditional lines with Mike Roberts playing the organ for the hymns and responses.

The first Sunday of each month will remain Celtic Morning Prayer as this service format has proved popular and lends itself very much to a quiet, meditative time of worship with plenty of scope to introduce new ideas or variations as appropriate.

With annual holidays underway we wish all our parishioners a relaxing and enjoyable time and a safe journey if you are travelling.

Mike Bray

Jim Causley in Concert at St. Mary's, Denbury!

"The finest singer of his generation" Mojo Magazine

A date for your diary. Award winning folk musician, Jim Causley, is presenting a Cream Tea Concert in St. Mary's Church on 11th September, starting at 2.30pm. The cream teas will be served in the interval.

A previous Radio 2 Folk Awards “Singer of the Year” winner, Jim is known for his support for local causes and we were really chuffed when he agreed to come to perform in Denbury, helping to raise money for the Church.

Tickets are £12 (£10 concessions), pre booking only. Numbers are limited because it's a small church! So book early! Contact Rachel: rachelbelringer@gmail.com 07751804007

Can't wait to hear Jim's excellent music combined with the amazing acoustics of the church. Definitely not to be missed....!

Rachel Belringer

JIM CAUSLEY'S

CREAM TEA CONCERT

RADIO 2
FOLK AWARDS
2017
SINGER OF THE YEAR
NOMINEE

St. Mary's Church, Denbury at 2.30 pm on Sunday 11th September 2022
Tickets £12/£10 (concessions) to include a cream tea.
Contact Rachel Belringer on 07751 804007 or rachelbelringer@gmail.com
Raising funds for the church.

JIMCAUSLEY.CO.UK [T](https://twitter.com/JIMCAUSLEY) / [F](https://facebook.com/JIMCAUSLEY) JIMCAUSLEY

Do you have a talent and gift?

I wonder what your talents and gifts are? Would you like to offer and use these in our Church Communities?

As any community the church is about a body with many parts. We all have a particular part that no one else has. This might be as simple as our presence which has an effect on those around us and is missed when we are absent or it could be taking on a particular task. For all of us to be fully alive and any community to thrive we need opportunities and invitations for all to contribute. All need to be able to give of themselves from who they are and the gifts and talents they have been given. We all need to find our unique place in the whole. I wonder what yours is?



In our church communities people do many things:

- Those with the gift of **welcome** often volunteer for greeting people and helping them as they arrive. This could be to services or other events. A particular and wonderful welcome is needed when people come to church for a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral and some people find they particularly want to be involved in this ministry.
- Those with gifts in **hospitality** often get involved in serving refreshments at services or volunteering for specific events such as our lunch club or various social events.
- Those with the gift of **public reading** will read as part of our services from the bible. Some people do this as a regular contribution and others will simply volunteer for special occasions such as Carol Services, Harvest, Remembrance.
- Those with the gift of **leading people in prayer** will write prayers and lead prayers in our services.
- Those with gifts and interest in **music, creativity and the arts** contribute in a great variety of ways. This might be accompanying and leading the music for hymns and songs including our wonderful Youth Choir or putting together an art / poster display on a particular topic. Flower arranging is a key way the church is brought alive and the seasons marked. The bell ringers welcome people to church each Sunday but also mark other community events. We also organise community concerts in our churches. Creativity is such an important way of contributing and express ourselves and we all have creativity to offer.
- Those with the gift of **facilitating and creating a space** where people can meet with God contribute by leading services and small study groups.
- Those with the gift of looking after **practical matters** contribute in all sorts of ways. This might be in relation to services by setting up the things needed and clearing away afterwards, working the sound system and assisting with practical things during the services. There is the unlocking and locking of the church each day so anyone can use the building. People come to regular clean the church so it is a lovely place to be. There are bigger working parties that tackle specific jobs that need doing in our church buildings and grounds.
- Those with the gift of **pastoral care** contribute by helping look out for people and supporting them in times of need. This includes a group that offers communion in people's homes and the

nursing homes and those involved in supporting people who are having Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

- Those with the gift of **administration and oversight** contribute by sitting on one of our Parochial Church Councils with various roles... Council Member, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair, Safeguarding Officer etc...

So what is your gift? Welcome, hospitality, public reading, leading people in prayer, music, creativity, the arts, facilitating, practical matters, pastoral care, administration and oversight or maybe something else? We would love you to be able to contribute this gift and by doing so find your place and build community in your local church in Ipplepen, Torbryan, Denbury, Broadhempston and Woodland and across the Beacon Parishes. We will offer you support and guidance for you to perform any role well and safely. So you may want to consider trying something new. Go for it!

If you would like a conversation about how you might contribute your gift and what place there might be for it do either talk to me or one of the churchwardens. Find our details on the contact page.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew

Devon Historic Churches Trust

This is a charity formed in 1973 and dedicated to raising funds and awarding grants for the repair and maintenance of our places of worship in the Diocese of Exeter and throughout Devon.

Fundraising comes from the generosity of supporters, either by donations, membership subscriptions, fundraising activities or legacies.

The main annual fundraising day is the second Saturday of September with a Ride and Stride sponsored event cycling or walking between churches but in fact any fundraising event is welcomed.

We at St. Andrew's will be hosting a Cream Tea and cake stall in the church hall from 2.30pm on **Saturday 10th September** at a cost of £5.

50% of all monies raised is returned to the parish so not only will you be supporting the Trust but also St. Andrew's Church.

Vanessa Bevan



Helping with our gatherings

We are planning some Autumn small group sessions: **Valuing and reflecting on our contributions when we gather as a church in prayer and worship**

These sessions are designed to:

- value people’s gifts and contributions.
- reflect on a particular area of gifting
- equip and give people confidence to carry out, contribute and offer their time and talent.



Each session will last an hour and be based on **The Pastoral Cycle**. We will start with people’s personal **experience**. Then think of examples and **analyse** when a particular ministry was done well or not so well. We will consider Why? Next a time of Theological **reflection**: we will consider how does scripture and our Christian tradition inform our actions in this area? Finally we will come up with an **Action** Plan for doing these roles, for the Mission Community and individually parishes.

When: Suggested time Tuesday Evenings 7-8pm
Where: Various locations across the mission community - tbc.
Dates: finish before Advent

27 th September	Session 1	Welcome and hospitality
4 th October	Session 2	Public Reading
11 th October	Session 3	Writing and leading the prayers of intercession
18 th October	Break	
25 th October	Break	
1 st November	Session 4	The role of music and song
8 th November	Session 5	Leading and facilitating
15 th November	Session 6	Assisting practically at a Communion Service

Look out for posters with more details which will be published at the beginning of September.

Andrew

“Hearing”

Aren't we fortunate to be able to hear conversation and music? To hear sound is important for human beings, but not essential. Indeed, we can live a life without any sound, as is demonstrated by people who have been born completely deaf, or have acquired deafness. The impact of disabling hearing loss can sometimes be lessened by using hearing aid devices and/or learning Sign language. For other creatures, however, deafness would be fatal. Bats, for instance, being nocturnal, rely on echolocation to avoid obstacles when they fly and to find food (mostly tiny insects).



The loudness of normal conversation reaches 60 decibels, a Rock Concert reaches 110 - 120 decibels, similar to a jet engine at 100 yds, the level at which hearing can be permanently damaged. Tiny bats (a Soprano Pipistrelle weighs the same as a 20p piece) can produce sounds at a volume of 137 decibels, amongst the loudest animals in the world! It is just as well, therefore, that we can't hear it! Fortunately their calls are at a frequency/pitch too high for our ears to perceive. They have evolved a very special technique to protect their own ears from their own calls! Amazing.

On 17th June, StA*X thoroughly enjoyed a few hours, starting at dusk, along the bank of the River Bovey at Mill Marsh Park, Bovey Tracey. We were accompanied by 4 volunteers from the wonderful Bovey Bat Group who taught us lots of fascinating facts about these extraordinary creatures as well as demonstrating bat detectors. These devices convert the very high frequency bat calls into audible sounds and visual displays, allowing us to identify the bat species. It was astounding that, within a few paces from the main road, the river and surrounding trees were alive with bats and our detectors clicked, slapped and blew raspberries (the sound emitted when a bat catches its food). We detected 6 different species of bat that evening and no-one fell in the river.

Here are some comments from the choir members:

- “When the bats eat a bug you hear a squishy sound, called a raspberry!”
- “The best thing was looking at the screen and seeing so many Sopranos.”
- “It was really interesting that they can eat over the river.”
- “I love the detector machines - so cool.”
- “Highlight was detecting the Serotine bat right at the end after searching for it, and we actually saw it flying!”
- “Best bit was, at the end, standing by the bridge, when a bat flew under the bridge, turned and flew back and so nearly hit me in the face!”
- “Because some species are endangered and they are such wonderful creatures, more people should learn about them.”

We have 17 species of breeding bat in the UK. However, very sadly, bat populations have significantly declined in recent years due to fewer sites for them to roost and vastly reduced numbers of insects. Thanks to the Bovey Bat Group volunteers we now know so much more and we hope that others will also take an interest and that a greater understanding will make the right changes to help the survival of these incredible creatures of the night.

Please take a look at this link which tells you about a Bat safari on 1st September:

<https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/events/2022-09-01-bovey-tracey-bat-safari-1-september>

- go on have a go!

sta*X is currently working along a theme of "Hearing". Appreciating how complex and delicate is our sense of hearing, and how devastating it would be to lose this sense, we are keen to recognise organisations such as the Deaf Academy in Exmouth who provide support to those individuals, and their families, in overcoming the difficulties of hearing loss. Our September concert will be raising funds for this charity - see poster.

Tom Morris



Rosa Rebecka is a multi-talented singer-songwriter who was born & brought up in Sweden. She came to England in 1998 to study music at Dartington. After graduating, she went on to work as a musician for Wren Music, a Devon-based community arts charity. This work includes leading choirs and music workshops, and performing her own songs as well as Swedish and English traditional songs in festivals, events and concerts.

Rosa Rebecka is joined by sta*X, St. Andrew's Youth Choir for an hour of beautiful music.

St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen
16:30 on Saturday, 3rd September, 2022

Donations towards **The Deaf Academy, Exmouth** on the door.



“Getting to know you”

*This is now a regular feature of The Beacon where we get gently up close and personal with some of the familiar faces around the wider Community. This issue we have a chat with **Rev Anne Burden, Hon. Asst. Priest, Beacon Parishes***

by Steven Sheldon



One of Anne’s earliest memories is walking to school with her big brother and some neighbour lads. This was in Northwood Hills, Middlesex.

After completing her education, Anne became a social worker in nearby Harrow, beginning as a family worker before becoming a consultant practitioner working with younger people with disabilities. In that position she helped mentor and train other social workers. One of her unfulfilled ambitions in ministry is not having the opportunity to use her skill and experience to train and mentor new curates. This would be largely due to church politics and a lingering prejudice against women’s ministry (my words, not Anne’s).

And so, when the Church of England belatedly heard the urging of the Holy Spirit and recognised the gifts of half of the population, Anne was allowed to be ordained as a priest, being part of that first group of women so ordained in 1994. She first served as a Curate at John Keble, Mill Hill, Barnet [a hard struggle to achieve]. Later she was called to serve for several years in Basingstoke before moving to God’s Special Place in Devon. Anne served for 8 years in Brixham before retiring in 2010 and joining us here in Ipplepen. Lucky us.

Anne is a well-travelled person and has had many exciting adventures abroad. When queried about special moments, she recalls two contrasting experiences: touching an ice floe while aboard a tiny boat off the coast of Greenland, and trekking in Thailand to a small village, staying with an indigenous hill tribe. I don’t know whether this latter trip inspired or was a result of her love of Thai cuisine. Domestically, she has expressed a love for Scotland, the Isle of Skye in particular.

Anne has many hobbies and activities. Her love of choral singing has led her to performing with the Malcolm Sergeant Festival Choir in the Vatican before the Pope. Just like Dylan.

While at home she spends her time reading authors like Susan Howatch and indulging in several different creative handicrafts. I can testify that her needlepoint projects are truly amazing, worthy of public display.

As far as her viewing fare, like many of us, she is a regular viewer of *Call the Midwife* with its window into our recent social history.

When asked that standard question about what historical figures she’d like to spend time with, it was unhesitatingly the early suffragettes, especially the many unnamed, unknown, unrecognised courageous women who helped bring about a major change in our democracy.

Evensong – Easter 2022

Apart from Easter Sunday morning, the best attended service in Ipplepen church over the Easter period was Evensong on Palm Sunday. We have not had Evensong in Ipplepen for some time, so it was good to see so many there.

Until the Pandemic started, Evensong had the fastest growing attendance of all Anglican services, especially in University towns, where it had a special appeal to young people (perhaps because it lasts for about 45 minutes) and that popularity is starting to grow again.



So where did Evensong come from, and why is it popular amongst young people? Unlike Matins, undoubtedly the most majestic of all Anglican services, Evensong gives a sense of simplicity, quiet reflection and changelessness. My copy of the first prayer book of Edward VI (1549) shows there was little alteration when the current 1662 version was printed. Most of the text was put together by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in 1548, but little of it was new material.

Before the Reformation there were seven “canonical hours” - seven services to be held each day. This was clearly too much to ask of anyone not living a monastic life, so Cranmer cleverly joined the two last “hours” - Vespers and Compline - to produce Evensong as we know it. Similar services are used by the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Catholic and Lutheran churches.

Cranmer got his material from the monks, but the question to ask is where did the monks themselves get their services of Vespers and Compline? Quite simply they had been used, more or less unchanged for at least 1200 years before Cranmer’s time, and in turn they go back to the earliest church. The Apostles themselves held services which consisted of psalms, scripture readings and prayers. But again, where did the Apostles get their material?

They were the very services which they had attended together with Our Lord in the synagogues at Capernaum and elsewhere and before that we go back to a time when the Jews were exiled and sang psalms and prayed. Those psalms they used were written between the 9th and 5th centuries BC

The Christian church made some changes to the Jewish liturgy but the framework was, and still is, the same. Our services of Matins and Evensong are so valuable because they are a modern reflection of the services which Christ and his Apostles offered to God. The content has an unbroken pedigree from earliest times - up to 3,000 years ago, maybe a miracle in itself. It is another small miracle that the words in the Magnificat “He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek” should have survived centuries when Archbishops and Sovereigns might have felt a twinge of conscience and had them removed.

Evensong is a part of our rich Christian heritage - perhaps we should enjoy it more regularly in our Mission Community.

Stephen Bryant

New Bishop of Plymouth announced

The Rev'd Prebendary James Grier has been appointed as the new Bishop of Plymouth.

James grew up in Plymouth and has already served in the Diocese of Exeter for a number of years.

James, 47, is currently the Mission Enabler for the Diocese of Exeter and has a broad range of urban and rural ministry experience, with a particular focus on youth and pastoral care as well as mission.

He is married to Dr Liz Grier, an academic and musician who is currently training for ordination herself. The couple have two sons, aged 18 and 20.

James succeeds the Rt Rev'd Nick McKinnel, who is retiring as Bishop of Plymouth after 42 years of ordained ministry.

James will be consecrated as a bishop at Southwark Cathedral on 29th September, with an installation service at Exeter Cathedral on 9th October.



He said: *"I cannot think of a greater privilege than to become the Bishop of Plymouth.*

"For so many Plymothians, Plymouth always holds a very special place in our hearts which you never lose, wherever you live. I can't quite believe that I will be returning home to Plymouth as bishop.

"I look forward to playing my part in expressing the love of Jesus at a time of difficulty and uncertainty for so many.

"The church may face many challenges, but I believe that now is a time for renewed faith, deeper prayer and continued serving. Christ offers hope, transformation and healing which is good news for us all.

"I look forward to supporting church leaders and members. I commit to love and serve the people of this wonderful part of Devon both within and outside the church and to pray for them."

The Bishop of Exeter, the Rt Rev'd Robert Atwell, said *"James Grier brings a combination of energy, life and love for people to his work which will stand him in good stead as the next Bishop of Plymouth. He is a real 'can do' person. Born in Plymouth, he knows and loves Devon and will serve its communities with joy."*

Biography

James was born in 1974. His father was an NHS GP, and his mother was a nurse who went on to become President of Plymouth Age Concern. He grew-up in the suburb of Tamerton Foliot, helping at the local church as an altar server. He attended the youth group at the minster church of St Andrew's before starting his own youth group at his home church, St. Mary's, Tamerton Foliot.

He studied Theology at Oxford University before training for ordination at Wycliffe Hall, becoming ordained in 1998.

He was a curate in Oxford, before moving to Birmingham to work as an Associate Vicar.



James returned to Devon in 2007 to become Team Vicar of a group of rural churches, centred around Rockbeare in East Devon, alongside being Youth Church Advisor for the Diocese.

In that role James, along with Liz, set-up Unlimited Church in Exeter, a multi-generational church plant with missional focus on young people who have no interest in, or experience of faith. Unlimited Church was made a Bishop's Mission Order (BMO) church in 2012.

Since becoming the Diocesan Mission Enabler in 2019, James has led on mission outreach projects, the Thy Kingdom Come wave of prayer and church planting strategy. He has also been a key part of the diocese Next Steps initiative to help Devon's 600 Anglican churches thrive into the future.

In his spare time, James likes spending time out and about in the South-West with his family – whether surfing in Cornwall or enjoying a coffee at one of the region's cafes. He is also a keen DIY enthusiast.

Coffin stools

In the chancel of Ipplepen church is a pair of very solid oak stools with strong bulbous legs. Each stool is 12 inches wide, 18 inches long and 15 inches high. Underneath each one is stencilled



**In memoriam
James S Hodge
Parish Clerk 66 years
1921**

So what are these stools and why are they here? The simple answer is that they are coffin stools - solid enough to stand a coffin on during a burial service.

The next question you might ask is whether they aren't far too low for the job. If you had to lift a coffin onto a bier, or onto the shoulders of the bearers, it would seem to be an extra hard task when the coffin is just 15 inches off the ground.

There is of course a simple answer. A hundred years ago, when these stools were made, no-one in Devon would have even considered carrying a coffin on the shoulders of the bearers. Coffins were carried "underhand" and still are in parts of North Devon.

In this way at each end of a coffin there is a strong metal ring, at about a two thirds of the way up, above the point of balance. There are two pairs of bearers, each carrying a stout wooden bar about 3 feet long. In the centre of each bar is a strong metal hook which easily fits onto one of the rings on the coffin.

By carrying the coffin in this way it is just about 15 inches off the floor - and our coffin stools are exactly the right height to rest it on. There is no lifting, straining or lowering to go through the doorways.

I have no idea why this simple method has gone out of fashion or when things changed, but our coffin stools are still there, ready for use when fashion changes again - busy giving testimony to the devoted service of James S. Hodge.

Stephen Bryant

Parish Kneelers

Pam Thomas has prepared a full catalogue for the kneelers St. Andrew's, which includes a picture of each one [there are 228!] and their dedication/creator. The catalogue is in the church, and also on the website [2022-Catalogue-of-Kneelers-of-St-Andrews-Church.pdf](https://missioncommunity.org.uk/2022-Catalogue-of-Kneelers-of-St-Andrews-Church.pdf) (missioncommunity.org.uk) . The following is the introduction to the catalogue. Pam has said she is happy to produce a similar folder for the kneelers in the other churches within the Beacon Parishes Mission Community. Pam – thank you!



Curating folk art in the twentieth century

The twentieth century saw an explosion of folk art across England and Wales, as parishioners designed church kneelers that were local, original and unique. They were inspired by the choir stall seats designed by Sybil Blunt for Winchester Cathedral in the early 1930s.

The Second World War brought creative needlework to an end, but by the 1950s austerity was giving way to a new optimism. Kneeler-making allowed stitchers to be creative and colourful after the many years of making do and mending.

Initially, expert designers such as Louisa Pesel, first President of the Embroiderers Guild, and Joan Edwards, author of embroidery books, thought amateurs were incapable of producing a design and likely to be incompetent at following one. Cautious arrangements of simple, repetitive designs were offered to potential stitchers.

But potential stitchers ignored advisers. They wanted pictures. They produced pictorial designs and stitched kneelers covering an extraordinary variety of subjects.

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| Size of Kneelers: | The average kneeler is 13" by 9" and 3" high but there are huge variations. |
| Themes: | What should a kneeler portray? Parish history? Parish landmarks? Local wildlife? Bible stories? |
| Cost: | Initially you will need to buy all the wools, but if you do more than one then the price reduces by using up some of the wool. But on average a kneeler costs around £35 approximately |
| Design: | Once you have decided on the theme then you need to mark it out on a 1/10 graph paper (that is 1" to 10 stitches). The average kneeler requires 71 stitches from centre to the corner. You will need to choose your wool size. Appleton's wools- used by William Morris- come in 2 ply and 4 ply. |
| Time: | It takes between 3 months and 3 years to make a kneeler with about 4 hours to put it together!!! |

At St. Andrew's here in Ipplepen we have over 200 kneelers (more than the number of pew spaces!) made by local people with passion in our village - they are all works of art, to be used and appreciated.

The kneeler is a piece of social history and a way of remembering those dear to us.

We have five mission community churches - Ipplepen, Broadhempston, Denbury, Woodland and Torbryan - all with kneelers.

Pam Thomas

40 years on from the Falklands

Reprinted from the Exeter Diocese web site

Devon Vicar Marks 40th Anniversary of Night He Was Saved in Falklands Bombing Raid

This year a Devon vicar and former Royal Marine is marking the 40th anniversary of a Falklands bombing raid which killed two of his comrades.

Rev'd Steve Jones, who is Team Rector of Exmouth, Littleham and Lymptone, says he believes his life was miraculously saved in the attack at Ajax Bay.

He was just 16 when he joined the Royal Marines at the Commando Training Centre at Lymptone. Following training he qualified as a signaller before being posted to the Commando Logistics Regiment Royal Marines in Plymouth.

Steve Jones trained at RM Lymptone, the Royal Marines training base which is now in his mission community.

In April 1982, only three days after he arrived at his unit in Plymouth, the British overseas territory, the Falkland Islands, was invaded by Argentina. The Commando Logistic Regiment was sent south as part of the UK's Task Force to retake the islands.

Speaking to Premier On Demand's Sunday Night Live with Pam Rhodes, he said on 27 May 1982 he had just come off duty when an Argentinian airstrike began without warning.

He recalled, "I saw two Argentine A4 Skyhawk jets come over the horizon heading directly for us. We hadn't had the air-raid warning so they had taken us by surprise.

"I was completely on my own, there was no-one around me and I started running as fast as I could towards the galley building.

"I felt myself grabbed by an unseen force and turned 90 degrees to the left and propelled in that direction.

"I looked up and the nearest of the jets was just coming with its underbelly canon firing, chewing up the ground with the bullets. The jet was flying so low it felt like I could reach up and touch it.

"I saw it release a black 500 lb bomb and I just thought 'I'm dead, it's all over'.

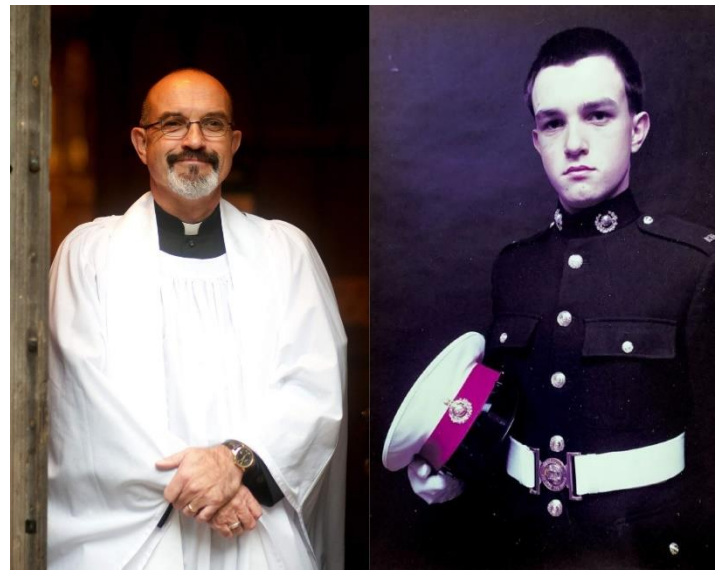
Steve said the bunker he was heading to was full so he threw himself down on the ground nearby.

He said "The bomb landed on the building I had been heading to and killed my friend Paul who had just fed me supper.

"I felt the terrible force of the explosion and my other friend Colin was, very tragically, killed next to me."

Steve said he felt like he had been shielded from the explosion. "I was unharmed apart from some tiny bits of shrapnel in my hands.

"It literally felt as if somebody was laying on top of me and shielding me." As another air-raid warning sounded, Steve ran into an empty bunker: "I cried out to God. I knew that what the Bible said was true and there had to be more to life than this. I called out to God and God saved my life."



“I have spent the rest of my life trying to explore Christianity and what faith means and why God saved me on that day.”

After leaving the marines, Steve became a police officer before training as a barrister. He later felt called to become a church minister, firstly in the Baptist church in the UK and America and then in the Church of England.

His current mission community includes the Royal Marines training base at Lymington.

Steve says the 40th anniversary of the attack will be a time of “deep reflection” after he recently found out the name of the Argentine pilot who bombed him and killed his friends.

“It makes the issue of forgiveness live and very vivid. However, God’s amazing grace is sufficient, and his love overcomes all things.”

Watch Steve’s testimony in this video (at 4.08’): https://youtu.be/_VDpTasphTk



Steve proposed to his wife by telegram after the Argentine surrender. They’ve now been married 39 years.

Why do we wear robes?

On Trinity Sunday many of you will have seen the new art work added to my Reader’s Scarf. It seemed appropriate to wear it for the first time on that particular day as it depicts the Trinity. It was also made special to have it blessed, for my continuing ministry, by Andrew at Holy Trinity, Torbryan. At that day’s services you will have heard me talk about my growing understanding of, and the importance of, the Trinity in my own faith journey and how this informs my relationship with God and with others. This is what led me to choose this particular image.

This got me thinking why are robes worn in church? Where did the tradition of wearing robes come from? Why has the wearing of robes continued in many churches?

We are used to seeing people wearing a uniform to identify what their role is. We have many examples; police officers, other emergency workers, nurses, judges and barristers. It signifies that, although they are individuals, they are part of something bigger and it is not about them but it is about the office and the function they perform.

So where does this tradition come from, of wearing something different when leading worship? A precedent could be in the Bible itself. In Exodus chapter 28, there are instructions about what Aaron and his sons should wear as they perform their priestly duties. They were not the ordinary clothes worn when going about everyday tasks, they were holy and beautiful. This may have been to remind people that something unusual and sacred was happening. They may have also served the purpose of making the priestly role more easily recognised. The garments worn have changed, but ultimately it is out of respect and reverence for what is taking place that robes are worn.



Detail of art work from my Reader’s scarf by Yvonne Bell

In the ancient church, when individuals were baptised, usually as adults and by full immersion, they were robed in a white garment afterwards to signify purity, new life and joining the Christian community. Today, the tradition persists of baptismal/christening gowns being white. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, the baptismal garment is worn for eight days, after which there is a special ceremony for its removal.

It is thought that everyone would continue to wear their baptism robe while worshiping as a practical way of showing that a rich man and a poor woman were equal under God. Today, only those with a particular responsibility in leading worship, leading music (choirs) or those serving at the altar, being robed. While the robes highlight the worship leadership role they also remain a symbolic way of showing our equality before God, our understanding that we are one before God and we are valued equally, regardless of race, gender, culture or wealth. It becomes more about the role being performed than the individual performing the role. Being white, the cassock-alb, the surplice or cotta, which all can be worn by anyone serving in church, remain as a reminder of our baptism.

After the Reformation, to distinguish them from Roman Catholic Priests, ministers in the Reformed Church continued to wear robes but would wear those of a Renaissance scholar, a black robe called the “Genevan robe” sometimes with preaching bands. This was to legitimise their credentials as an ordained minister and someone who had studied the Scriptures.

It wasn’t really until the 19th century that clergy began to stop wearing robes, so the robe-less minister is actually a relatively new phenomenon. Certainly a minister in jeans and t-shirt or a business suit creates a very different culture and feel to the service within their churches. So, many churches have continued to wear robes, especially during Communion Services, to highlight the roles that people perform and not the individuals. In our Mission Community people who are robed will usually wear a cassock and surplice/cotta or cassock-alb. Their roles are only further distinguished if, in addition, they are wearing a stole or scarf. A priest wears a stole, in the colour of the liturgical season, over their shoulders and a deacon wears theirs diagonally across their body, fastening it on the right hand side. A Reader’s scarf is always blue and is worn over the shoulders. In my opinion the wearing of robes acknowledges that something sacred is happening, and adds to the sense of occasion.

Hillarie Griggs

DID THEY REALLY SAY THAT?:



- *“I love Britain. Ethics and morals count in Britain like nowhere else in the world”*
Mohammed Al Fayed in 1985.
- *“The motor car will never usurp the place of the horse.”*
The Economist in 1911.
- *“They should settle this problem in a true Christian spirit.”*
Warren Austin, US delegate to the UN, on the Arab/Israeli Way of 1948.
- *“You can’t expect our Rapid Reaction Force to be ready immediately.”*
Head of the Armed Forces on BBC Radio 4’s “Today” programme in 1995.
- *“Neil Hamilton has my full confidence and support.”*
John Major as PM shortly before sacking Hamilton in 1994.

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 – August - September

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Aug 7 th	Flower arrangers	North Street & North End Close	The Green	Main Street	Waye Farm Cottage
Aug 14 th	Kneeler makers	Orchard Road	Down View Road	Houndhead Way	Woodland Barn
Aug 21 st	Deanery Synod members	Orley Road & The Glebe	Greenhill Lane	Vicarage Hill	White Eagle
Aug 28 th	Deanery chapter	Osborn Close	Fairview	Primary School	Higher Lake Barn
Sep 4 th	Users of the hall & church	Park Hill	Moorland Avenue	Community Shop	Well Farm
Sep 11 th	Visitors	Poplar Terrace	Orchard Close	Radfords	Woodland Vale Farm
Sep 18 th	Readers	Thorn Orchard	Heathfield Road	Beaston	Crazy Acre Well Farm
Sep 25 th	Lay leaders	Torbryan	Heathfield Terrace	Downe	Dipwell Cottage

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