



In Memory: Sam Ward, Clifford Raymont, Anthony 'Tony' Squire Parnell, Marina Harris, Lawrence Hurley, Penelope Hurley, Ann Toler, Eric Wakeham, Michael Dow and Pamela Langworthy.

Bishop of Exeter Signs Rwanda Asylum Policy Letter The Bishop of Exeter has joined his fellow Lords' Spiritual in signing an open letter to the Times newspaper today voicing alarm about the Government's plan to send asylum seekers to Rwanda. You can read the full text at <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/bishops-letter-times-rwanda-asylum-policy> Bishop Robert is one of 26 bishops to serve in the House of Lords.

Threads Through Creation Exhibition at Exeter Cathedral, 8th June to 24th July. Threads through Creation is a spectacular sequence of twelve huge textile panels which tell the creation story. The exhibition, which opens at Exeter Cathedral tomorrow, is believed to be one of the largest textile projects by a single artist, ever. It has been created by Christian artist Jacqui Parkinson, from Chudleigh, and took nearly three years to complete. The work includes layers of silk, hand-dyed materials, metallic leathers and gold leaf, miles of thread – and more than eight million stitches! You can find out more about the exhibition here.

<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/events/threads-through-creation/>

God's Church for God's World: Lambeth Conference 2022 The Lambeth Conference, which is the once-a-decade gathering of bishops from across the worldwide Anglican Communion, is taking place from 26 July to 8 August in Canterbury. The theme is 'God's Church for God's World - walking, listening and witnessing together.' There will be time for prayer and reflection, fellowship and dialogue on church and world affairs. Bishop Robert and Bishop Jackie and Assistant Bishop Mark Rylands will be representing the Diocese of Exeter at the conference. There won't be votes or decisions on key subjects but the conference will make a series of 'Lambeth Calls' These will be short written statements, that include declarations, affirmations and common 'calls' to the church and the world that the bishops want to make. The subjects will include: • Mission and Evangelism, • Reconciliation, • Safe Church, • The Environment and Sustainable Development, • Christian Unity, • Inter-faith Relations, • Anglican Identity, • Human Dignity • Discipleship
www.lambethconference.org

Readings

	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Isaiah 66:10-14	Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm	66:1-8	25:1-10
2nd Reading	Galatians 6:1-16	Colossians 1:1-14
Gospel	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon 4 th	Matt 9:18-26	Thurs 7 th	Matt 10:7-15
Tue 5 th	Matt 9:32-End	Fri 8 th	Matt 10:16-23
Wed 6 th	Matt 10:1-7	Sat 9 th	Matt 10:24-33

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

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Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
9.30 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion – with children's activities	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
2.00 pm	Memorial Service followed by Interment of Ashes for Sam Ward	- 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
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
Wednesday	10.30 am	Interment of Ashes of Michael John Dow	- Ss Peter and Paul Churchyard, Broadhempston
	12 noon	Churches Together Lunch Club	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
	1.30 pm	Funeral Service of Pamelia Langworthy	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin Denbury
	4.30 pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Saturday	11.00 am	Wedding Blessings Ceremony of David and Sassie	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

Next Sunday 10th July 2022 – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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
4.30 pm	Come Holy Spirit - An informal Service	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen

Points for Prayer. We pray for the many thousands of people in Afghanistan who have been affected by the powerful earthquake, and for the Aid agencies providing assistance.



Reflection by Steve Sheldon

Isaiah 66:10-14
Sunday 3rd July 2022

“Bless our God, O you people; make the voice of his praise to be heard” Psalm 66:7

As I’ve said before, Isaiah is my favourite book of the Old Testament because much of what Jesus taught is to be found there; indeed his first sermon where he set out his mission as God’s Messiah was based on Isaiah 61.

The closing chapters of Isaiah are an amazing jumble of images and proclamations about the future of God’s people. That’s us: we are God’s new creation building a New Jerusalem in this green and pleasant land.

Chapter 66 is an explosion of joyful language including this extraordinarily beautiful and explicit image of God as a mother nursing and caring for her child. That’s us, being “dandled” on the knee of God.

Translations are always tricky things and can sometimes be confusing or misused, so I need to point out that the word “prosperity” in v12 is *shalom* in the original Hebrew. That means “peace”, as in the wholeness and harmony that Christ brings. The “overflowing stream” is not the Severn or Ouse bursting their banks, but a dry riverbed refreshed by the coming of the Spring rains.

This is about the Church, the Body of Christ, you and me, empowered by the Spirit continuing the mission of Jesus as he proclaimed it in that first sermon: bringing good news to the poor, proclaiming liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and setting free the oppressed.

And all of that is meant to be read both literally and metaphorically. We seem to be doing better at the former with all of our good charitable works [could do better though], but we are failing desperately in the more important task of the latter; rather than rejoicing [again I say rejoice] over the Church, the New Jerusalem, we seem to be mourning over her.

The world we live in seems to be ever so poor in Spirit, captive to and oppressed by a materialistic culture that is blind to its extremes of violence, inequality and injustice.

The New Jerusalem will not be built with arrows, spears and swords but with love, care, compassion, and a joyful praising of the glory of God.

Of course Charles Wesley has already said it all before and much more eloquently:

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear redeemer’s praise
The glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace
Jesus the name that charms our fears that bids our sorrow cease
Tis music in the sinner’s ear tis life and health and peace
He breaks the power of cancelled sin he sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean his blood availed for me
He speaks and listening to his voice new life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice the humble poor believe
Hear him ye deaf his praise ye dumb your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Saviour come and leap ye lame for joy
My gracious master and my God assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name