

The August/September edition of the Beacon Magazine is available from any of the Mission Community Churches.

Bank Holiday Cream Tea in Denbury: 3-5pm 29th August at Church Cottage, Denbury.

Concert with Rosa Rebecka and and Sta*x St Youth Choir, St Andrew's Ipplepen on Saturday 3rd September at 4.30pm. Donations towards The Deaf Academy, Exmouth, on the door.

Devon Historic Churches Trust Cream Tea on Saturday 10th September at 2.30pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall. Proceeds to DHCT and St. Andrew's Church.

Cream Tea Concert featuring the award winning Folk Musician Jim Causley at St Mary the Virgin, Denbury on Sunday 11th September at 2:30pm. For tickets and more information please contact Rachel 07751 804 007 / rachelbelringer@gmail.com

New Growing in Prayer Course 'Growing in Prayer' explores how we enrich our prayer lives and help others to do the same, either as individuals, churches, or in small groups. It runs on 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th September and will be led by the Rev'd Sally Dakin, former Spirituality Adviser for Winchester Diocese.

<https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Overview-Growing-in-Prayer.pdf>

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Isaiah 58:9b-end	Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18
Psalm	103:1-8	112
2nd Reading	Hebrews 12:18-End	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Gospel	Luke 13:10-17	Luke 14:1, 7-14

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	22 nd	Matt 23:13-22	Thurs	25 th	Matt 24:42-End
Tue	23 rd	Matt 23:23-26	Fri	26 th	Matt 25:1-13
Wed	24 th	Luke 22:24-30	Sat	27 th	Matt 25:14-30

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

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

Weekly Notices

Sunday 21st August 2022

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Sunday Services

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

Morning Prayer

Please note there will be no morning prayer this week.

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.

Rev'd Andrew Down on annual leave from Wed 17th August. Back on Sunday 28th August.

Please note there is no mid-week holy communion at Denbury this week.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	4.30 pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Next Sunday 28th August 2022 – Eleventh 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	Churches Together	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Points for Prayer. We pray for those students who have received their 'A' level results this week and to those who will receive their GCSE results this coming week, that whatever the results they may find fulfilment in their choices for the future.

In Memory: Ann Toler, Eric Wakeham, Michael Dow, Pamela Langworthy, Cynthia Griffiths, Barbara Bradburn, Mr Shepherd, Patricia Clarke and Betty Chudleigh.



Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

Luke 13:10-17
Sunday 21st August 2022

At the centre of the Gospel passage set for today is a healing that demonstrates Jesus' compassion and power. The healing of a woman who was bent over and could not stand up straight. We know that she had been suffering for eighteen long years, nearly half the average life expectancy at that time. Her posture would have made many everyday tasks virtually impossible. It would also have been putting a strain on her internal organs so would have affected her general health in other ways. She was probably in pain. She would have been forced to spend her time looking at the ground rather than upwards and outwards towards the world. She would have been unable to look people in the eye, making normal social interactions difficult. She was probably looked down upon and overlooked by the wider community. Those with disabilities, even now, are often seen as different, not as equal, and unable to access the full benefits of the communities they belong too.

One Sabbath she came to the synagogue where Jesus was teaching. What drew her there that particular day? Was this the place where she went every week, or just occasionally? Had she heard about the visiting rabbi or had she been following Jesus around as he preached to the crowds? We don't know why she was there that day. We don't know much about her except what afflicted her. We do not even know her name. But Jesus noticed her and

called her a 'daughter of Abraham' recognising her as a full member of her community and with His healing she was able to stand up straight, and hold her head up high.

Unlike many of Jesus' other healings there is no request for healing from the person or their friends. There is no conversation between Jesus and the healed person nor is there a conversation between Jesus and the surrounding crowds. There is no statement from Jesus that it was her faith that healed her. Jesus simply saw her and then called her over, laid His hands on her and she was healed. Jesus had restored her and she responded by praising God.

When the woman encountered Jesus in the synagogue her view of the world quite literally changed. When we encounter Jesus, in church, in nature, or through the sacraments do we allow him to heal us from the burdens of hate, fear and prejudice that weigh us down. Metaphorically, that means that we are bent down and not able to see the world from a different perspective. Or are we like the synagogue leader who could not change his understanding of how things should be. Or can we at least be like the crowd in the synagogue that day and rejoice and praise God when others see things differently.

