

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



Thank you, Ma'am

R.I.P.

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The Beacon

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Welcome

*There are things that we don't want to happen, but we have to accept;
Things we don't want to know, but we have to learn,
And people we can't live without but have to let go.*

(Nancy Stephan)

We are all living through a time of great change as we mourned the death of our longest reigning monarch and move to a new Carolean age. God save the King!

This edition reflects in many of the reports and articles something of the feelings and thoughts of all of us during the month of August 2022 as well as the many events that have occurred within our parishes. It is good to have been able to include details of the Ringers at our churches as well as a personal account of partaking in the 'Queue' and a personal recollection of encounters with the future king.

As life moves on there are a multitude of events planned over the months of October and November which are advertised and listed in this edition. Harvest fairs, concerts and workshops as well as a comprehensive listing of forthcoming events. Keep the Magazine close to hand as the Autumn weeks pass and be encouraged at how lively and hopeful is the future for all in the Beacon Mission Community!

My thanks to so many who have contributed to this edition and to Charles Quartley who skilfully lays out the pages of so many different articles in this magazine with the addition of added illustrations that adds to the appeal and interest to the written word.

The next edition will be the Christmas edition for December and January. Articles and photographs should be received by November 20th for inclusion.

Michael Price, Editor

True Signs



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| HOTEL BAR, NORWAY: | Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar |
| RESTAURANT, CAPE TOWN: | Customers who find our waitresses rude ought to see the Manager |
| ROADSIGN, SCOTLAND: | Take notice: when this sign is under water the road is impassable |
| ELECTRIC HAND DRIER, USA: | Caution: do not activate with wet hands |
| DENTAL CLINIC, VIETNAM: | Teeth extracted by the latest methodists |
| HOTEL BROCHURE, ITALY: | Our beautiful location is renowned for its peace and quiet. Crowds from all over the world flock here to enjoy the solitude |

Creative gifts and change

In the church year we are entering a time of thanksgiving (Harvest), Remembering (Remembrance Sunday, All Saints and All Souls) and preparation for new starts (Advent). This is exactly what we have been doing as we have marked the death of late Queen Elizabeth II and the beginning of the reign of King Charles III. We have been held and helped in this moment of change by pageantry, services of prayer and worship, and community gatherings. These have included words, story, actions, music, silence and singing. We have done this together and shared the experience.



I wonder what moments stick with you and that you will treasure? For me a particularly poignant moment from the late Queen's state funeral was the walk from Westminster through London and then on to Windsor. I was moved by the slow marching, bells tolling, music and crowds lining the streets. All this as our late Queen was accompanied on her final journey by her family with us alongside.

I have chosen to put this experience and my feelings and emotions into a piece of music. Have you been able to process, express and share your moments of connection, resonance and treasuring? Are you an artist, a poet, a gardener, a cook, a sharer of your story in conversation or like me a musician? All these creative activities (and many others) are vitally important at times of transition and change and help us on the journey.

I have also been pondering what we can learn from this historic moment that might help us, our families and our communities to journey through the stresses, changes and transitions we all experience in life. We might do well at such moments to do three things.

1. Give thanks for the gifts we have received.
2. Remember, honour and celebrate what has passed.
3. Voice the hope and dreams we have for the future.

In doing these things, whatever the transition, we might choose to use not only words but story, actions, music, silence and song in our own ways as we are able. So as gardeners, cooks, artists, story tellers, poets and musicians, we are able with others to journey well to pastures new.

In the middle of our church celebrations of thanksgiving, remembering and new starts is the Feast of Christ the King. In this we celebrate that through all the changing and journey aspects of life, there runs a golden thread that is unchanging - the Kingdom of God. We are part of something much bigger, something eternal. This is what I believe we tap into when we use our God given creative gifts and passions and why exercising them in times of transition and change is so important.

Andrew

Sunday Services for October and November

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

Sunday October 2nd

9.30 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Celtic Morning Prayer
11.00 am Churches Together – Harvest Service
4.00 pm Nature Walk to Torbryan
4.30 pm Harvest Communion

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

St John The Baptist, Woodland
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Meet at Orley Common Car Park
Holy Trinity, Torbryan

Sunday October 9th

9.30 am Harvest Communion
11.00 am Harvest Communion
with Children's Activities
11.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday October 16th

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Holy Communion

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

St John The Baptist, Woodland
St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday October 23rd

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Churches Together – Family Service

Bible Sunday

St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday October 30th

10.00 am Mission Community Service for All Saints Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
6.00 pm Mission Community Service for All Souls St Andrew's, Ipplepen

All Saints and All Souls

Sunday November 6th

9:30 am Holy Communion
9:30 am Celtic Morning Prayer
11:00 am Holy Communion
with Children's Activities
4:30pm Come Holy Spirit:
An Informal Reflective Service

3rd before Advent

St John The Baptist, Woodland
St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
St Andrew's, Ipplepen
St Andrew's Church Hall

Sunday November 13th

9:30 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Churches Together Village Service
10.55am Holy Communion
with Children's Activities

Remembrance Sunday

St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
St Andrew's, Ipplepen
St Peter and St Paul's, Broadhempston

Sunday November 20th

9:30 am Holy Communion
11:00 am Holy Communion

Christ the King

St John The Baptist, Woodland
St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday November 27th

9:30 am Holy Communion
11:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Churches Together
6.00 pm Advent Carols

Advent Sunday

St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
St Peter and St Paul's, Broadhempston
Methodist Church, Ipplepen
St John The Baptist, Woodland

Other events for October and November

Sat 1 st Oct	10 am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning (1 st Saturday of each month)	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
Sat 1 st Oct	10.30 am-12 noon	Gift Day & Harvest Fayre	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Tues 4 th Oct	7 pm	Group Session: Reading in Church	- Denbury
Wed 5 th Oct	12 noon	Churches Together - Lunch Club (1 st Wednesday of each month)	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Tues 11 th Oct	7 pm	Group Session: Writing and Leading intercessions	- Broadhempston
Wed 12 th Oct	10.30 am	Coffee Mates (2 nd Wednesday of each month)	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Fri 14 th Oct	6 pm	Beeswax Wraps Workshop	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tues 18 th Oct	7 pm	Celebration Service for Andrew's Appointment as Rural Dean and the New Newton Abbot Deanery with Bishop James Grier, the new Bishop of Plymouth	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Fri 14 th Oct	6 pm	Bird Feeder Workshop	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Sat 22 nd Oct	7.30pm	Alana Levandoski Concert	- Ss Peter & Paul, Broadhempston
Sun 30 th Oct	2 pm	Jim Causley "Cream Tea Concert"	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Tues 1 st Nov	7 pm	Group Session: The Role of Music and Song-	Ipplepen
Wed 2 nd Nov	12 noon	Churches Together - Lunch Club (1 st Wednesday of each month)	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Sat 5 th Nov	10 am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning (1 st Saturday of each month)	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
Tues 8 th Nov	7 pm	Group Session: Leading and Facilitating Worship	- Broadhempston
Wed 9 th Nov	10.30 am	Coffee Mates (2 nd Wednesday of each month)	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Fri 11 th Nov	7 pm	Talk by The Commonwealth War Graves Commission and The Royal British Legion	- St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen
Sat 12 th Nov	2 pm	Truffle Finishing Class	- Village Hall, Denbury
Tues 15 th Nov	7 pm	Group Session: Assisting at Communion	- Denbury
Tues 22 nd Nov	7 pm	Group Session: Welcome and Hospitality	- Ipplepen
Mon 28 th Nov onwards		Christmas Tree Festival displays set up in St. Andrew's Ipplepen. Festival begins Thursday 1 st December	

Actual GCSE Questions and Answers



What is a turbine?

"Something an Indian person wears on his head."

How did Henry VIII reward Thomas Wolsey?

"He made him a cardigan."

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

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.
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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 4 th September 2022	Ipplepen	Benjamin Smerdon
Sunday 18 th September 2022	Ipplepen	Samantha Roache
Sunday 18 th September 2022	Ipplepen	Millicent Smith

Weddings

Friday 12 th August 2022	Broadhempston	Christopher Bovet-White and Christel Bulmer
Saturday 10 th September 2022	Ipplepen	Ross Stamp and Victoria Weal

Funerals

Thursday 11 th August 2022	Broadhempston	Barbara Bradburn
Tuesday 16 th August 2022	Ipplepen	Patricia Clarke
Thursday 8 th September 2022	Torbryan	Susan 'Betty' Chudley
Thursday 15 th September 2022	Ipplepen	Sonia Pearse

Remembrance Services

Friday 16 th September 2022	Ipplepen	Rev'd John Henry Heath
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Interments of Ashes

Saturday 30 th July 2022	Denbury	John Shepherd
Thursday 1 st September 2022	Ipplepen	Margaret June Rowe
Friday 16 th September 2022	Ipplepen	Rev'd John Henry Heath

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I know that Mike Bray has written in this edition of the Beacon about the incredible community response from Denburyites in forming a workforce to help reinstall our bells. I wanted to reaffirm Mike's heartfelt thankfulness to all who volunteered (37 – Thirty Seven – in total!!). But also to try to express the overpowering sense of History Happening Now, both locally and nationally, we all felt. Coinciding, as it did, with the very end of the bell reinstalling in Denbury, the Queen's death marked an end, and a new beginning. There's an almost philosophical completeness to the suggestion, made by the bell volunteers as they cleared away, that the new Tenor bell should be named **The Elizabeth Bell**. The Tenor had already been pressed into service earlier than expected to toll for the Queen's passing, albeit with a mallet in the bell chamber, rather than the new bell rope. This, and the new name, will be written into the church records for future generations to know about its role in Denbury and the nation's history.

This feels right. This is as it should be. God bless the Queen's memory and God bless our new bells.

Yours

Rachel Belringer

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

New

October and November Remembering David. With love, Lorraine.

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

4th - 10th Sept In memory of Geoff Williams on the 1st anniversary of his death on Saturday 10th September.

4th – 17th Sept To celebrate the Platinum Wedding Anniversary of Ivor and Jean Osborne on 6th September, from Jack and Sarah.

18th – 24th Sept Pam and Robin Thomas remembering Mum on her birthday, 23rd September.

New

Month of Oct In memory of Ralph and Doreen Lewis, from Christine Lewis.

2nd - 15th Oct In loving memory of our parents Cynthia and David Floyd in their birthdays and anniversaries week; particularly Dad's 90th birthday on 2nd October. All our love, Angela, Rosemary and families.

16th - 22nd Oct In loving memory of a dear Dad, Arthur Bearne, on 16th October from Barbara and John Tuckett.

27th Nov – 3rd Dec Joanna Wildgoose for her late Dad on his birthday, 28th November. He loved the church and enjoyed many visits there.

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



We were welcomed back by Church Friends at the Communion Service on Sunday 21st August conducted by Rev Anne Burden and Steve Sheldon. We had been away for a month on our travels to Singapore and Australia and specifically to attend our nephew Craig Collins Wedding to Megan in Brisbane which was a wonderful occasion.

The following week was the Churches Together Service led by Hillarie Griggs and Rev Kevin Hook. In

the afternoon of Saturday 3rd September we were treated to a concert with Rosa Rebecca and Sta*s - St Andrew's Youth Choir. It was good to see and hear them perform. They are trained by Jo Innes-Lumsden and Dr Tom Morris who also sang a duet with Rosa. Marilyn Ellis was the excellent accompanist.

During the Communion Service on 4th September there was a baptism. The Church was packed with family and friends to see Benjamin Smerdon baptised - he was very happy and seemed to enjoy the attention.

We heard the very sad news on Thursday September 8th of Queen Elizabeth II passing away at the age of 96 after dedicating her life and becoming the longest serving monarch. Rev Andrew Down wrote a lovely reflection and prayer on the weekly Notice sheet.

On Friday 9th September the bellringers muffled the bells and the tenor bell was tolled 96 times. They rang a peal called Queen's Call changes at 12 noon, finishing up with diminishing rounds. On Saturday at 11 30am they rang the bells without muffles for the Proclamation of King Charles III and also for the lovely wedding of Victoria Weal and Ross Stamp. A large congregation of family and friends were welcomed by Rev Andrew Down who conducted the enjoyable service with lovely hymns, readings and beautiful singing performed by Emma Matthews.

Also on that afternoon we hosted a cream tea and cake stall in the Church Hall in support of the Devon Historic Church Trust which is an annual fundraising day for them. It was a lovely afternoon and we thank the people who came along to support us and all the helpers and cake and scone makers.

Vanessa Bevan led the Celtic Service on 11th September and Tom Morris began with singing The Father's Son by Matt Redman and playing his guitar. Later in the service he sang The Lord's My Shepherd. The Proclamation was read by Sue Hird.

The baptism of Samantha Roache took place during the Holy Communion Service at 11am on 18th September. Family and friends were there to support her and as an adult she was able to answer her own responses to Rev Andrew. Also the banns were read for her and fiancé Andrew for the third time of asking as they prepare for their wedding.

A Commemorative Service for HM The Queen took place in St. Andrew's Church at 6pm. It was well attended by everyone who wished to pay their respects. Rev Andrew processed into the service with churchwardens Clive Tompkins and Sue Hird and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant. The lovely service included a beautifully written hymn by Sam Hargreaves - used by permission and sung to a familiar hymn tune. There was a reading from Revelations 21 verses 1-7 which was read by Dave Palethorp, Chairman of the Parish Council. Rev Andrew expressed his gratitude of the Queen's reign and how her faith was so important to her in his sermon. The Commendation was read by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and the service concluded with the National Anthem - God Save the King. Welcome refreshments were served afterwards.

The bellringers have been extremely busy for all the services and once again, along with towers around the country, rang a muffled peal for an hour from 10-11am on the day of the Queen's Funeral and deserve a big thank you for their dedication. I know many villagers have said how they have enjoyed listening and appreciated hearing them at this sad time.

Marilyn Clark

Jean and Ivor Osborne

Jean and Ivor Osborne celebrated their Platinum (70th) Wedding Anniversary on the 6th September 2022. They were delighted to receive a beautiful card from the Queen which now after her death two days later is especially precious.

They were also very pleased to receive Holy Communion at home from Tessa Amies and Steve Bassett and felt very blessed. In the afternoon they celebrated with friends and had a delicious iced sponge cake.

On the previous Saturday their three sons and wives spent the day with them celebrating and decorated the house with flowers. Jean and Ivor also have nine grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren. They are so grateful for their close family, lovely neighbours and friends and received over 50 cards. Plants and flowers as gifts.

Their favourite hymn is 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling' and was one of their Wedding hymns when they got married at Wolborough church in Newton Abbot. I asked Jean what is their secret to such a long happy marriage, her reply was to "always love and care for each other" and I know Faith is very important to them.

A wonderful achievement for a lovely couple.

Marilyn Clark



Tea for Two

I have just come home from the most enjoyable Sunday afternoon, spent in the cool of St. Andrews' church, listening to the dulcet tones of Tom Morris and the exquisite piano playing of Marilyn Ellis.

Songs from the shows including Elton John's Lion King, Mac & Mabel, plus audience participation on a couple of tunes e.g. True Love from High Society (very enjoyable).

Tom played his guitar as an accompaniment for Paul McCartney's 'Yesterday' and his ukulele to accompany 'Leaning on a Lamp post'. Tom sang a very moving rendition of the Welsh hymn 'Calon Lan', and lots more.

Then Marilyn played 'Shackleton's Cross' by Howard Goodall superbly, after an introduction on Shackleton's life who died in 1922, by Edward Ellis.

If you missed it, don't miss the next concert this pair does – it was such a delight, a great medley and variety of music to suit all ages, PLUS tea and home-made cakes at the end!

Nothing could have been finer.

Congratulations to Tom and Marilyn.

And **Thank You**.

Pam Thomas



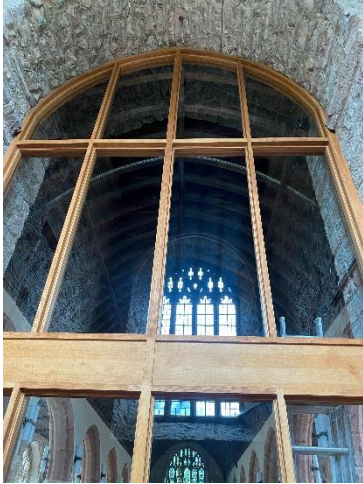
Christmas Tree Festival

A festival of decorated trees by local clubs/organisations in St. Andrew's. A letter has been sent out to clubs/organisations inviting their participation and we look forward to receiving their entry forms by 9th October. This is going to be a wonderful start to Christmas in our village, where all villagers will be able to choose their favourite. Festival begins 1st December.

If we have missed you please contact Pam Thomas on mywynpam@gmail.com

Keeping things spick and span!

At St. Andrew's we have our regular monthly working party (1st Saturday – 9.30am – all welcome!) to keep everything looking spick and span. Recent jobs have included: trimming the large laurel hedge, weeding around the cremation tablets (there are a lot of them!), removing excessive ivy growth on some graves, weeding the paths and around the church hall, cleaning gutters and drains, re-fixing slates on the roof, fitting a new lock to the west door, renovating the weather vane and fixing display panels to the lych gates for advertising church events. We are also fortunate that we have John who cuts and strims the grass in the churchyard to keep it neat and tidy.



One job which was too much for us was cleaning the glass in the west screen of the nave, so it was carried out by Pro Cleaning Torbay and what a good job they did. The glass had not been cleaned since it was installed over 30 years ago, and now one can realise how dirty it was.

Ingenious use of long 'loppers' to lift and put back the weather vane



Ringing for the Queen and King

Ipplepen, Devon

St Andrew

Saturday, 10 September 2022 in 15m (18-1-0 in E)

King's Call Changes

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

Rung open for the Proclamation of HM King Charles III

Ipplepen, Devon

St Andrew

Friday, 9 September 2022 in 30m (18-1-0 in E)

96 Tolling, Queens Call Changes and Diminishing Rounds

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

To mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Rung half muffled, commencing at 12 noon

There were many thousands of performances rung in honour of the Queen and King. Here is a record of who rang at Ipplepen.

Ipplepen, Devon

St Andrew

Monday, 19 September 2022 in 60m (18-1-0 in E)

Queens and Kings Call Changes, Diminishing Rounds and Tolling Of Tenor

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

Rung half muffled prior to the Funeral of HM The Queen

Harvest Fayre

Saturday October 1st
10.30 a.m.–12.00 noon



Produce
Cakes
&
Preserves

Coffee & Refreshments

at St. Andrew's Church



All Souls Service

A joint service for all those in the Beacon Parishes,
to be held at

St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen

*A service to remember our loved ones
who are no longer with us.*



Sunday
30th October 2022

At
6pm

Remembering
those no longer with us
All Souls Service

All welcome



The War Graves Commission and the Royal British Legion

are both giving a talk

Friday, 11th November 2022

7.00pm

at St. Andrews Church Ipplepen

EVERYONE WELCOME

it will be interesting to all ages

Coffee and cake will be served

ENTRY £2.50 per person

Mark Bailey is the speaker for CWGC and his talk will cover

The history of the CWGC and its work today. The presentation will cover how the Commission began, its work during the First and Second World Wars, its work today maintaining and preserving their historic estate around the World. The presentation will also talk about finding and researching war graves in your local area, illustrated by examples from a nearby cemetery.

Richard Underhill, Chairman and David Cair, Vice Chairman *will be giving a short talk on the work of the Royal British Legion*

A view from Torbryan



Like most of the country, during much of the summer, Torbryan's fields have been uncharacteristically parched and brown. This country, and certainly this part of the country, is not used to such prolonged heat and dry. While humans could largely brave it out, I think nature suffered from the endless heat and blue skies more. Most gardens will have lost shrubs, and in

the wider countryside even normally drought-resistant trees seemed to be having a tough time. The weather didn't suit many animals either, both livestock and wild. I imagine that many farmers have fed much of their winter fodder to their animals before the summer is even over.

So, it was a great relief to most when September brought us some very welcome rain. It was as if nature had been awaiting this moment for months and suddenly sprung into life. I had really missed seeing green fields but suddenly - miraculously – they returned. At times like this, when it has been dry for so long, I like to go out in the rain myself. After all, without the rain, none of us would be able to survive.

Ultimately, in order for humans and nature to prosper, we need a good balance of weather, hot and cold, dry and wet. Seemingly, climate change is disrupting this balance. We can only hope that we will be able to adapt to this or limit the extent of the change.

Georgie Brendon

Torbryan Church Organ

Many readers know the ancient church of Torbryan. The Holy Trinity, has been 'redundant' for nearly 40 years. The internal and external structure is cared for by the Church Conservation Trust (CCT) for which we feel very fortunate. However the CCT will not fund the repair of the church organ which is need of some restoration. Regular bi-monthly church services have just been re-introduced in Torbryan as well as some fund raising activities. It's as if the church has been re-awakened after a long sleep, so it is vital that the organ is repaired as soon as possible.



The organ at Torbryan

The fibreglass insulation is breaking down inside the cabinet that houses the blower, this needs to be scraped out and replaced with modern equivalent. It is estimated that the repair will be £745 plus VAT. Thankfully work can start fairly soon and will be completed in time for our Christmas service but we need help to raise sufficient funds to cover this cost.

We would be so grateful if the readers of The Beacon could help us fund this project. When the work is complete we look forward to welcoming you to a candle lit service or event so you can hear for yourself the incredible sound of the organ in our magnificent church.

Our bank account details are as follows.

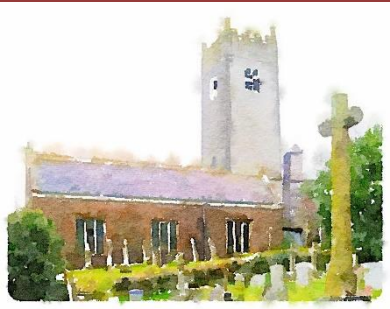
Torbryan Village Society
Sort code: 16 33 61
Account number: 10098063

For more details do contact me on 0752 864 3099

Sharon Clayborough

News from Woodland

St. John the
Baptist



The events over the last couple of months can lead me to safely say that this summer is one that will be notable for many years to come: on the climate front, with the hard drought and false autumn (the premature leaf fall and production of nuts and berries which occurs during drought conditions as an attempt by

plants to conserve water) experienced throughout August; politically with our recent change in Prime Minister and, of course, not only nationally but also right across the Commonwealth, the sad death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth. I am writing this whilst we are still in the official period of mourning, not only before her funeral will take place but also prior to the Service of Remembrance which will be taking place in our village church this Sunday morning. I can add nothing to the words that have been said about her by journalists and her own close family members, which have been shown on television and written in newspapers and magazines – they have known her. Instead, as you will be reading this once the period of mourning is over, I will turn to our very dear and long time resident Jenny Buckle, my predecessor in writing Woodland's articles for the Beacon. Jenny was awarded the MBE in 2002, which was presented to her by the then Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace. In her book "My Journey Ten Years On" she describes her meeting with him and I thought it would be appropriate to repeat here the impressions which one of our villagers formed when meeting with our new king.

"Prince Charles was very easy to talk to as he congratulated me, and then said he was very interested in my work with honeybees in the county of Devon.

Our conversation was about keeping bees and he told me that he had an interesting bee house at Highgrove; "Very ornate and it would amuse you – you must come to visit". I was wearing my Mothers Union badge (because the Queen is our patron) and also the Devon Air Ambulance silver pin – but no bee badge, so how did the Prince remember to talk about bees?"

Her book then does go on to describe her visit to Highgrove and the bee house, which she enjoyed immensely. It also contains many photographs of Jenny's own lovely garden. My own garden has benefitted mightily from all the plants and cuttings she has given me over the years and, despite the dry, dry soil conditions, I have been looking around it to see what I can bring to our church for our Harvest Festival service on the 25th September. This will start at 5pm but there will be a cream tea beforehand, starting at 4pm in the village hall. The dry weather meant that while this summer's harvest had no chance of being spoilt by rain, the heat wave brought its own challenges and some farmers felt unable to even begin to start up the combine before 8pm for fear of stetting everything alight. Still, the corn is all safely in and despite the shortage of winter forage, there is much to be thankful for.

Helen Pearse

Observations on life

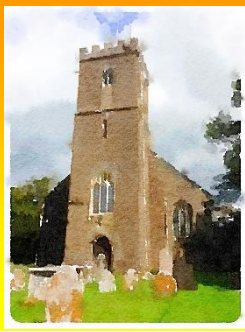


GADGETS: Devices which perform tasks in one fiftieth of the time it takes to find them and read the instructions.

OLD AGE: A condition where a broad mind and a narrow waist start to change places.

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



Church Services

Our Sunday services at Broadhempston are held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month at 11.00am. The service on the 2nd Sunday is a Family Service with children very much in our mind. A craft table is set up to enable the children to join in the fun of creating items of craft which reflect the main theme of the service. At our last service the children created a

picture entitled "In memory of the Queen" (see photo). The picture illustrated in a most vivid way the qualities encompassed in the Queen's life.

Remembering the Queen

Our church was kept open each day throughout the period of mourning for those wishing to remember the Queen in peace and silence (see photo). A Book of Condolence was opened together with pictures, prayers and poems appropriate to the occasion.



Future Events

We have been invited to host at the church a concert featuring the Canadian singer/songwriter Alana Levandoski. Her music is for spiritual seekers in the Christian tradition. Alana is currently on a pilgrimage in the UK and we are very fortunate that she has agreed to spend an evening with us. The concert will take place on Saturday, 22nd October 2022 at 7.30pm and will be unticketed with entry free at the door. This is a Mission Community event to which all are welcome.

The Broadhempston PCC Team

Barbara Bradburn

Barbara Hoare was born 96 years ago at Mount Barton Farm, Staverton, which is now St. Christopher's School. Farming and the countryside were her early life, combined with school in both Staverton and then Ashburton. Mum enjoyed playing hockey and singing, and later enjoyed a good social life at dances (she was a member of the singing group called the pelicans). By day she helped on the farm. As the war years came she grew up quickly, helping with land girls and evacuees. She then met Dad, Stuart Bradburn, a serving Marine. They fell in love and married after the war.

Sisters Irene and Jeannie were both born here in Mount Barton cottage, next to the farm. Dad completed his university education at Exeter, and then began a family move away from the Devon countryside. They went to Oxford where Dad tutored at Balliol College. Then, with Fison's, to Felixstowe in Suffolk and afterwards Cambridge. Two more daughters, Helen and Catherine completed their family.

Mum was always busy, what with voluntary work, meals on wheels and performing in amateur dramatics. Her singing voice was just lovely.

On Dad's retirement they returned to Devon, a long held promise fulfilled. Hickling Mount in Broadhempston was the ideal spot. So 1979 saw them installed, doing some conversion work and making an incredible garden, full of lovely plants and Dads precious vegetable patch.



Mum entered enthusiastically into village life and was a stalwart member of the WI, the book group and walking group and was a keen member of the village shop development. Indeed her pleasure at coffee and a chat in the shop was, in her later years a real highlight of the week.

We were so very proud of our Mum, who, once widowed at 80, travelled widely on her own, going cruising in Europe, training through Canada and flying to Australia and New Zealand.

Mum embraced the internet and the contact it gave her with her widely spread family, daughter Catherine in New Zealand, Irene when living in Australia and Helen and Jeannie in different parts of England. Her grandchildren, who are also widely spread, enjoyed FaceTime and games with her on the internet too.

On 20th July we said farewell to our dear Mum. And we must thank all who came on 11th of August, a lovely sunny day, to Broadhempston church—and after at the Monks (where we had all shared a fish supper in the past)—to celebrate a life well lived and much loved.

Jeannie, Helen and Catherine

The Queue

On Thursday 15th September 2022 at 6.25 am I left Newton Abbot Railway Station bound for London, my daughter joined me at Newbury and we arrived at London Paddington 9.04am. We were following the 'live queue tracker' so promptly jumped into a black cab and asked to go to the nearest drop of point to HMS Belfast. We got out of the taxi and luckily found one of the volunteers who pointed us in the direction of the end of the queue, which we joined at 10am.



This is where we found our 'Queue Family' we stayed together and when one of us had to drop out to visit a porta loo the others all made sure we re-joined the family. The route winds several miles along the south bank of the River Thames from Southwark Park, past Tower Bridge, Tate Modern and Waterloo to Lambeth Bridge. It then doubles back along the north side of the river, through Victoria Tower Gardens, the park alongside the Palace of Westminster.

London Bridge was when things got serious, as people were finally given their wristbands. All of the previous queuing had prepared us for this moment. We had concrete proof that we were officially in The Queue. The excitement of the wristbands seemed to get the better of the queuers, the pace began to get "really fast, almost a light jog."

The final leg of The Queue was the slowest part, with a zig-zag barrier formation as the final hurdle. It was painful being able to see Westminster Hall right there but knowing you still had hours left to wait. But the last section of the route had a whole different feeling. There were Vicars and Chaplains stationed at the end of each line for people to talk to, and everyone was sharing their food, with 'mini picnics' taking place everywhere.

We finally reached security, which was the same as airport security, bags in trays, no food, no water, all sealed food was collected by The Scouts for the homeless. Everyone had waited so long for this moment of entering the Hall, it was whisper quiet and emotional.

Then I was able to pay my own respects to our Queen for everything she had done and say my own personal thank you – a moment I will never forget. I text my son just before we entered the Hall, who logged onto BBC iplayer and screenshot the moment we walked past the coffin.

I thought I would feel anticlimactic leaving Westminster Hall afterwards, however the atmosphere outside was in fact safe and lovely. Having been with our Queue Family for 7 ½ hours we all hugged and wished each other safe journey home not really wanting to say goodbye, but knowing the memories of this day would last forever.

Maggie Sercombe

Bell Ringers

We would like to thank the bellringers for the peals they rang in response to the death of the Queen: on the day after her death, Graham Pascoe, the Bell Tower captain, tolled the tenor bell for an hour and on the day of the funeral, a team of Ringers rang a muffled peal for an hour in her memory.

Thank you from everyone in Broadhempston.

Devon Association of Ringers

Broadhempston, Devon

St Peter and St Paul

Friday, 9 September 2022 in 60m (12-0-0)

Tolling

Tolling for the death of Queen Elizabeth 2nd

6 Graham Pascoe

In Memoriam of our Queen

Devon Association of Ringers

Broadhempston, Devon

St Peter and St Paul

Monday, 19 September 2022 in 60m (12-0-0)

Devon Call Changes

Call Changes

- 1 Graham Pascoe
- 2 Julia Jarvis
- 3 Lesley Rowe
- 4 Michael Thomas
- 5 Vivian Allen
- 6 Patrick Garvey
- 7 Pauline Collins
- 8 Chris Pascoe
- 9 Elaine Peeke

Rung in Memoriam of Queen Elizabeth 2nd on her funeral day

A record, from "The Ringing World" of the performances

Thanks to Tim Vine:



- "Black Beauty – now there's a dark horse."
- "I was reading a book – 'The History of Glue' – I couldn't put it down."
- "Exit signs? They're on the way out!"
- "Velcro? What a rip-off!"
- "I rang up my local swimming baths. I said: 'Is that the local swimming baths?' He said: 'It depends where you're calling from.'"
- "I said to the gym instructor: 'Can you teach me to do the splits?' He said: 'How flexible are you?' I said: 'I can't make Tuesdays.'"
- "Conjunctivitis.com – that's a site for sore eyes."
- "I used go out with an anaesthetist – she was a local girl."
- "Crime in multi-storey car parks. That is wrong on so many different levels."
- "I went to a Pretenders concert. It was a tribute act."
- "I bought a train ticket and the driver said 'Eurostar?' I said 'Well, I've been on telly but I'm no Dean Martin.' Still, at least it's comfortable on Eurostar – it's murder on the Orient Express."
- "I went into a shop and I said, 'Can someone sell me a kettle?' The bloke said 'Kenwood?' I said, 'Where is he?'"
- "My next door neighbour worships exhaust pipes. He's a catholic converter."



Beacon Parishes Mission Community
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In Concert

The internationally renowned *Contemplative Roots* songwriter



Alana Levandoski

from Anishinaabe lands in Manitoba Canada

Saturday 22nd October at 7.30pm
St Peter and St Paul, Broadhempston

Donations on the door and refreshments available following the concert

Alana's particular interest is in using music's illuminating power to catch glimpses of incarnation in and through all of life. Initially an international singer on the alt. country music scene, today Alana's music is set firmly within the context of Christian contemplation.

Her albums, often comprising song and spoken word, give voice to that which is ineffable in the human spirit. For further information, see <https://www.alanalevandoski.com/>

"Profound, beautiful and for those who are ready, game changing and life changing"
Richard Rohr commenting on the album "Behold I make all things new"

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



The last few weeks have proved to be a very busy and eventful period for St. Marys. Towards the end of August, we were delighted to hear from Nicholson Engineering, our bellhangers, that they were planning to rehang the bells commencing 22nd August. An urgent request for help with the labouring work, and to provide and serve refreshments over the two weeks planned for the installation was met with the

usual excellent level of enthusiasm from Denbury folk and in no time at all rotas covering the whole period had been filled by willing, energetic volunteers.

The level of interest shown by the whole village was a delight to all who have been involved with the project since the start date way back in 2014. Bells have not sounded over the village for some two and a half years and the occasional chime as the fittings were tested produced many a smile and encouraging comments from those in the vicinity.



The new bell

All the bells (we now have a peal of 6) have been rehung and ropes etc. in place. There remains a fair bit of building work to be completed such as replacing the ceiling in the ringing room and some plastering and general tidying before the bells can be rung fully but this should be completed within a couple of weeks.

On the day that the Queen died, the new tenor bell was tolled 96 times, one for every year of her life. At the suggestion of some of our volunteers it has been agreed that the tenor bell should be named the Elizabeth bell in the church records in commemoration of Queen Elizabeth.

The new ringing room will be a much lighter, more comfortable space in which to ring and the new bells with new bearings and all running gear will be so much easier to manage than the former

peal with its 100 year old fittings and the ringing team look forward to getting back to ringing with great anticipation.

The bells will be consecrated by one of our bishops in due course and plans are being drawn up for a bell celebration weekend incorporating visiting ringing teams and bell related activities in the near future. Announcements regarding this event will be released as plans develop.

The PCC and all those involved with the bell restoration project over the last 8 years are so thankful to those who have assisted the appeal in so many ways. Their help, support, and enthusiasm for the project are greatly appreciated and valued.

The very generous villagers of Denbury again came to the assistance of the church in relation to the provision of some new benches for the churchyard as the former ones had seen better days. An appeal



Lined up - ready to go!



A tight fit

produced an amazing response enabling 3 benches to be ordered almost immediately. These have been sited on the grass area just outside church cottage which is an area often used by visitors and those passing through the village i.e. rambling groups, to stop and rest. Indeed we understand that a further 3 benches will be provided by our very generous supporters to be positioned in quiet, restful parts of the churchyard in due course.

Cream teas were the order of the day on Bank Holiday available in Church Cottage and as ever this proved hugely popular and an ideal forum to meet friends and neighbours for a good chat.

Our Patronal festival was held on September 11th and was scheduled to be followed that afternoon by a concert by the renowned folk musician Jim Causley. However as a mark of respect for our late Queen Elizabeth the concert has now been re-arranged for the 30th October (see poster).

We have decided to support local charity HITS at Harvest once again this year. The last two years have seen the windowsills in church overflowing with items donated by the village and we hope to repeat or even exceed this again this Harvest. In view of the pressure likely on many family incomes this winter in view of the escalating fuel prices, these donations will be more needed than ever.

A series of workshops has been organised by Irene Davey to be run over the next 4 months to be held in Church Cottage. The first of these will be held on 16th September and will teach those attending how to make a beautiful willow bird feeder. Further workshop will be held monthly through to the end of the year and will cover a wide variety of topics. Demand for places has been huge and these classes will undoubtedly be greatly enjoyed by all attending.

Lots happening therefore and it is great to see how much the community has been involved and supported the church in so many ways.

Mike Bray

Postponed Jim Causley Cream Tea Concert. 2pm, 30th October

When we decided to cancel this Concert out of respect for the Queen, I was devastated. I never thought we'd be able to book him again. He is, after all, a nationally known, award winning folk singer and musician. But, he's not only made time for us again, but at very short notice. I'm delighted to say, he will be performing in Denbury church at the end of October (Sunday 30th). Cream tea in the interval, as before, but at the earlier start time of 2pm, as the clocks will have gone back the night before....

All tickets sold for 11.9.22 will be honoured. Some tickets are still available: £12 (£10 concessions), to include the cream tea. Pre-booking only please. Not available on the door.

Rachel (rachelbelringer@gmail.com 07751804007)

Time for a smile



- I tried to steal spaghetti from the shop, but the female guard saw me and I couldn't get pasta.
- Did you know that if you get pregnant in the Amazon, it's next day delivery.
- My attempts to combine nitrous oxide and Oxo cubes made me a laughing stock.
- I hate funerals-I'm not a mourning person.
- I spent the whole morning building a time machine, so that's four hours of my life that I'm definitely getting back.

Craft Workshops in Denbury Church Cottage

The first of a series of craft workshops in the Church Cottage in Denbury has taken place. It was a Willow Bird Feeder “make” and was a rip roaring success! Led by a professional craft maker, the group all created their own piece and are clamouring for more! With people from within and beyond Denbury, lots of chat and lovely refreshments, it was a wonderful start to this series of workshops.

Demand has been so great that a Second Bird Feeder workshop has been set up for 6-8.30pm on 20th October. There is a session making Beeswax Wraps on 14th October, 6-8.30pm. And looking ahead, a Chocolate Truffle Finishing workshop is happening on 12th November, 2-5pm. That will be in the Village Hall...

There are a few limited spaces still available, but don't hang about! Book your place by contacting Irene on 07767 771590. (Any profits in aid of St. Mary's Church funds.)

Rachel Belringer

**NEW ADDITIONAL DATE DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND
BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW**

**Keep your garden birds happy!
Learn to weave a willow and wire, fat ball holder
bird feeder
for your garden or patio
using natural, sustainable willow**



**Thursday 20th October
6pm to 9pm
Church Cottage**

**2 hour beginner's workshop
to include refreshments and
all materials
£ 40 per person**

**Booking Essential
on 07767 771590**

Any profits in aid of St Mary's Church

Creative Workshop

in Denbury Beeswax Wraps

Workshop
Friday 14th October
Church Cottage
TQ12 6DH
6pm - 8.30pm



Come and learn how to make your own pretty handcrafted, sustainable, re-usable, eco-friendly wraps and use them as an alternative to plastic wrap for food storage.

This small class is great if you come along on your own or bring a friend or two. These useful little wraps would ideally make unique gifts for the eco-conscious person.

Book your place by contacting Irene on 07767 771590

£ 35 per adult to include all the materials and refreshments.

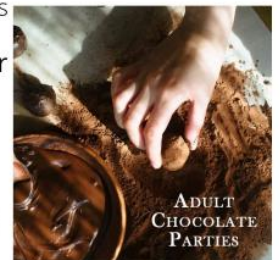
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Join us for a Truly Scrumptious Chocolate Truffle Finishing Class

what could be more delicious

Saturday 12th November
2pm in the Village Hall
TQ12 6DS

Hot chocolate, tea or coffee will be served on arrival -



Learn how to professionally temper chocolate, dip and enrobe a selection of filled truffles before decorating your own signature truffles (approx 60). Finally wrap your truffles in pretty packaging to take home to use as a gift or simply enjoy yourself.

£45 per person.

Win a prize in the mini pre-Christmas Raffle

Booking Essential - Telephone 07767 771590

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Faith



1st Man How did you get on at the faith healing last night?

2nd Man Absolute rubbish. Even the man in the wheelchair got up and walked out.

JIM CAUSLEY'S

CREAM TEA CONCERT



SINGER OF THE YEAR
WINNER



St. Mary's Church, Denbury at 2pm on Sunday 30th October 2022 (**postponed** from 11th September, all tickets for that date honoured but **note earlier start time**).

Tickets £12/£10 (concessions) to include a cream tea.

Contact Rachel Belringer on 07751 804007 or rachelbelringer@gmail.com

Raising funds for the church.

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'Come Walk with Me and Learn to Love the Land'

(The Wilding of St Mary's Churchyard)

Prior to covid and the lockdowns, the wardens from St Mary's attended a seminar given by the Diocese, centred on managing 'God's Acre' for the benefit of the environment. It was an informative and full-on day covering such broad topics as identifying and foraging for native herbs and edible plants, how to encourage birds and fauna such as Slow Worms, Hedgehogs, native insects and butterflies, identifying and encouraging the growth of native wildflower species...



Sadly, we live in a time when our precious environment is under threat; we're constantly being reminded that global warming is having a disastrous effect, just look at the recent heatwave and the disastrous floods of recent times if evidence was needed; and the clock is ticking. We have to take this seriously; we can no longer ignore it; we can no longer put short term gain before long term sustainability and survival, we have to act now.

And we can all do our bit, no matter how small, and there's a lot of stuff that's been written on how we can go about it, recycling and reusing, reducing our energy usage, using 'bags for life' ... and what's happening in the churchyard at St. Mary's is our small contribution as a church community.

The PCC took the decision to leave the older areas of the churchyard, areas that rarely, if ever, get visited, uncut, to grow wild; and we are seeing the results. We have seen a wide variety of insects, butterflies, bumble bees and rare plants springing up, native wildflower species have been planted and sown, which in time will give a wonderful display; paths have been established while the area around the more recent burials remains mown and accessible.



As expected, it's not been a completely smooth process, there have been negative comments, some quite robust and disparaging, we've even had threats from a family who no longer live in Denbury but claim the right, due to a couple of family graves that are visited two or three times annually, to come and strim the whole area... It's taken some time for people to come to terms with the part loss of a manicured churchyard; but aided by the replacement of the old, broken, churchyard benches and the creation of an area in the shade of the cherry trees where people can sit and rest and talk, and we feel we're winning. The seats were purchased through the generosity of villagers and are already being used and enjoyed by both locals and visitors.

In the photographs we can see a Marbled White Butterfly, a Nuthatch, Common Knapweed, a Green Grasshopper, a Solitary Bee and a Slow Worm; and there are others too; a Chiff Chaff's distinctive call can occasionally be heard, the sound of foraging bees thrumming among the flowers, a leaf cutter bee, carefully hoarding its prize away in a small crack in a wall, various beetles and a relatively rare Song Thrush who sang throughout one evening to the delight of neighbours, all seen or heard within the last few weeks.

The scheme has also produced a positive, knock-on bonus: Like so many others, St. Mary's is a small rural church aiming to do its best with limited resources and the invaluable help of a small number of volunteers working their socks off for long hours each and every week. The cost of regularly mowing the whole churchyard has been a significant overhead for the church



in the past, which has now been reduced, an unplanned and unexpected bonus not considered when the decision was made to join several hundreds of other churches across the diocese and country in doing our bit in giving Mother Nature a hand.

Finally, in case you're wondering, the title of this article is taken from a favourite folk song, written by a lady called Liz Weston and performed by one of the greats of the folk music world, Martyn Wyndham – Read.



*...“you’ll find beauty everywhere,
Of seasons, mountains, lakes and woods,
Which make this earth so fair.
And when with children of your own,
You tread familiar ways,
To show them all these things you’ve cherished,
Since your childhood days,
I’ll be there beside you as you wander hand in hand,
Saying walk with me and learn to love the land,
Come, walk with me and learn to love the land”*

Steve Bassett

Why robes are worn in church

I was interested to read Hillarie Griggs’ article on robes in the last edition of The Beacon. It was helpful and gave a clear explanation of why robes are usually worn in church.

However, things were not always that simple. Until the Oxford Movement started in 1833 the question of robes in church had not really bothered anyone too much. Everyone rubbed along wearing fairly simple dress - the Geneva robe usually - and since the Reformation it was expected that each church would provide a surplice for the priest to wear during a communion service - although not everyone did.

In the 1830s John Henry Newman and Edward Pusey started the Oxford movement - with the best of intentions - to bring beauty and order to Anglican services and return to pre-Reformation Roman Catholic rituals. While this began in towns and cities it was strongly rejected in most country areas and caused immense controversy in the church generally for the rest of the Victorian age.

By the 1850’s a number of the clergy had never worn surplices - even though it was historically expected of them. We see this referred to in Victorian literature - the Last Chronicle of Barset sees the ghastly Mr. Thumble making the assumption that a surplice would be provided for him at Hoggstock - it was. On the other hand when King Edward VII asked Parson Jack Russell of Swimbridge in North Devon what he would do if he were given a surplice his reply was “that he would give it to his wife to make a nightdress”. The fictional Lord Scamperdale was incensed by the whole thing and we read in Surtees’



The Geneva robe

novels how His Lordship was wont to say "I know I am a member of the peerage and am not allowed to swear - you Puseyite son of a pig jobber you".

Rev F E Witts' Diary April 1851 on the occasion of the dedication of Highnam church in Gloucestershire reads "I should have had no objections to the surplice, but it was left an open question, the Bishop preferring the gown - and wisely - for the surplice is viewed as a symbol of ultra High Church or Puseyism, and in these days of dissension what offends the weak brethren had better be avoided".

An article in The Sporting Magazine August 1854 reads

"Devon is a sporting and hunting county. I fancy there are more sporting parsons - a title almost obsolete in these days of priests and Puseyites - in this county than any four others in England....they are benevolent parish clergymen doing infinitely less harm..... than walking about dressed like Jesuits."

Things became so heated that Parliament decided to do something about it and prevent the use of vestments in Anglican churches. On 14th May 1867 the Clerical Vestments (No 2 Bill) came before the House of Lords "A Bill for better enforcing Uniformity in the Clerical Vestments and Ornaments to be worn by Ministers of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Performance of Public Worship". Lord Salisbury gave a lengthy speech setting out in minute detail what the expectations of the Anglican Church were as to robes from 1549 onwards, and it aimed to ensure that the Courts, rather than Bishops, decided what was appropriate dress for clergymen to wear in church .

This Bill dragged through parliament until August 1867, when it was finally rejected, but it had examined the question very thoroughly. In the end the church split between the High Church faction which became known as Anglo-Catholics, and the Low Church faction which became known as Protestants.



It has all calmed down a great deal over the last 150 years since the House of Lords debate, but even so there are vast differences between what clergymen wear.

My personal view, for what it is worth, is to agree with Hillarie that wearing robes acknowledges that something sacred is happening and adds to the sense of occasion. Choir Dress (a cassock and full sleeved surplice with a scarf/stole and academical hood where appropriate) is the smartest and most becoming attire for any clergyman. On the other hand I do not understand why anyone should want to celebrate Holy Communion wearing something based on the contents of Pontius Pilate's wardrobe!

Stephen Bryant

Don't mess with old ladies



An old lady was searching her handbag for her purse at a supermarket checkout.

Various items are pulled out during the search - including the remote control for a TV set.

The cashier notices this and, having had dementia awareness training, gently asks the old lady, "do you know that's the remote control for a television?"

The old lady replies, "of course I do."

So the cashier enquires, "do you always carry it around with you?"

"No," answers the old lady, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me."

A Mediterranean Patronal Festival



We were on holiday in Menorca this July. The local Anglican church, Santa Margarita, was originally the convent chapel used by the nuns who ran a school which closed. The Catholic Church has leased the chapel building to the Anglican church for a peppercorn rent since the 1950s.

Every year on July 20th, the feast day of St. Margaret of Antioch, this patronal festival is celebrated with a joint procession of Catholic and Anglican congregations from the Catholic parish church to the chapel with the image of the Saint carried in an open horse drawn carriage through the town of Es Castell. The procession is led by a band through the streets of the

town followed by the catholic priest Padre Toni and our chaplain Paul, church wardens, and the congregations and nuns.



We concluded with evening prayer in the chapel with prayers, readings and Taize music in Spanish and English.

St. Margaret of Antioch is said to have been the daughter of a pagan priest named Aedisius. Her mother having died soon after her birth, Margaret was nursed by a christian woman outside the city of Antioch. Having embraced Christianity, Margaret was disowned by her father, adopted by her nurse, and lived in the country keeping sheep with her foster mother in what is now Turkey. The governor of the Roman Eastern province asked to marry her, but with the demand that she renounced her Christianity.

Upon her refusal, she was cruelly tortured during which time various miraculous incidents were said to have occurred.

Margaret is one of the Fourteen Holy helpers, and is one of the saints Joan of Arc claimed to have spoken with.

Michael Price

Original Bible of cricket



But for cricket, we may never have heard of Tim Rice. The Bible story of Joseph gave the lyricist an early hit, but it only stuck with him at school because he thought Jacob's sons were a cricket XI.

"Reuben was the wicket-keeper/captain; Simeon the dashing Denis Compton of the middle order; Asher and Dan the pace attack; and Gad a crafty leg-spinner," he tells the Spectator. The problem was that there are 12 brothers. "No place for Joseph: away on tour in Egypt at the time."

Retirement of Bishop Nick

The Bishop of Plymouth, retired this summer after 42 years in ministry, said during his time as bishop he had most enjoyed seeing “God’s spirit changing people and renewing churches.”

The Rt. Rev’d Nick McKinnel, 68, has been Bishop of Plymouth since 2015.

He was previously Bishop of Crediton and acted in the role of diocesan bishop in the interregnum following the retirement of the previous Bishop of Exeter.

Bishop Nick, who has four children and nine grandchildren, said “There are lots of things that I will miss, but it will be nice to have more time for my family and a few hobbies.”

Bishop Nick, who is a keen angler and cricketer, said he had particularly valued the colleagues he has worked alongside “We have a really good team who get on well together.

“It’s that companionship and seeing God at work in different ways, which I really enjoy.

“For example, hearing from people at a confirmation service, whatever their stage of life, how they have come to be confirmed.

“You see how God’s spirit is changing people and renewing churches.

“For me, I have most enjoyed that day-to-day being a ‘shepherd’ to the churches and hopefully an encourager to individuals too.”

Bishop Nick said the tragic shootings in Plymouth suburb of Keyham in August 2021 really stood out for him as a key moment in his time as bishop.

At the time, he gave the address at a service of prayer and reflection for the city and said “It was a chance to articulate how even in the most difficult circumstances God can be present and God is present.

“In many ways the Christian faith makes sense both of the tragedies of life but also the goodness and kindness of humanity.”

He said he had also been struck by the recent 40th anniversary of the Falklands conflict and valued his role at civic occasions in Plymouth and beyond.

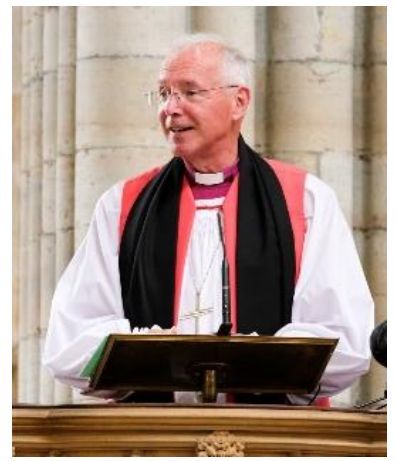
Bishop Nick was ordained in 1980 after studying law and working for a development agency.

He served his early ministry in London and Liverpool before returning to Devon in 1987 to become the Rector of Hatherleigh, Meeth, Exbourne and Jacobstowe. From 1994 to 2012 he led St Andrew’s, the Minster church of Plymouth and was consecrated a bishop in 2012.

Following his retirement, Bishop Nick has been nominated to be the High Sheriff of Devon for a year from March 2023: “I’m hoping to be alongside people working in areas like probation and the prisons and the courts and showing that as a county we are appreciative of them and enrich our society,” he said.

He was also the first ever Chancellor of Plymouth Marjon University, a role of which he is proud: “It’s great to be in touch with young people and students and to see a small university really living out the church foundation that it has and helping those who perhaps otherwise would not be in higher education.”

He will be succeeded as Bishop of Plymouth by the Rev’d Prebendary James Grier, for whom he has the following advice: “Remember that this is God’s church. Keep praying and remembering that He is in charge of it all and we are just a very small cog in the eternal purposes of the Almighty!”



CHURCHYARD RULES & REGULATIONS

for BURIALS / INTERMENTS & INSTALLATION OF HEADSTONES

The Beacon Parishes Mission Community churchyards are governed strictly by statute and Diocesan regulations:

Burials and Interments of Ashes in the Churchyard

Any burial or interment of ashes must have the approval of the Parish Priest (The Rector).

Applications to Install Headstones and Monuments/Tablets Over Ashes in the Churchyard

A minimum period of six months should elapse between the burial of a person to be commemorated and the erection of a permanent memorial, to allow the ground to settle.

You must have written permission for installation of a headstone, tablet over ashes, vase or other memorial, prior to erecting any monuments in the churchyard.

To arrange a headstone, please contact a local memorial stonemason of your choice. The stonemason will then prepare and send your application ('Application for Introduction of a MONUMENT or TABLET in a Churchyard OR for an ADDITION to a Monument, or an Inscription') along with the relevant fees, to our Church Office or the Reverend, to request signed approval from the Reverend.

The 'Churchyard Regulations 2013' can be found on our Beacon Parishes Mission Community website and also on the Diocese of Exeter website:

<http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/headstones-monuments>

<https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/church-buildings/churchyards>

Alternatively, you can contact the Reverend or the Church Office to obtain a hard copy of the Churchyard Regulations 2013.

The application form that the stonemasons will complete with you is on the last 3 pages of the 'Churchyard Regulations 2013'. The relevant parochial fees for the applications can also be found on those websites.

Once the Church Office or the Reverend has received your application, we will check the proposed application is in line with the current Churchyard Regulations and confirm that with the stonemasons or let them know if any alterations need to be made, so they can proceed with creating and installing the monument.

The Churchyard Regulations 2013 for Church of England churchyards, include strict rules concerning the design of monuments, including, type of stone, colour of stone, shape, size of the monument and colour of engravings.

The maximum sizes for monuments:

Headstones	4ft high x 3ft wide x 6" deep
Headstones for infant burials	33" high x 15" wide x 6" deep
Tablets over ashes (laid level with turf)	(approx. 2" high x) 18" wide x 18" deep
Small vase over ashes	12" high x 8" wide x 8" deep

A headstone may stand on a base of the same stone which does not project more than 8" in front of the headstone.

Permitted Materials:

Stone (i.e. granite) must be light grey in colour - not darker than Rustenburgh grey (Black, blue, red white or very dark grey stone is not permitted). The finish must be rustic or honed (not polished). The stone must be natural stone (not synthetic stone or plastic).

Engravings:

Inscriptions must be simple, reverent, appropriate and of Christian significance. They must be incised, and lettering may be in black, white or silver paint or gold leaf (not gold paint). Plastic and lead inlaid lettering is not permitted. Simple pictorial engravings using no colour are permitted, provided that the Parish Priest approves the subject.

Subsequent additions to an inscription must be approved separately.

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CHURCHYARD RULES & REGULATIONS

for PLACING FLOWERS ON GRAVES & CARE OF THE CHURCHYARD

The Beacon Parishes Mission Community churchyards are governed strictly by statute and Diocesan regulations:

Placing Cut Flowers on Graves

Cut flowers may be placed into approved flower receptacles that have been integrated into the design of formally approved headstones, vases or tablets over ashes.

Where there is no such integrated flower receptacle within the monument: Cut flowers may be placed in a removable container which must be sunk completely into the ground.

Flowers should be removed once they have withered.

Artificial Flowers

No artificial flowers are allowed except for Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths which must be removed after a period of not more than two months after the event.

Other Items on or around Graves

Wreaths/flower displays from the day of burial must be removed after a period of not more than two months after the event.

Bulbs may be planted in the soil of any grave, adjacent to the headstone but please note that these may be at risk from mowing. For details on the frequency of mowing in the churchyard, please speak to the Churchwardens.

Photographs, portraits, kerbs, railings, chains and chippings are not permitted. Containers, jars and pots for flowers (not sunk completely below turf level) are not permitted. Plastic/cellophane is not allowed. Shrubs and trees are not permitted. Scattering of ashes (cremated remains) is not allowed.

Please remember that the churchyard is consecrated (holy) ground and it is easy to offend others whose relatives have been laid to rest here. In some cases, graves are not marked.

Any vases, flowers, wreaths or other items not complying with the rules will be removed.

Maintenance and Safe Condition of Graves

Responsibility for the safe installation of the Monument rests with the monumental mason. The person who purchases the memorial and, after that person's death, the heirs of the deceased have an ongoing liability for its maintenance in a safe condition.

Please use the correct bins for different types of waste (general/recycling/garden).

Dogs

You may not exercise dogs in the churchyard. Dogs may be walked along the footpaths on short leads. Dogs mess must be cleared up.

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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

- Sunday** 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...
- Monday** 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...
- Tuesday** 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...
- Wednesday** 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...
- Thursday** We pray for... Ministers of the gospel... Those who work for reconciliation... Those in hospital...
- Friday** 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...
- Saturday** 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 – October and November

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Oct 2 nd	Pastoral Care Team	Totnes Road	West End Terrace	Knowle	Daisy Park
Oct 9 th	Newly baptised & confirmed	Townsend Hill	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Higher Woodland Farm
Oct 16 th	Wedding couples	Tremlett Grove	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Larch Cottage
Oct 23 rd	Scouts & Guides	Two Mile Oak	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Wickeridge Cottage
Oct 30 th	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses
Nov 6 th	Dearly departed	Wesley Terrace & Wesley View	Shute Lane	Main Street	Levaton Farm House
Nov 13 th	Service planning group	Wrigwell Lane	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Dipwell Farm
Nov 20 th	Vision group	Beech Trees Lane	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Higher Lake Farm
Nov 27 th	Mission Action Plan group	Elliott Court	The Post Office and Shop	Primary School	Wickeridge Farm

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