



**Points for Prayer.** We give thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth for her service to this nation and for her example of faith. We pray for the Royal Family as they mourn the loss of mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We pray for King Charles III as he begins his reign.

**Book of Condolence.** As a way of marking the death of the queen there is a condolence book in each of our parish churches and the opportunity to light a candle or lay flowers. Please remember that all our churches provide a quiet place for personal reflection on what her majesty meant personally to us, for this nation and for the commonwealth.

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**The PCC of St Mary's, Denbury, would like to express our profound thanks to those many members of the community who turned out to assist in the recent reinstalling of our church bells:** by providing labour, refreshments, clearing and cleaning or through support and encouragement. We literally couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!

**Churches Together in Ipplepen Joint Service on 25<sup>th</sup> September.** With the rededication of the Methodist Church we will start alternating the joint monthly service between there and St. Andrew's. On September 25th the Methodist Church will host and welcome us into their new worship space.

**New Start Date Autumn small group sessions, starting on Tuesday 4th October at 7pm - 8pm at St Mary's Denbury.** Do you have a gift or talent that you are currently offering in our Church Communities? Or have seen others doing a particular role in church and thought that this is something you would like to be involved with? Or do you just want to find out more about what these roles do? The Mission Community is running a series of small group sessions this autumn where we reflect on some of these roles. Topics will include leading, reading, intercessions, music and assisting at communion. See flyers for full details and the venues for each session. These sessions begin on 4th October at 7pm - 8pm at St Mary's Denbury when we consider the topic of Reading in Church. Please see the poster on our website [www.missioncommunity.org.uk/](http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/) or contact the Church Office for more details.

**Cream Tea Concert featuring the award-winning Folk Musician Jim Causley** at St Mary the Virgin, Denbury has been rescheduled for Sunday 30th October at 2pm (Please note new earlier start time). For tickets and more information please contact Rachel 07751 804 007 / [rachelbelringer@gmail.com](mailto:rachelbelringer@gmail.com)

Readings	This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>		
1st Reading	Amos 8:4-7	Amos 6:1a. 4-7
Psalm	113	146
2nd Reading	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-End

### Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 8:16-18	Thurs	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke 9:7-9
Tue	20 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 8:19-21	Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke 9:18-22
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 9:9-13	Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 9:43b-45

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

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### Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Commemorative Service for the Queen - St John the Baptist, Woodland	
11.00 am	Holy Communion and Baptism of Samantha Roache - St Andrew's, Ipplepen	
1.30 pm	Baptism of Millicent Smith - St Andrew's, Ipplepen	
<b>6.00 pm</b>	Commemorative Service for the Queen - St Andrew's, Ipplepen	
7.45 pm	Prayers for the Queen - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury	

### 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 <a href="mailto:rev.andrewdown@gmail.com">rev.andrewdown@gmail.com</a> )
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.

Church Office Closed for Bank Holiday Monday for Queen Elizabeth II's funeral.

We will be celebrating St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (21<sup>st</sup> Sept) at the midweek Communion.

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	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	4.30-5.30pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Saturday	9.30am-12.30	Autumn Church Clean	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

### Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Fifteenth 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 – Family Service - <b>Ipplepen Methodist Church</b>	
2.00 pm	Interment of Ashes of Kay Simmonds - St Andrew's Churchyard, Ipplepen	
4.00 pm	Harvest Afternoon Tea - The Parish Rooms, Woodland	
4.00 pm	Harvest Service - St John the Baptist, Woodland	

**In Memory:** Michael Dow, Pamela Langworthy, Cynthia Griffiths, Barbara Bradburn, Mr Shepherd, Patricia Clarke, Betty Chudley, and Margaret June Rowe. Sonia Pearse whose funeral and burial took place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September in Ipplepen. Rev'd John Heath whose interment of ashes and memorial service took place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September in Woodland.



## Reflection by Rev'd Anne Burden

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

I am writing this reflection in the strange days following the death of our Queen as the miracles of TV technology allow us to observe people's reaction to the news - and while we wait - for events to unfold day by day, for the funeral, later for the coronation of King Charles, and for the next chapter of our life as a nation. Of course the death of a 96 year old can never be entirely unexpected - and we know that much detailed planning has been stowed away in files for decades, renewed every year. But we didn't know what the mood of our country would be - the thoughts and emotions of individuals, groups and indeed ourselves. Almost everyone has something to say - and a need to say it - within families and communities, and with total strangers.

The thing that has struck me most has been the coming together of so many people of all ages and backgrounds, the gentle sharing of joys and sorrows, and a lot of kindness and generosity - of reaching out to others with love and care. I think the Queen would be proud - this after all was how she lived her life. But would she, I wonder, be surprised? I doubt if she'd thought about it much. Her chosen mission was to serve her people - and she made little of herself, and her own needs and wants.

What are your thoughts, I wonder about all this? What do you think about people's reactions - and your reactions too? No right or wrong responses of course - there are as many answers as there are people.

One thing that occurred to me is that the Queen served us for so long that we genuinely don't know how life will be without her. It's all we've ever known, most of us - and we've got nothing to compare with our Queen's reign. It's not that we're shocked that an old, tired lady has died, but that we can't imagine life without her - it's beyond our experience. And so we feel cast adrift, unsafe and in a way 'lost'. These are difficult feelings which are hard to bear - being lost and bewildered.

The Gospel Reading for the Sunday after the Queen died may have something to say about all this. It's the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15, 1-7) told by Jesus to counter the Pharisees who were grumbling about him showing concern for those on the margins of society - the wrong-doers - those who might be thought of as "the lost". Jesus knows that the Pharisees would go out of their way to search for one of their own sheep which was lost, and rejoice when they find it and bring it home - and he is suggesting, perhaps, that they (and us) should regard "lost people" in the same way. We talk of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, so should be comforted by the fact that he wants his lost sheep found. He wants them to belong, to find nurture and comfort. Jesus seeks out those who feel adrift, unsure, bewildered - and wants those who feel more securely in the fold to help him in this task.

So remember - in these uncertain times - the task of building strong inclusive communities, where all are welcomed and valued, is hugely important. This is one of the things the Queen did supremely well - and we do well to follow her example, as she followed the example set by her Master and Saviour.

