



**Points for Prayer.** We pray for those who are taking up new ministries this week. For Bishop James, consecrated on Thursday, for those who were ordained priest last weekend. and for those who were newly licensed as LLM (Reader) on Saturday. May they all be people of prayer who encourage others in their own discipleship and continue to serve the people of Devon with joy.

**Celebrating our Gifts, the small group sessions starting this Tuesday (4th October).** This week the topic is Reading in Church and we will be meeting in St Mary's, Denbury at 7pm. Next week the topic is Writing and Leading Intercessions and will be held at St Peter and St Paul's, Broadhempston starting at 7pm. Please see the poster on our website [www.missioncommunity.org.uk/](http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/) or contact the Church Office for more details.

**On Tuesday 18th October at 7pm in St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen there will be a service with Bishop James, the new Bishop of Plymouth to celebrate Andrew's Appointment as Rural Dean and the formation of the new Newton Abbot Deanery.**

**Alana Levandoski Concert on Saturday 22nd October at 7:30pm in St Peter and St Paul's, Broadhempston.** Alana is an internationally renowned singer-songwriter whose music is set firmly within the context of Christian contemplation. For further information see [www.alanalavandoski.com/](http://www.alanalavandoski.com/)

**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	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15b
Psalm	37:1-9	11
2nd Reading	2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:8-15
Gospel	Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19

### Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke 10:25-37	Thurs	6 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 11:5-13
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 10:38-End	Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 11:15-26
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 11:1-4	Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 11:27-28

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 – Harvest Service	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Churches Together – Harvest Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
2.00 pm	Interment of Ashes of Pamela Langworthy	- St Andrew's Churchyard, Ipplepen
4.00 pm	Nature Walk to Torbryan	- <b>Meet at Orley Common Car Park</b>
4.30 pm	Harvest Communion	- Holy Trinity, Torbryan

### 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.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
	7 pm	Group Session: Reading in Church	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Wednesday	12 noon	Churches Together - Lunch Club	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
	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

### Next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Harvest Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Harvest Communion with Children's Activities	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
1.00 pm	Wedding Blessings Ceremony of Mr and Mrs Cooper	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

**In Memory:** Cynthia Griffiths, Barbara Bradburn, John Shepherd, Patricia Clarke, Betty Chudley, Margaret June Rowe, Sonia Pearse, Rev'd John Heath, Kay Simmonds and Pamela Langworthy.



## Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

Harvest and John 6:25-35  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

We are now in October when we are transitioning from the summer months through autumn and on into winter. There has been a marked change in temperature in the mornings and also in the evenings. The nights are noticeably drawing in and the gardens and fields around us have begun to prepare themselves to survive the colder months. Although some of my plants do seem to be a bit confused after the long summer drought.

The farmers have been busy bringing in the crops to provide food for both humans and livestock during the harder months to come when there is less food around. Although, unlike our ancestors, we are not totally reliant on what we ourselves or our local area can produce we all rely on food that is grown somewhere.

Looking at nature, seen in the wonderful hedgerows that surround our villages, we are reminded that things in creation mature in autumn without the intervention of human hands. This enables all creation to enjoy God's provision. The mice and birds enjoy the blackberries just as much as we do. We acknowledge that it is through the Creator that we are sustained. So, it is at this time of year that churches hold Harvest Festivals where we gather together to thank and praise God for all His gifts.

So, harvest is a time to give thanks for the wonderful world in which we live, that provides us with all our food, but is also a time to help those who are not as 'food rich' as ourselves. Traditionally, fresh produce and in more recent years tins and long-life goods have been brought into church and distributed to those in need. This harvest time the need to give to others seems to be more poignant as many don't remember a time when so many people are worried about the basic necessities of life and how they are going to survive the winter with the rising cost of food and energy. This year, food banks

themselves are worried that they will not have enough to share with those who are struggling. They are already making difficult choices, trying to make any economies they can, an impossible task for many. The Beacon Mission Community is collecting non-perishable produce for HITS (Homeless in Teignbridge Support) and goods can be left at any of the village churches.

Jesus knew that hungry people needed to be fed. He fed the five thousand with bread and fish just a few verses before the reading set for today. But in this passage, he warns us about only working for food that nourishes our physical bodies and reminds us, we also need to feed on the things that will nourish us spiritually. He knows that we experience deep longings right at the core of our being, that need to be satisfied. We long to be accepted, to be loved and to be valued. We long to find a place where we count, where we are seen as significant, where we can thrive and be fully ourselves. Jesus told the crowd, and tells us today, that he is the bread of life. That those deep longings can only be satisfied by knowing, accepting and trusting in God.

But we search in many different ways to have our deepest longings satisfied. Unfortunately, so often in ways that are not in our best interest. I wonder maybe if the people of the world spent less time and energy doing or acquiring things that don't really satisfy them, and learned to appreciate what is important to them, we would find ourselves in a place that more resembles the Kingdom of God. During the pandemic people seemed to yearn for a simpler time, when communities came together, looking out for each other, but how quickly we seem to have slipped back into our old ways rather than learning from that time.

