



Sunday 4th September 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Points for Prayer. As a new Prime Minister is announced we pray for all those that represent their communities in Parliament that they will work together for the future of this nation where all people will flourish. We pray for those returning to schools, colleges and universities for a new year of study. We remember those who will be affected by rising fuel costs.

In Memory: Michael Dow, Pamela Langworthy, Cynthia Griffiths, Barbara Bradburn, Mr Shepherd, Patricia Clarke, Betty Chudley, Margaret June Rowe and Sonia Pearse.

Official re-opening of Ipplepen Methodist Church and Community Hub: on Saturday September 3rd, at 2pm. Refreshments will be available. The Hub at The Ipplepen Methodist Church is currently also open for tea coffee and cake on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday from 10am until 4pm. All Welcome.

Concert with Rosa Rebecka and and Sta*x St Andrew's Youth Choir at St Andrew's Church, 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

Autumn small group sessions. 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 27th September at 7pm - 8pm at St Andrew's when we consider the topic of Welcome and Hospitality. Please see the poster on our website or contact the Church Office for more details.

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

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Deuteronomy 30:15-End	Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm	1	51:1-11
2nd Reading	Philemon 1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	5 th	Luke 6:6-11	Thurs	8 th	Luke 6:27-38
Tue	6 th	Luke 6:12-19	Fri	9 th	Luke 6:39-42
Wed	7 th	Luke 6:20-26	Sat	10 th	Luke 6:43-End

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

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Today's Sunday Services

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
9.30 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion with Children's Activities and Baptism of Benjamin Smerdon	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.30 pm	Come Holy Spirit: An Informal Reflective Service	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
6.30 pm	Service to Rededicate the Church	- Ipplepen Methodist Church

Morning Prayer

This week morning prayer will be said at the following times:

Tuesday	9.15 am	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.15 am	- Online Via Zoom (for the zoom password email rev.andrewdown@gmail.com)
Thursday	9.15 am	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston (A time of silent prayer and meditation)

Reflection

All our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week from approximately 9am to 5pm each day.

Mid-Week

Rev'd Andrew Down - Day off on Mondays.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
Wednesday	12 noon	Lunch Club - Churches Together	- 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
	12 noon	Funeral and Burial Service of Susan Elizabeth 'Betty' Chudley	- Holy Trinity, Torbryan
	4.30-5.30pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Saturday	12 noon	Wedding of Ross Stamp and Victoria Weal	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	2.30 pm	Cream Tea with Cake Stall	
		Devon Historic Churches Trust	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen

Next Sunday 11th September 2022 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Patronal Festival Holy Communion Followed by Refreshments	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion with Children's Activities	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
2.30pm	Cream Tea Concert with Folk Musician, Jim Causley	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury



Reflection by Tessa Amies

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CREATION, CREATIVITY AND CLAY!

As summer slides into autumn the Church's thoughts and themes turn from the rest and relaxation of holidays in August to the idea of God's Wonderful Creation in September, which leads in turn to our Harvest Celebrations at the end of the month.

God's Wonderful Creation - we see it all around us. Our countryside, mountains, rivers, seas, animals, birds, trees and plants all spring to mind; but we also need to remember all those things that we don't see too often - all those resources under the ground; oil, gas, minerals, coal and even clay!

God created the world.
We are made in God's image.
We too can be creative.
Creativity is part of our human nature.

The alternative Old Testament reading set for this Sunday comes from Jeremiah Ch. 18; unfortunately, it is not printed on our reading sheets, but it tells how Jeremiah was sent to the 'Potter's House' to watch a pot being made on the wheel. The pot was misshapen but the potter was able to rectify this and make it into an alternative successful pot. Beauty came out of something ugly.

Mention of potters and clay occur about 6 times in the Bible - mainly in Isaiah and Jeremiah. More than any other crafts. It is wonderful to feel the connection between those potters in the Old Testament and those of to-day.

Clay is one of our resources, part of God's Creation. It forms from decomposing rocks. If it stays in that place it is known as a primary clay e.g. china clay; some of it is washed down rivers to form deposits downstream, these are secondary clays and may occur as ball clays. Clay is made mainly from alumina and silica, plus a few other minerals which differ from area to area.

We use clay in many ways. Not just for pots, dishes, models etc but it is used in a number of other things including wellie boots, a filler in pills, and in the making of paper for glossy magazines and of course in bricks, toilets, etc.

Clay is soft and squishy; it's malleable and can be formed into a great variety of shapes either on the wheel, or by hand or in moulds. If it dries it can be softened down in water. To make it permanent, hard and durable it needs Fire and Heat. Pots, dishes, toilets and bricks need to go into a kiln where they can be fired or baked at temperatures ranging from 800 to 1300 degrees centigrade. This changes the clay to ceramic. Then metal oxides such as iron or copper can be put on to decorated the pot and it is then fired again. Opening the kiln is one of the most exciting bits of the process, will the pot be broken or warped? Will the decoration be as you expected or something completely different? That is the magic of Clay and Creation!
