

# The Beacon

December 2022 - January 2023

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



*Ipplepen*



*Torbryan*



*Denbury*



*Woodland*



*Broadhempston*

# Welcome!

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## The Beacon

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# Welcome

This is an important edition because it has the widest circulation of the year so we hope to reach even more readers of the Beacon than usual. So if you are reading this for the first time or you are a regular reader a very warm welcome to this Christmas edition!

It comes with Seasons' Greetings! Not just Christmas but the season of Advent from November 27<sup>th</sup> until Christmas Eve. The good news is that for the Church Christmas lasts 40 days and includes the season of the Epiphany as well with the arrival of the Three Kings. So much seems to be happening!

This edition includes something for all ages. I am grateful for the fulsome reports of the many activities that have occurred in the four Beacon Parishes during the months of October and November. Our reporters present a picture of the active life in their parishes and I must record my grateful thanks for their loyal and continuing work putting all these activities together.

There are the usual Christmas specials with a recipe to deal with any remains of the Christmas turkey and a Christmas special "Word search" to occupy any that are young or young at heart!

All are welcome!

There is important information about some "specials" - Christmas fairs, Christmas tree festivals concerts and gigs in December. There is the full list of church services and church events on pages 5 and 6.

Two other articles to bring to your attention. Steve Sheldon writes a reminder of the duties of our churchwardens on p24 with the inclusion of photographs if you did not know them. Extraordinary hard workers who deserve our thanks and prayers.

Can I add another thank you to Charlotte Burt who came from St. James' Exeter to preach at St. Andrew's on 'Does modern slavery exist?' She kindly agreed to write on this subject for the Beacon and her article is on p27.

My thanks also to the many of you who kindly let us have those photographs which add extra interest and colour to articles. Keep them coming in! To all who have contributed my grateful thanks, you make life a joy and enables us to produce a fascinating look at rural church life in all its fullness.

With warm good wishes for a Happy Christmas and Peace in the New Year.

Articles and photographs for the February / March edition should reach me by 22 January 2023.

*Michael Price, Editor*

## Thanks to Tim Vine:

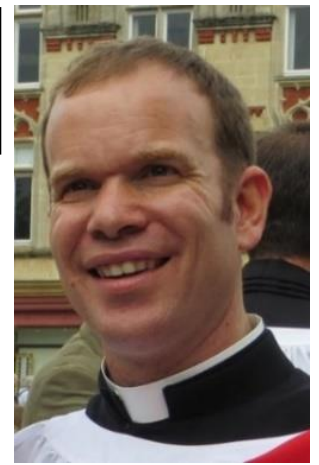


- "I've decided to sell my Hoover – it was just collecting dust."
- "I was at sea the other day and loads of meat floated past. It was a bit choppy."
- "I was getting into my car, and this bloke says to me 'Can you give me a lift?' I said 'Sure, you look great, the world's your oyster, go for it.'"



# Embracing winter

Winter is a time of shorter daylight hours and notwithstanding the challenges facing us in terms of increasing energy costs is a time incredible potential and transformation. I am in the middle of reread *Wintering* by Katherine May and I offer you three insights inspired by this book.



## A time for letting go



During the winter we see the leaves fall from the trees revealing the new buds for the year to come. These buds are there bursting with potential ready for when the conditions are right. Winter is a time for letting go. We stop doing many things, have time to reflect and in this new possibilities are able to present themselves. In letting this natural wintering process happen we like the trees are renewed and become ready for when the time is ripe for our new potential to burst into life.

## A time for resting

In the winter months dormice, hibernate however this is not simply one long sleep. Dormice approx every 10 days bring their body temperature up, wake up and check that their nests are safe and secure. Many people find they go to bed earlier and sleep for longer over the winter months. This is often accompanied by a time of wakefulness in the middle of the night. Before modern lighting this pattern of a double sleep would have been the norm. The night time hours can be a time free from the pressures of the day allowing a different type of exploration, reflection and creativity.



## A time for insight



Frost and snow render the world fresh and new. It is magical as every child and adult (if we are honest) feels and knows. Even things that were less than beautiful before are made wonderfully beautiful when bejewelled with a frost or covering of snow. Over the winter months we enter into what some call a liminal space. The cold and dark invites us to see and do things differently, to slow down, to notice and gain new insight and appreciation.

There are many more wonderful insights in Katherine May's beautifully written book "Wintering: the power of rest and retreat in difficult times". I highly recommend it.

There are many community gatherings in our Churches and villages over the Christmas period and so if you fancy 1hr to sit in a pew, to receive, listen, feel, contemplate and take a break from the obligation to endlessly do why not join in. You are most welcome. Don't be surprised if you find yourself on the verge of tears or touched by something. I can't promise the lifting of all your woes but I can promise you a sliver of light that might just make all the difference.

Peace and good wishes

*Andrew*

## 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

There were no baptisms during October and November.

### Weddings

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Ipplepen	Andrew DoPrado and Samantha Roache
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### Funerals

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Ipplepen	Marie Pook
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	Ipplepen	Margaret 'Jean' Harvey
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Ipplepen	Steven Lloyd
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Ipplepen	Beryl Humphrey
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Ipplepen	Diana Hunt
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2022	Ipplepen	Michael Retter

### Burials (following a funeral held in another church)

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Ipplepen	John Ducker
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### Remembrance Services

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Ipplepen	Kathleen Woodier
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### Interments of Ashes

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Ipplepen	Kay Simmonds
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022	Ipplepen	Pamelia Langworthy
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Ipplepen	Kathleen Woodier
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Ipplepen	Winifred 'Grace' Domoney

## Travel news!



A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed yesterday losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed and distracted

# Sunday Services for December

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

## Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>

## Second Sunday of Advent

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John The Baptist, Woodland
9.30 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Patronal Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.30 pm	Celtic Advent	- Holy Trinity, Torbryan

## Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>

## Third Sunday of Advent

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Christingle with Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Christingle	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

## Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John The Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.00 pm	Carol Service	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
6.00 pm	Carol Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

## Christmas Weekend

## Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup>

## Christmas Eve

4.00 pm	Churches Together Crib Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.00 pm	Crib Service	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
9.00 pm	Christmas Eve Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 pm	Christmas Eve Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

## Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>

## Christmas Day

10.00 am	Holy Communion	- St John The Baptist, Woodland
10.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
10.00 am	Family Service	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
10.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

# Other events for December

1 <sup>st</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St. Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10 am - 12 noon Coffee Morning	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Nativity – Key Stage 1	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00 pm Scout and Brownie Carol Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00 pm Mission Community Compline	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 noon Churches Together - Lunch Club	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30 pm 'Broadharmony' Concert	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Carol Service – Key Stage 2	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm – 4pm Christmas Fair	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00 pm 'Broadband' Community Concert	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00 pm Mission Community Compline	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

# Sunday Services for January

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**January: Christmas leading to Epiphany which includes Baptism of Christ, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Candlemas**

## Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>

## Christmas 2

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	St Andrew's, Ipplepen

## Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>

## Baptism of Christ

9:30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11:00am	Holy Communion with Children's Activities	St Peter and St Paul's, Broadhempston
11:00am	Baptism of Christ Carol Service	St Andrew's, Ipplepen

## Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>

## Epiphany 2

9:30 am	Holy Communion	St John The Baptist, Woodland
11:00 am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4:30pm	Come Holy Spirit: An informal service of reflection.	St Andrew's Church Hall

## Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Epiphany 3 (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

9:30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11:00am	Holy Communion	St Peter and St Paul's, Broadhempston
11:00am	Churches Together	Methodist Church, Ipplepen

## Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>

## Epiphany 4 (Presentation of Christ in the Temple: Candlemas)

10:00am	Mission Community Service	St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
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Other Services: Epiphany celebrated at Midweek communion services at Ipplepen and Denbury

# Other events for December (continued) and January

Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30 am	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00 pm	Carol Concert with School Performing	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00 pm	Carols on the Green	- Denbury
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00 pm	Village Nativity	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	7.00 pm	Carols Around the Village Tree	- Ipplepen
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	6.00 pm	Carol Service	- St John The Baptist, Woodland
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	7.00 pm	Carols in the Square with Totnes Band	- Broadhempston
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12 noon	Churches Together - Lunch Club	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10 am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30 am	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury

# 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: <a href="mailto:rev.andrewdown@gmail.com">rev.andrewdown@gmail.com</a>
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 7.00pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
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

<b>Weekly Notices</b>	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.
<b>Website</b>	The Beacon Parishes website <a href="http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk">www.missioncommunity.org.uk</a> is the 'go to' place for information. It also contains the Weekly Notices and Beacon Magazine.
<b>Videos</b>	Video recordings of some of the services held in our Beacon Community can be found on the website.
<b>Facebook</b>	Three of our parishes keep up to date Facebook pages: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsIpplepen/">www.facebook.com/StAndrewsIpplepen/</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/denburyworship">www.facebook.com/denburyworship</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/Broad20/">www.facebook.com/Broad20/</a> and the Beacon Community Discussion group: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/424938598594105">www.facebook.com/groups/424938598594105</a>
<b>Email</b>	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.
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# 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

December Diana Thomas. Celebrating my 58 years in Denbury

## 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](http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/floodlighting)
- Or write to the office or email: [ippleflood@beaconparishes.co.uk](mailto:ippleflood@beaconparishes.co.uk)
- Donations can be made by cash, cheque, BACS or via [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ippleflood](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ippleflood)
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation

### Retrospective

September Peggy Deen, Four years this year my love. Still always with me. Love from Malcolm.

16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct In loving memory of my dear husband, Ted Wonnacott, on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of his passing on October 20<sup>th</sup> 2021.

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Nov In loving memory of Pamela, a dear wife and mother to Mark, Karen and Ken Squire.

### New

27<sup>th</sup> Nov – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November- in loving memory of Wendy Osborn, with love Liz and Bruce Hooker and family.

Joanna Wildgoose for her late Dad on his birthday, 28<sup>th</sup> November. He loved the church and enjoyed many visits there.

11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> Dec In Loving memory of Susan Davida Kadow, on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Sadly missed love Richard Tossell and Tim and Gemma Barnes and grandchildren.

18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> Dec Peter Mason remembering his wife Jan, whose birthday would have been on 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. David, Linda, Hannah and Katie Simmonds in memory of Hope and Faith, on 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec Linda, David, Hannah & Katie Simmonds in memory of Linda's parents, Fred & Doreen Holland, on their wedding anniversary on 27<sup>th</sup> December.

8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Jan In loving memory of a dear Mum, Dory Bearne on 13<sup>th</sup> January from Barbara and John Tuckett

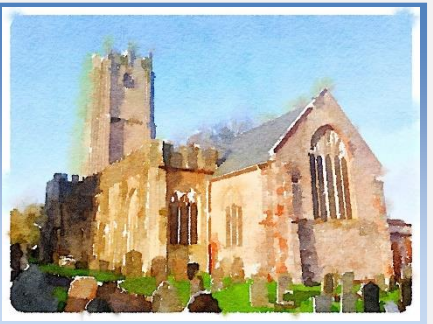
15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Jan In memory of Raymond Charles Hawke, treasured husband of Anne, on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his birth, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023

22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Jan In loving memory of Ron Sharland. Remembering him on his birthday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, from his loving wife Pam. I think of you every day

29<sup>th</sup> Jan – 4<sup>th</sup> Feb Paul Kemp on his birthday January 30<sup>th</sup> with love from Sheila, Graham and Beckie Needs and Hannah Hopkins

## News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



The Harvest Fayre and the Annual Gift Day was held on the October 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Andrew's. It was good to see people buying from a lovely selection of homemade cakes, preserves and produce grown in our gardens. People could also relax and enjoy refreshments and a chat.



The 'Churches Together Service' for Harvest was held the next day. The church in autumn colours with the flowers and fruit displayed looked lovely. Donations of tins and non-perishable goods for the HITS food bank were collected.

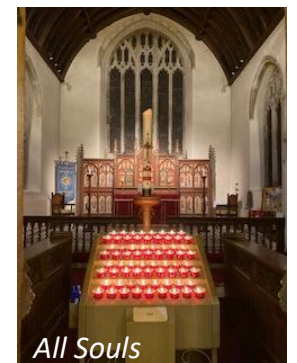
It was a special occasion when the newly installed Bishop James presented Rev Andrew Down who was commissioned as Rural Dean of the Newton Abbot Deanery. After the service the hospitality team served a variety of refreshments which were enjoyed whilst people could meet and chat.



All Saints Day was celebrated and a reflection written by Rev Anne Burden mentioned how it is often focused on individual saints who have lived virtuous lives and whose example inspires us today.

A mission community service for 'All Souls' led by Andrew was also reflective. We remembered our departed loved ones whose names were read out as a candle was lit for each one.

The Christmas Shoebox Service was held at the Methodist Church at 5pm on November 10<sup>th</sup> Rev Kevin Hook led the service and Rev Andrew spoke about the shoeboxes of which there were 54. A film of the children and adults unpacking their shoeboxes illustrated how much they are appreciated.



The church was filled on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November in the evening when Mark Bailey gave a talk and slide show on the History of the Commonwealth War Graves around the world and locally. Following this Richard Underhill Chairman of the Royal British Legion gave a short talk on the work of the Legion and vice chairman David Cair was there to answer any questions. Coffee, tea and delicious cakes were served afterwards. Thanks to Pam Thomas for arranging this social event and to all those who helped and made cakes.

The Churches Together held a Service of Remembrance in St. Andrew's at on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November led by Hillarie Griggs. It was wonderful to see the Church packed with children in their uniforms of Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, Pioneers and School, and their families supporting them along with our regular congregation. All processed to the War Memorial and joined many more villagers to the sound of the muffled bells. Rev Andrew led the service here and Steve Bourne, bugler, ended the two minute silence playing Reveille.







Many wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by the representatives of the different village organisations. The names of those people remembered on the War Memorial were read out. The scene looked particularly beautiful this year with the wonderful display of knitted poppies made by the ladies of the W.I. and the soldiers created by Barry Quick. The service ended with the singing of the National anthem.

We look forward to celebrating the season of Advent and Christmas. We have a Christmas tree festival and Christmas Fayre as well as all the special services including the carol service.

*Marilyn Clark*

## Harvest at Torbryan

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October a Harvest Eucharist was held at 4.30pm at Holy Trinity church, Torbryan. The weather earlier in the morning had been inclement but by the afternoon it had cleared. A group of about a dozen met at Orley Carpark for a guided walk down to the church led by ex-ranger Neil Harris pointing out names of various flora and fauna. They arrived in time to start the service just after 4.30 to join those already installed in the church. Candles in holders had been lit at the ends of the pews.

With Madeleine Fedrick playing the organ we started with the hymn "Come Ye Thankful People Come" followed by readings and a short sermon from Andrew. The congregation was then invited to come up to the altar and sit in the choir pews or stand for a short eucharist during which Madeleine and Ann Skipworth sang. We then finished with the rousing harvest hymn "We Plough the Fields".

During the sermon Andrew showed us a book he and his children had bought during their camping holiday in the Wye Valley and which contained poems with wonderful illustrations of plants and trees.

Ffion, one of the children in the congregation chose the poem "Heather" to read to us at the end of the service after which we were treated to wonderful refreshments.

Thanks to those who provided the cakes, scones and tea and to Madeleine for struggling with the organ. You will have read in the last issue of the Beacon the problems that exist with the organ which will hopefully be repaired in time for Christmas

The atmosphere in church was very relaxed and informal and yet gave us all a feeling of fellowship.

Walking back to the car in the evening sunshine I was thankful to live in such a beautiful place.

*Vanessa Bevan*

## Marie Laura Pook

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Marie Laura Pook took place at St. Andrew's Church conducted by Rev Andrew Down on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm. Marie was born in Kingsteignton but moved to Ipplepen aged 10 with her family and lived in Sunningdale, a house built by her father. She loved her long walks with her Auntie Alice's golden retriever and loved collecting primroses to display in church. Marie sang in the choir at Ipplepen and sometimes in Torbryan Church. She met her life long friend Mollie whilst working at Gibbons in Newton Abbot. Marie was married to Denis, whom she met at a local dance, for seventy years, a wonderful achievement! They had three sons: Antony, Michael, and Robin. They moved to Wilmslow, Cheshire in 1959 and became involved with their local Church at Lindow, Marie as Mothers Union Secretary and Denis as Vicar's Warden.



Marie had many interesting hobbies in her long life including flower arranging, china painting classes, golf which she played well into her eighties and bridge. A number of her paintings were admired and displayed at home and in the homes of her family. She always enjoyed visits from her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sadly Denis died in 2013 a devoted husband but she was able to continue an active life until recent years. Robin cared for his mother in her home in Bovey Tracey latterly and brought her to church to enjoy services until the recent virus outbreak.

The family re

ceived many messages saying that Marie was a lovely, gentle lady, kind, thoughtful and sincere and always there for them offering loving guidance.

God Bless Marie, RIP

*Marilyn Clark*

## Christmas Tree Festival



From **1st - 10th December** we are displaying in the **10 main windows of St. Andrew's, Christmas trees**, decorated by 10 groups from Ipplepen. We are hoping that people will come and view and make their choice of the best interpretation of each groups carol. The winner will receive a cup and for coming into view there will be **Coffee and mince pies** - we look forward to seeing you.





St. Andrew's

# Christmas Fair

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022

2 – 4 pm

## St. Andrew's Church

Cards

Grand Raffle

Refreshments

Books

Bric a Brac

Toys

Crafts

Candles

Preserves

Cake Stall

Bottle Stall - Tombola



All proceeds to go for the upkeep of  
St. Andrew's Church



## A view from Torbryan



As 2022 stumbles to a close, I am sure that very few of us will be sad to see the back of this truly difficult year. Hopes were probably quite high at the start of the year that we would be moving on from the Covid-19 pandemic, and indeed that has proven to be the case – great news! However, a number of other factors have served to severely

dampen any optimism that might have caused. Clearly, the number one piece of bad news this year has been Russia's barbaric invasion of Ukraine. Associated with that has been rampant inflation in this country and the real economic hardship that so many are currently living through. 2022 may well also be the year when we started to feel the undisputable effects of our collective failure to prevent the warming of our climate.

So what is there to be cheerful about in relation to world affairs for an eternal optimist such as myself? Well, on the first count, the jubilant, emotional scenes from Kherson in the last few days are perhaps proof that tyrannical despots such as Putin do not always get their own way. We can only hope that things continue to get worse for this man in 2023, something that would no doubt cause things to go a great deal better for all the rest of us, especially our brave comrades in Ukraine who are suffering so much.

I have to say, it is hard for any but the most committed optimist to see many glimmers of hope in relation to our terrible disregard for the environment. As seems to be happening at the current summit, so often leaders just seem to squabble and prevaricate while the world burns. The best that can be hoped is that, by the time things get really bad, the world will have no choice but to act.

And as for the economy, although it may not seem like it, I think this is the least of these three worries. Despite the efforts of certain politicians to send the economy into freefall, no doubt things will pick up eventually. I would say that a certain amount of belt-tightening would be good for us but, as is always the way, it is those who most need to reign in their lifestyles who are able to continue as if nothing was happening.

So, I wish you all the very best for 2023 – whatever happens, surely it can't be as bad as the present year!

Georgie Brendon

## Did they really say that?



- “I have never made an inflammatory statement in my life.” - *The Reverend Ian Paisley in 1969.*
- “Radio has no future.”- *Lord Kelvin President of the Royal Society, on Marconi’s experiments in 1897.”*
- “Do my eyes deceive me or is Senna’s Lotus sounding a bit rough?” - *Murray Walker in 1990.*

## News from Woodland

St. John the  
Baptist



This autumn the temperatures have been so mild and the days very sunny in between the rain showers that it doesn't seem conceivable that Christmas is now just around the corner, especially as I am still picking tomatoes, lettuce and sweet peas in the garden and my rose bushes are still in bloom. Only the ever

shortening days seem to give any indication that we are entering the darkest time of the year. At time of writing Woodland's Advent Carol Service is only a few days away and will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. This is always a lovely service that is held by candle light but we also have a more traditional ecumenical carol service too, held closer to Christmas Day. This year it will be taking place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Instead of our usual library and coffee morning on the first Saturday of the month we have chosen, in a slight departure from tradition, to come together for a parish pre-Christmas lunch over at the Rising Sun.

Nice though this extended period of Autumnal weather has been, we have to accept that Winter will soon be upon us and be prepared for whatever weather it brings. We can, I'm sure, all remember winters with particular extremes of weather, be it wind, rain, freezing temperatures or, not so many years ago, huge quantities of snow brought by the infamous "Beast from the East". Our farmers certainly spend most of the year preparing for winter and we are usually lucky enough to have faith that our weather forecasters can give us enough notice to prepare for any imminent extremes. What we can't know about in advance, however, are medical emergencies. With this in mind a first aid course was held in the village hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. It was a really useful day aimed at informing and updating on first aid procedures and reminding us of things we had forgotten. It certainly made me realise that I had no idea where the nearest defibrillator is kept, or indeed how to use one, and gave me the confidence that, in a situation where somebody is dying, anything you do to try to save them is better than doing nothing. I just hope that I never need to use it!

*Helen Pearse*

### Catalogue of Kneelers in Woodland Church

Following on from her creating a catalogue of the kneelers in St. Andrew's, Pam Thomas has now completed the same for Woodland. There are 48 kneelers in total, and the catalogue is not only in the church, but is also available online on our website.

<http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/>

<http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-Catalogue-of-Kneelers-in-St-John-the-Baptist-Church-Woodland.pdf>

Here is an example page. Well done Pam!



Embroidered by Mary Willis in memory of her sister Marjorie Pearse 1998



Another view of Woodland by Denise Hanson 1996.

## News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



We look forward to our Christmas celebrations this year. We hope they will bring joy and peace to our village and community. As we write, though, it is with some trepidation with all the many events and offerings that we plan to put on. It is fantastic that there are so many people in the village who are investing their time and energy

into making it such a bumper year and it is with heartfelt thanks to those individuals.

Here are our events in chronological order:

- Broadhempston School will once again put on their Christmas shows in the church. Key Stage 1 will perform a nativity on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** and Key Stage 2, a carol service, on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**.
- Broad Harmony choir will be performing their Christmas concert in the church on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**.
- Broadband & Guests will be putting on a Christmas Gig at the church on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, doors 7.00pm**. Bar provided and all proceeds to charity. Huge thanks to David Beadel and his team for making this happen. A night not to be missed.
- Christingle Service **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 11am**, including a Children's Craft Table with a Christmas theme.
- Church Carol Service **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** with Broadhempston school performing.
- Community Nativity **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm**. This should really be quite an occasion. Jane Parsons & co are putting together a real life nativity that will be taking place throughout the village, starting at the church. With costumes, drama, lanterns & live animals, this really will be a special evening for all who attend and participate.
- Carols in the Square **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm**.
- Christmas Day Service **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10am**.

So we hope you will be able to join in with these festivities and make this a truly special Christmas.

### Broad Harmony Christmas Concert

Broad Harmony is back in session! After an extended summer hiatus, the village choir has been hard at work practising a new repertoire of music for a Christmas-period performance. Our style is very eclectic, and the songs we have planned this year range from choral arrangements of traditional Christmas carols to traditional folk music via 17<sup>th</sup> century canons. The choir will be performing on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> December at 19.30 in St. Peter and St. Paul's church, all are welcome, do come and join us to listen and support. There is no entry fee nor advance tickets, but donations to go to the church restoration fund are welcomed.

We are always open to new members of all ages and skill levels, we meet for practice in the church every Thursday evening outside of holidays; please contact Alex Paton at [afp01@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:afp01@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like to know more.

*Alex Paton*



## Childrens Craft Table



The craft table takes place on the second Sunday of every month. In October this coincided with our Harvest Festival. The children stuck dried leaves onto trees with the theme that seasons come and go but Jesus is always constant. They also made collages of food, on plates, thanking God for food.



On the last Sunday in October, the All Saints Mission Community Service was held in Broadhempston church and an extra craft table celebrating the Saints, was well supported. The children coloured in and placed cut-outs of saints around a picture of our church and hand painted stones with saints or their take on what represented saints such as Mary, George, Peter, Paul and Francis.

December's craft table will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of the month and will have a Christmas theme.

## The Harry Potter Party



The PTFA worked really hard setting this up and the children had a fantastic time playing games and making wands etc.

Broadhempston Primary School children held a half term Harry Potter themed party in the church on the 21st October, after school. The church looked amazing, with cobwebs, pumpkins and a table with strange coloured food.



## Alana Levandoski Concert

We were privileged to host a concert of songs and stories by this Canadian singer/songwriter. Alana's particular interest is in using music's illuminating power to catch a glimpse of incarnation in and through all of life and her music is set firmly within the context of Christian contemplation. It proved to be an inspiring evening.

Thank you Andrew for arranging this event and for your own song introducing the concert.

*Broadhempston PCC Team.*



Broadhempston PCC invites you to:

# BROADBAND'S CHRISTMAS GIG

Broadhempston Church on Saturday, 10th December at  
7.30pm (doors 7pm)



Bar and festive fun, music and dancing to rock numbers from the 60s and 70s.  
Support acts include Stoke Gabriel's sea shanty crew "All Hands on Deck."

ENTRANCE FREE with voluntary donations split equally between Children's Hospice  
South West and the fund established to better equip Broadhempston Church for  
wider community use

So we have some idea of audience, please email [annabeadel@icloud.com](mailto:annabeadel@icloud.com) with numbers or questions.

## News from Denbury

### St. Mary the Virgin



As mentioned in the last Beacon, work on the restoration of our bells at St. Mary the Virgin has now been completed. There were a few tweaks needed and some painting and making good to do after the main tasks were completed which has meant the ringers have had to be very patient and

have only just completed a first peal. The new bells sound great and run so much more smoothly and with far less effort than the old set. It will take a few more practises before we feel we can ring on a Sunday as the new installation will take some getting used to and, as a team, we have not rung since before lockdown in 2020, but we will get there shortly. It is nice also that a few former ringers have been encouraged to return to ringing, some after a break of many years, and that we have a number of very keen trainees eager to learn. The future for bellringing at Denbury, therefore is looking bright.

Still on the subject of bells, a convoy of cars ferried some 30 villagers to Bridport to enjoy a guided tour around Nicholson's Bell Works (they are our principal contractor for the bell restoration). This proved to be a fascinating day and the visitors were able to view the tuning equipment and learn about all aspects of hanging and framing the bells.

We are all very aware of the pressures on our cashflows this winter particularly in respect of the massive uplift in our gas and electricity supply costs. The PCC have been looking closely at our fuel costs and have estimated that it costs approximately £65 to heat the church (we have gas heating) for a service. As such it was decided that we would hold our mid-week communion service held on a Thursday and our Celtic Morning Prayer service, which is held on the first Sunday of each month, in the Church Cottage which can be heated much quicker and more cheaply. This arrangement commenced from 1<sup>st</sup> November and attendees at the services held to date have been pleasantly surprised by the comfortable, meditative atmosphere that can be achieved at the cottage.

Throughout October we have been collecting items in Church to be forwarded to assist the local charity Homeless in Teignbridge Support. Once again the people of Denbury have been extremely generous with their donations of foodstuffs and household goods which will be distributed by HITS to families in need of support particularly during the current period of cost of living increases. The huge amount of items was transported by van to the charity's base in Kingsteignton. Additionally, a collection held at our Harvest Lunch raised £200 to help the charity in its important work.

We were treated to an excellent concert by the well-known, award-winning folk musician Jim Causley on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Jim performed a rich variety of songs, many in local dialect, accompanying himself on the piano and the accordion and between songs gave us an amusing commentary on the background to the lyrics and tunes. During the interval those attending were treated to a real Devon cream tea which went well with the local theme of the evening and which was very much enjoyed by everyone. The church was packed and the evening was a great success and hopefully further similar entertainments can be lined up for next year and beyond.

Many villagers have been attending the series of craft workshops arranged by Irene Davey and which are held in the Church Cottage. These have been extremely popular and several extra classes have been held to date to accommodate numbers wishing to attend. Again it is hoped

that these classes covering a wide variety of craft topics can be continued in the New Year. The latest class held covered the art of Chocolate Truffle Finishing!

The evenings have drawn in and we start to look towards the season of Christmas, always a very busy time for the church. To start the ball rolling a Christmas Coffee and Crafts morning is being held on 19<sup>th</sup> November in the Cottage at which crafters will be able to exhibit their items. The Village Choir, who will be performing at our Carol Service on 18<sup>th</sup> December, have also started rehearsals.

We look forward eagerly to enjoying the much loved traditions and services of the season again this year.

Mike Bray

## Broadhempston Church History Website

We moved to Broadhempston last year, from the small Gloucestershire village of Slad, where I had researched local history – prompted by my interest in the period described in Laurie Lee’s “Cider with Rosie”.

I was fascinated to find that Broadhempston’s church history goes back many more centuries than the one in Slad! - and that there was a local history group BALHG which I could join.

After discussing with BALHG and Andrew, I set out to gradually document the history of the church. I hope this will be of interest to the church community, and people living locally. It might also be useful for anyone tracing ancestors. I have been given access to the material gathered by the W.I. in the 1970’s and I hope to build on this using a variety of sources.

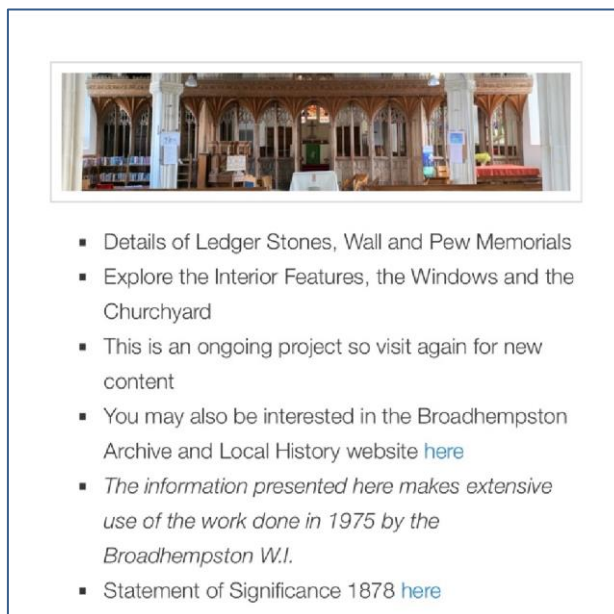
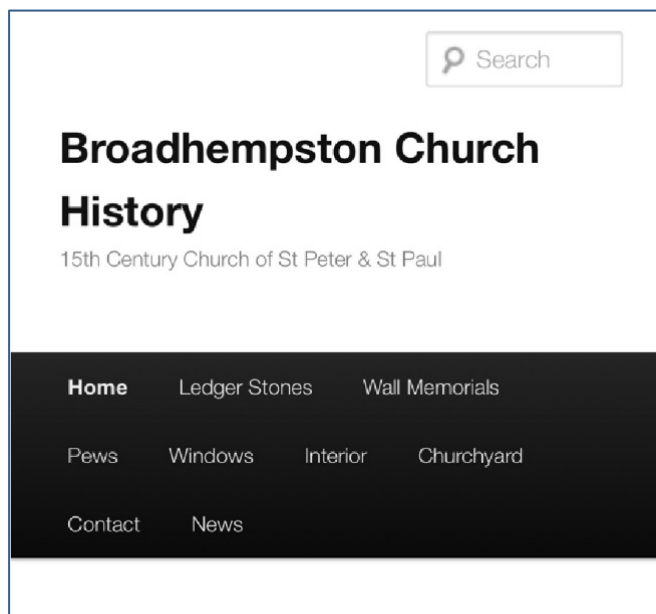
I have started work on [www.broadhempstonchurchhistory.wordpress.com](http://www.broadhempstonchurchhistory.wordpress.com)

This is intended as a sister site to the existing [www.broadhempstonlocalhistory.wordpress.com](http://www.broadhempstonlocalhistory.wordpress.com)

Below you can see the how the web site is organised.

This is still very much a work in progress. Please take a look - any contributions and comments are welcome!

Patrick O’Neill [patrick.oneill@live.co.uk](mailto:patrick.oneill@live.co.uk)





# Recipe – Turkey and Apricot Crumble

## Ingredients

### For the filling

- 2 teaspoons sunflower oil
- 350g (12oz) cooked turkey, cubed
- 2 large leeks, sliced
- 2 tablespoons plain flour
- 300ml (½ pint) chicken stock
- 150 ml (¼ pint) cider
- 8-10 ready to eat moist packed apricots (halved)
- ½ teaspoon dried, thyme
- salt & freshly ground black pepper

### For the crumble

- 140g (5oz) plain flour
- 2½ tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted
- 70g (2½oz) butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- ½ teaspoon dried sage
- 1½ teaspoons snipped fresh chives



## Method

- Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 5/190C/375F
- Heat the oil in a saucepan, add the leeks and fry gently for 10 minutes until softened.
- Stir in the turkey, sprinkle on the flour, and cook gently for one minute.
- Gradually blend in the stock and the cider, stirring continuously until the sauce thickens.
- Stir in the apricots and thyme, season with salt and pepper. Put into a 1.2 litre (2 pint) casserole dish.

### To make the crumble

- Sift the flour into a large mixing bowl, stir in the toasted sesame seeds and add a pinch of salt.
- Rub in the butter/margarine until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
- Mix in the herbs.

Sprinkle the crumble topping over the turkey and cook for 25-30 minutes until golden brown.

Serve with carrots and green beans.

# Wordsearch

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Widow  
Twankey  
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# Poems for Christmas

*A couple of poems for Christmas*

## Jesus Is The Reason

In Bethlehem, God gave to us  
The source of Christmas joy;  
A star shown on a miracle:  
The virgin birth of a boy.

He was born both God and man,  
A Saviour for us all,  
The way to get to our heavenly home,  
If we just heed His call.

So as we shop and spend and wrap  
And enjoy the Christmas season,  
Let's keep in mind the sacred truth:  
Jesus is the reason.

*By Joanna Fuchs, Poemsource.com*

## An Ancient Prayer for Christmas

Let the just rejoice, for their Justifier is born.  
Let the sick and infirm rejoice, for their Saviour is born.  
Let the captives rejoice, for their Redeemer is born.  
Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born.  
Let free men rejoice, for their Liberator is born.  
Let All Christians rejoice, for Jesus Christ is born. Amen

*By St Augustine of Hippo (354-440)*



# “Getting to know you” – our Churchwardens

This is now a regular feature of The Beacon where we get up close and personal with some of the familiar faces around the wider Community. This issue we have a picture gallery of the Churchwardens in the 4 parishes of the Beacon Community.

This is a reminder of the duties and responsibilities of your elected Churchwardens:

- 1) form a link between the bishop and the parish, including responding to the annual Articles of Enquiry from the archdeacon.
- 2) form a link between the congregation and the rector.
- 3) encourage the parishioners in their faith, promoting peace and unity among them.
- 4) obtain faculties when needed.
- 5) attend PCC and standing committee meetings.
- 6) see that the PCC carries out its responsibilities for the care, maintenance and insurance of the church building, its contents, and the churchyard and any other property.
- 7) keep order in the church during services with the assistance of the sidespeople.
- 8) arrange for the annual inspection of the fabric, reporting on its condition at the APCM

The Churchwardens are there for the bishop, the rector and the congregation and are the people to go to with any questions or thoughts about the parish and wider community. Pray for them as they pray for you.





# Celebration of Andrew's Appointment as Rural Dean

Tuesday evening, late home from work and the church bells ringing... oh yes, it's the celebration of Andrew's appointment as Rural Dean. It was in the diary, but... Shall we go? Are we too late? A quick jog down the road and in through the door as the procession started to walk to the front of the church and the first hymn. Found a pew. Phew!

Plenty of time during the first hymn to adjust... "Let us build a house where love can dwell..." A Church full, voices lifted to the roof and the

candles of the central candelabra as well as autumn flowers adding to the occasion.

And so, in the presence of a large congregation we sang, we listened, we prayed. We learnt (if we didn't already know) a little of the support that a Rural Dean provides to his team of Clergy, and the value of support at all levels – of the Rural Dean for his team, of his support to the Archdeacon, of our support to him and to each other: a network of support within our community and beyond. We were reminded by the New Bishop of Plymouth in his excellent

address that The Anglican Church exists to enable every member of every community to have access to a Church and to God, whether they know they need it or not. Some commission for us all!

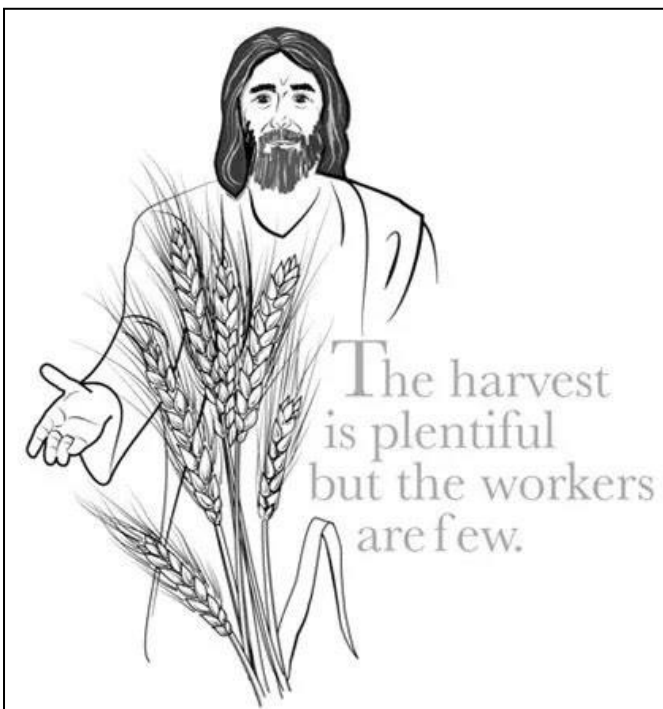
The atmosphere was warm – because of a wonderful occasion, the presence of a crowd and because the heating was on (what a treat!). The service was followed by refreshments at the back of the church, where there was plenty of space to mingle and chat to old friends, new friends, the Bishop, the Archdeacon, our Rural Dean, Deanery Clergy, local leaders and to choose from a mouth-watering selection of savoury snacks, cakes, wine, coffee, orange juice.

And to Andrew – Congratulations!

*Charlotte Thorne*



*Photo by Krzysztof Ramus*



*The image from the Order of Service*

# Does Modern Slavery Exist?

*We welcomed Charlotte Burt to St. Andrew's to preach on Modern slavery awareness on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Charlotte is undergoing a 'Discernment process' which is part of a selection process used by the diocese in selecting candidates for ordination.*

*After a degree in theology from Exeter University, Charlotte has worked since with the Infocus Charity which provides pastoral care and educational support to visually impaired young people.*



Sadly, yes. Despite the keen efforts of brave and faithful people before us, like William Wilberforce in 1807, slavery has never gone away, it has not been left in the past, it is not historic, it is happening now and including in our wonderful county of Devon. Thousands of people in the UK (a staggering 136,000 were recorded in 2019), are currently living as slaves (having their freedom taken away and being forced to work against their will) and an even more staggering 40.3 million people are suffering as a result of this worldwide. These are just the reported figures.

Modern Slavery involves the trafficking and exploitation of people and is motivated by perpetrators who prey on vulnerable people to gain profit again and again from them, as people can be bought and sold many times over. With the cost of living crisis upon us there is an increasing perfect storm of rising numbers of vulnerable people and huge demand for cheap goods and services. Our concern is price, not the people providing these goods and services. Common places where victims can be found are nail bars, car washes, hospitality industries (including Care Homes) and agriculture. Many are legitimate businesses but some are not. In fact it was at car washes in Exeter in 2015 that police found up to 9 Romanian workers living in a 1-bed flat and earning as little as £5 a day.

## How can you spot the signs of Modern Slavery?

Although victims can be of any age, race or gender, there are physical and behavioural indicators which may suggest that someone is being exploited – such as someone with a malnourished or unkempt appearance, or who seems under the influence or control of others, someone who is living in overcrowded accommodation or living and working at the same address, someone who seems reluctant to seek help or appears afraid of the police, someone who is collected and dropped off on a regular basis early in the morning and late at night or who has no control of their personal identification documents, such as a passport.

## How can we help?

We can be aware of the presence of this issue and open our eyes to spot the signs and notice things within our communities. Any concerns can be reported either by calling 999 in cases that require an immediate response or by contacting the Modern Slavery helpline (08000 121 700) to share any information which could lead to the identification, discovery and recovery of victims in the UK.



Unfortunately, slavery flows in to our homes, offices and schools through the products that we buy. We need to be careful about how we shop; buying Fairtrade where possible as this is the best available guarantee that a product has not been produced using forced labour.

### What is the Church of England specifically doing about it?

'The Clewer Initiative' enables Church of England dioceses and wider church networks to develop strategies for detecting Modern Slavery in their communities and helps to provide victim support and care; enabling slavery-free communities nationally. It was founded by the Clewer Sisters, an Anglican order of Augustinian nuns who in 1852 established a shelter for marginalised, mainly young women who were homeless and drawn in to the sex trade, by offering them help and the tools to learn a different trade.

The Clewer Initiative have launched a series of apps designed to help tackle Modern Slavery, report suspicions and ask for help, these can be found at the following link:

<https://theclewerinitiative.org/resources/modern-slavery-apps>

### In summary

As we face these uncertain times ahead, may we play our part in enabling change to happen and be inspired by the words of William Wilberforce back in the 18<sup>th</sup> century:

"You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know."

*Charlotte Burt*

## Bishop James' big day!



*The newly consecrated Bishop James with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Crediton and the Bishop of London (who of course was previously Bishop of Crediton)*

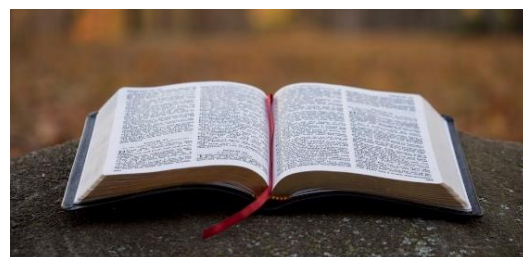
# A New Year's Resolution!

## *A New Year's Resolution that really does lead to a better life*

Most of us have made New Year Resolutions but very few last very long as the pressures of daily life overtake us. If this is true for you, then try making one that is designed to help you manage those daily life pressures. You will only need about 20 minutes every day, but the reward is far greater, it is life changing. The answer to your New Year's Resolution is simple.

## *Read the Bible every day!*

Reading any printed word gets your mind working across different areas. It involves comprehension to process the printed words you read. Beyond that, you can use your analytical abilities, stimulate memories, and even broaden your imagination by reading words off a page. It is another reason why printed church magazines are so important.



Reading the Bible also opens the greatest source of wisdom in the world. You can gain knowledge by reading books on thousands of different subjects, that's why more than 130 million different books have been printed, but when you read the Bible, you also gain wisdom from God that will strengthen you, give you peace, give you joy and equip you to face life's difficulties. You can't find that anywhere else other than in scripture.

You could just open your Bible and read it every day from start to finish, but for most people reading it this way has not been found to work, which is why a more organised, well proven, approach has been developed. It's why there are several 'Read the Bible in a year' books available in bookshops and online. It's a great idea for a Christmas present for yourself!

An important thing to remember if you do this is not to worry if you fall behind the schedule, everyone does. We all have events in our lives that make it impossible for us to find 20 minutes to sit quietly and read every single day. If you miss a day or two, you will find opportunities in the following days to catch up. Don't allow reading the Bible to become a stressful chore.

Finally, you should be aware, that once you have read the Bible this way for the first time, you will never need to think of another New Year's resolution, because you will want to start reading it again the next year and every year after that!

Have a very happy Christmas and a stress-free New Year!

## Strap lines



- I used to live hand to mouth. Do you know what changed my life? Cutlery.
- I can't even be bothered to be apathetic these days.

# Winter listening and reading

Here are two recommendations for some winter listening and reading. Firstly a podcast focusing on the themes of Advent. Advent is a season of preparation in the church year leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Second a book focusing more generally on the experience of winter (in whatever form it comes) and its challenges and gifts. I hope you enjoy and find them helpful,

## **PODCAST:** [“Whispered Light: Advent Reflections on Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell”](#):

In this four-episode podcast series from December 2020, the [Rev. Matt Simpkins](#), an Anglican priest and musician from Essex, explores the four themes traditionally contemplated by Christians during Advent—death, judgment, heaven, and hell—through four old American folk songs. He performs the songs, giving their history and using them as a launchpad for spiritual and theological reflection, which also integrates discussion of the Psalms. He addresses misconceptions about these “last things,” tracing the thread of hope and redemption that runs through them all. Just twenty to thirty minutes each, the episodes are available on your favourite podcast app and on YouTube (links below).



- Episode 1: [“O Death”](#) (aka “A Dialogue with Death”)
- Episode 2: [“I Want to Be Ready”](#) (aka “Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John”)
- Episode 3: [“There Is a Happy Land”](#)
- Episode 4: [“I Don’t Want to Go Down There”](#)

Simpkins records music under the name Rev Simpkins & The Phantom Notes. Check him out on Spotify or wherever you listen to music.

## **BOOK:** [Wintering: the power of rest and retreat in difficult times](#) by Katherine May

In so many stories and fables that shape us there is cold and snow and the closing in of the light — these have deep psychological as much as physical reality. They draw us, even force us to do what Katherine May calls “deeply unfashionable things: slowing down, resting, retreating.” This is wintering, as she illuminates it in her book of that title. She explores wintering as at once a season of the natural world, a respite our bodies require, and a state of mind.

Katherine May is an author of fiction and memoir, including: [Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times](#), [The Electricity of Every Living Thing](#), and [Burning Out](#). She is also the editor of an anthology of essays about motherhood, called [The Best, Most Awful Job](#). Her podcast is [The Wintering Sessions](#).





# 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 – December and January

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	Those who decorate the church	Churches Together in Ipplepen	The Union Inn	Community Shop	Library
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Baptism ministry team	The Wellington Inn	Denbury Primary School	Radfords	Parish Rooms
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Vergers & sextons	The Post Office & Co-Operative Shop	Fairfield Farm	Beaston	Levaton Farm
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	Our churches	Ipplepen Primary School	Community Groups	Downe	Bremridge
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wardens & Deputies	Ambrook & Dainton	The Union Inn	Knowle	Waye Farm
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Secretaries	Barn Park & Barn Park Cottages	The Manor	Hemsford	Gurrington House
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	Treasurers & finance/stewardship committees	Beech Drive & Orchard Drive	Fairfield Farm	Village Hall	The Old Parsonage
Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Safeguarding officer & reps.	Biltor Road & Conniford Lane	Community Groups	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Lake Farm
Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses

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