



**In Memory:** Kathleen Woodier, Marie Pook, Margaret 'Jean' Harvey, John Ducker, Diana Hunt, Steven Lloyd, Beryl Humphrey, Michael Retter, Bill Staff, Grace Domoney and Margaret Wakeham. **The Denbury Christmas choir** will meet in Denbury Primary School for this Monday (28th). After that we'll be back in the church.

### Compline:

During Advent we will again gather for Compline on Tuesday evenings at St Andrew's Ipplepen at 7pm This year's dates are 29th November, 6th December and 13th December.

### Dates for your diary

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> November at St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen. - Setting up Christmas Tree displays.

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at St. Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston. 'Broadharmony' Concert.

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> December 2pm-4pm at St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen - Christmas Fair.

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at St. Peter & St Paul's, Broadhempston. - 'Broadband' Concert.

**Christmas Holiday Clubs with hot meal provided for children across Devon:** Devon County Council has compiled a helpful list of Christmas holiday clubs across the county, which will be providing a meal to children attending. Please visit the website [www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/document/haf-providers-christmas-2022](http://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/document/haf-providers-christmas-2022)

**Christmas Tree Competition at St Andrew's Church Ipplepen.** Setting up of the Christmas Trees will take place on Tuesday 29th (after 10.15am communion) and Wednesday 30th November. Viewing and judging will take place from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec until Sat 10th December with activities for children.

**Transforming Plymouth Together has had 750 requests for Winter Warm Packs** to give to people who are struggling to heat their homes this winter. The charity, which is a joint Diocese of Exeter and Church Urban Fund project, decided to create the warm packs for people who would find it difficult to travel to a church or community 'warm space' because of transport or mobility issues or mental health reasons. Each pack costs £25 to put together. The charity is asking individuals and churches to sponsor a pack to help meet the cost. [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/tpt-winter-warm-packs](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/tpt-winter-warm-packs) As we enter winter and the temperature drops we pray for those who are suffering because of the cost of living crisis and the increased cost of heating homes. We give thanks for the agency and volunteers who help to provide warm spaces and hot meals.

Readings	This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>		
1st Reading	Isaiah 23:1-6	Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm	122	72:1-7, 18-19
2nd Reading	Romans 13:11-End	Romans 15:4-13
Gospel	Matthew 24:36-44	Matthew 3:1-12
<b>Readings for the week ahead:</b>		
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 8:5-11	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Matt 7:21, 24-27
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 10:21-24	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Matt 9:27-31
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 4:18-22	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Matt 9:35-10, 6-8

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

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### Today - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November

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>
6.00 pm	Advent Carol Service	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

### 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	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
	7.30-8.30pm	Denbury Christmas Choir Practice	- <b>Denbury Primary School</b>
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
	11.30 am	Setting up Christmas Trees	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
	7.00 pm	PCC Meeting	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
	7pm-7.30pm	Compline	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
Wednesday	All Day	Setting up Christmas Trees	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
	7.00 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	7.00 pm	PCC Meeting	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	All Day	Start of Advent Window Displays	- Denbury
	All Day	Start of Christmas Tree Viewing	- St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen
	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- <b>Church Cottage, Denbury</b>
	1.00 pm	Funeral and Burial Service of Margaret Wakeham	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	4.30-5.30pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Saturday	10am-12	Coffee Morning	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland

### Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 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 Service	- Holy Trinity, Torbryan



## Reflection by Tessa Amies

First Sunday of Advent  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

Yes, Happy new Year in the Church's calendar.

Today is Advent Sunday, the first Sunday of the Church's new year. The yearly cycle starts again.

We have 'new years' in April for the financial world, in September for schools, for the Church to-day and for the calendar year in a month's time. Confusing?! New years, new beginnings, new journeys, new excitements. The old left behind, the new just starting.

There's a sentence in the Celtic Morning Prayer service:

*'May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you'.*

What wonders did He show you last year?  
What wonders will He show you this year?

**Advent - a time of repentance and preparation.**

We shall hear about St. John the Baptist's call to repentance next Sunday. To-day's Gospel speaks of the future, although it is a little unclear whether it looks forward to Christ's second coming or to the destruction of Jerusalem which took place in AD 70 at the hands of the Romans.

It is urging us to be awake, to be alert, to be ready. Not to be found sleeping.

The preparation starts today!  
Being awake to God's call.  
Preparing - getting ready for the Christ Child at Christmas.

Getting ready for the festival itself.

Food, presents, decorations, although this year it may all be a little muted.

Preparing our hearts and minds.

Nature is preparing too. The final leaves are falling from the trees, their goodness returning to the soil, the new buds are already forming, ready for next Spring. Squirrels are storing away food as they get ready to hibernate, to sleep away the cold winter months. The yearly cycle starts again.

Advent windows will soon be appearing. The Posada figures are being dusted. In churches choirs are rehearsing for Carol Services. Bells are being practiced. Resources are being gathered.

**ADVENT WREATHS** will be appearing with their 5 candles and holly and ivy decorations.

The first candle (purple) represents the Patriarchs - Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the founding fathers of the Old Testament.

The second candle (purple) reminds us of the Prophets - Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Micah, who foretold the coming of Christ.

The third candle (pink or blue) tells us of Mary's commitment and obedience to God.

The fourth (purple) is for John the Baptist and finally the white candle in the middle announces the arrival of Christ as the Light of the World on Christmas Day.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

*'Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

Isaiah 2.

