



Sunday 19th February 2023

Sunday next before Lent

Today - Sunday 19th February

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.30 pm	Come Holy Spirit: An Informal Service of Reflection	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen

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 Andrew Down - Day off on Mondays.

Monday	3pm-5pm	'T-Pot'	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	7.00 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	6.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Mission Community Holy Communion Service with the Imposition of Ashes	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	1.00 pm	Funeral Service of Vernon Kerslake	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Next Sunday 26th February – First Sunday of Lent

9.30 am	Sung Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Churches Together – Family Service	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

In Memory: Peter Byrom, Ann Hockin Higby, Mary Cleave, Derek Reed, John Harris, Ron Paston, Margaret Maddicott, Vernon Kerslake, Teresa Irish and Mabel Gallon.

Collection in aid of the Disaster Emergency Committee's Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. Please note we will be having a retiring collection this Sunday in each of our churches in aid of the Disaster Emergency Committee's Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Today, February 19th, is the last day to order "The Book of Forgiving" through the office at a cost of £8.99. If you would like to order a copy, please sign up on the sheets at the back of church.

Ash Wednesday Mission Community Service – 22nd February 2023 at 6.30pm. Our Mission Community Holy Communion Service with Imposition of Ashes will take place at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen.

The Lent Group based on 'The Book of Forgiving' by Desmond and Mpho Tutu will start meeting on Tuesday 28th February at 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church Ipplepen. If you are planning to come and join in the discussion we will be looking at Chapters 1, 2 and 3. Some questions for you to think about as you read these chapters: How would you define forgiveness, before and after reading these chapters? What is your experience of being forgiven or of forgiving someone else? Remember, all are Welcome!

'Coffee Time!' At St Andrew's Church on Saturday 11th March from 10.30am to 12 noon (ish).

Everyone is welcome to the first 'Coffee Time!' on Saturday 11th March. There is no charge, donations only. We are hoping that you will come and enjoy a cup of delicious fresh coffee and tea and a piece of cake or biscuit. Bring friends and enjoy the space in our historic building. The coffee morning will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from March 2023.

Dr Paul Russell, Churchwarden from Broadhempston, is running the London Marathon for Compassion UK, a Christian charity, supporting children in extreme poverty. Please read his article in The February and March 2023 edition of The Beacon Magazine.

<https://challenges.compassionuk.org/profile/4850/paul-russell>

Saturday 18th March, 10am - 4pm Mission Community Retreat Day (based on the book 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse') at The Parish Rooms and The Church of St John the Baptist, Woodland. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of our churches.

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Exodus 24:12-End	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
	Psalms 2	32
2nd Reading	2 Peter 1:16-End	Romans 5:12-19
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9	Matthew 4:1-11

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	20 th	Mark 9:14-29	Thurs	23 rd	Luke 9:22-25
Tue	21 st	Mark 9:30-37	Fri	24 th	Matt 9:14-15
Wed	22 nd	Matt 6:1-6, 16-21	Sat	25 th	Luke 5:27-32

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

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Points of Prayer: We pray for all places in the world where war and natural disasters have caused people to lose their lives, their homes and their livelihoods. We pray for those caught up in the war in Ukraine, the earthquake in Turkey and Syria and the cyclone and earthquake in New Zealand. We give thanks for the aid agencies and for those who are supporting them.



Reflection by Tessa Amies

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CAIRNS, CLOUDS AND MOUNTAINS;

Cairns are good fun to build. That small pile of stones we build at a place we want to remember. A walk we have enjoyed maybe. Most Tors on Dartmoor will have a few to mark the spot of a picnic or an expedition remembered. A couple of weeks ago I saw a collection of little cairns that had been built in a dried up river bed. They looked almost like a natural phenomena, but I expect they disappeared quickly enough when the water returned. Cairns may have a sadder use too - perhaps marking the place where a beloved pet or even a person lies buried.

Today's Bible readings tell us about the ascent of two mountains. The first is about Moses going up Mt. Sinai to receive the 10 Commandments. The second tells how Jesus went up a mountain with Peter, James and John and was 'transfigured before them'. Peter in today's epistle refers to the event. Both events mention stones. Moses was asked to build a stone altar. Peter asked Jesus if he could build a cairn, shrine or dwelling - (depending on translation).

Rocks, stones and pebbles are all around us. They are part of the ground beneath our feet. For centuries we have built shelters, houses, palaces with them. We use them to build bridges and lighthouses. We use them as gravestones and monuments to remember people. We use them to show the way at crossroads or to record distances.

If you have time this week, you may like to find a pebble - rough or smooth, hold it in your hand and just spend a few moments thinking about it, feeling it. What's its story? Where did it come from, how and when was it formed? What colour is it and why? Feel its energy, be aware of its shape, weight and texture.

Mountain climbing is often a challenge. People challenge themselves to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro or the Munros in Scotland. Mountain climbing requires skill, fitness and good planning. Moses went up Mt. Sinai in a storm, Jesus and the 3 disciples climbed a mountain. They all may have experienced fatigue and even exhaustion. Mountains give us a challenge. Everyday life can give us a challenge, being a Christian can give us a challenge too. In today's events people came down from the mountains feeling refreshed, enthused and inspired. Sometimes challenges can bring the same feelings.

While Moses and Jesus were up in the mountains, they were enveloped in cloud. Thick cloud with little or no visibility, wet clothing from the moisture in the cloud and slippery surfaces. We can feel lost, uncertain where we are, even frightened as we wander around trying to find the right way to go. Lent can feel a bit like this too, a bit like we are stuck in a cloud, quite bewildering, a bit unknown. A time when we don't quite know where to go, what to do. Lent is not necessarily a time of giving up chocolate biscuits or giving up sugar on your porridge. It's time to study, to reflect finding out where we are on the Christian pathway. How can we move forward? Maybe it's a chance to do something positive each day. Lent starts on Wednesday. We have two books to follow and a Quiet Day in Woodland. Finally, we will experience Holy week and Easter. By then the cloud will have dispersed and we can come down from the mountain feeling enthused and inspired.

Have a 'good' Lent and enjoy your pancakes on Tuesday.!