

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



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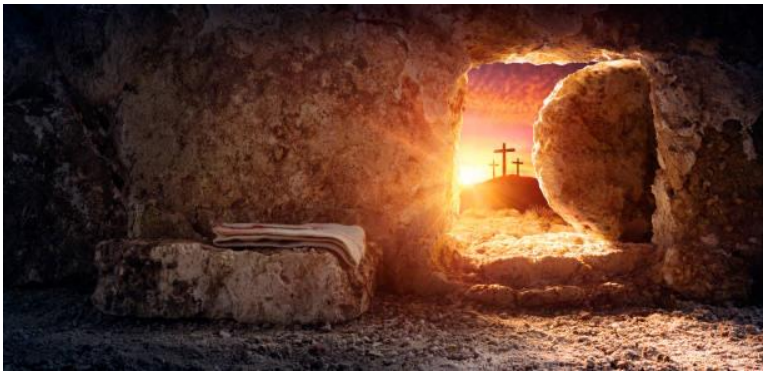
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Welcome

Welcome to our April-May edition of the Beacon. There is no getting away from it that the Coronation in May is going to be one of the main events of the year. This edition contains much background information about the music and the significance of the events as the service at Westminster Abbey proceeds. This may be the edition to be carefully kept for future generations to be able to peruse and read!



Before this, however is Holy Week and Easter. Andrew, our Rector, in his article “April Abundance” encourages all that this is the time to give it a go and join in the ‘raucous Easter chorus’.

My grateful thanks to the faithful regular reporters of the activities in the parishes and there was much going on.

You can read of interesting events scheduled for Denbury in the coming weeks- it looks like a busy time!

In Ipplepen, Lesley Mawson explains what ‘St. Andrew’s Outside’ is all about. My thanks also to Lesley for her article on the Lent Retreat at Woodland, ‘late news’ that we managed to get for this edition!

Meanwhile we learn of technological advances inside at St. Andrew’s with the introduction of fast reliable Wi-Fi being available in church. I wonder when our parishes will follow the example of King’s College Chapel Cambridge with the installation of solar panels on the roofs?

Stephen Bryant writes amusingly tongue in cheek in his article ‘The seat of prayer’. The rector at my last parish had a rule that we had to sit on the opposite side of the church each week in an attempt to defuse the situation but with only limited success. He later left us to become Dean of Ely Cathedral! More pews?

Two personalities to mention in this edition. Congratulations to Geraldine Dennis on finding all the ingredients for last editions Bible Cake recipe. She commented that she had no idea there were so many edible ingredients mentioned in the bible. Thanks to her for this edition’s recipe “Impossible Pie”.

We must not forget our intrepid marathon runner and churchwarden at Broadhempston, Paul Russell, and wish him well on April 23rd at the London Marathon.

Articles and photographs for the June-July Beacon should reach me by May 20th 2023.

Michael Price, Editor



The Coronation of King Charles III

The coronation of King Charles III is a historic moment in the life of our nation. The service will take place on Saturday 6th May at Westminster Abbey conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. During the whole weekend community life, volunteering and service will be celebrated both locally and nationally. I wonder where and who you will be with over this weekend and how you will celebrate? We will be holding a special Coronation Celebration Service for our group of villages at St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen at 11am on Sunday 7th May. All Welcome.

I thought I would write down a few things which are inspired and in part taken from a beautiful little book: Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III published by the Church of England which offers reflections and prayers from Easter Day (9th April) to Coronation Day (6th May) - Highly recommended. Here are some things to look out for in the Coronation Service. I hope they will help you take in this historic event by acclimatising you to what you will see and the rich symbolism of the service.

Praying for the Holy Spirit

The beautiful Latin hymn Veni, Creator Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit) by John Cosin will be sung. It has been used in every Coronation since 1625 when it was used for the coronation of King Charles I and after which it was included in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. It is also used at services of confirmation and ordination.

Anointing with Oil

At the heart of the service the Archbishop of Canterbury will anoint The King with oil. This outward and visible anointing signifies an inward grace. This practise can be traced back to the coronation of King Edgar by St. Dunstan in 973 and has its roots in the Old Testament. For this coronation the oil comes from the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem where the Kings grandmother Princess Alice of Battenberg is buried.

Coronation Regalia

For over a thousand years kings and queens have been invested with a ring, sceptre, orb and crown. These golden objects are adorned with diamonds and other precious stones. The objects also bear the symbol of the cross marking the authority of Christ who defies worldly expectations coming as a servant of all. Look out for the dove (the symbol of God the Holy Spirit) which perches on the cross at the top of the rod.

Crowning

Before the 4th Century it was common practice for a helmet a symbol of military power to be placed on the head of a ruler at their installation. At this time however Emperor Constantine took a symbol rooted in Hebrew Scriptures - the crown. It proclaimed the sovereignty of God and the monarch as regent on earth. Following long historical precedent, Camilla, Queen Consort will also be crowned alongside her husband.

The National Anthem

At its heart the National Anthem is a prayer for the Sovereign. We sing it so often at sporting fixtures, civic, military and community occasions and on television and radio we can forget this. It is a prayer that God will protect; grant long life; good things and happiness to the Sovereign.

So weaved throughout the Coronation service are symbols and rituals of deep significance asking for the Holy Spirit and God's grace to set apart and equip King Charles for a life modelled on the servant kingship of Christ. And we get to join in as we pray for him with hearty voice using the National Anthem.

Wonderful stuff – actions and song really do speak louder than words.

April Abundance – a good time to try church

April is a wonderful month. It can however be challenging. With incredibly mixed weather it can be hard to acclimatise. In just one week (and even day!) there can be bright sunshine and warmth and the next day a cold snap and the associated frost not to mention the April showers. There is amongst all of this the abundance of life which is truly marvellous. The winter hibernation comes to an end and we see slow worms again in our gardens. The raucous dawn chorus begins the day. The orange tip butterfly emerges from last year's pupa. At dusk bats on the wing can be seen again as they hunt building up their depleted reserves. Then at the end of the month, after their long summer in Africa, the swifts return.

In our churches during April we will be celebrating the wonderful season of Easter: the central story in our Christian faith. In the first week of April we will journey again the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey with crowds coming to cheer. Then on through the agony of Good Friday, with everyone deserting him, we travel to the new life of Easter in a garden (with Jesus being mistaken for a gardener!) Just like the April weather it can be hard to acclimatise to the highs and lows of this story. But just like April there is abundance of life and so during the rest of the month and on into May we celebrate this abundance and what it means in our lives. We acclimatise to the Easter story.

If you haven't tried church for a while (or perhaps ever) this is a perfect time to give it a go: to come out of your hibernation, to emerge and spread your wings or like the swifts to return after a long time away; to bring your voice and join in the raucous Easter chorus.

Peace and good wishes



Andrew

Straplines

- Commitment is making a choice to give up other choices. *(Scott Stanley)*
- Don't confuse your path with your destination. Just because it's stormy now doesn't mean you aren't heading for some sunshine.
- Good judgement comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.

Sunday Services for Easter and April

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

Sunday April 2nd

10.00 am Holy Communion Mission Community Service - St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.30 pm A Celtic Holy Week – Your essential guide - Holy Trinity, Torbryan

Palm Sunday

Monday April 3rd

6.30 pm Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday April 4th

10.15 am Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday April 5th

6.30 pm Holy Communion - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday April 6th

5.30 pm Holy Communion followed by Watch - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
7.30 pm Holy Communion followed by Watch - St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Maundy Thursday

Friday April 7th

10.30 am Joint service and Walk of Witness - Gathering at St Andrew's, Ipplepen
2.00 pm Reflecting around the Cross - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Good Friday

Saturday April 8th

8.00 pm Easter Vigil - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Holy Saturday

Sunday April 9th

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

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 16th

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

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday April 23rd

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

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday April 30th

10.00 am Mission Community Service - St John the Baptist, Woodland

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Snippets

- 1st Person “Erasers are made for people to correct mistakes”
2nd Person “No. Erasers are made for people who know they have made mistakes and want to correct them”
- If you are buying a watch which says you can swim with it, be warned. I learned from experience that it only applies if you can already swim without it.

Sunday Services for May

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

Sunday May 7th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| 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 Celebrating the King's Coronation- St Andrew's, Ipplepen | |

Sunday May 14th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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|----------|---|------------------------------------|
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | - 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 |

Sunday May 21st

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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|----------|---|---------------------------------|
| 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 | |

Sunday May 28th

Pentecost

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| 9.30 am | Churches Together – Breakfast Service | - Ipplepen Methodist Church |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion | - Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston |

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

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| 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: rev.andrewdown@gmail.com

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| Thursday | 9.15 am (Celtic Morning Prayer) | - 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

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| Mondays | at 3 – 5pm | 'T-pot' | - Church Cottage, Denbury |
| | at 7.30pm | Bellringing Practice | - Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston |
| 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 Youth Choir Practice | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |

Other events

Sat 1 st Apr	10 am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning <i>(1st Saturday of each month)</i>	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
	2 – 4.30pm	Dry Felting Workshop	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Wed 5 th Apr	12 noon	Churches Together - Lunch Club <i>(1st Wednesday of each month)</i>	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Sat 8 th Apr	10.30 am	"Coffee & Chat!" <i>(2nd Saturday of each month)</i>	- St. Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wed 12 th Apr	10.30 am	Coffee Mates <i>(2nd Wednesday of each month)</i>	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Wed 3 rd May	12 noon	Churches Together - Lunch Club <i>(1st Wednesday of each month)</i>	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Sat 6 th May	10 am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning <i>(1st Saturday of each month)</i>	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
Wed 10 th May	10.30 am	Coffee Mates <i>(2nd Wednesday of each month)</i>	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Sat 13 th May	10.30 am	"Coffee & Chat!" <i>(2nd Saturday of each month)</i>	- St. Andrew's, Ipplepen
Sun 14 th May	2.30pm	Folk Concert Featuring 'Filkin's Drift' - St. Mary the Virgin, Denbury	
Sun 14 th May	5.00pm	'St. Andrew's Outside' - all age community event with activities in the Church Field. Entrance through St. Andrew's Church Hall.	
Sat 20 th May	10.30am and 2.30pm	Glass Fusing Workshop	- Church Cottage, Denbury

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

Sunday 19 th March 2023	Ipplepen	Samuel James Perrett
Sunday 26 th March 2023	Ipplepen	Isla Rose Hopkins

Funerals

Thursday 2 nd February 2023	Ipplepen	Margaret Maddicott
Tuesday 7 th February 2023	Torquay	Ron Paston (Denbury Parishioner)
Thursday 9 th February 2023	Ipplepen	Ann Hockin Higby
Thursday 23 rd February 2023	Ipplepen	Vernon Kerslake
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	Woodland	Teresa Irish
Thursday 9 th March 2023	Ipplepen	Sarah Long
Friday 10 th March 2023	Ipplepen	Mabel Gallon
Tuesday 14 th March 2023	Denbury	Fran Howells

Interments of Ashes

Sunday 19 th March 2023	Ipplepen	Geoffrey Bamford
Friday 31 st March 2023	Ipplepen	Pamela Lloyd

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

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

Retrospective

- 29th Jan-4th Feb Congratulations to Sophie and Tom Rumney on the birth of Stanley Stephen Rumney. A brother for Phoebe and a grandson for Trish Musson. Love to you all XXXX.
- 12th – 18th Mar In loving memory of a special dad, grampy and husband, Peter Quick on 17th March which would have been his 81st birthday and who is greatly missed.

New

- 26th Mar – 1st Apr In memory of Geoffrey Williamson, on the occasion of his birthday on 29th March. He is missed so much and with us always.
- 2nd – 8th Apr Remembered with love Iris and Peter Moore on your anniversary. Remembered with love our brother Alan and sister Jeanette. With love from the Moore family xx.
- 9th – 15th Apr Remembering Pamela on her birthday, 10th April. A loving wife and mother, sadly missed. Love – Mark, Karen and Ken Squire.
- Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birthday of Otto Mace on 12th April.
- Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birthday of Franz Mace on 15th April.
- Dennis Hurrell and family in memory of his wife, Sally, whose birthday would have been on 14th April.
- Ivor Janice Julie & Adam remembering Daphne Partridge, a dear wife, mother & Gran on her birthday on 15th April.
- 16th – 22nd Apr From Anna Heywood. In memory of my gorgeous husband Phil Heywood (16th April 2023).
- 23rd – 29th Apr Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Alex and Jonas on 26th April.
- Antony Mitchell remembering his mother Mary, and grandfather George Came.
- In memory of Jim Clark on his birthday, 30th April, from Tony, Marilyn and family.
- 30th Apr– 6th May In loving memory of Rex Osborn on his birthday on Saturday 6th May, with love Liz and Bruce Hooker and family.

Ipplepen floodlighting - continued:

New

- 7th – 13th May A beacon of light on 11th May for Wendy Jensen on her birthday
Wishing Marilyn Clark a happy birthday on the 14th May. Love from Tony, Andrew, Fiona and all the grandchildren
Remembered with love on your birthday Jeanette, fondly known as Jeanie, Jen and Auntie Jeanie, our sister, mother, grandmother, auntie and fiancée. With love from your family xx
- 14th – 27th May Margaret Hatten in loving memory of her darling husband David, whose birthday would have been on 17th May.
- 21st – 27th May Linda, David and Hannah Simmonds for Katie's birthday on 25th May
Celebrating the first birthday of our beautiful granddaughter, Flora on 27th May. Ingrid & John Marsh
- 28th May – 3rd June In memory of Jean Rogers-Came, Kitty Barwick (her mother) and Bryan Rogers (her late husband), as they all passed away around this time of year. Rosalind

How to keep in touch

- Weekly Notices** 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.
- Website** The Beacon Parishes website www.missioncommunity.org.uk is the 'go to' place for information. It also contains the Weekly Notices and Beacon Magazine.
- Videos** Video recordings of some of the services held in our Beacon Community can be found on the website.
- Facebook** Three of our parishes keep up to date Facebook pages:
www.facebook.com/StAndrewsIpplepen/
www.facebook.com/denburyworship
www.facebook.com/Broad20/
and the Beacon Community Discussion group:
www.facebook.com/groups/424938598594105
- Email** 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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Music at the Coronation Service

Andrew Nethsingha (Organist and Master of the Choristers, Westminster Abbey) said:

All Coronation Services are a mixture of deep-rooted tradition and contemporary innovation. As was the case in the four twentieth-century Coronations, the choice of music reflects the cultural breadth of the age in which we live. Coronations have taken place in Westminster Abbey since 1066. It has been a privilege to collaborate with His Majesty in choosing fine musicians and accessible, communicative music for this great occasion.

Twelve newly commissioned pieces of music will be performed at The Coronation of Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May 2023, showcasing musical talent from across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

A range of musical styles and performers blend tradition, heritage and ceremony with new musical voices of today, reflecting The King's life-long love and support of music and the arts.

His Majesty The King has personally commissioned the new music and shaped and selected the musical programme for the Service.

Andrew Nethsingha, Organist and Master of the Choristers, Westminster Abbey, will be overseeing all musical arrangements and directing the music during the Service.

Sir Antonio Pappano, Music Director for the Royal Opera House, will be conducting the Coronation Orchestra which comprises a bespoke collection of musicians drawn from orchestras of the former Prince of Wales' Patronages including the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Six orchestral commissions, five choral commissions and one organ commission, have been specially composed for the occasion by world-renowned British composers whose work includes Classical, Sacred, Film, Television and Musical Theatre. Commissioned works include a new Coronation Anthem by **Andrew Lloyd Webber**, a Coronation March by **Patrick Doyle**, a new commission for solo organ embracing musical themes from countries across the Commonwealth by **Iain Farrington** plus new works by **Sarah Class**, **Nigel Hess**, **Paul Mealar**, **Tarik O'Regan**, **Roxanna Panufnik**, **Shirley J. Thompson**, **Judith Weir**, **Roderick Williams**, and **Debbie Wiseman**.

Soloists will include bass-baritone, **Sir Bryn Terfel**; soprano, **Pretty Yende** and baritone, **Roderick Williams**. The organ will be played by Sub-Organist, Westminster Abbey, **Peter Holder**, and Assistant Organist, Westminster Abbey, **Matthew Jorysz**.

The official Royal Harpist **Alis Huws** will perform as part of the Coronation Orchestra in recognition of The King's long-standing and deeply held relationship and affiliation with Wales. One of the liturgical sections of the ceremony will also be performed in Welsh.

At the request of His Majesty, in tribute to his late father His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Greek Orthodox music will also feature in the Service performed by the **Byzantine Chant Ensemble**.

The Service will be sung by **The Choir of Westminster Abbey** and **The Choir of His Majesty's Chapel Royal, St James's Palace**, together with girl choristers from the **Chapel Choir of Methodist College, Belfast** and from **Truro Cathedral Choir**. **The Ascension Choir**, a handpicked gospel choir will also perform as part of the Service and **The King's Scholars of Westminster School** will proclaim the traditional 'Vivat' acclamations.

Fanfares will be played by [The State Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry](#) and [The Fanfare Trumpeters of the Royal Air Force](#).

[Sir John Eliot Gardiner](#) will conduct [The Monteverdi Choir](#) and [English Baroque](#) soloists in a pre-Service programme of choral music. A small group of singers from [The Monteverdi Choir](#) will also join the main choral forces for the Service.

Music by the likes of [William Byrd \(1543–1623\)](#), [George Frideric Handel \(1685–1759\)](#), [Sir Edward Elgar \(1857–1934\)](#), [Sir Henry Walford Davies \(1869–1941\)](#), [Sir William Walton \(1902–1983\)](#), [Sir Hubert Parry \(1848–1918\)](#) and [Ralph Vaughan Williams \(1872–1958\)](#) has historically featured in the Service over the past four centuries and will be included in the programme along with the music of one of Britain's most loved and celebrated living composers, [Sir Karl Jenkins](#).

Music continued – 'I was glad'

By Les Ryan, Organist, Mumbles Ministry Area, Swansea

Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918) is famous for several religious works: for example, the music for the hymn Jerusalem, the Coronation Anthem I was glad and the lovely tune Repton to the words Dear Lord and father of mankind.

Parry was born in Bournemouth to a wealthy family. He attended Eton and then Exeter College, Oxford. He had set his eyes on a business career and read Law and Modern History. However, music was soon to take over his life. He became an assistant editor writing 123 articles for the ground-breaking Dictionary of Music and Musicians compiled by George Grove.

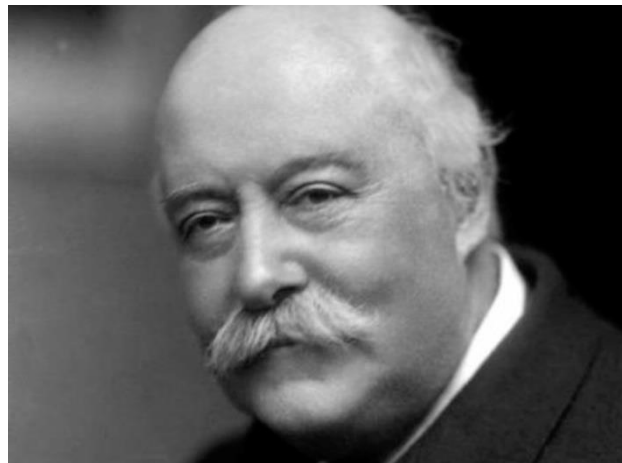
By the 1880s Parry was Professor of Composition at the Royal College of Music and in 1895 became its principal. At the same time, he was also Heather Professor of Music at Oxford. The post, and the funding for it, comes from a bequest by William Heather (c1563 – 1627). It an exceptional honour. Parry's hobby, when he was not involved in music, was sailing, and he became a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron – quite an achievement!

All Coronation services, since King Charles I in 1626, have featured a choral setting of words from Psalm 122 – 'I was glad when they said unto me let us go unto the House of the Lord' to be sung as an anthem when the monarch arrived at the west door of Westminster Abbey.

Parry's majestic anthem was composed for King Edward VII in 1902 and revised for King George V in 1911 with additional brass and organ fanfares. The music features a double choir (two sections of sopranos, two of altos, etc), organ and orchestra. The music has an overwhelming feeling of grandeur and empire.

Parry's innovation in this piece was the addition of the Latin acclamations Vivat Rex (Long live the King!) or Vivat Regina (Long live the Queen!) which traditionally are sung (or rather, shouted) by the scholars of Westminster School.

Not everything runs smoothly at these great national events. For example, one of Handel's coronation anthems in 1717 for King George II and Queen Caroline ended in confusion we are told, while another of the anthems in the Order of Service was left out altogether! In 1902, 'I was



glad' finished too early in the service. The King hadn't even arrived at the west door of the abbey, so the quick-thinking organist improvised some tunes on the spot until King Edward VII turned up (rather late)! Then the anthem was sung all over again!

Much more recently, in 2011, 'I was glad' was sung for the bridal procession of Catherine Middleton at her marriage to Prince William. It was also sung at the wedding of Prince Charles and Diana in 1981.

In 1898 Parry was appointed a Knight Bachelor and in the 1902 Coronation honours he was created a Baronet of Highnam Court. Parry died after catching Spanish flu during the pandemic in 1918.

Chrism Oil

The Chrism oil which will be used to anoint His Majesty The King on 6th May 2023 has been consecrated in Jerusalem.

In a special ceremony at The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the oil has been consecrated by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III, and the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, The Most Reverend Hosam Naoum.

The oil has been created using olives harvested from two groves on the Mount of Olives, at the Monastery of Mary Magdalene and the Monastery of the Ascension. The Monastery of Mary Magdalene is the burial place of His Majesty's grandmother, Princess Alice of Greece.



The olives were pressed just outside Bethlehem. The oil has been perfumed with essential oils - sesame, rose, jasmine, cinnamon, neroli, benzoin and amber - as well as orange blossom.

The Coronation oil is based on the oil used at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, the formula of which has been used for hundreds of years. It will also be used for the anointing of Her Majesty The Queen Consort.

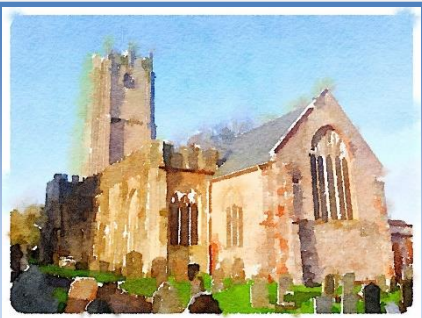
The Archbishop of Canterbury said:

"I am honoured and grateful that His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III and Archbishop Hosam Naoum have consecrated the oil that will be used to anoint His Majesty The King. I want to thank especially His Beatitude for providing this Coronation Oil, which reflects The King's personal family connection with the Holy Land and his great care for its peoples. I am also delighted that the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem shared in the consecration of the oil.

"Since beginning the planning for the Coronation, my desire has been for a new Coronation Oil to be produced using olive oil from the Mount of Olives. This demonstrates the deep historic link between the Coronation, the Bible and the Holy Land. From ancient kings through to the present day, monarchs have been anointed with oil from this sacred place. As we prepare to anoint The King and The Queen Consort, I pray that they would be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit."

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



It is wonderful to see the days becoming lighter and brighter and the spring flowers appearing in our gardens and hedgerows, also our Cherry Tree blossom looking delightful. At the Holy Communion Service on February 5th and in Hillarie Grigg's Reflection it is mentioned that Jesus tells

his followers they are the light of the world. During this service a new St. George's Flag (Exeter Diocese version) was blessed by Rev Andrew to replace the old one.

Ash Wednesday February 22nd was a Mission Community Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes where many of us were marked with the cross and of course means the start of Lent. Refreshments were served afterwards.

During this time of Lent there is a Discussion group based on Desmond and Mpho Tutu's 'The Book of Forgiving'. The Churches Together Family Service on Sunday 26th February led by Rev Kevin Hook and Maria Alsop was based on Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. There were little rocks and stones put on the altar to remind us of Jesus' long and lonely time in the desert, a time of testing and temptation. In contrast the Garden of Eden was depicted on the other side with lush fruits and plants.

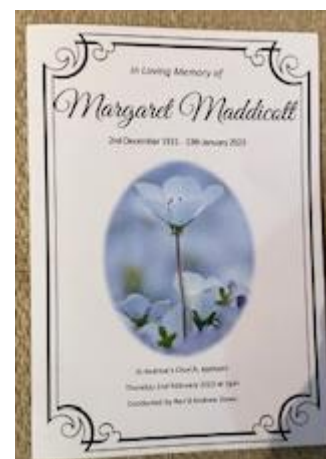
On the second Sunday of Lent, Rev Anne Burden led the Holy Communion Service and as in her reflection the reading from Genesis speaks about Abraham at 75 years old being told by God to uproot himself and family to a new land which he does in faith and trust. New and challenging ideas are a part of Lent for us to think about and to prepare for Easter.

Marilyn Clark

Margaret Maddicott

The funeral service in loving memory of Margaret Maddicott took place at St. Andrew's Church on Thursday 2nd February at 1pm. Rev Andrew Down welcomed everyone who came to remember Margaret. After the hymn 'Now thank we all our God' and a reading from Revelation, Andrew spoke about Margaret's long life. She was born on 2nd December 1931 in Courtlands House in the village and uniquely lived there all her life and died there on 13th January 2023. She loved the village, walking the in the country lanes enjoying nature in her earlier life with her mother. She was involved in the W.I. Organising the Poppy Collection and she was President of the Conservative Club. Margaret had also enjoyed some travel and cruises with her cousin, but generally lived a quiet life enjoying her garden. Margaret enjoyed coming to church until ill health prevented this but she would hear church news from Winnie Bryant. Latterly she had carers to look after her who all attended the service.

Rest in Peace Margaret



Marilyn Clark

Vernon Kerlake

We celebrated the life of Vernon Kerlake on February 23rd in St. Andrew's church. A recording of 'Empty Chairs at Empty Tables' from Les Miserables, sung by Ian Kerlake his eldest son, played as the funeral procession arrived. Rev Andrew Down welcomed family and friends and gave the address. The eulogy given by Ian mentioned how Vernon loved his singing and being in the church choir for many years, his love of performing in musical theatre earlier in his life with Joan his first wife and with whom he had three sons Ian, Adrian and Glyn. As a widower he met and married Dawn and took on her family as well and family meant a lot to him.



He loved to watch Torquay United and followed them all his life. His faith was also important to him and he requested his son Glyn to sing 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' which was beautiful and emotional. As a mark of respect to Vernon, Jo, Vanessa, Cath and myself wore our Choir robes and Tom Morris, who had also sung with Vernon, sat in the choir stalls. The chosen hymns were 'Love Divine' and 'All things Bright and Beautiful'. Glyn's recording of 'Bring him Home' played as they departed.

God Bless Vernon

Marilyn Clark

Coffee & Chat!

On the second Saturday of every month St. Andrew's church will be the venue for a coffee and chat.

We started in March and welcomed friends old and new into the warmth of the church.

Some friends admitted they had never visited the church before.

The aroma of freshly brewed coffee accompanied by home-made cakes created the atmosphere of a friendly bistro. Pam and I practised our waitressing skills, ably assisted by husbands Robin and Edward.



Soon the church was buzzing with chat and lively conversation. So good was the coffee that seconds were requested.

We welcomed donations which came to £113.

If you would like to be involved in hosting one of these events please contact Pam Thomas or myself in church (I am usually seated at the organ!). Pam Thomas 01803 813867, Marilyn Ellis 01803 812568

We look forward to hearing from you and becoming a part of 'Coffee and Chat!'.

Marilyn Ellis

'St Andrew's Outside' - so what is it all about?

For years I have had a desire for the sharing of the Christian faith to be more accessible to our community, family and friends. During lockdown people reflected on the benefits of being outside and observing the rhythms and wonders of nature. Questions were considered by many of us about life, death and our beliefs. With restrictions on indoor gatherings Christian groups up and down the country met in gardens, forests, farms, beaches and other open spaces when allowed becoming a more visible and inclusive part of the community.



On one of my lockdown walks I noticed the church field with adjoining facilities. This is when the dream for 'St Andrew's Outside', as it has now been named by a church member, began to become a reality.

All are invited to come along to the field at 5pm on Sunday 14th May whatever the weather. Activities will be followed by a short 'show and tell' time around the fire pit linked to a bible verse. Drinks and a light meal will be provided. Simplicity will be the key.

If you would like to be part of the 'St. Andrew's Outside' Core Team on 14th May please make contact with the office who will pass on your details.

We need:

- 2-3 people to cook sausages and make hot chocolate/squash in the kitchen.
- 3-4 people to be responsible for setting up the fire pit and supervising the cordoned off area throughout. (Parents/carers will be responsible for under 18's at all times).
- People to welcome, supervise inside the hall and to be a friendly face on site. People to help to clear away.
- Prayer Team: This is the 'engine room'. Please start praying now and sign up to pray during the event if you are able.
- Items: Oddments of wool, string, ribbons. (Donation box will be placed in church)

Thank you

Lesley Mawson



St. Andrew's Outside

Sunday 14th May 2023

5.00 - 6.30pm (ish)



St. Andrew's Church Hall and Field

Fun

Fresh air

Food

Community event

Bring a mug

Dress for the weather

Fire pit

Children to be accompanied by responsible adult

Sorry – no dogs

Wi-Fi into St. Andrew's

It started with the need to install some form of electronic 'cash' collection ability within the church building itself. Many churches have this capability so that visitors and congregations can make donations by card and mobile 'phone.

Having this capability requires a data connection to the outside world and the options are using a permanent mobile data connection using 4G or having a permanent internet connection. Mobile 4G has the ongoing cost of the data contract, and in St. Andrew's the 4G data is 'on the edge' in terms of signal coverage. Because we already have land line based internet in the Church office at the Church Hall, it was decided to install a data link between the office and church itself, and then a Wi-Fi transmitter in the church building. While this meant a capital cost, it means that there is no ongoing cost for the church Wi-Fi connection and data.

The system was installed in March and we have Wi-Fi internet connection in the church building of around 50-60 Mb. It does vary a little around the church, for example closely behind a pillar.

The Wi-Fi transmitter is on top of the rood screen. The data link receiver is mounted on the chancel gutter, and has been painted grey to blend in. The Wi-Fi has also been upgraded in the hall.

Having fast, reliable Wi-Fi now enables us to broadcast and receive in the church and hall via the internet, as well as installing cash collection capabilities. The cash collection side will probably include a permanent terminal by the main entrance of the church, as well as a 'mobile' terminal for cash collection for events in both the church and hall.



Beat the scammers!

A safety tip for if you are buying something using your credit/debit card, and you are not entirely sure how reliable the seller is.

- Insert your card in the machine, and then input an incorrect PIN number. The machine should come up with a message saying incorrect PIN, please enter again. In which case you can enter your correct PIN and complete the transaction.
- If the machine accepts the incorrect pin number, and gives a receipt, it is a counterfeit machine trying to take your PIN number to access your account. Remove your card and refuse the transaction, safe in the knowledge that they have not got your correct PIN number, nor been able to take any money from your account.

So it's a simple a way to keep safe.

Straplines



- Always look on the bright side. How nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt!
- Being male or female is a matter of birth; being a gentleman or a lady is a matter of choice.

A view from Torbryan



I write this on Mothering Sunday, 19th of March, a day when it seems winter might finally be over. We spent the day at the newly-renovated Castle Drogo, along with seemingly a sizeable proportion of the local population, as well as visitors from elsewhere. It didn't matter that it was a little crowded; it was nice to see so many people venturing out.

Maybe more so than in the town, in rural spots like Devon, a lot of people go into a state of hibernation over the winter months. Maybe the signal for a lot of Dartmoor folk to enter this state is Widecombe Fair, and after Uncle Tom Copley returns to warm his feet at the open fire, so do many of the attendees. They emerge briefly to witness the Christmas markets and processions, before the quiet months of January and February. Then eventually, it's time to take 'mother' out for Sunday lunch. By the look of it, many had taken their more elderly mothers out to the National Trust cafe at Castle Drogo, any National Trust cafe being of course one of the safest bets for an excursion of this sort.

And as the evenings grow lighter, it is still light when coming home from work and we are able to take an evening walk. We bump into our neighbours – 'haven't seen you for ages.' In fact, we haven't seen them pretty much all winter.

So, despite the many problems in the world, there is reason to feel optimistic at the time of the year.

Georgie Brendon

Candlemas at Torbryan

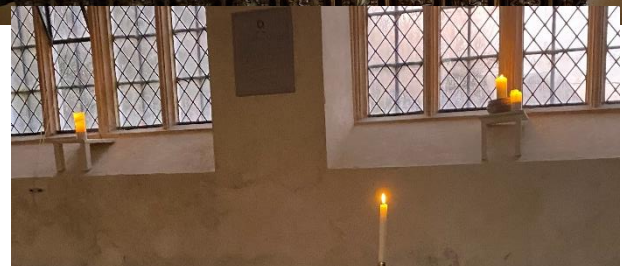
Holy Trinity Church once again came alive as we celebrated Candlemas on 2nd February. This is the day that Mary and Joseph as new parents presented their new baby at the temple. Simeon greeted them and said wonderful things about their son. Madeleine played beautiful music and sang. We joined in with hymns and listened to stories of a time long past.

Although it was a bitterly cold afternoon the church glowed warmth inside as dozens of candles created a welcoming ambience. During our time of reflection one could not help but admire the ancient surroundings and



think of the thousands of worshipers who have gathered here to celebrate the welcoming of baby Jesus in past centuries. It brought a sense of momentary peace away from all the troubles in the world today.

Sharon Clayborough



News from Woodland

St. John the
Baptist



We have certainly been very fortunate this year to have had such a beautiful sunny and dry spring. Indeed, it has come as quite a shock to see the return of wet and windy weather – all the more surprising as we had got used to life without it! It may not have filled our reservoirs with rain yet, ready for next summer, but it has

been kind to all those new born lambs skipping about our village fields and has been perfect weather for our farmers to carry out those hedging/ditching/fencing tasks which have traditionally been a large part of the farming calendar during the winter months. The spring flowers have also benefitted. The display of snowdrops throughout our village woods, lanes and gardens has been spectacular and probably one of the best that I have ever seen. The daffodil season is well underway now. Some have been blooming steadily for the last month whilst others are still growing and just about to form buds. Primroses are blooming in great abundance in the sheltered parts of my garden, but I have yet to see them in any great proliferation along the field hedges and we are still a long way off from being able to enjoy the bluebells flowering. Birds have been pairing up and nest building has begun.

Usually we celebrate the coming of spring in Woodland by holding a ‘bring and share’ “Snowdrop Lunch” in February at our village hall. This year, to be a little different, we instead held a “Daffodil Lunch” in early March and over thirty of us went instead to enjoy the hospitality of The Rising Sun pub for a very enjoyable meal. Despite the mild spring, the winter has continued to leave its mark upon our village community and we have also recently gathered together in our church to mourn the loss of another of our long-time residents. A lovely former church warden who seemed to get a lot of enjoyment from quietly doing whatever was needed, Teresa was always heavily involved in all village events – from running a stall at the fete, decorating the church for Harvest Festival or Christmas to handing out posies on Mothering Sunday and making an Easter Garden in the church with the village children. Mothering Sunday and Easter are, once again, very much on the horizon and looming fast. Our Mothering Sunday service this year will be at 9.30am on 19th March and will be Holy Communion. As usual, our village library and coffee mornings will continue to be held on the first Saturday of the month. April’s will actually be taking place on April Fool’s day, but hopefully will not involve having to take part in any pranks!

Helen Pearse

More from Tim Vine



- “I had a dream last night that I was cutting carrots with the Grim Reaper – dicing with death.”
- “You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen, it said ‘Parking Fine.’ So that was nice.”
- “A friend of mine always wanted to be run over by a steam train. When it happened, he was chuffed to bits!”

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



After our very busy December events, it has been quiet in Broadhempston, the very wet weather stopped for a while, giving us chance to wander around our lovely village and woodland. We have seen the spring flowers in our hedgerows and can't be in any doubt spring is firmly on its way. The snowdrops have been

spectacular this year followed by primroses and daffodils and bluebells to look forward to. With the changing of the clocks at the end of March we can feel that the dark days of winter are finally over.



Friendly Visitor



Ros Brown, one of our volunteers at St. Peter and St. Paul's found this little visitor while she was cleaning. He is now being looked after at ELM Wild Life Rescue Charity which is based at Seale Hayne, Newton Abbot. Ros named him Paul after St. Paul and we hope he is settling in well.

Thank you Ros & Jim

Family Themed Services

One of our two biweekly services at St. Peter's and St. Paul's includes our craft table for our younger members of the congregation. We started the New Year with thinking about and making cards and pictures that celebrated love. Quite timely as Valentine's Day was just around the corner. Some wonderful examples were produced. Last Sunday- although slightly reduced in numbers - we continued with the theme of love. The pictures and cards were created for Mother's Day. It's lovely to see the children so involved - cutting and sticking and being incredibly imaginative. Even envelopes and card holders using paper, card, ribbons and stickers, were made. Lovely cards to receive! Our next service to include the craft table is April 9th, Easter Sunday. Further details to come. Please keep an eye out on Facebook for details.

Palm Sunday

On Sunday 2nd April there is a Mission Community Service for us all at St. Andrew's, Ipplepen 11am.

Easter Sunday

Our Easter Sunday Service is at 11am on Sunday 9th April at 11am, there will be a craft table for the children and after the service refreshments and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Broadharmony continue to practice on a Thursday evening in St. Peter and St. Paul's Church from 7:30 to 9:00pm all are welcome to join. There will be a Spring Concert at 8:00pm on Thursday 30th March.

Spring clean for Easter

The PCC of Broadhempston Church would like to thank everyone who has helped with decorating the church with flowers and cleaning throughout the year.

We are having a Spring Clean on Saturday 1st April and decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 8th April. Any help with either/both would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to bring along a few flowers and/or greenery on the 8th to do a vase or arrangement, that would also be very welcome.

Thank you very much for any help you are able to give.

SS Peter & Paul PCC Team

Tim Vine - again



- "I was in the army once and the Sergeant said to me: 'What does surrender mean?' I said: 'I give up!'"
- "This bloke said to me: 'I'm going to attack you with the neck of a guitar.' I said: 'Is that a fret?'"
- "I went in to a pet shop. I said, 'Can I buy a goldfish?' The guy said, 'Do you want an aquarium?' I said, 'I don't care what star sign it is.'"
- "He said 'I'm going to chop off the bottom of one of your trouser legs and put it in a library'. I thought 'That's a turn-up for the books.'"
- "I met the bloke who invented crosswords today. I can't remember his name, it's P-something T-something R..."

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



As the months roll on with ever-increasing speed, we have entered once again into a quieter, more contemplative period of the Church's year. Social events and gatherings tend to take something of a back seat at this time allowing

congregations to reflect on the meaning of Lent and to look ahead to the great festival of Easter.

Services at St. Mary's have taken a slightly different shape over the last few months in that we have held the monthly Celtic Morning Prayer service and our mid-week communion services in Church Cottage rather than in the church. This has avoided the need to heat the church for several hours on the days the above services are held thus substantially cutting down our usage of currently very expensive gas. The Cottage offers a comfortable environment for a service and is a more practical area to hold a service for relatively small numbers whilst energy prices are at such high levels. Hopefully, with spring not so far away and with temperatures rising, we will be able to return to the church for all services in the not too distant future.

Members of St. Mary the Virgin have been attending the weekly Lent discussion group at Ipplepen reading and discussing "The Book of Forgiving" by Desmond and Mpho Tutu. A number will also be attending the Mission Community Retreat Day to be held at Woodland on 18th March which will also be based on a book "The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse".

During the second half of 2022, Irene Davey organised a series of craft workshops held in Church Cottage covering a very wide range of craft activities. These proved extremely successful and Irene has arranged for a number of similar workshops to run over the next few months. Once again these have booked up fast and additional classes have been needed to cope with demand. These classes not only provide a significant boost to church funds but are also an ideal way to involve the village community. Some other exciting events are currently being planned for later in the year including a Festival of Flowers in the summer which will involve the whole community and a folk concert in May.

Also back by popular demand, we will be holding a Cream Tea afternoon on Easter Bank Holiday Monday in Church Cottage following on from the great success of the two similar Cream Tea events held last year.

Bellringing at St. Mary's is going from strength to strength with several new and returning ringers now part of the team and attending practise night on Wednesdays. The new ringers are learning fast and this should mean that we will have sufficient ringers available for all 6 bells to be rung on most occasions. We have welcomed several ringers from other local towers who wanted to see and hear the new peal and continue to get requests from other teams to come and have a ring. The unanimous verdict on the new peal from Denbury ringers and our visitors is that they are a nice peal to ring and a vast improvement on the old set.

We now look forward to the start of Easter just a few weeks away and the traditional programme of services which constitute such an important part of our Church year.

Mike Bray

Busy Times in Denbury!

Wonderful Workshops: Following on from a really successful set of craft workshops run before Christmas last year, Irene Davey has organised more for 2023. These workshops are run by accredited experts, with limited enrolment numbers and have proved very popular. One pre Christmas workshop had to be run THREE times to cater for the demand! (I went on the truffle finishing workshop....oh my!!). There are more in the pipeline, but for this edition of the Beacon, we'd like to draw your attention to:

- Dry Felting: 1/4/23 (Move quick to catch this one!)
- Glass Fusing: 20/5/23
- Willow Swallow & Dragonfly make: 15/6/23

See the individual posters for times and booking details. All profits to Denbury Church.

Save the Date: Festival of Flowers

Friday 7th – Sunday 9th July

“A Floral Sensory Journey” at St Mary’s.

Village groups and individuals have been invited to contribute, with input and tuition from staff and students of the Academy of Floral Art – winners of many awards at the Chelsea Flower Show and others. Come to admire, learn skills, glean ideas or just revel in the beauty. Refreshments available all weekend. Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday afternoon. See you there!

Rachel Belringer

Filkin’s Drift (Folk Duo)

Chris Roberts on guitar: “beautifully varied timbres, real virtuosity” “simply mesmerising” (The British and International Federation of Festivals)

Seth Bye on fiddle (multi instrumentalist): “fantastic fiddle-driven energy” (BBC Radio Glos)



Songs and tunes, old and new, plus good self-penned ones. Often gentle, always lyrical new music from the younger folk scene.

First seen only recently by one of our organisers, he was quickly struck by how suitable they would be for a St. Mary’s Church concert, with its warm ambiance and stunning acoustics. These two young talented musicians have shown the ability to engage with an audience of all ages, and are clearly on their way up. We wanted to bring you something that was new to us and probably will be to you as well. See for yourself here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkFwpocyiYg>

Or go to YouTube and search Filkin’s Drift Music

Easter Dry Felting Workshop

CHURCH COTTAGE, DENBURY

SATURDAY 1st April 2023

2.00 - 4.30pm

Learn to make bunnies, Easter eggs, balls and a carrot.
Patterns provided and to take home. Extra materials to buy
to take home.

£40 per person including materials and refreshments

Book now!

Tel: 07767771590

Email: imwdavey@gmail.com

Raising funds for St. Mary's



Denbury Folk

St. Mary's Church, Denbury Concerts presents

FILKIN'S DRIFT (DUO)



Fiddle, Guitar and Voices, Songs and tunes

At 2.30pm, Sunday 14th May 2023 at the church. Ticket price to include tea or coffee and cake during the interval.

Tickets £10 (under 14 £6) available from Rachel Belringer on 07751804007 or rachelbelringer@gmail.com

GLASS FUSING WORKSHOP

WITH
SHEENA from PAPER CUTZ GLASS

COME AND MAKE
THREE PRETTY SUNCATCHERS OF YOUR OWN DESIGN



CHURCH COTTAGE, DENBURY

SATURDAY 20th MAY 2023

10.30am-12.30pm or 1.30pm-3.30pm

£40 per person including materials and refreshments

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Raising Funds for St Mary's



WILLOW SWALLOW & DRAGONFLY WORKSHOP

Thursday 15th June 2023
5 - 9pm

Village Hall, Denbury

Come with a friend or just by yourself for some quality time and embrace a new skill, suitable for all abilities.

Small class size for one-to-one teaching,
but some hand strength required

Learn how to weave the spiral weave to create the bodies
and adorn with woven wings.

Your mini sculptures can be threaded onto a hazel rod and
will look fabulous flying above your flower beds or plant pots.

You can expect to take home one willow swallow
and one willow dragonfly.

£45 per person including all materials & refreshments

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Raising funds for St Mary's Church Denbury

Denbury Flower Festival



DENBURY
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A Floral Sensory Journey Festival of Flowers

FRIDAY 7th JULY to SUNDAY 9th JULY
10.30am to 6pm

Sunday Evening Service of Thanksgiving 6pm
Everyone Welcome

Excitement is building as the British Academy of Floral Art
team alongside members of the hobby groups of Denbury
prepare for the Festival.

Come and admire the wonderful floral displays and awaken
your senses through the interactive arrangements.

Refreshments, demonstrations, music and raffle

For more information email imwdavey@gmail.com
text/call 07767 771590



The seat of Prayer

Do you have a favourite seat in church? Do you think of a particular place in church as “your own”? Well, rightly or wrongly I suspect that most of us do. I hope that if we found a visitor in our usual place we would welcome them and move somewhere else. That has not always happened of course, and even in Ipplepen I have heard someone say to a visitor “You mustn’t sit there - that’s (name withheld’s) seat. Not very welcoming you have to admit!



Where I usually go to church we all tend to sit in the same places, although there are some specifically reserved ones, and of course it is usual for the Churchwardens’ seats to be marked with a notice -and usually their stave is attached to the end of the pew.

In Ipplepen we still attach people’s names to some of the pews - “Grandfather’s” and “Auntie so-and-so’s” seat and the “Vicarage pew”.

Now the “Vicarage pew” is particularly interesting. This is the first front pew of the block opposite the font. When Philip Darby was Vicar his family always sat in it, hence the name. It is a very useful place to sit during any busy service. It gives easy access to the main door, and all other parts of the church are within easy reach without disturbing anyone else too much.

But there is a small problem with this pew. For some reason it has a magnetic effect on anyone coming into church. It has a gravitational pull rarely seen beyond the Bermuda Triangle. Everyone makes for it. I have seen time and again when a visitor is the very first one to come into church for a special event (funeral etc.) - this is the pew they make for, almost without fail.

In the past if I was helping at some gathering I usually put a “reserved” notice on the seat - and it made no difference whatsoever. I have spread my overcoat on the seat and the first comers made a beeline for the pew - and sat on the overcoat. Once I had the overcoat, a reserved notice and a heavy bunch of big church keys on top - only to find a large (even overlarge!) gentleman make straight for the pew and sit on the whole lot - and yes, he had every other pew to choose from.

I have yet to reason this out fully - there is a radiator in front of this pew, which may be some advantage on a cold day - but the seat is just as magnetically attractive in a heat wave. I wonder, do other churches in our Mission Community have a “magnetic “?

Stephen Bryant

World Day of Prayer

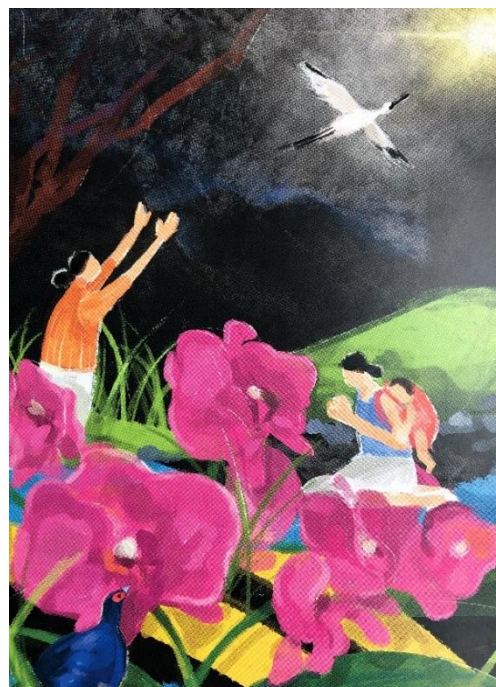
On 3rd March, 17 people (14 ladies and 3 gentlemen) from our Mission Community gathered to celebrate World Day of Prayer (previously Women's World day of Prayer) in the Methodist Church with the theme "I have heard about your faith".

The service this year had been written by the Christian women of Taiwan and began at dawn in Western Samoa and Tonga in the Pacific Ocean and ended at dusk in American Samoa. Taiwan has been isolated internationally for decades and as of May 2022 China is beginning to harass Taiwan almost on a daily basis. It was not an easy task preparing this service during the pandemic.

The service included songs and hymns, readings, a meditation and letters of encouragement to the Taiwanese women and girls who face suffering and injustice and was very moving. We finished with refreshments including delicious pineapple cakes.

The painting is by artist Hui-Wen Hsaio who was born in Tainan, Taiwan, in 1993. She uses several motifs that highlight Taiwan's best known features to express how the Christian Faith brings peace and a new vision to Taiwan. The women in the painting are praying silently and despite the uncertainty of the path ahead, they know that the salvation of Christ has come. The Mikado pheasant and the black-faced spoonbill are both of unique significance to the Taiwanese people and the green grass represents the Taiwanese as simple, confident, strong and under God's care. The Butterfly Orchids are the pride of Taiwan which has a worldwide reputation as the "Kingdom of Orchids".

Vanessa Bevan



Asparagus – Love it or hate it?

Traditionally, the British asparagus season runs from St George's Day on 23rd April to the Summer Solstice on 21st June. It is one of the earliest of ancient, annual vegetables and is like Marmite – you either love it or you hate it.

Although there is evidence of it being grown in the ancient world since Biblical times, it is never mentioned by name in the Bible and theologians seem to be divided as to whether it is classed as a good or a forbidden food. There have been times when the first crops of asparagus have been blessed in church, although some bishops have declared it sinful to do so. In the UK there are some local events such as the British Asparagus Festival on 23rd April in Evesham and the Asparagus Harvest Festival on 27th May in Deeside that celebrate asparagus.

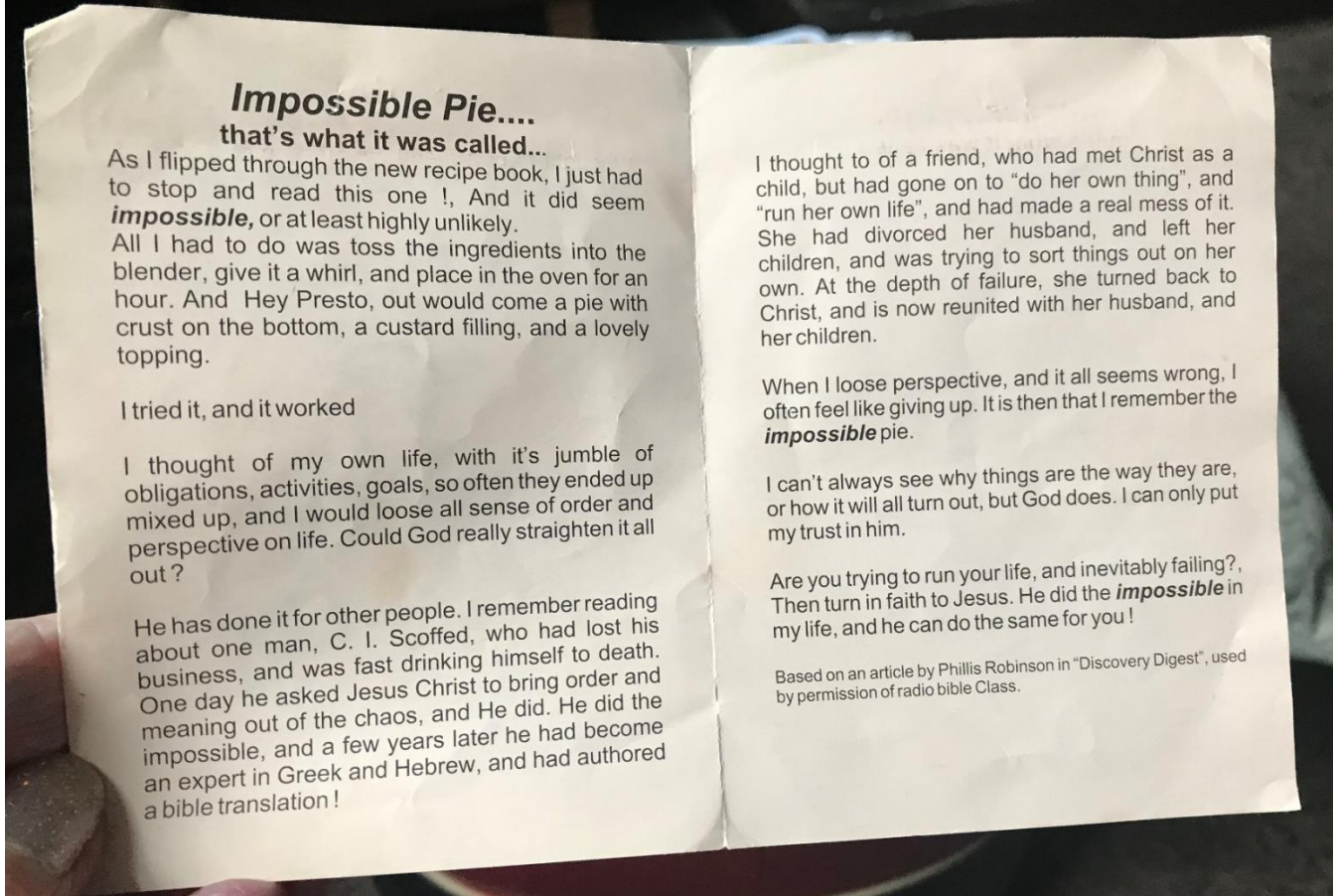
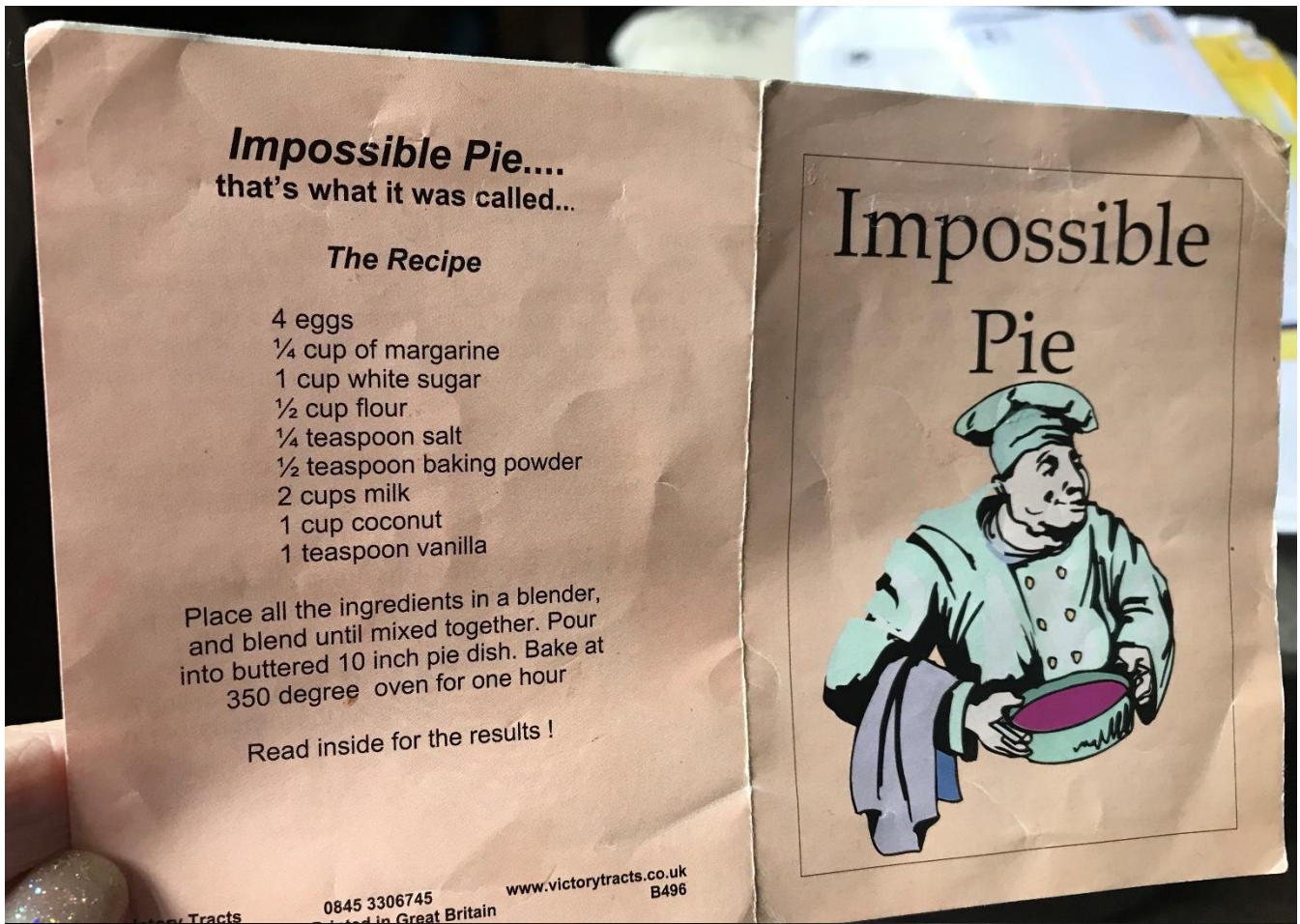
There are many different varieties, but four general types: green, white, purple, and wild. Within these four types there many varieties with various colours, tastes, textures, and hardness. Some varieties of asparagus plants can live up to 30 years. There are some that are also grown for aesthetics and should not be consumed because they are toxic.

To say the least, asparagus is controversial and if you look online you will find lots of different views on the mythical legends that have probably evolved from growers trying to sell their crops.



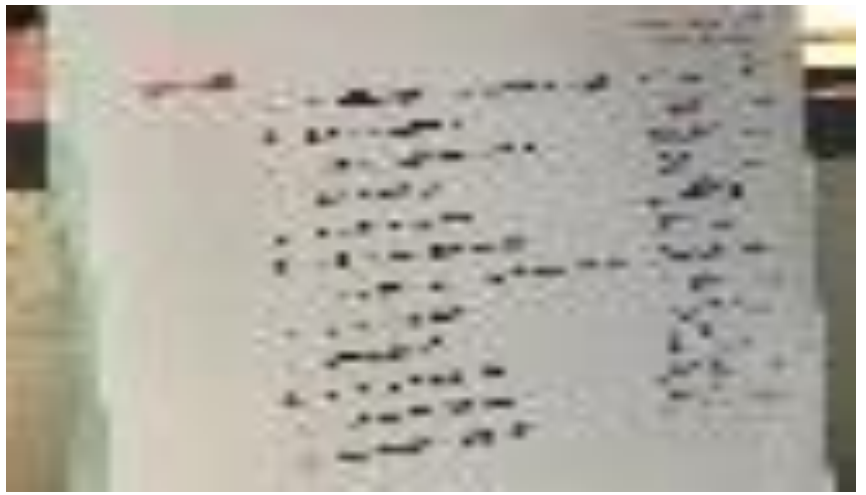
Recipe – Impossible Pie

Thank you to Geraldine Dennis for sending in this issue's recipe:



Recipe – the answer

And Geraldine also sent in the answer to last issues question:



Lent Retreat – Saturday 18th March

“It’s a blue sky day which is a good sort of day for a walk”.

On being driven to Woodland, a buzz of excitement, like that of giddy children on an outing, masked the slight nervousness I was feeling. I hoped I wasn’t going to have to be quiet all day as I am not very good at that.

*“What’s that over there?” “It’s the wild”, said the mole “Don’t fear it”.
“Imagine how we would be if we were less afraid”.*

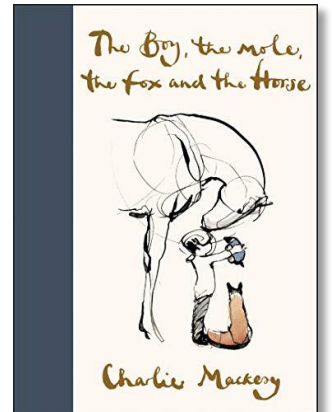
Woodland, its beautiful Parish Rooms and welcoming wood burner, immediately allayed those fears. Maybe the sight of an abundance of cake helped too. ‘Mole’ would have felt very much at home.

The day flowed between listening to Charlie Mackesy read ‘The Boy the mole, the fox and the horse’, partaking in Celtic Daily Prayer and reflecting on Psalm 139 and 1 Corinthians chapter 13. Free time was given for walks, to enjoy the church using various aids for reflection and for making pottery moles.

Participants’ thoughts:

- “Not so uncomfortably quiet but a wonderful day. The audio version was so moving.”
- “A profound and beautiful reminder of how much we are loved and valued by God; and in turn how we should love and value each other”
- “John reminds us that though there are many flocks there is only one shepherd. To have spent such a marvellous time together has been wonderful and a prompt that, although from different churches and traditions, we really should think of ourselves as one church-one Beacon Mission Community.”
- “The greatest illusion is that life should be perfect.” (Mackesy)
- “A calm, glorious day! Filled with fellowship and love (and cake!) The sun shone-praise God-thank you Woodland.”
- “A beautiful day-kind, supportive gentle and loving.”
- “Beautiful to hear the author read the audio of a picture book!”

Who is Charlie Mackesy? Award winning international artist, illustrator and author. Oscar winner 2023 for his animated short film. Bronzes include ‘Return of the Prodigal’ 2005 on Brompton Road, London. Refreshingly honest Alpha talks at Holy Trinity Brompton can be found on YouTube or look up Charlie’s TED Talks online.



Lesley Mawson

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 – April and May

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Apr 2 nd	The Office	Court Gate Close & Edgelands Lane	West End Terrace	Knowle	Oldstone House
Apr 9 th	The Beacon team	Croft Road, Croft Meadow & Croft Orchard	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Tor Farm
Apr 16 th	The website team	Crokers Way	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Lower Woodland Farm
Apr 23 rd	Churchyard teams	Denbury Cross	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Woodland Cottage
Apr 30 th	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses
May 7 th	Fabric teams	Dornafield Road & Dornafield Close	Shute Lane	Main Street	Wickeridge House
May 14 th	Bellringers	Dornafield Drive East, West & Fulton Close	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Oakdene
May 21 st	Messy Church	East Street & Foredown Road	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Orleycombe
May 28 th	Sunday Club	Fore Street	North Street	Primary School	Hillside

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