



Sunday 16th April 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

Today - Sunday 16th April

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	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
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 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
	7.00 pm	APCM	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	7.00 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	4.30-5.30pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	1.00 pm	Funeral Service for Percy Collings	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	2.00pm	Funeral Service for Dr David Mills	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Next Sunday 23rd April – Third Sunday of Easter

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: Fran Howells, Geoffrey Bamford, Pamela Lloyd, Elizabeth Mills, Percy Collings and David Mills.

Points of Prayer: We pray for those who are experiencing a time of anxiety, doubt or confusion that they may find hope, comfort, healing and inner peace.

Sunday 23rd April: National Mobile Phone Emergency Alert Test. The Government has announced that on St George's Day (Sunday 23 April) there will be a national test of a new emergency alert system. We do not know what time the test will be, but it may happen during a church service, so it is worth being ready for it. During the test your mobile phone or tablet may:

- make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent
- vibrate
- read out the alert

The sound and vibration will last for about 10 seconds. The alert will include a phone number or a link to the GOV.UK website for more information.

On Sunday 23rd April 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 on Page 28 in The February and March 2023 edition of The Beacon Magazine.

http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Final_2023_February_v1.pdf
<https://challenges.compassionuk.org/profile/4850/paul-russell>

Sunday 7th May at 11am – Mission Community Holy Communion Celebrating the King's Coronation at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen. All Welcome!

Sunday 14th May, 2.30pm. Denbury Folk and St Mary's Church present rising stars in the folk world, Filkin's Drift (duo). Chris and Seth are coming to St Mary's, Denbury. More details and tickets from Rachel (rachelbelringer@gmail.com 07751 804 007)

'St Andrew's Outside' Sunday 14th May at 5.00pm. Join the adventure as part of the St Andrew's Outside Core Team. Choose your role from welcoming, catering, managing the fire pit, supervising the hall/toilet areas, clearing away or being a friendly face across the site. The Core Team need to be at the hall from 4pm but everyone is welcome from 5pm. Please start praying for those you are inviting or who may attend St Andrew's Outside now and sign up to pray from wherever you are during the event. A sign up time-slot prayer list for the day will be placed in the church. A donation box is in church for any spare oddments of wool, string or ribbons. Any queries please contact Lesley Mawson on (01803) 813384.

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
	Psalm 16	116:1-3, 10-End
2nd Reading	1 Peter 1:3-9	1 Peter 1:17-23
Gospel	John 20:19-End	Luke 24:13-35

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon 17 th	John 3:1-8	Thurs 20 th	John 3:31-End
Tue 18 th	John 3:7-15	Fri 21 st	John 6:1-15
Wed 19 th	John 3:16-21	Sat 22 nd	John 6:16-21

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

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Reflection by Rev'd Anne Burden

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I'm sure that those of you who were able to come to our worship at St Andrews (and of course similarly at the other Churches) on Easter Day will agree that the Church looked magnificent - in her 'Easter glory' - with flowers, candles, music and festive vestments. My favourite part of the decoration is always the Floral Easter Cross, which members of the congregation complete by adding a flower when they arrive in Church - a beautiful springtime creation representing the joy of resurrection.

Easter is a time of renewal - new life - and after the tough days of Lent when decoration in Church is pared back and many people struggle as they try to grow in their faith and come closer to God - there is a sense of relief and hope and joy. We are reminded that Jesus who died on the cross on Good Friday lives again, not just at a particular time in history - but now - and that new life is for us all, not just all those years ago - but now. Resurrection with a large "R" is what happened then - the event from the past which we read about in the Bible - but resurrection with a small "r" is God's gift to us today, always and forever.

When Jesus rose from the dead it wasn't as if the clock was being turned back and he was returning to exactly how he had been before - looking and acting the same. That would have been a miracle, for sure - but might have more properly been called 'resuscitation'. 'Resurrection' is something much bigger than that. It is about the

process of transformation of earthbound life to a spirit-filled life - life which lasts forever. And that is God's Easter promise to us. That God will fill us with his life and light so that our frail human lives will be transformed little by little into his likeness, and overflow with his love.

This is why I find the Floral Cross such an important symbol at Easter. It is a cross transformed. It doesn't appear - bright and beautiful - from nothing. It starts plain and empty and bare - and becomes transformed by the coming together of God's people - all playing their little part with just one flower - and with God's power and grace, creating a whole.

So, as you think about Easter and what it has meant to you this year, think about resurrection and new life - and take some time to think about transformation, your transformation towards the person God really wants you to be. This is your resurrection (with a small "r") - God's gift to you - not just in the Easter season, but always.

So Easter Greetings - and many happy new resurrections.

