



Sunday 14th May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Bishop Robert announces his retirement. We pray for him at this time.

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)

Sunday 14th May at 5pm 'St Andrew's Outside', Church Field, Ipplepen. Free community event with activities, food and fire pit. Bring a mug/drinks bottle and dress for the weather. Please continue to pray. Thank you. See you there! Lesley Mawson and Team (01803) 813384.

The APCM for St Peter & St Paul's Church, Broadhempston, will take place on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm, including the election of PCC members and Church Wardens. For further information about this meeting, please see St Peter & St Paul's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Broad20

18-28th May 'Thy Kingdom Come 2023' A worldwide call for Christians to pray from Ascension to Pentecost. Inspired by Acts 1:14. Prayer journals and bookmarks available in church to support us as we pray for family and friends to come to faith. We are also encouraged to serve and 'Live the Kingdom' in our communities. What might that look like for you? Free TKC online resources are available for young children to enjoy too. Search: thykingdomcome.global Click on 'TKC Resources', then on the 'Cheeky Pandas' drop down for the 'Cheeky Pandas TV series' and 'Fruits of the Spirit music videos'. These can also be searched on YouTube.

The APCM for the Church of St John the Baptist, Woodland, will take place on Tuesday 23rd May at 4pm.

Joint Pentecost Breakfast and Service on Sunday May 28th at Ipplepen Methodist Church. Breakfast will be served from 9:30 am and the service will start at 10:15 am. All are welcome.

On Friday 9th June at 6.45pm, the Unity in Sound Community Choir from Ipplepen will be holding a Charity Concert at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen in aid of Rowcroft Hospice and Devon Air Ambulance. Tickets are £7.50 each and are available from 'Ticket Source': www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/devon/st-andrews-church/charity-concert

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Acts 17:22-31	Acts 1:6-14
	Psalms 66:7-End	68:1-10, 32-End
2nd Reading	1 Peter 3:13-End	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
Gospel	John 14:15-21	John 17:1-11

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon	15 th	John 15:9-17	Thurs	18 th	Luke 24:44-End
Tue	16 th	John 16:5-11	Fri	19 th	John 16:20-23
Wed	17 th	John 16:12-15	Sat	20 th	John 16:23-28

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

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Today - Sunday 14th May

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
2.30 pm	'Filkin's Drift' Folk Concert	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
5.00 pm	'St Andrew's Outside'	- St Andrew's Church Field, 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
	7.30 pm	APCM	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Wednesday	7.30 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

Next Sunday 21st May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

In Memory: Fran Howells, Geoffrey Bamford, Pamela Lloyd, Elizabeth Mills, Percy Collings, David Mills, Myfanwy 'Myfi' Jones and Michael Skinner.

Points of Prayer: We pray for all those in positions of power that they may be guided by the Spirit of Truth and that they uphold honesty and truthfulness in everything they do.

Congratulations and well done to Dr Paul Russell, Churchwarden from Broadhempston, for running the London Marathon on Sunday 23rd April, for Compassion UK.

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

http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Final_2023_February_v1.pdf



Reflection by Tessa Amies

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UNKNOWN GODS AND WARRIORS

Westminster Abbey has been in the news quite a bit lately. If you are ever fortunate enough to enter by the great west door you will quickly come across a prominent black stone laid into the floor with flowers arranged around it. This is the tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

The inscription on it begins:

Beneath this stone
Rests the body of a British Warrior,
Unknown by name or rank
Brought from France to lie among
The most illustrious of the land.
And buried here on
Armistice Day 11th November 1920
in the presence of
His Majesty King George V

This was an idea put forward by a military chaplain - David Railton - who had served in France and Belgium during the First World War. Four unknown soldiers were exhumed and one was chosen to be buried in the Abbey, to represent all those soldiers who had died and were unidentified and had no marked grave. Soil was brought from France and a piece of black Belgian marble was laid on top.

This grave is placed in the centre of the aisle, just in front of the West Door. Everyone using that door has to make a detour around the grave (even newly coronated Kings). It cannot be ignored. It has to be respected. Royal brides who are married in the abbey traditionally place their bouquets on the Tomb.

In one of today's readings from Acts Ch.17, we hear how Paul found an altar 'To an unknown God' while he was visiting Athens.

He was waiting for Timothy and Silas to join him and had a few days to spare.

Like many of us, he went to look at some of the sites in that great city and also spent time teaching and talking with philosophers. Eventually he was given a chance to speak to the great council. He began by complimenting them on the variety of religions he had found in the town. Then he mentioned that he had found an altar dedicated to 'The Unknown God'. This he explained, was the god he had come to tell them about. He started with a brief résumé of Jewish beliefs and God the creator, then went on to talk about Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection. Some believed him, some laughed at him.

Paul was clever to link this 'unknown god' to Christ. Having the space for something 'unknown' appeals whether it be a god or a warrior. Some cultures leave a space for the 'unknown stranger' at the dinner table, so they can share your meal. It can be seen as clever or perhaps a little devious of even 'hedging your bets' perhaps. The unknown is often intriguing.

'In him we live and move and have our being'.

