

# Weekly Notices



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

**Bishop Robert Announces Plan to Retire in September.** The Bishop of Exeter has announced he is to retire on 30 September 2023 after more than nine years in the role. We pray for him at this time.

**Thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly at the first 'St Andrew's Outside' event** on 14<sup>th</sup> May, those who were busy behind the scenes and those praying. We couldn't have done it without you all. We hope that all who joined us on Sunday enjoyed the evening. Please share any feedback or suggestions as planning is afoot for our next outside event on 9th July. Blessings, Lesley Mawson and St Andrew's Outside Team.

**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.

<https://exeter.anglican.org/christian-faith/thy-kingdom-come-2022/>

**The APCM for the Church of St John the Baptist, Woodland, will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/devon/st-andrews-church/charity-concert)

**The 'Festival of Flowers' in Denbury runs from Friday 7th July until Sunday 9th July, 10.30am to 6pm each day** at The Church of St Mary the Virgin. Refreshments will be available. The theme is the '5 senses'. A 'Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving' will be held at 6pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July in the church. All welcome.

Readings	This week		Next week
Readings for this Sunday:	1st Reading	Acts 1:6-14	Acts 2:1-21
	Psalm	68:1-10, 32-End	104:25-35, 37
	2nd Reading	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
	Gospel	John 17:1-11	John 20:19-23

**Readings for the week ahead:**

Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>	John 16:29-End	Thurs	25 <sup>th</sup>	John 17:20-End
Tue	23 <sup>rd</sup>	John 17:1-11	Fri	26 <sup>th</sup>	John 21:15-19
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>	John 17:11-19	Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	John 21:20-End

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

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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Today - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

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

**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
	4.00 pm	APCM	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
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
Saturday	2.00 pm	Wedding Ceremony of Ilya Kleyner & Rebecca Lee	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

**Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Eighth Sunday of Easter**

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

**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 Wylie, his family and friends, as he is baptised this Sunday.

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

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

[http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Final\\_February\\_v1.pdf](http://www.missioncommunity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Final_February_v1.pdf)



## Reflection by Rev'd Tony Meek

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Sunday after Ascension 2023  
Luke 24.44-end  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

My father was born and brought up in Norfolk and when I was a boy, we used to spend our holidays with his family in and around Hunstanton.

Nearby is the famous shrine at Walsingham, where a new church was built in the 1930's on the site where it is believed that Richeldis, the lady of the manor in the time of Edward the Confessor, saw a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Every day, pilgrims make their way to the shrine at Walsingham, to pray and to be sprinkled with water from the holy well.

As a priest I have taken part in such pilgrimages and have been privileged to stand at the well sprinkling the pilgrims. It is a most moving experience. There are many well-documented cases of the mighty effect of God's healing power at work through that place.

The shrine church is beautiful, with many small chapels. One of these is dedicated to the Ascension but it is one small part of Walsingham about which I feel uncomfortable.

Hanging from two wires from the ceiling above the altar in the Chapel of the Ascension is a large white Plaster of Paris cloud. Dangling through that cloud are two pink Plaster of Paris feet, each with a vivid red scar.

You see, I find the concept of Jesus disappearing feet last upwards into a cloud, like a rocket from a milk bottle, very difficult to take seriously.

That is not what St Luke's Gospel told us. We are told that Jesus withdrew from the disciples and was carried up into heaven.

Of course, if you think that heaven is a place physically located in the sky, as the disciples and early gospel writers probably did, then 'carried up' can

mean just that: disappearing feet last. But that would mean that Jesus went away from them and us.

If there is one thing that Ascension does not mean, it is Jesus going away. If anything, the events of the Ascension and Pentecost mean that he is more intimately with each and every one of us than could possibly be the case when he was in a human body in first century Palestine.

The image of the Ascension which I do not want to stick in our minds is of Jesus getting smaller and smaller, of him going further and further away from us. We read at the very end of St Matthew's Gospel that Jesus said, 'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

It is difficult to separate the events of Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost.

They are each ways in which we try to understand the unique way in which the Son of God became our Saviour, redeeming us from sin and overcoming death for us.

After the Ascension, the disciples were full of joy, continually in the Temple, praising God. Jesus was with and in each of them just as he is with and in each one of us.

One of the most wonderful things about being a Christian is that you do not have to go anywhere special, or wear anything special, or say or do anything special, to be near to Jesus. Just as he promised the disciples, he is with us always, to the end of the world.

Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, Jesus is with you. If you live with that knowledge in your heart, you need no other code of behaviour.

The disciples were continually in the Temple praising God. We can also of course and should praise God on our own. How wonderful it is when more of us feel that it is safe to gather together. In my own case, some weeks after we have both had our fifth jab may give more confidence.

Let us, with the disciples, be full of joy. Let us, with them, whenever we feel happy that it is safe to do so, gather together in praise of God.