



Sunday 28th May 2023

Pentecost

Next Sunday 4th June at 4:30pm there is Reflective Evening Prayer – Patronal Festival at Holy Trinity Church, Torbryan.

On Thursday 8th June the Eucharist will be held at 10.15am at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Denbury for ‘Corpus Christi’ – the day of thanksgiving for the institution of Holy Communion.

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

‘Coffee & Chat!’ At St Andrew’s Church, Ipplepen, on Saturday 10th June from 10.30am to 12 noon (ish). Everyone is welcome to this regular coffee morning held on at second Saturday of each month in St Andrew’s Church, Ipplepen. There is no charge, donations only.

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 9th July in the church. All welcome.

The next ‘St Andrew’s Outside’, Ipplepen, event is planned for Sunday 9th July, 5pm to 6.30pm. Thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly at the first ‘St Andrew’s Outside’ event on 14th May.

A request from Rachel Belringer for Facebook members: Please do join Rachel in contributing to the discussions about events and church services on the private Beacon Community Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/424938598594105. The ‘Beacon Community Group’ group is private, which means that only members can see, or write, posts on its page. Please also remember that non-Facebook users are however able to view the individual church Facebook pages:
www.facebook.com/Broad20 www.facebook.com/denburyworship
www.facebook.com/StAndrewsIpplepen

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.

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:	1st Reading Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-End
	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	8
	2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	2 Corinthians 13:11-End
	Gospel John 20:19-23	Matthew 28:16-End

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon 29 th	Mark 10:17-27	Thurs 1 st	Mark 10:46-End
Tue 30 th	Mark 10:28-31	Fri 2 nd	Mark 11:11-26
Wed 31 st	Luke 1:39-56	Sat 3 rd	Mark 11:27-End

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

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Today - Sunday 28th May

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

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

Church office closed for Bank Holiday Monday.

Rev Andrew Down – Day off on Mondays.

Monday	3pm-5pm	Bank Holiday Cream Teas - ‘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
	12.30 pm	Funeral Service	
		for Myfanwy ‘Myfi’ Jones	- St Andrew’s, Ipplepen
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
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Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
	10.30 am	Funeral Service	
		for Michael ‘Mike’ Skinner	- Torquay Crematorium
	4.30-5.30pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew’s, Ipplepen
Saturday	10.00 am	Coffee Morning	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland

Next Sunday 4th June – Trinity Sunday

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	
	with Children’s Activities	- St Andrew’s, Ipplepen
4.30 pm	Patronal Evening Prayer	- Holy Trinity, Torbryan

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 Ilya Kleyner and Rebecca Lee, married at St Peter & St Paul’s Church on Saturday 27th May 2023.

Joint Pentecost Breakfast and Service on Sunday May 28th at Ipplepen Methodist Church. Breakfast will be served from 9:30am. The service will start at 10:15am. You are invited to wear red if you wish.



Reflection by Rev'd Anne Burden

Pentecost
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As we celebrate Pentecost today - I have to admit that I've always thought of it as a slightly confusing festival, because although it's the third most important one in the Church's year after Christmas and Easter, there are no particular liturgical customs I'm aware of - no cribs or trees, candles or gardens - and churches have to find their own individual way of marking it, and arranging their worship. We all probably know that Pentecost is a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit - but it's also sometimes called "the birthday of the church" - and at some point in the past it was commonly called 'Whit Sunday', probably because it was a popular time for baptism, and the candidates for baptism often wore white clothing. That in itself is odd, because as far as I know, the liturgical colour for Pentecost has always been red - not for the whole season of Pentecost, but for the Day of Pentecost itself.

I wonder if this confusion is partly because there is nothing to see about the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is invisible to human eyes - not only now but at the time of the historical event, and those trying to tell the story have needed to use signs and symbols in an attempt to explain this aspect of the mystery of God and his relationship with his people. This leaves the door open, indeed necessarily so, for people to find their own understandings.

In Jewish history Pentecost was originally a harvest festival occurring 50 days after Passover. Our Christian Pentecost, which comes 50 days after Easter, could point to a different kind of harvest - not of crops but of people - the beginning of the

Church - as people hear the message of Jesus, and start to build the earliest Christian communities.

Looking at the Pentecost story itself, there are three main signs - all vivid and powerful, not quiet and peaceful.

First, the wind - most of us have heard of the "rushing mighty wind" which blew the first disciples huddled and frightened behind closed doors - into the streets of Jerusalem - and somehow equipped them to speak the message of Jesus with boldness and confidence. Second, we hear of fire - tongues of flame coming to rest on each of those first disciples. Fire speaks of holiness in the Old Testament - a sign of God's holiness going back to the story of Moses and the burning bush. This holiness is now given to God's new disciples, together with the strength to enable them to follow Jesus's example of living the Kingdom. And thirdly, languages Many people in Jerusalem on that first Day of Pentecost would have known some Greek - but for most it wasn't their mother tongue. The remarkable message of Pentecost is that everyone has the right to hear the Gospel in their own language. The message of Jesus - and his calling and his love - is for everybody. All are welcome, all are invited to live the life of the Kingdom.

So the question still remains - what is the message of Pentecost for us today, and how should we take it into our lives and our worship. For sure, God is sending his Holy Spirit to us too - to blow us out from behind the locked doors of our fear and complacency- to reflect the fire of God's love in our interactions with people both inside and outside the community of the Church - and to speak and live God's message so that others can hear and experience his love in words and ways they can understand. This has always been our task as disciples of Christ - but the feast of Pentecost is an invitation to open our hearts so that God can light the touchpaper inside us, and give us the strength and confidence we need to do our work as disciples.