



Sunday 11th June 2023

First Sunday after Trinity

Next Sunday 18th June at 9:30am there is Holy Communion – Patronal Festival at St John the Baptist, Woodland. All welcome.

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On Sunday 25th June 2023 We will have a joint PCC meeting at Woodland Parish Rooms and church. The proposed timings are as follows:

4pm - 4.30pm - Tea and refreshments in the Parish Rooms, Woodland

4.30pm - 6pm - Joint PCC meeting in the Parish Rooms, Woodland

6pm – 6.30pm - Evening Prayer in The Church of St John the Baptist, Woodland

'The Unity Course' starts on 27th June at St Andrew's Church Ipplepen 6.30pm – 8pm and then the 4 following Tuesdays in July. All welcome. Please see the poster on our notice boards, in the 'Beacon Magazine and on the welcome page of our website for more details:

www.missioncommunity.org.uk

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 May 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.

St Andrew's Outside - Free Event for all ages - Sunday 9th July 5pm-6:30pm in the Church Field, Ipplepen. You are invited to bring a picnic, along with something to sit on, to our next St Andrew's Outside. Sorry-no alcohol or dogs to be brought on site. Soft drinks and hot chocolate will be provided. Please bring a mug/water bottle. Field activities will be offered including marshmallow toasting around the fire pit. Please invite friends, neighbours and family. Children to be accompanied. Any queries, offers of help or to be on the prayer team to Lesley Mawson please on 07708037838 or see me at church.

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:		
1st Reading	Hosea 5:15-6.6	Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm	50.7-15	100
2nd Reading	Romans 4:13-End	Romans 5:1-8
Gospel	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon 12 th	John 15:12-17	Thurs 15 th	Matt 5:20-26
Tue 13 th	Matt 5:13-16	Fri 16 th	Matt 5:27-32
Wed 14 th	Matt 5:17-19	Sat 17 th	Matt 5:33-37

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

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Today - Sunday 11th June

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
1.30 pm	Baptism of Maggie Bellas & Arlo Bellas	- St Andrew's, 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
	2.00 pm	Hospitality Meeting	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	11.30 am	Kingsbridge u3a visit	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	7.00 pm	PCC Meeting	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	10.30 am	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	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
	4.30-5.30pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Next Sunday 18th June – Second Sunday After Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion – Patronal Festival	- 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

In Memory: Myfanwy 'Myfi' Jones and Michael Skinner.

Points of Prayer: We pray for Maggie and Arlo, their family and friends, as they are baptised this Sunday.

Lectio365 online Daily Prayer Adventure starts 11th June. Join Pete Greig, senior pastor of Emmaus Road, Guildford, and instigator of the worldwide '24-7 Prayer' movement, on a 3 week pilgrimage from Iona to Lindisfarne in the footsteps of 7th century Celtic saint Aidan. Link for daily devotions as Pete pilgrims across Scotland: www.24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-365



Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

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The calling of Matthew

As a tax collector, Matthew would have been looked down upon by other Jews. They felt justified to dislike his profession, and those who carried it out, because they were collaborating with the Roman imperial authorities; and also because they often extorted more money than was due in order to inflate their own profits. This made them social outcasts and others would avoid any contact with them especially the more religious.

Matthew's tax booth was probably either at the docks by Lake Galilee or along the main road leading into the town of Capernaum. Imagine Matthew's surprise when a respected rabbi, maybe being followed by a crowd as his popularity was growing, stopped to talk to him. There was Matthew going about his everyday life when he had an encounter with Jesus that would change him and the direction of his life from that point on.

Jesus calls Matthew in much the same way that he called Simon and Andrew earlier in the gospel. He tells them to follow, and they follow. However, the calling of Matthew differs from the calling of the fishermen, because Matthew was a tax collector. Fishing was considered an honourable profession; tax collecting was not. The crowd maybe wondered what Jesus saw in this man and why He would call him as a disciple. They may have been shocked if they had preconceived ideas of God and prejudices about who He should call.

Jesus himself is inclusive and everyone is called to follow Him. It doesn't matter what their background is or their social standing. It doesn't matter what others think of them. It doesn't even matter how old they are. He is not calling people who have everything figured out. He's not calling perfect people. He calls everyone and what is important is their response to His call.

After his meeting with Jesus, Matthew hosts a dinner party and invites other tax collectors and social outcasts. They are probably the only people who would dine with him. Notice that Jesus accepts his invitation and does not dictate how any of the guests behave before He comes. He just accepts them as they are. Transformation of lives is through the Holy Spirit and happens when people accept Jesus' invitation to "Come, follow me".

During the meal, the Pharisees arrived full of their own sense of self-importance and self-belief that they were the guardians of how things should be done. They question Jesus about the company he is keeping, a question they hoped implied His guilt. Jesus points out that he has come to heal the sick and like any doctor he could not do his job if he quarantined himself from the people who needed his help. He then instructed them to learn a lesson from the book of Hosea, that God desires compassion and not sacrifice. How Jesus treated the tax collectors and sinners demonstrated His compassion, and how the Pharisees treated them demonstrated their self-righteous pride.

What happened at this meal challenges us as individuals and as a church, about the type of welcome and hospitality we show to others. It is easy to welcome people if we think they are like us or are willing to change their, or their children's, way of behaving or appearance to fit in with our expectations. Do we send the message, intentionally or unintentionally, that you can come to this table as long as you and your family change and play by our rules? What Jesus shows us here is a radically different model that everyone is welcomed, everybody is loved, nobody is asked to change in order to fit in and receive a full place at the table. Can we take up the challenge and try this radical model of welcome?

*Come as you are.
You are Welcome Here!*