

August - September 2023

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



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# The Beacon

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# **Straplines**

- Commitment is making a choice to give up other choices. (Scott Stanley)
- For some people it seems a lot easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- Good judgement comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.

# Welcome

Much has happened in our villages since the last edition of the Beacon. Reports of the Flower Festival at St. Mary's in July with some photos of those wonderful displays can be found on p.21-22, a full report from Rachel Bellringer is complete with some lovely photos by Valerie Rowell.

Meanwhile, from Broadhempston is an account on p18 by Alex Paton another of the fitness medics from the village of his 'battle' with the triathlon. A daunting experience but on completion raising a magnificent sum from sponsorship for cystic fibrosis research and care. Well done!

Colin Clark, captain of the Bellringers in Ipplepen celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday; there is a great picture of him with the team on p.9 in the Ipplepen news.

I usually think of August as a quiet month in the villages, but there is certainly much going on. You must read all the magazine not to miss anything!

My thanks to all our contributors without whom the magazine would not be as it is. My special thanks to Charles Quartley who puts all the articles, photos and illustrations together to make such a professional final record of life and events in our Beacon mission community.

Michael Price, Editor

# **Tolkien the party animal**

The name JRR Tolkien may conjure images of a tweedy Oxford don, but the author of The Lord of the Rings could party like a hedonistic hobbit. The Great Tales Never End, a new book of essays in memory of Tolkien's son Christopher, contains a copy of an invitation to the younger Tolkien's coming of age celebrations. Organised by his parents, it was clearly a party of special magnificence.



# More Tim Vine one liners

- "A friend of mine always wanted to be run over by a steam train. When it happened, he was chuffed to bits!"
- "I was in the army once and the Sergeant said to me: 'What does surrender mean?' I said: 'I give up!'"

### **Rhythms of life**

I came across an old Indian proverb this week which says that each of us is like a house with four rooms - a physical, a mental, an emotional and a spiritual. It goes on to say unless we visit every room daily – even if it is only to keep it aired – we are not a complete person.

I have recently been in a phase of reviewing and changing the rhythms of my day and the way I air each room. This has been stimulated by the arrival of a puppy in our house. I am out walking at different times of day, learning about what puppy's need and making room for another very different (and at the moment bouncy) presence in our home. It has both been wonderful, joyous but also disconcerting and demanding as patterns and ways of doing things have needed to change.

All of us over the course of our lives go through moments

of settled rhythms and then review and change stimulated by changing circumstances (unexpected or planned) and due to simply the changing seasons and natural progression of one phase of life moving into another. The way we inhabit these different rooms of our lives (physical, mental, emotional and spiritual) develops and changes.

Over the summer many

people have a different rhythm. There may be holidays taken, visitors to welcome and visits to make, children are off school, there is the break from usual activates such as clubs and interest groups as organisers and leaders take a break over the summer. This is both joyous and challenging as it asks us to put down our usual rhythms and asks us to look again at how we air each room of our life (physical, mental, emotional and spiritual). Interestingly ad helpfully we often find when September comes around we pick up the rhythms of life in a slightly different way from before and move about the house of our life in a different way.

I am at the beginning of learning what it means to share my house (both actual and metaphorical) with a young puppy. I am being both challenged and experiencing much joy in the change of rhythm and in how I visit daily each of my rooms (physical, mental, emotional and spiritual) as I do this. I wonder what the rhythms of life are like for you? If any rooms need a bit more of an airing? Maybe the summer will offer an opportunity to do this.







# **Sunday Services for August and September**

Services planned at time of going to print. Please check website / Weekly Notices for updates.

Sunday August 6	<sup>th</sup> Transfiguration of O	ur Lord
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	Reflective Evening Prayer	- Holy Trinity, Torbryan
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# **Straplines**

- Don't confuse your path with your destination. Just because it's stormy now doesn't mean you aren't heading for some sunshine.
- Exercise works best early in the morning before your brain figures out what you're doing.

# **Other events**

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10 am - 12 no	on Coffee Morning (1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month)	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.30 am	Coffee Mates (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month)	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.30 am	"Coffee & Chat!" (2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month)	- St. Andrew's, Ipplepen
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	3 - 6pm ish	"Mary Day" Activities & BBQ	- Church Cottage & Church, Denbury
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	3 – 5pm	Summer Bank Holiday Cream Teas	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	10 am - 12 no	on Coffee Morning (1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month)	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	12 noon	Churches Together - Lunch Club (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month)	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
		All welcome. To book a place pleas	se contact Maria Alsop on 01803 813110
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	4.30 - 5.15pm	Visiting bellringers	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30 am	"Coffee & Chat!" (2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month	- St. Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5 – 6.30pm	St. Andrew's Outside	- St. Andrew's Church Field
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	: 10.30 am	Coffee Mates (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month)	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	7.30 pm	'Banter' Music Gig (Doors open 7.30pm. Gig sto	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston arts at 8pm)
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	12noon to 2pr	m Harvest Soup & Sweets Lunch	

# **Beacon Parishes Mission Community Weekly Events**

### **Private Prayer**

Our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week from 9am to 5pm each day

### **Weekly Morning Prayer**

Please note there will be no Morning Prayer throughout August. Morning Prayer will resume in September.

Tuesday	9.15 am (Book of Common Prayer)
Wednesday	9.15 am (Celtic Morning Prayer)
Thursday	9.15 am (Celtic Morning Prayer)
Friday	9.15 am (Silent Prayer and Meditation)

### **Regular Midweek Events and Communion Services**

Mondays	at 3 – 5pm	'T-pot'	<ul> <li>Church Cottage, Denbury</li> </ul>
	at 7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Tuesdays	at 10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesdays	at 7.00pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Wednesdays	at 7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursdays	at 10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Please note th	at the Sta*x Vo	uth Choir Practice 4 30nm or	n Thursdays at St Andrew's will resume

Youth Choir Practice, 4.30pm on Thursdays at St. Andrew's will resume in Please September

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

# Life Events

We continue to pray for those we, as Beacon Parishes, have had and will have the privilege of supporting and accompanying, and also their family and friends.

Baptisms		
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Ipplepen	Maggie Bellas
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Ipplepen	Arlo Bellas
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2023	Ipplepen	Martha Reynolds
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2023	Ipplepen	Erin Reynolds
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Ipplepen	Sofia Brimble-Ospina
Weddings There were no weddings in J	une or July	
Funerals		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2023	Torquay	Michael Skinner (Denbury Parishioner)
Interments of Ashes		
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Denbury	Percy Collings

# How to keep in touch

Weekly Notices	These contain up to date information of services and activities in our parishes. Published prior to each weekend, these are given out at services and also available to pick in the churches during the week. They are also emailed out by the office to those on the email circulation list.		
Website	The Beacon Parishes website <u>www.missioncommunity.org.uk</u> is the 'go to' place for information. It also contains the Weekly Notices and Beacon Magazine.		
Videos	Video recordings of some of the services held in our Beacon Community can be found on the website.		
Facebook	Three of our parishes keep up to date Facebook pages:		
	www.facebook.com/StAndrewsIpplepen/		
	www.facebook.com/denburyworship		
	www.facebook.com/Broad20/		
	and the Beacon Community Discussion group:		
	www.facebook.com/groups/424938598594105		
Email	The Church Office has an email list which is used for sending out the Weekly Notices as well as any other important information. If you or someone you know would like to be included on this list, please contact the office.		
Contacts	Names and telephone numbers are to be found in The Beacon.		
Rector	Rev'd Andrew Down. Tel: 01803 813403 E: <u>rev.andrewdown@gmail.com</u>		
Church Office	Church Office, St. Andrew's Church Hall, Church Path, Ipplepen, TQ12 5RZ		
	Tel: 01803 814178 E: office@beaconparishes.co.uk		

# Floodlighting

The towers at both Denbury and Ipplepen have floodlighting which needs sponsorship to cover the cost of electricity and maintenance. Sponsorship is usually for a week at a time, and people often like to sponsor to mark a special occasion.

# **Denbury:**

For Denbury, contact Rachel Belringer 01803 812529 / 07751804007

No sponsors this issue

# **Ipplepen:**

*For Ipplepen, the suggested donation is £5 per occasion per week.* 

- Sponsor forms are available in St. Andrew's and also at <u>www.missioncommunity.org.uk/floodlighting</u>
- Or write to the office or email: <u>ippleflood@beaconparishes.co.uk</u>
- Donations can be made by cash, cheque, BACS or via <u>www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ippleflood</u>
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation

### <u>New</u>

6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Linda, Hannah and Katie Simmonds for David's birthday on 10 <sup>th</sup> August
27 <sup>th</sup> Aug – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	David, Linda, Hannah and Katie Simmonds in memory of David's mother Kay Simmonds on her birthday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
September	Peggy Deen, Five years this year my love. Still always with me. Love from Malcolm
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	To celebrate the Platinum Wedding Anniversary of Ivor and Jean Osborne on 6 <sup>th</sup> September, from Jack and Sarah.
10 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	In memory of Geoff Williams on the 1st anniversary of his death is on Saturday 10th September.
	Mike and Jill Berry to celebrate their 55 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 14 <sup>th</sup> September
17 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Pam and Robin Thomas remembering Mum on her birthday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September.

# **Actual clippings from church notices:**

- National PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals".
- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
- The Sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on Water". The Sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus".
- Don't let worry kill you let the Church help.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.



Trinity Sunday was celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> June with Holy Communion at 11 am in St. Andrew's and Patronal evening prayer at Holy Trinity, Torbryan. In his reflection, by Krzysztof (Chris) Ramus, he mentioned that the Trinity is a mystery and hard to understand but the three persons of Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost are united in a loving relationship.

Celtic Morning Prayer was led by Jo Innes-Lumsden on the 11<sup>th</sup> June with Caroline Laycock giving the very interesting talk. It was good to have Carol Reed playing the clavinova for this service. I was apprehensive about leading the Celtic service on the 9<sup>th</sup> July for the first time but pleased to say it went well. I was grateful for the help I received and we were grateful to our speaker Sarah Nichols who gave an excellent talk. Steven Sheldon read the wedding bans for Megan and James who are to be married on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Many people enjoyed the Churches together breakfast service at the Methodist church on 28<sup>th</sup> May then we met together again in St. Andrew's on 25<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately Rev Kevin Hook was poorly and unable to be with us so Hillarie Griggs led the Service on her own.

Rev Andrew conducted a busy Holy Communion service on 2<sup>nd</sup> July as he baptised twin babies Martha and Erin Reynolds who were so good. Hillarie kept the other children entertained with activities.



Colin Clark (my brother in law) Captain of the Bellringers celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Colin started to ring at Ipplepen 67 years ago in 1957, and has been tower captain for 25 years. The ringers wanted to ring for him to celebrate and on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July they rang a couple of peals from 10.30. Afterwards with family and friends, we all enjoyed coffee, tea, sausage rolls and a selection of cakes prepared by Sue Sanders, Tony Clark and myself and a lovely chocolate sponge that Gill Earp brought. She was a friend from primary school days. Andrew

Vickery, vice-captain of the ringers presented Colin with a birthday rose to plant in his garden and a card from all the ringers.

After all the hot weather and with everyone praying for rain for the reservoirs, gardens and crops, it came with a vengeance. Unfortunately it came the wrong time for our village flower show but despite the high winds and showers the show went ahead and was extremely well attended. It was a shame the children couldn't dance around the maypole but obviously not in those conditions. However we look forward to maybe seeing them at Carnival time.

At the Holy Communion service the following day Rev Andrew mentioned how the Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 was so appropriate for this weekend as was Steve Sheldon's reflection on the parable of the sower with the different soils, roots, fruits and yields. We saw wonderful displays of fruit, vegetables, plants and flowers in the marquee. Nature is amazing.

### 'St Andrew's Outside' - Sunday 9th July 2023

After some worrying heavy showers during the day we were blessed with a beautiful summer's evening for the second 'St. Andrew's Outside' community event.

On arrival and after having staked out a picnic spot we gathered into a circle to learn how we could spend the evening. Flowers, seed heads and leaves had been concealed in the long grass in the Church Field. We were invited to wander with each other or alone, collect bits and pieces and then assemble them into a design. An item collected from the field which signified the most important thing to our lives, or which reflected ourselves, was to be placed in the centre. Flowers and other items of nature were assembled in a pattern around that. Some beautiful and imaginative creations were achieved by children and adults alike.

Ice creams were enjoyed by all along with cooling drinks during the evening. We finished up with toasted marshmallows over the fire pit, (a great favourite with the children) and a short sing-song of some well-known hymns. A Celtic Blessing followed to send us off in the direction of home after a happy evening of fellowship and relaxation.

Jane Ducker



### Lunch Club – Important Notice

The Ipplepen Lunch club 'Food for Thought' which meets the first Wednesday of each month will be having a break in August so will not meet on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August to allow those who help to have a break.

As the lunch club continues there is an urgent and immediate need to recruit new helpers as some of our longstanding helpers take a step back and move on to other things.



If you would be interested in volunteering a few hours a month to support the 30 plus people who come to share food and company please contact Maria on 01803 813110. The roles are varied from welcoming and being there on the day to coordinating and administration

### 'St Andrew's Outside' ... reaching forward

We plan to use the Church Field in Ipplepen bi-monthly into the autumn for 'St. Andrew's Outside' community events.

### Dates for your Diary

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm, Remembrance Sunday, as part of the wider Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Come and See' community initiative.

Do come and experience St. Andrew's Outside for yourself. Each community event is unique with a focus on nature, friendship, food and a fire-pit at its heart.

New team members are also most welcome to sign up for a one off event. No ongoing commitment is required, just a willingness to turn up an hour before the event starts, possibly to help clear up afterwards and to be a flexible Team member fitting in where needed on the day.

We are open to new ideas and reflections on how to take St. Andrew's Outside forward. Please think and pray around this. I can be contacted with feedback or queries via email at: lesleymawson0@gmail.com or via the Church Office.

Thank you, Lesley Mawson.

### Save the Date – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – 5pm to 6.30pm

### 'St. Andrew's Outside' at the Church Field FREE Event - Fire Pit - Activities - Food & drinks - all ages very welcome.

(Children to be accompanied by a responsible adult please – Sorry, no dogs)

For more detailed information please see the posters around the village and on the welcome page of our website: <u>www.missioncommunity.org.uk</u>

# **Churches Together Family Service**

Beacon Parishes Mission Community with

Ipplepen Methodist Church

# At 11am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

### Alternating each month between St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen, and Ipplepen Methodist Church

The Service will be held at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen, in February, April, June, August, October and December

The Service will be held at Ipplepen Methodist Church in January, March, May, July, September and November

# All welcome



# **St Andrew's Youth Choir**



Juniors - Every Monday 4.15pm to 5.15 pm

Seniors - Every Thursday 4.30pm to 5.30 pm

All are welcome to join in some fun singing!

We meet in St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen

Please telephone Jo Innes-Lumsden for further information (01803) 812654



It seems we have a great many pet dogs and cats in the village, to the point where they are almost outnumbering their human owners. At one point, I believe there were up to 13 cats at one of the farms, although their numbers might be somewhat reduced now. As farm cats, they are slightly wild, and many of them roam far and

wide, hence the difficulty in counting them. There is also a recently arrived Great Dane, who on a dark night might easily be confused for a small pony!

I think people can generally be divided into cat people and dog people. What unites them of course is that (in the vast majority of cases) they would do pretty much anything to safeguard the well-being of their pet. Whether that be giving up your favourite place on the sofa because they have decided to sit it, or forking out vast sums in vets' fees for a poorly pet, most owners will gladly do whatever it takes as long as their companion is happy.

I have to admit that I am firmly in the cat camp, but having said that, any sort of animal cruelty does really upset me more than almost anything else (except maybe cruelty to children). I recently saw some footage on the news about some orcas that had been trapped in fishing nets being released by divers. Whilst it was a joy to see them escaping back into freedom, the thought of them being trapped in the nets made me feel incredibly sad.

To safeguard animals on a global scale in the face of the damage humans are doing to the planet seems somewhat overwhelming. We can only hope and advocate that as a species we learn to share our world in a fairer way with the animals around us. In the meantime, I shall not begrudge my cats coming and begging for food in the middle of the night because, after all, cats come first!

Georgie Brendon



# Church of the Holy Trinity, Torbryan Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 6.30 pm William Blake: poems and songs Susheela Raman



with Sam Mills and Chris Gilchrist

Susheela Raman's musical journey has taken her South Indian voice into tamil-jazz, Pakistani qawali and Indonesian gamelan. She is a musical adventurer each of whose albums is quite different and whose live performances get rave reviews (www.susheelaraman.com). Her exploration of artist and poet William Blake's work goes beyond 'Jerusalem' into his mysterious Prophetic Books. Included in this concert are 'The Proverbs of Hell' and 'A Poison Tree', as well as 'The Tyger' and 'The Sick Rose'.

She is joined by long-time collaborator Sam Mills on guitar and Chris Gilchrist as reciter.

This is a benefit concert for the church heating fund. Please donate generously.



Our church Patronal Festival has been and gone and the next major event to occur on our village church calendar is Harvest Festival in the autumn. School term has ended and with it many clubs and activities also stop for the summer

holidays. For some this may seem like a very quiet time of the year with little going on but in terms of both social and rural activities this is certainly not the case in our parish. Our monthly library and coffee mornings are still ongoing throughout the summer, are as popular as ever and I have heard rumours of other social events being planned.

Rurally, of course, the biggest thing upon the horizon is the corn harvest. The dry weather, whilst scorching our landscape brown, did offer great weather for haymaking. Enough rain showers and a relief from the heatwave has thankfully allowed our fields to grow green again but it has made anyone with a combine harvester or corn standing in their fields slightly jumpy about the forthcoming harvest. Usually the barley ripens first, followed by oats and then wheat, with autumn sown crops ripening before the spring planted ones. In this parish the majority of the fields contain soil less suitable for wheat as it is a bit too light but barley and oats are successful and are mostly grown for animal feed and winter bedding – much less food miles if it's grown locally!



The heat wave may have killed off many of the plants in my garden and been challenging for some of our wildlife, but others seem to have thrived on it. Both garden and the wild hedgerow roses flowered brilliantly in the sun, crickets and grasshoppers abound and the increased insect life is beneficial for the many varied native insectivores. The swallow population, initially very thin on the ground, has happily increased with the successful rearing of their nestlings, small toads can be seen hopping about at the sides of the road and I'm seeing increasing evidence of

hedgehog activity. Presumably there are plenty of small rodents about too as we often see a barn owl ghosting over the fields behind our house in the evenings, hunting. A really special sight to behold!

Helen Pearse

# **Straplines**

- Always look on the bright side. How nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt!
- Being male or female is a matter of birth; being a gentleman or a lady is a matter of choice.

# **News from Broadhempston**

St. Peter and St. Paul



### Wedding

It was a lovely sunny day on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May for the marriage of Rebecca Lee and Ilya Kleyner at St Peter and St Paul's, Broadhempston. The wedding took place at 2pm and the church looked

wonderful with the floral arrangements and the sun shining through the windows. The bride was walked down the aisle by her father, Anthony, to a beautiful rendition of "I Giorni". An emotional extract from Conversations on Love was read by Rebecca's sister, Isobel.

Rebecca's parents, Anthony and Erica have lived in Broadhempston for many years and Rebecca was born, baptised, attended Sunday school, confirmed and now married in our church. Pam Perriman was a verger from the time Rebecca was baptised and confirmed, took the Sunday school which Rebecca and Isobel attended and has now, assisted at Rebecca's wedding.



### **Bell Ringing and New Ropes**



congregation looking on.

Andrew is pictured with Graham Pascoe, Captain of Bells.

St Peter & St Paul's PCC



### **Broadharmony Choir**

Our dear musical leader Bob Humphry's, who has taught us and lead us, sung to us and played to us, organised, amused and encouraged us, and made Thursday evenings such fun, is retiring after 6 years. We're feeling a bit wistful and sad, but we wish him all the very best - and we can always sing in the bath or shower, I suppose, but it's not the same as with Bob.

Broadhempston Bellringers were the

Captain), Elaine Peeke, Ian Bowman and

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July during our Holy Communion Service Andrew blessed the

Hilary Sutcliffe

### Thursday evening, Broadhempston

The church is dark tonight and drear, But in the shadows can you hear The people sing within the sound of silence? A greeting in Swahili, a lullaby from Spain, Songs of sadness, songs of hope, The anthem of Ukraine. We were here, there and everywhere. We wondered as we wandered underneath the stars. (Sometimes we didn't know where we were going, But we got there. We knew we would.) We celebrated the shop, wished you a merry Christmas, Summoned shepherds from sheepfolds with our singing, Angels from the realms of glory, and three kings from afar.

Will every song we sang stay with us forever?
We washed that man right out of our hair,
Dreamed of California on a winter's day;
Sailed on the sloop John B., travelled to Scarborough Fair,
Flew in God's aeroplane, went down to the river to pray.
We drove down country roads and roamed the streets of London,
We turned the blue moon gold and pulled the wild mountain thyme,
Found five reasons to drink, found someone to lean on,
Each song an ode to joy, however small.
Oh, we had a barrel of fun! We were having a good time
Rockin' and a-rollin' with Ba-bara Ann,
We didn't want to stop at all!

But now goodbye, Broad Harmony: Pastime with good company; Now that the singing is done, we'll take our leave and go. We bid you adieu, but with hope for the new We're on our way: Perhaps we'll meet again - some sunny day!

### **Charity Triathlon**

It was with some trepidation in January that I pressed the button and signed myself up for a triathlon at Wimbleball Lake on Exmoor this summer. It seemed so far away, and on paper the "sprint" distance didn't look too daunting - a 3km Stand-Up Paddleboard, 15km mountain bike ride and finishing with a 5km run. "I can do all those now" I thought; "I just need to link them together". Well, regular Friday night rides to Ipplepen and back via the bridleways, Tuesday evening runs in Torquay in between taxi duties for my gymnast daughter, and an ill-advised paddle on a full spate Dart still did not completely prepare me for the main event.

The paddle went fine despite 25 degree temperatures at 08.30, (I avoided a dunking which in retrospect might have kept me cooler) but the seemingly endless cycle up the steep side of the dam was a true leg





burner. Determined not to give up, I was spurred on by the incredible generosity and goodwill shown to me by family, friends, neighbours and fellow choir members. Despite a minor shortcut through a

holly bush I managed to complete the entire event with everything intact, and was very pleased to have finished in a respectable time.

The real sense of wonder however came as a result of all the wonderful sponsors - I've been absolutely humbled by their kindness, and am very pleased to have raised nearly £1200, which I have split between the national CF trust, the charity that supports and funds research for patients with cystic fibrosis, and the Exeter CF centre, the centre of excellence for clinical

care in the South West.

Thank you to everyone who donated and wished me good luck, I certainly couldn't have done it without you.

Alex Paton

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# **Family Service**

# with Children's Activities & Crafts Table



# (On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month)

# at 11.00 am

# St Peter & St Paul's Church, Broadhempston

with refreshments after the Holy Communion service

# All welcome

# **Strap Lines**

- Being in politics is a bit like playing rugby. You must be smart enough to know the game, but daft enough to think it's important.
- Any organisation, small, large, commercial, or voluntary, that does not try constantly to renew itself is doomed. (*Peter Nonsuch*)
- Carrying a grudge is exhausting.
- Death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity. (William Penn)
- Four stages of life for modern man: You believe in Santa Claus; you don't believe in Santa Claus; you are Santa Claus; you look like Santa Claus.
- God is there whenever a human heart welcomes him in.
- Honesty is undoubtedly the most important thing.



There has been a great flurry of activity at St. Mary's stretching back several months as arrangements for the eagerly anticipated Festival of Flowers were finalised. Irene Davey has done a remarkable job coordinating the various parts of the project, liaising with the Academy of Floral Art

and the 15 community groups who were providing displays, arranging sponsorship for the event and planning the catering arrangements. The Festival ran from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July and was formally opened by Judy Spiers. The floral displays were spectacular and were based around a theme of "the senses". The whole weekend was extremely busy with visitors coming from all over Devon to enjoy the displays and the refreshments. The weather was kind allowing people to sit outside to relax once they had completed the tour of the exhibits in the church.

In summary this was a superb event which really reached out to the community (we had approximately 50 volunteers to help with all elements of the show) and with donations, the raffle, the refreshments and sponsorship from local businesses the total raised for church funds was an amazing £6700.

Continuing the gardening theme, we held a working party to tidy up the paths and access areas in the churchyard at the end of June. We continue with our plan to manage the churchyard to provide significant wild areas in the lesser used parts of the churchyard. We have erected detailed signing to explain the aims of the PCC to develop habitats for wildlife and encourage the growth of more unusual wild plants and this approach has been welcomed and supported by the vast majority of visitors.

Our refurbished set of bells continues to attract a lot of interest from ringing circles. The tower was selected as the venue for the Devon 6 bell championships held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. We were treated to an exhibition of top rate ringing from the 12 competing teams who rang from 2 o'clock in the afternoon to 8 o'clock in the evening, stopping only for tea at about 5 o'clock in the Village Hall.

We have also been visited by a touring team from South Wales and by our Mission Community friends from Ipplepen. All were complimentary regarding the new set of bells which is encouraging to those involved with the bell restoration project.

It was nice for the St. Mary's PCC to meet up with PCC members from our community parishes at Woodland on 25<sup>th</sup> June and to have an interesting and valuable discussion on a number of topics affecting the Mission Community. A short but enjoyable service in Woodland church followed the meeting to bring the occasion to a conclusion.

We have now enjoyed a couple of very successful concerts in church over the last 12 months. We have been looking at continuing this initiative and are arranging a repeat visit from Jim Causley at the end of November to perform a Christmas themed set. Jim's previous visit attracted a large audience and this forthcoming event will undoubtedly prove very popular. The acoustics within the church are excellent and we hope to continue to run a programme of concerts going forward.

### Denbury's Festival of Flowers at St. Mary's. 7 - 9th July

The Festival was literally months in the planning, with the village groups coming to an initial meeting in March, where interest was expressed and the theme explained (The 5 Senses). We all went off to think about how our groups reflected that theme. Back again in early May to talk about our ideas – which ranged from simple to major construction!! - with input from the tutors from the British Academy of Floral Art. Their involvement, using the Festival as a project for their students, was wonderful, but at no point did they take over. They advised, worked out and bought the flowers needed, and created some beautiful displays in and around the church to compliment but not overshadow the work of the village groups. Perfect!

A couple more gatherings to confirm and finalise plans and then we were into the Week Before. Flower delivery...setting up structures...building the village displays...Academy Thursday... And then we were off!!

We fetched tables and chairs, we arranged and re-arranged tables and chairs, we set up gazebos, we took down gazebos, we made tea and coffee, we made MORE tea and coffee, we greeted, we chatted, we sold raffle tickets by the hundred, we sent for more raffle tickets, we baked and we baked again and then some more...

We had three memorable, glorious, exhilarating, exhausting days culminating in a lovely thanksgiving Service at the end of it all.

We worked hard for three days. Our main organiser, Irene Davey, has worked harder for considerably longer. Creating contacts, finding sponsors, raffle prizes and building and maintaining enthusiasm for the project far and wide. And it worked! The helpers rota had 50 – FIFTY!! - volunteers on it, not including the 7 musicians who played for us during the Festival.

Our many visitors were blown away by the beautiful displays and incredibly impressed with the community spirit in evidence and the friendly welcome given. Many were discovering Denbury and St. Mary's for the first time. The combination of Irene's inspiration and leadership, and the willingness of the village to help her realise it, has resulted in an extraordinarily successful fundraising event.

What a great achievement! Denbury Did It again!

Rachel Belringer





# **Strap Lines**

- In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. (Martin Luther King Jr)
- In theory, there should be no difference between theory and practice. In practice, there often is.
- It is better to talk about God less and talk to Him more.
- It is what you do when you have nothing to do that reveals what you are
- It's OK to be smarter than other people, but just don't tell them so.
- It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived.
- It's very difficult to find lost time.

### **STOP PRESS!!**

### Denbury celebrates "MARY DAY" Activities Afternoon and Barbecue. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August

3pm: Families gather in Church Cottage for refreshments and chat.

3.20pm: Treasure Hunt around and in the church. How many Marys can you find??

4pm: Arts and crafts activities.

5pm: Gather for Barbecue. Preceded by a brief celebration in music, poems, singing and prayer

### 5.15pm: BARBECUE!!

We really hope you'll feel able to join us for both the activities and the barbecue, or one or the other! The activities afternoon is come one come all, but we would be grateful if you could let us know, for catering purposes, if coming to the barbecue.

(tessaamies@gmail.com 01803 813993 or rachelbelringer@gmail.com 01803 812529

This celebration event is a heartfelt thank you from St Mary's church for the amazing support and help given from the village community and more widely from the Beacon Parishes. **There is no charge.** But – of course – donations towards the barbecue catering would be welcome! Hope to see you there!

# Summer Bank Holiday Monday Cream Teas on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Church Cottage, Denbury 3pm to 5pm



# **All Welcome!**

## Did you just book it? Or Thomas Cook it? By Sally Churchus

Thomas Cook did not start his travel business with the primary goal of making money. Motivated by his Christian faith, it was to help combat the dangers of alcohol and to help the victims of alcohol misuse.

Thomas Cook was born in 1808 in Derbyshire. At the age of 20 he became a Baptist missionary and toured the region as an evangelist distributing tracts, and in the 1830s, he became involved in the temperance movement. He was a cabinet maker by trade.

With the expansion of the railway network around 1840, he had the idea of combining rail travel with the cause of temperance. He arranged to take a group of temperance campaigners from Leicester Street railway station to a teetotal rally in Loughborough, 11 miles away. On 5<sup>th</sup> July 1841, he escorted 485 people, who paid one shilling each for the return rail journey and a meal, on his first outing. Many say that this is when the modern travel industry was born. Other excursions followed, including one in 1851 for 150,000



people to travel to the Great Exhibition in London. Four years later he was running trips abroad. By 1865 he had acquired business premises on Fleet Street, which included a shop selling travel accessories such as guide books, luggage, telescopes and footwear. He and his wife also



ran a small temperance hotel above the office. As the business grew, he built an imposing Temperance Hall and hotel in central Leicester and used much of his money to support the poor, often the victims of alcohol misuse.

In all the excursions he went on to organise, he wanted to bring people closer together and nearer to their creator by making 'God's earth with all its fullness and beauty' accessible and affordable to all.

Eventually his son, John Mason Cook, became a partner in the company and the name was changed to Thomas Cook & Son. Towards the end of his life his attitude towards profitability brought him and his son into conflict, including the issue of allowing lower fares for fellow Baptists. He died aged 83 in Leicester in 1892. After several mergers and takeovers the company collapsed in 2019, but he had given many the opportunity to experience the beauty and variety of God's world because of his strong Christian faith.

# **Bishop of Exeter announces retirement**

The Bishop of Exeter has announced he is to retire on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 after more than nine years in the role.

The Rt. Rev'd Robert Atwell was installed as bishop at Exeter Cathedral in July 2014.

He is currently convenor of the Bishops in the South-West region, chair of the Church of England's Liturgical Commission and the lead bishop for Rural Affairs.

He has been a member of the House of Lords since November 2021.

Bishop Robert said: "There is no ideal time to retire, but this seems like a sensible moment. I will be 69 in August. Last year I had surgery and, although it was successful, I am increasingly conscious of how precious the gift of life and health is, and I don't want to take it for granted.

"It has been an honour to serve as Bishop of Exeter in this beautiful county with so many historic and amazing churches served by faithful congregations. I have been blessed with a fantastic team of clergy colleagues and diocesan staff and I will miss working with them.

"I know the people of the diocese will continue to live out our vision to grow in prayer, make new disciples and to serve the people of Devon with joy."

Bishop Robert studied theology at St. John's College, Durham, before training for ordination in Cambridge and Rome. He served as a curate in the Diocese of London before returning to Cambridge as chaplain of Trinity College for six years and teaching early Christian life and thought.

He spent 10 years as a Benedictine monk in Oxfordshire, returning to parish ministry in London's Primrose Hill. He was appointed Bishop of Stockport in 2008.

During his time as Bishop of Exeter, he championed the role of the rural church, instigating the Growing the Rural Church project and most recently editing the book How Village Churches Thrive.

His time in office has also seen the development of the Devon Pilgrim project, the Devon Church Weddings project and social justice work through Transforming Plymouth Together. He steered Devon's 600 Anglican churches through the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Bishop Robert is also patron of Plymouth Marjon University, numerous charities and voluntary agencies including YMCA Exeter, St. Petrock's and Devon Historic Churches Trust. He is a trustee of Devon Community Foundation.

He is an accomplished author, whose works include Celebrating the Seasons, Celebrating the Saints, The Contented Life, Peace at the Last (on funeral ministry) and The Good Worship Guide.

The Lord Lieutenant of Devon, David Fursdon, said "It has been my privilege to work with Robert as Bishop of Exeter for eight of his nine years in office. He has indeed, as he set out to do, served the people of Devon with joy.

"Through a series of challenges, not least the Covid crisis, he has led by example. His deep personal faith, empathy and pragmatism coupled with humility and a gift for clear communication has enabled him to exercise strong leadership whether in the Diocese, as chair of the Church of England's Liturgical Commission or being the lead bishop for rural affairs in the House of Lords. We will miss him very much."

Bishop Robert will be stepping back from public duties in late July. The Bishop of Crediton, the Rt. Rev'd Jackie Searle, will be Acting Bishop of Exeter pending the appointment of the new bishop.



Bishop Jackie said "It is an honour to serve with Bishop Robert in this wonderful diocese. His retirement will be a significant loss to us all, and we are deeply thankful for his ministry.

"He will leave a rich legacy that includes his collaborative, prayerful and wise leadership, a strong team, and the Diocesan vision to guide us as we continue to pray, grow and serve the people of Devon with joy.

"It will be my privilege to be Acting Diocesan Bishop through the forthcoming vacancy."

Annie Jeffries, who as Chair of the House of Laity, represents lay people in the diocese, said "On behalf of the laity of the Exeter Diocese may I say how sorry we all are to hear that Bishop Robert is retiring.

"He has encouraged and supported the laity in all that he has instigated and achieved throughout his tenure as Bishop.

"It has been an absolute delight and privilege to work alongside him, as many of us have been fortunate to do. We wish him much happiness and continuing good health in the future years, with many thanks for his outstanding leadership."

There will be a farewell service for Bishop Robert at Exeter Cathedral in September. Details for this will be shared in due course.

# Nothing changes? - Mahatma Gandhi

I have so many quotations saved and I don't quite know where to start. However, thinking about the current situation in the world I wonder if this one might be relevant - it is one my mother liked (perhaps the world was not very different then !).

Winnie Bryant

### The things that will destroy us –

- Politics without Principles
- Pleasure without Conscience
- Wealth without Work
- Knowledge without Wisdom
- **Business without Honour**
- Science without Humanity
- Love without Sacrifice

Mahatma Gandhi

The Chaplaincy Team which serves our local hospitals are looking for new volunteers to work with them. If you want to give something back to your community and want to find a new way to put your faith into action, could this be something for you?

You would need:

- To enjoy meeting people
- To prefer listening to talking
- To be committed to treating everyone with respect, whoever they are
- To be comfortable in a multi-faith environment
- To be able to work within the very special setting of a hospital ward



There are opportunities at the acute hospital in Torbay, and also at each of our community hospitals. You would receive training and support, and become part of a respected team. We are looking for people who can offer a regular time commitment, although the specifics will of course vary from person to person and we can be flexible about that. We plan to run an introductory course for new volunteers in the autumn.

Interested? Then contact our team for more information – we would love to hear from you

01803 654186

tsdft.chaplains@nhs.net

You can watch a short video by following this link Chapel Volunteer (vimeo.com)

# Elevators terrify me..... I'm taking steps to avoid them. I got an e-mail saying at 'Google Earth, we can even read maps backwards", and I thought .....'That's just spam....' What do you call a man with no shins? Tony. Me and my friends put a band together, we named it 999 megabytes. Still don't have a gig though. I got into a fight with 1, 3,5,7,9. The odds were against me.



A PC prayer

Marion Matthews sends in this prayer:

Every single evening, as I'm lying here in my bed, This tiny little prayer keeps running through my head.

God bless my Mom and Dad, and all my family Keep them safe and warm, for they are so close to me.

And God, there is one more thing; I wish that you could do Hope you don't mind me asking, bless my computer too.

Now I know it's not normal, to bless a motherboard But listen just a second while I explain to you, "My Lord".

You see, that little metal box holds more than odds and ends, Inside those small compartments, rest so many of my friends.

I know so much about them by the kindness that they give, And this little scrap of metal, takes me in to where they live.

By faith is how I know them, much as the same as you, We share in what life brings us, and from there our friendship grew.

Please take an extra minute, from your duties up above, To bless those in my address book, that's filled with so much love.

Wherever this prayer may reach, to each and every friend, Bless each email INBOX and the person who hits "SEND".

And when you backup your heavenly hard drive on your own CD – ROM, Remember each who have said this prayer, sent up to God.com.

# Where are you God? - Rev Louise Corke

In the week I'm writing this, I've been in contact with a good number of people who feel completely out of control. Circumstances, health, actions and outcomes have all left them feeling thwarted or powerless to sort out their lives and as a result they are struggling with the situations on the outside and the



feelings on the inside. What on earth can I do to help? What can any of us do? Is praying for someone enough?

Below is a quote which I read a little while ago on the website sacredspace.ie

"I went to study eleven years ago, a very angry person. The anger was because of a perceived absence of God in the suffering of people I have known and loved. I hoped that through study my problem might be resolved. So I spent ten years in part-time study, listening and reading and writing.

Just as I was finishing an MA in Biblical Studies and about to write a thesis on 'Suffering in the Book of Job', cancer attacked me and put an end to all that. Thus, as it turned out, the last essay I wrote was on Mark's account of the prayer of Jesus in Gethsemane. The night before the operation was spent in an Accident & Emergency ward. It was possibly the worst experience of my life. I was alone and terrified. There was the operation ahead, the possibility that I might not come out the other side of it, and there was no escape. Then suddenly I was in the garden of Gethsemane and there was a Presence, a very powerful Presence, beside me, which lifted and supported me firmly and gently. It was not a cosy, consoling Presence but one which sustained me and gave me courage and assurance that no matter what the outcome, all would be well. That Presence was still with me when I came to, after the operation. It is important to stress that during this episode, countless people were praying for me. I am well now. I have had radiotherapy but my body refused chemotherapy. The experience of that Presence remains with me, and I now know that God is with us always but most particularly in the dreary, dark moments when there is nothing else. So, you see, I have had the answer to my furious questions, not through reading, listening and writing, but through a personal experience which I would never have chosen, and indeed never expected."

I don't know who the author is, but it is the encouragement we need to continue to pray for those we know in difficult circumstances. Praying for someone isn't just a matter of naming them (though that is a start, for sure!) but keeping them with you in God's presence, working through some of the details they face and praying specifically for the Lord's work in those details. It does make a difference; God sometimes moves dramatically, sometimes gently, often patiently, and when I hear the stories of change in people's lives it is immensely encouraging. The days are long at the moment; let's take a chair out into the garden, and be still for a little while, read a bit of the Bible and remind ourselves that God is God and pray for someone. It could make an enormous difference to them.

# **Teach us to pray**

### Praying on behalf of others

As a church and as individual Christians we commit

ourselves to say prayers on behalf of others. These

are known as intercessions. In our intercessions we bring our lives and the lives of those around us, neighbours both near and far, to God for his love and care.

### General weekly cycle of intercessions

Sunday	We pray for The universal church, that she proclaim the living Lord The natural world, that we might use creation sustainably The needy, that they might know new life
Monday	We pray for The people of God, for inspiration by the spirit Traditional and digital media, for healthy communication Those who travel, for safety and protection
Tuesday	We pray for The persecuted church, for protection and faithfulness The criminal justice system, for wisdom and fairness The world's displaced people, for freedom and security
Wednesday	We pray for All who follow Christ, for growth in discipleship All in the medical profession All who have no one to pray for them
Thursday	We pray for Ministers of the gospel Those who work for reconciliation Those in hospital
Friday	We pray for The local church, for courage to take up the cross of Christ Those in authority, for the right use of power Victims and perpetrators of violence, for healing and repentance
Saturday	We pray That Christians may live as citizens of heaven That the nations of the world will live in harmony That the dying will know the joy of the resurrection



### Local weekly cycle of intercessions

We are set in a particular time and place and so we bring our local communities and relationships to God.



Sunday	We pray for Our Bishops and those in leadership Prisoners and staff Our own friends, family and neighbours Our Beacon Parishes that we may grow in Prayer Discipleship and Service
Monday	We pray for The church community and villagers of Torbryan Our schools Those in hospital and the housebound
Tuesday	We pray for The church community and villagers of Woodland Our pubs and restaurants Carers and those medical professionals
Wednesday	We pray for The church community and villages of Denbury Our residential and care homes Those who care for children and young people
Thursday	We pray for The church community and villagers of Ipplepen Our local shops and post offices Our Parish Councils
Friday	We pray for The church community and villagers of Broadhempston Local Farms Local clubs and societies
Saturday	We pray for Our brothers and sisters of other denominations and none Local Businesses

### **Intercessions for the Mission Community – August and September**

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	Flower arrangers	North Street & North End Close	The Green	Main Street	Waye Farm Cottage
Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kneeler makers	Orchard Road	Down View Road	Houndhead Way	Woodland Barn
Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	Deanery Synod members	Orley Road & The Glebe	Greenhill Lane	Vicarage Hill	White Eagle
Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	Deanery chapter	Osborn Close	Fairview	Primary School	Higher Lake Barn
Sep 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Users of the hall & church	Park Hill	Moorland Avenue	Community Shop	Well Farm
Sep 10 <sup>th</sup>	Visitors	Poplar Terrace	Orchard Close	Radfords	Woodland Vale Farm
Sep 17 <sup>th</sup>	Readers	Thorn Orchard	Heathfield Road	Beaston	Crazy Acre Well Farm
Sep 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sep 24 <sup>th</sup> Lay leaders Torbryan		Heathfield Terrace	Downe	Dipwell Cottage

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