



Sunday 9th July 2023

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Today - Sunday 9th July

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
10.30am-6pm	'Festival of Flowers'	- 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
2.00 pm	Baptism of Sofia Brimble-Ospina	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
5.00pm-6.30pm	'St Andrew's Outside'	- St Andrew's Church Field, Ipplepen
6.00 pm	Service of Thanksgiving – Festival of Flowers	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

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
	6.30pm-8pm	'The Unity Course'	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	10.30 am	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	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

Next Sunday 16th July – Sixth Sunday After Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- 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

The 'Festival of Flowers' in Denbury continues this Sunday 9th July, from 10.30am to 6pm and will conclude with a 'Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving' which will be held on Sunday 9th July at 6pm in The Church of St Mary the Virgin. Each village group has designed a display on the theme of the Five Senses: A Floral Sensory Journey. They have been assisted in this by the tutors and students from the British Academy of Floral Art, who have advised on ideas, and helped to coordinate the overall presentation. Based in Exeter, they have been Chelsea Flower Show Gold winners on several occasions. So come and feast your eyes on the wonderful displays before enjoying some delicious refreshment! All welcome!

'St Andrew's Outside – Ipplepen' looks forward to welcoming you this Sunday afternoon (9th July) at 5pm to our free, all-age community event in the Church Field. Bring a picnic, something to sit on, a mug and dress for the weather! See you there. Lesley Mawson and Team.

Points of Prayer: We pray for Sofia Brimble-Ospina and her family and friends, as she is baptised this Sunday.

'Monday T-Pot' takes place at Church Cottage, East Street, Denbury, this Monday 10th July from 3pm to 5pm. This is a regular weekly coffee afternoon in Denbury. All Welcome!

'The Unity Course' continues this Tuesday 11th July at St Andrew's Church Ipplepen 6.30pm – 8pm and then the following 2 Tuesdays in July. This week's theme is Worshipping: Facing Disagreement well. All welcome! The theme for the 4th session next Tuesday will be 'Writing and Speaking: Taming the Tongue' 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

'Coffee Mates – Men of Denbury (and friends)' takes place at Church Cottage, East Street, Denbury, this Wednesday 12th July at 10.30am. Treat it as a coffee shop. Bring your newspaper/book or do the crossword. This is a regular monthly coffee morning in Denbury which takes place on the second Wednesday of each month. All Welcome!

To view all posters of our regular weekly and monthly events and also posters of special events, please remember to view the welcome page of our website: www.missioncommunity.org.uk

Finding our Next Bishop of Exeter - We Want to Hear Your Views!! With Bishop Robert's retirement planned for the end of September, a discernment process is already underway to find the next Bishop of Exeter. You are encouraged to fill in our short online survey so your views and ideas can be considered. Please click the link below to give your views:
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=nVvSXRLHDkaupBHadea14DjkalHfv8VJserO8GBV6vVUNjk5OFREVIpTWTvKTKvFQ1c4NETMWEtUTC4u>

16 New Deacons Ordained to Serve the People of Devon with Joy. After being ordained at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 1 July, 16 new members of the clergy are beginning their roles at parishes across Devon.

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:	1st Reading Jeremiah 28:5-9	Isaiah 55:10-13
	Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	65:1-8, 9-End
	2nd Reading Romans 6:12-End	Romans 8:1-11
	Gospel Matthew 10:40-End	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Readings for the week ahead:		
Mon 10 th	Matt 9:18-26	Thurs 13 th Matt 10:7-15
Tue 11 th	Matt 9:32-End	Fri 14 th Matt 10:16-23
Wed 12 th	Matt 10:1-7	Sat 15 th Matt 10:24-33

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

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Reflection by Rev'd Anne Burden

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The New Testament readings for the Sundays in the season of Trinity have been from the letter to the Romans - and I must admit that I've often struggled to make sense of them. In truth - and this is a greater confession! - I've sometimes slipped over them, and hoped that the Gospel reading would have something more straightforward to say. But less need for panic this week - Romans is, I think, much clearer.

Paul is writing about finding himself unable to do what he knows is right - and his context is one of his explorations of Jewish law and regulations for living. As a teacher of the faith, Paul is a master of this - but he also has the insight and humility to realise that he doesn't always want to do what he knows is right. He refers to this as sin. Paul has failed in his wish to be righteous because thoughts and desires are not enough - action is necessary. As we all know - actions speak louder than words. Indeed, a person cannot be thought of as 'good' unless knowledge of what is right and good leads to action. This is the problem with the Jewish law - and with our laws and regulations today. Law can give knowledge of what is good, but it cannot overcome the power of sin sufficiently to motivate a person to do what is good. Law is unable to make anyone good. What is needed is a movement of the heart - and this is where the power of Christ might come in.

The Gospel passage today makes it clear that those listening to Jesus will never be satisfied. On the one hand they appear to want precise instructions about the Christian faith - but then they criticise and knock down what they hear, whether the preacher is John the Baptist, Jesus himself - or perhaps anyone. The problem is that people are too set in their self-righteous, religious ways to recognise the things of God which might present themselves differently from their expectations.

The same idea is continued in Jesus' saying about his "easy yoke" - "his yoke is easy and his burden is light". I think what Jesus is calling for is both easier and harder. It is not a formal yoke of specific, legalistic religious requirements - but a yoke of commitment to Jesus, pure and simple. Jesus has the power to turn the hearts of those in relationship with him, so that they can live a life of love. This is what our Christian discipleship has to be about - living in relationship with Jesus and responding to his gift of love - so that we can reflect that love and acceptance to those we meet, and live together in peace and harmony in the light of God's love.

So often, when we think of how to move forward with the problems of society today, we talk about making stricter laws and enforcing them more rigorously. This will never work unless it leads to hearts and lives being changed. Knowing all that there is to know about the law - however good it is - doesn't necessarily make good people. It might just make clever and successful criminals. Christ's way of filling those who are damaged and empty with love and acceptance, isn't being weak and 'wish-washy liberal' - whatever people might say to us. In fact, it may be just enough to start the process of turning hearts and building a more united, loving and righteous world.