



Sunday 3rd September 2023

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today - Sunday 3rd September

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
2.00 pm	Baptism of Luca DoPrado	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.00 pm	Wedding Meeting	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Morning Prayer

This week morning prayer will be said at the following times:

Tuesday	9.15 am (Book of Common Prayer)	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.15 am (Celtic Morning Prayer)	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Thursday	9.15 am (Celtic Morning Prayer)	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
Friday	9.15 am (Silent prayer and meditation)	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

Reflection

All our churches are open for private prayer and reflection from approximately 9am to 5pm each day.

Mid-Week

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
Wednesday	12 noon	Food for Thought - Lunch Club	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
	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
	4.30pm-5.15pm	Visiting Bellringers	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	6.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Saturday	10.30am-12pm	'Coffee & Chat!'	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
	12 noon	Wedding Ceremony of James Edwards & Megan Irish	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Next Sunday 10th September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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
2.00 pm	Baptism of Otilie Tewson	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
5.00pm-6.30pm	'St Andrew's Outside'	- St Andrew's Church Field, Ipplepen

Points of Prayer: As pupils return to school this week, we pray for all children as they start a new school year but especially for those starting for the first time or making the transition to a new school. We also pray for their parents, teachers, the office staff and all who work in our schools. We pray for Luca DoPrado as he is baptised this Sunday 3rd September at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen. We pray for James Edwards and Megan Irish as they prepare for their wedding at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen, on Saturday 9th September. We pray for Otilie Tewson and family as they prepare for her baptism on Sunday 10th September at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen.

In Memory: Jean Ellen Squires.

'Family Holy Communion with Childrens Activities' takes place in St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen, on Sunday 3rd September. This regular monthly family service takes place on the first Sunday of every month.

'Monday T-Pot' takes place at Church Cottage, East Street, Denbury, this Monday 4th September from 3pm to 5pm. This is a regular weekly coffee afternoon in Denbury. All Welcome!

'Food For Thought – Lunch Club' At St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen, on Wednesday 6th September at 12 noon. All welcome – To book a place please contact Maria Alsop on 01803 813110

'Coffee & Chat!' At St Andrew's Church Hall (due to the wedding taking place in the church), Ipplepen, next takes place on Saturday 9th September 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.

'Family Holy Communion Service with a Crafts table and Childrens Activities' takes place in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Broadhempston, on Sunday 10th September. This regular monthly family service takes place on the second Sunday of every month.

'St Andrew's Outside' takes place in the Church Field, Ipplepen on Sunday 10th September at 5.00pm and then on Remembrance Sunday 12th November at the slightly earlier time of 4.00pm for an exciting 'Come and See' event. This is a FREE community event with activities, food and fire pit, taking place on the second Sunday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September and November).

'Coffee Mates – Men of Denbury (and friends)' next takes place at Church Cottage, East Street, Denbury, on Wednesday 13th September 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 2nd Wednesday of each month. All Welcome!

The 'Banter' Music Gig at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Broadhempston, will take place on Saturday 23rd September at 8pm. (Doors open at 7.30pm). www.banter.band/gigs

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:	1st Reading Jeremiah 15:15-21	Ezekiel 33:7-11
	Psalm 26:1-8	119:33-40
	2nd Reading Romans 12:9-End	Romans 13:8-End
	Gospel Matthew 16:21-End	Matt 18:15-20

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon 4 th	Luke 4:16-30	Thurs 7 th	Luke 5:1-11
Tue 5 th	Luke 4:31-37	Fri 8 th	Luke 5:33-End
Wed 6 th	Luke 4:38-End	Sat 9 th	Luke 6:1-5

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

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Reflection by Tessa Amies

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CHOICES

The first weekend in September! Summer almost over. Harvest and autumn on their way, yet to come. September often brings new choices and challenges. The dividing of the ways, new ideas, new beginnings. Youngsters starting at school, moving onto secondary school, then college and university. All new challenges, all new experiences. (We wish them well).

For the rest of us too there are choices to be made too. How lucky we are to be able to choose, to be free to make choices. Some - prisoners, hostages, those confined to bed because of illness, may not have so many choices and for some this must be really frustrating.

So those of us who can choose, who do have choices, let's be thankful. Let's appreciate the choices we can make. Being able to wake up in the morning and choose what we do that day - wonderful! To choose whether we watch Eastenders or Corrie or neither. To choose if we walk UP Denbury Hill or ROUND Denbury Hill and many many more - WONDERFUL!!

We can choose to be followers of Christ, receiving his love and mercy or to go our own way. How lucky we are to have this choice, to be free to do so.

This well-known poem by Robert Frost sums up this situation so well. Many moons ago I stood in a gateway, two paths led right and left from that spot. I chose to go one way. Was this the right one? I expect you did too. Did it work out for you?

Enjoy the choices September brings.

ROAD NOT TAKEN

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And to be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence;
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost