



Sunday 17th September 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today - Sunday 17th September

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

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
	4.15 pm	Sta*x Junior Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	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
	4.30 pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Friday	6.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Saturday	12.30 pm	Wedding Ceremony of Philip Palfrey & Roseanne Fraser	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston

Next Sunday 24th September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Harvest Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Harvest Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Churches Together Family Service	- Ipplepen Methodist Church
6.00 pm	Harvest Evensong	- St John the Baptist, Woodland

Points of Prayer: Bishop Robert is retiring at the end of September after nearly a decade as our Diocesan Bishop. We pray for him as he concludes his time with us and moves on to new things. His farewell service will be held at Exeter Cathedral this Sunday 17th September at 3pm. Tickets are all booked but you can watch it on the Exeter Diocese Website. We pray for Philip Palfrey and Roseanne Fraser as they prepare for their wedding at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Broadhempston, on Saturday 23rd September.

In Memory: Jean Ellen Squires and Gerald Greet.

'Come Holy Spirit: An Informal Service of Reflection' takes place in St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen, on Sunday 17th September at 4.30pm and then on Sunday 15th October. This regular monthly service takes place on the third Sunday of every month.

Thank you to everyone who came along, took part or supported in any way last Sunday's glorious St Andrew's Outside event. Special thanks to our Sta*x young people's choir and leaders. Their beautiful rendering of songs provided an idyllic backdrop to the whole evening. A mist settled over Denbury Down and the setting sun shone behind the choir as they closed the evening with Ukuthula and Ancient Words. It truly felt like a 'God moment' that only the creator could have engineered.

Please note that The 'Banter' Music Gig at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Broadhempston, on Saturday 23rd September at 8pm has unfortunately been CANCELLED. www.banter.band/gigs

'Harvest Soup & Sweets Lunch' takes place at Church Cottage, East Street, Denbury, on Saturday 30th September from 12 noon to 2pm. Please telephone Tessa Amies to add your name to the list for this lunch (01803) 813993

On Sunday 1st October at 11am there will be the 'Harvest Holy Communion & Bellringers Service' at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen.

'Coffee Morning in Woodland' takes place on Saturday 7th October from 10am to 12 noon at The Parish Rooms, Woodland and then on Saturday 4th November. This is a regular monthly coffee morning in Morning in Woodland which takes place on the first Saturday of each month. All Welcome!

'St Andrew's Ipplepen Gift Day 2023' with 'Coffee & Chat!' will take place on Saturday 14th October 2023, 10.30am to 12 noon at St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen. This event will include a sale of Produce, cakes and preserves. Flyers for this event can be view on the welcome page of our Mission Community website and will also be available in the printed hardcopies of the Ipplepen Magazine.

On Friday 27th October 2023 at 7pm (for 7.30pm start) There will be a talk by Danielle from 'Children's Hospice, South West' in St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen. Cakes and refreshments will be available.

Readings	This week	Next week
Readings for this Sunday:	1st Reading Genesis 50:15-21	Jonah 3:10-End of 4
	Psalm 103:1-13	145:1-8
	2nd Reading Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21-End
	Gospel Matt 18:21-35	Matt 20:1-16

Readings for the week ahead:

Mon 18 th	Luke 7:1-10	Thurs 21 st	Matt 9:9-13
Tue 19 th	Luke 7:11-17	Fri 22 nd	Luke 8:1-3
Wed 20 th	Luke 7:31-35	Sat 23 rd	Luke 8:4-15

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

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A view from the congregation

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Matt 18:21-35
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This week, Chris, who has recently started serving at Ipplepen and a long-term member of the congregation, shares his thoughts on today's Gospel passage:

This gospel reading begins with Peter asking Jesus how often he should forgive someone. 'As many as seven times?', he asks. But Jesus offers this surprising answer, that we should forgive someone not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Which basically means that we should forgive someone until we lose count. Because forgiveness really isn't about maths; it's about mercy. And it's about doing for others what God does for us. And to reinforce this point, Jesus then goes on to tell a very interesting and challenging parable. There is a slave, Jesus says, that owes his king ten thousand talents. Something so big that no one in the world could ever possibly repay it. This slave is in a hopeless situation and he knows it. All he can do is fall on his knees and plead for mercy, which he does, and the king, shockingly, decides to forgive this slave his entire debt. The king in this parable is like God and the slave is like us, and this parable reminds us that what we owe God is beyond what we can ever hope to repay. That's the nature of sin. We can't repay God for our sins against God. One sin is more than we can possibly repay. Each and every one of us owes God ten thousand talents and more; and not a single one of us can repay this debt.

But like the king in this parable, God chooses to forgive us. God forgives us all of our sins, all of our debt. No matter our sin; no matter how much we have sinned; no matter how often we have sinned; God chooses to forgive it all. The forgiveness that God offers to each of us is more than we can possibly imagine. So, what does the slave in this parable do? As he is leaving the king, he encounters a fellow slave who owes him just a hundred denarii, a tiny amount compared to ten thousand talents, and he throws this slave into prison until he would pay the debt. This slave goes on in life without changing, and without forgiving, and the king finds out and hands him over to be tortured until he repays the entire debt.

And Jesus concludes by encouraging us to show mercy to our brothers and sisters, just as God has shown mercy to us. Our gospel reading is about mercy and forgiveness. Seventy-seven times is a lot, but it's nothing compared to how often God has forgiven us. God's forgiveness can't be counted, or added up, or quantified at all. It's endless and infinite. Realizing how much God has forgiven you, believing it with all your heart, and sharing a little of that with the people around us, may be the most important thing that happens in your life. We should pray that it happens many thousands of times, all around our community, and our world. To the glory of God. Amen

by Krzysztof (Chris) Ramus

As you read the passage, what are your views? Notice what strikes you. Are there any words that jump out at you? What is the invitation to you in this passage? What do you find challenging. Finally, what actions might you be prompted to take?

Andrew.