

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



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The Beacon

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Straplines

- You cannot direct the wind, but you can adjust your sail.
- We should be very careful with our thoughts; they may break into words at any time.

Welcome

As Bob Dylan wrote in the song "For the times they are a-changin'", this theme is taken up in the article by Ven. Jane Baker, Archdeacon of Plymouth in her article [p29] which first appeared in Roots and Shoots, the Diocesan Newsletter reflecting on the change as we say farewell to Bishop Robert of Exeter. The church has an uncomfortable relationship with change as we do as individuals. Do read this excellent article to find out more

Helen Pearse writing in the Woodland news [p17] refers to her pleasure from observing the changes of season and how it affects wild life around us. She reminds us of the one person in the village who has seen more changes than most as Leonard Merchant celebrated his 100th birthday at the library morning party. Our warm congratulations to him!

Change also is affecting our Beacon magazine. A generous benefaction over very many years enabling us to print the magazine at no cost to the Beacon mission community came to an end after the publication of the June edition. We have been enabled to produce the magazine in electronic form for those who have access and know-how with computers but as editor and production team we are aware that many value the hard copy of the Beacon. The PCCs have agreed to fund printing of this edition, and it will be up to the parishes and our Rector to let us know if and how it might continue after that.

As editor I have been an admirer of the work of the Church Army and was the representative of this organisation on the Church committee in my last parish in Hertfordshire. There is an article on Wilson Carlile who founded the Church Army followed by a report on a recent commissioning of a Church Army evangelist, Heidi Lewis from our neighbouring parish of Ashburton -see p28.

In hope, the next edition will be the Christmas and Epiphany edition. Articles and photographs should reach me by 22nd November.

Michael Price, Editor

Time for a Smile



Two engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing

"We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole," said one, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took pliers from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her purse, took a measurement, announced, "21 feet," and walked away.

One engineer shook his head and laughed, "A lot of good that does us. We ask for the height and she gives us the length!"

From Andrew - Autumn



As we move into autumn the nights draw in, the sun is low in the sky and the leaves begin to reveal their wonderful colours which have been hidden up until now under the strength of greens. It is a time of thanksgiving with harvest celebrations of various kinds as well as a time of preparation for winter. We might get the chimney swept and log pile topped up, get out those warm jumpers from the top of the wardrobe and make sure we have de-icer for the car. So it is both a time of reflection and preparation.

I spend much of my time having the privilege of journeying with people and their families in times of life transitions at Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. Often at such times the amazing and dazzling colours of people and their families come to the fore. There is reflection and thanksgiving as well as preparation for what is to come next on life's journey.



I think autumn is a season in which we can allow the celebrations and thanksgivings of harvest and the practical preparations for winter help us in our reflection on life's journey. The transitions we each face as people in our friendships, communities and families. The external things of autumn from the changing leaves and low sun to the singing of harvest songs can lead us to reflect more intentionally on our own journeys... the joys and sorrows,

the thanksgivings and regrets and the preparations for whatever the next bit of our journey has for us.

Andrew

Ecclasiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Sunday Services for October and November

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

Sunday 1st October

9.30 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Celtic Morning Prayer
11.00 am Harvest Holy Communion & Bellringer's Service
4.30 pm Reflective Evening Prayer
6.30 pm Harvest Home Celebration

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

- St John the Baptist, Woodland
- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
- Holy Trinity, Torbryan
- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

Sunday 8th October

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Holy Communion with Children's Activities
11.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 15th October

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Holy Communion
4.30 pm Come Holy Spirit: Informal service of reflection

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

- St John the Baptist, Woodland
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen

Sunday 22nd October

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Harvest Holy Communion
11.00 am Churches Together – Family Service

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 29th October

10.00 am Mission Community Holy Communion

Bible Sunday

- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday 5th November

9.30 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Celtic Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion with Children's Activities

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

- St John The Baptist, Woodland
- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

Sunday 12th November

9.30 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Churches Together Village Service
10.55 am Holy Communion with Children's Activities
4.00 pm 'St Andrew's Outside'

Remembrance Sunday/Third Sunday before Advent

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

Sunday 19th November

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Holy Communion
4.30 pm Come Holy Spirit: An Informal service of reflection

Second Sunday before Advent

- St John The Baptist, Woodland
- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen

Sunday 26th November

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Churches Together – Family Service

Christ the King

- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
- Ipplepen Methodist Church

Other events

Wed 4 th Oct	12 noon	Food for Thought Lunch Club <i>(Churches Together. 1st Wednesday of each month)</i> <i>All welcome. To book a place please contact Maria Alsop on 01803 813110</i>	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Sat 7 th Oct	10 am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning <i>(1st Saturday of each month)</i>	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
Tues 10 th Oct	9.30 am	Denbury Primary School's Harvest Festival – St. Mary's Denbury	
Wed 11 th Oct	10.30 am	Coffee Mates <i>(2nd Wednesday of each month)</i>	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Sat 14 th Oct	10.30 am	"Gift Day" with "Coffee & Chat!" <i>(2nd Saturday of each month)</i>	- St. Andrew's, Ipplepen
Fri 27 th Oct	7.30pm	Talk: 'Children's Hospice South West'-St. Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen <i>Doors open 7.00pm</i>	
Wed 1 st Nov	12 noon	Food for Thought Lunch Club <i>(Churches Together. 1st Wednesday of each month)</i>	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Sat 5 th Nov	10 am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning <i>(1st Saturday of each month)</i>	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
Wed 8 th Nov	10.30 am	Coffee Mates <i>(2nd Wednesday of each month)</i>	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Thurs 9 th Nov	5pm	Shoebox Gifts Service	- St. Andrew's, Ipplepen
Fri 10 th Nov	6.45pm	'Unity in Sound' Concert	- St. Andrew's Ipplepen
Sat 11 th and Sun 12 th Nov		Various 'Come & See' events across the Mission Community	
Sat 11 th Nov	10.30 am	"Coffee & Chat!" + 'Come & See'	- St. Andrew's, Ipplepen
Sun 12 th Nov	4 – 5.30pm	St. Andrew's Outside + 'Come & See'	- St. Andrew's Church Field
Sat 18 th Nov	10am – 1pm	'Coffee, Cake & Crafts'	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Sun 19 th Nov	2.30pm	'Tea for Two' Concert	- St. Andrew's, Ipplepen
Sat 25 th Nov	6 pm	Medieval Lantern Procession	- finish at St. Andrew's, Ipplepen
Sun 26 th Nov	2pm	'A Causley Christmas' Concert	- St. Mary's, Denbury

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

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

Regular Midweek Events and Communion Services

Mondays	at 3 – 5pm	'T-pot'	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	at 4.15pm	Sta*x Junior Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
	at 7.30pm	Broadhempston ringers practice at various towers while Broadhempston bells not available, until further notice	
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
	at 4.30pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen

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 20 th August 2023	Denbury	Olivia Law
Sunday 3 rd September 2023	Ipplepen	Luca DoPrado
Sunday 10 th September 2023	Ipplepen	Ottillie Tewson

Weddings

Saturday 9 th September 2023	Ipplepen	James Edwards and Megan Irish
Saturday 23 rd September 2023	Broadhempston	Philip Palfrey and Roseanne Fraser

Funerals

Tuesday 15 th August 2023	Ipplepen	Jean Ellen Squires
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Interments of Ashes

There were no interments of ashes in August or September.

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 www.missioncommunity.org.uk 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.

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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 www.missioncommunity.org.uk/floodlighting
- Or write to the office or email: ippleflood@beaconparishes.co.uk
- Donations can be made by cash, cheque, BACS or via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ippleflood
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation

Retrospective

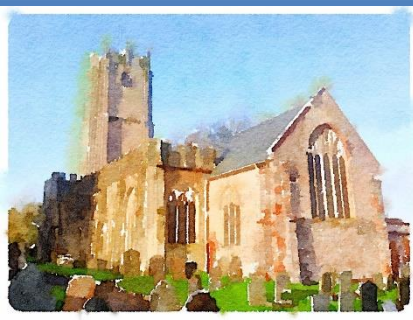
- 30th July – 5th Aug Congratulations to Rod Wilkins on his 80th birthday on 2nd August, with much love from all the family, June, Nick, Chris, Jo and Buddy.
- 24th – 30th Sept For mum's birthday on 29th September, from Christine Banks

New

- October In memory of Ralph and Doreen Lewis, from Christine Lewis
- 24th Sept – 7th Oct In loving memory of Cynthia and David Floyd in their birthdays (28th September and 2nd October) and their anniversary (3rd October). Love from daughters Angela and Rosemary and their families
- 15th – 21st Oct In loving memory of a dear dad, Arthur Bearne, on 16th October from Barbara and John Tuckett
- In memory of Ted Wonnacott, a loving husband, dad, grandad and great grandad. On the anniversary of his passing on October 20th
- 22nd – 28th Oct October 28th is our 45th wedding anniversary and the first birthday of our wonderful grandson Dominic. Ingrid and John Marsh
- 5th – 11th Nov In loving memory of Pamela, a dear wife and mother to Mark, Karen and Ken Squire
- 19th – 25th Nov Walt & Rose Gooding celebrate their Diamond (60th) Wedding Anniversary on November 23rd
- Mike and Jill Berry to celebrate their daughter Helen's 50th Birthday on 25th November
- 26th Nov – 2nd Dec Joanna Wildgoose for her late Dad on his birthday, 28th November. He loved the church and enjoyed many visits there.
- Thursday 30th November- in loving memory of Wendy Osborn, with love Liz and Bruce Hooker and family.

News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



We are experiencing wonderful September weather as I write this and feeling sorry for the children and teachers who have returned to school after a rather wet August.

Sadly Rev Andrew's father passed away at the end of July so it must have been a difficult and hard time for Andrew and all his family. He has no doubt been in our thoughts and prayers. At the Holy Communion service on Sunday 3rd September Andrew expressed his thanks for cards and messages received. He also said how grateful he was to Rev Anne Burden who stepped in to take services in his absence and how lucky we are that she chose to live in Ipplepen to which we all agree.

The Celtic Morning Prayer services on August 13th and September 10th were led by Sheila Sheldon and Steve Sheldon was the speaker who gave us two very interesting and powerful talks.

Rev Anne Burden conducted the funeral service for Jean Squires on Tuesday 15th August at 12.30 pm. Jean was well known in the village and the church was packed with family, friends and Villagers to pay their respects.

The Churches Together Family service took place on 27th August with Hillarie Griggs, Maria Alsop and Rev Kevin Hook leading it.

We held a Hospitality Meeting where plans were made for many events leading up to Christmas. Coffee and Chat was held in the Church Hall this month as there was a wedding taking place in church. It was a beautiful day and very successful. Half the donations this time go to Devon Historic Churches whom we support annually.

The bells rang out before and after the Wedding Ceremony of James Edwards and Megan Irish which took place at 12 noon conducted by Rev Andrew on a very hot September 9th. The bride looked beautiful and all the bridal party and guests dressed in lovely outfits.

On Thursday September 7th we held a Meeting of the Mission Community Pastoral Care Committee chaired by Rev Andrew. We keep in touch with people who unfortunately are ill or housebound or just physically unable to come to church anymore by phone, visits, or home communions. We did wonder if everyone is aware that we have a dedicated pastoral care team and who you know who to speak to if you or if you know of someone who would appreciate a call or visit. On the team is Winnie Bryant, Marilyn Ellis, Marilyn Clark, Sheila Sheldon, Vanessa Bevan, Ann Holroyd with Rev Anne Burden and Rev Andrew Down.

I attended 'St Andrew's Outside' at the lovely Church Field on a beautiful evening September 10th. It was very enjoyable seeing many people of all ages listening to Sta*x Youth Choir with Tom Morris playing his guitar. We were also given song sheets to sing along with some of the songs. It was also fun to collect some flower heads and leaves which were dotted about in the field and press them between sheeting and knocked with a mallet on a board or little log to produce a pretty pattern. Thankyou to Lesley Mawson and team for organising the activities, food and drinks.

We look forward to celebrating Harvest Festival and Bellringer's Service on Sunday 1st October.

Marilyn Clark

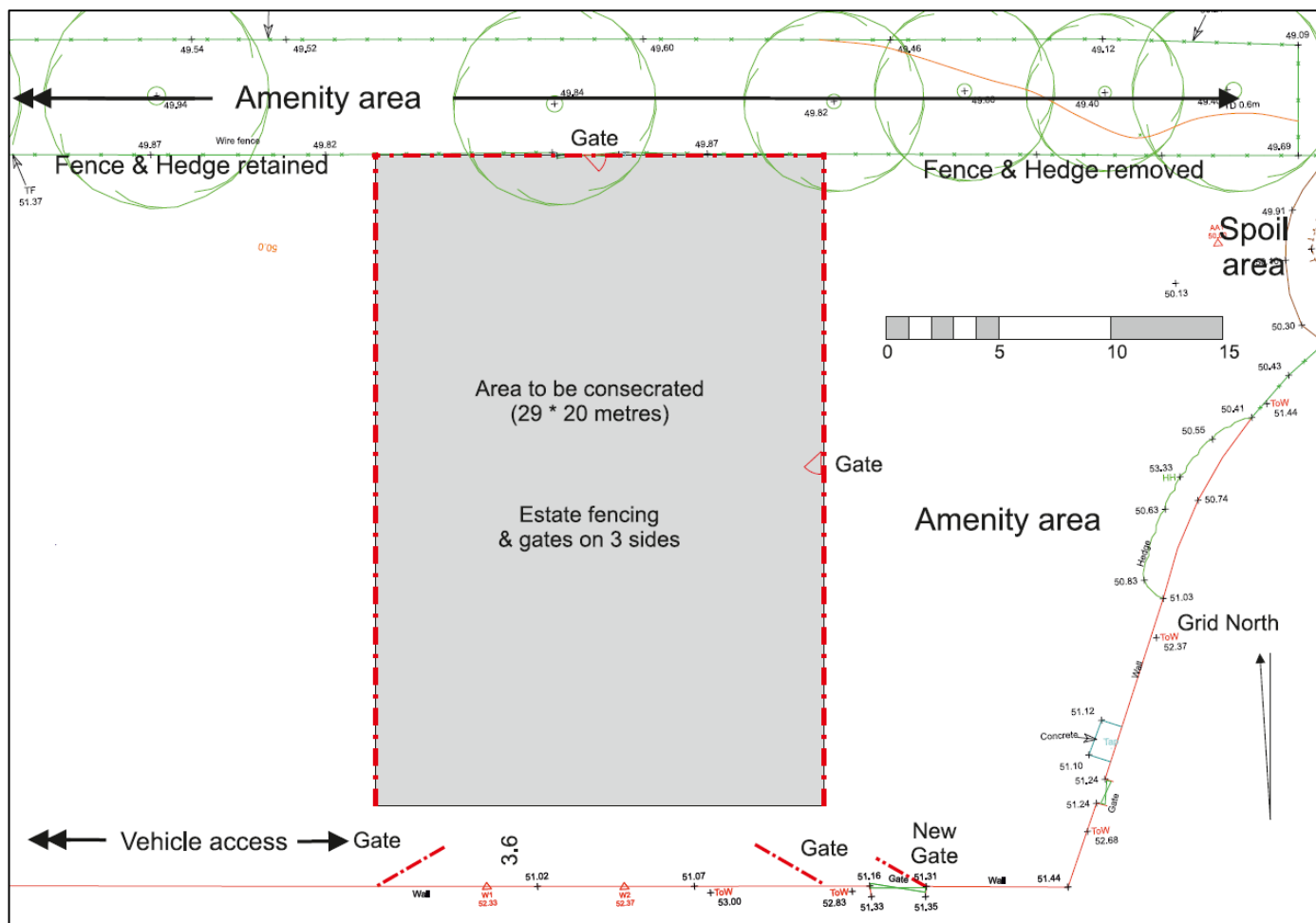
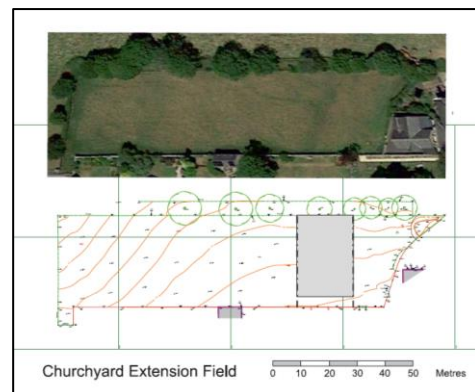
Ipplepen Churchyard extension

The existing churchyard at St. Andrew's (the one around the church) is filling up, with only a few spaces for graves available, and not too many left for cremated remains. The PCC has therefore decided to go ahead with consecrating part of the Churchyard Extension field. This field was given to St. Andrew's in the early 1950's and planning permission was given in 1952 for it to be used for burials. In 2004 the extra narrow strip to the north of the field was also given to St. Andrew's and planning permission was also given in 2004 for that to be used to burials. This enabled Bernard Lilly, who had given the strip of land, to be buried there. The strip of land has not been consecrated and there is no intention to do so.

The plan is to fence off and consecrate part of the field as shown in the plans below. The fencing will be high standard 'estate fencing' with matching gates. The area directly in front of the church hall will be retained for general use for events, and the fence between that and the narrow strip will be removed so that people will be able access the narrow strip which provides wonderful views. The remainder of the field will still be used to grazing.

The consecrated area will provided space for about 60 graves and over 120 cremated remains.

The plan is to have the new area in use next year.





St Andrews
GIFT day

14th October 2023

10.30 – 12.00

in St Andrews Church

Combining

COFFEE & CHAT

with

Cake stall, Preserves stall and
Produce stall

Everyone welcome for a
FREE COFFEE & CHAT
plus **goodies** to buy

*All in Our wonderful iconic
building*



St. Andrew's Gift Day

If you wish to donate by credit/debit card this can be done on the day using the 'Givingstation' in church, or at any time via GiveaLittle by following the QR code, and you can also follow the instructions to Gift Aid your donation.



St Andrews' Church, Ipplepen

a Talk by



27th October 2023

Church Hall

7.00 for 7.30pm start

An inspirational talk about the wonderful work and help that they offer to our young people and their families.

a presentation by Danielle
followed by Tea/Coffee and homemade cakes.

Ticket price £3.00

Also donations during the evening and some items will be on sale.

Do come and support.

Shoebox Gift Service

with the Beacon Parishes Churches and Ipplepen Methodist Church

Thursday 9th November 2023

at 5pm

at Ipplepen Methodist Church

Refreshments available from 4:30pm



house of opportunity Christmas Box 2023

Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas. But for many vulnerable children and families in Southeast Europe Christmas serves as a reminder of their isolation and poverty.

Will you help us to spread a little joy this Christmas?

By supporting House of Opportunity's Christmas box appeal you can help to spread joy to thousands of people, fight poverty and prevent modern slavery.

If you would like to support our 2023 Christmas Box Appeal or find out more, please visit houseofopportunity.org/christmas, or

Pick up a leaflet at:	Beacon Parishes Churches / The Ipplepen Hub
Bring completed boxes to:	Beacon Parishes Churches / The Ipplepen Hub
Deadline:	Thursday 9 th November 2023

For more information ring 01722 580192 or e-mail christmas@houseofopportunity.org

Leaflets are available in the churches. All welcome.



CHARITY CONCERT

In aid of Rowcroft Hospice & Devon Air Ambulance



FRIDAY 10th November 2023
St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen

In Aid Of
Devon Air Ambulance



www.daat.org

Doors open 6.45pm

Tickets £7.50 each
via ticket source



<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/unity-in-sound-community-choir>

Bar, Refreshments & Prize Draw
www.unityinsoundcommunitychoir.co.uk

(Bar by Ipplepen Carnival Club)

St. Andrew's Outside

"Come and See"

at

The Church Field

(entry through St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen)

Sunday 12th November 2023

4pm to 5.30pm

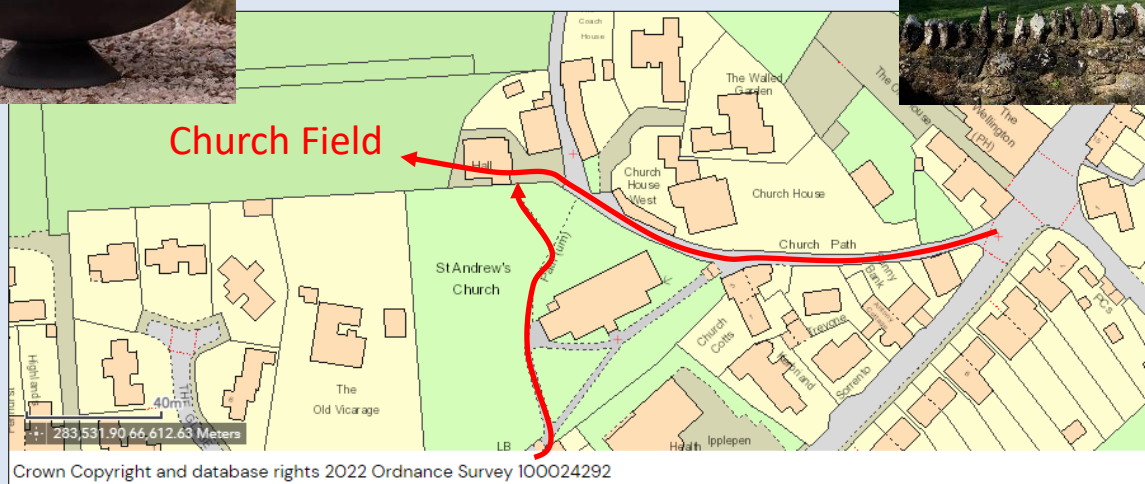
Fun Fresh air Food Fire pit

Please bring a mug and/or water bottle

Children to be accompanied by responsible adult please.

Sorry – No dogs

All ages very welcome!



A view from Torbryan



I worked for many years advocating on behalf of refugees and asylum seekers, and I have so say that I met some fantastic people along the way

from multiple different countries, who have so much to offer this country. Also, in the majority of cases, those I represented had genuine reasons to fear persecution in their country of origin and had left their home only very reluctantly, often leaving family and friends behind. Unfortunately, the Home Office generally took a more cynical view of their motivations for coming here, and even the strongest claims would generally be met with a refusal before being overturned on appeal.

It therefore makes me feel very sad to hear attacks against asylum seekers on the part of certain sectors of the media and certain individuals in public life. Typically, these attacks will seek to paint all asylum seekers with the same brush, which is generally I think a very dangerous principle. They might be portrayed as scroungers or economic migrants, when in fact the situation is far more nuanced. And even those who seek to provide representation have been vilified, often been characterised as 'woke'. If that is the case, then I will proudly declare myself as such.

Despite our shameful colonial past and problems of racism that have persisted over the years, this country also has a long tradition of tolerance and acceptance of those fleeing persecution, as can be seen by protection offered to the Vietnamese boat people, or those fleeing Idi Amin in Uganda. I hope that despite recent opinions voiced by some, this is a tradition that will be preserved into the future.

Georgie Brendon

Time for a Smile



- A Sunday school teacher said to her children, “We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?” One child blurted out, “An ace.”
- A local painter won the contract to paint the rendered outside walls of a church. No-one knew that he made his money by thinning the paint. He was not long into the contract when there was a sudden huge rainstorm which resulted in the paint running down the walls, together with an enormous clap of thunder. It knocked the painter off the scaffolding. As he lay on the ground, he was sure he heard a voice through the thunder saying “Repaint, repaint and thin no more!”
- Long ago, when men beat the ground with sticks they called it witchcraft. Today they call it golf.

News from Woodland

**St. John the
Baptist**



The shortening of those lovely long summer evenings gave us plenty of warning that, despite the unseasonably high temperatures and bright

sunshine, autumn was now upon us. With a week of forecast wind and rain to look forward to, if you do venture out there is plenty of autumnal wildlife to observe in our village lanes and fields. Berries seem to have particularly benefitted from the weather conditions as blackberries have been outstandingly large and juicy, the haws of the hawthorn are especially numerous and the hedges are filled with colour, from dark elderberries, purple sloes, orange rosehips and strings of brightly coloured bryony to the varied and interesting fungi growing at the foot. Air temperatures are still warm enough at night to favour a large amount of insect life and a bright torch beam will not only attract plenty, including many moths, but also the bats hoping to feed off them.

However much pleasure I get from watching the seasons turn and how it affects the wildlife around us, there is one person living in our village who has seen this cycle more times than anyone else, and certainly more times than most of us will ever see. We had the great pleasure at our September coffee and library morning of celebrating Leonard Merchant's 100th birthday with him, in the proper style - cake, candles and all. Indeed, I think that most of our village had turned out to sing "Happy Birthday" to him and to wish him well for many more years to come. I am told that he was the first baby to have arrived at Woodland church for his baptism in a car, all previous babies having been carried there by their parents either on foot or by horse and cart. Life has certainly changed a huge amount since then!

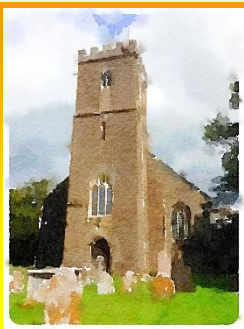
The church calendar also changes with the regular cycle of the seasons and this season, of course, means Harvest Festival to the majority of our congregation. With freshly cut maize in the porch, sheaves of wheat tied to the pulpit and bales of hay before the altar, no one could miss the fact that this is a church that serves an agricultural community. Decorations did not come exclusively from our village fields, however, but also the many gardens and orchards within our parish. Indeed, with the plethora of flowers and produce it seemed that every corner of our church was filled with sunshine, gathered in and displayed for all to see. Whilst the fresh foods will ultimately make their way to Brambledown, for the residents there to enjoy, there was also a collection of non-perishable goods for the food bank. After the service we had the chance to collect together in the village hall and enjoy not the products of our village gardens, but those of our village kitchens with a little harvest supper. Hospitality is certainly something that our village community takes a pride in doing well!

Over the next couple of months our farmers will be concentrating on preparing the fields for next year's harvest and next time I write Christmas will be on the horizon, with all the opportunities for socializing and hospitality that it brings.

Helen Pearse

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



Bell & Restoration Project

Our beloved, St Peter and St Paul's Church, is sadly in need of some TLC. Our quinquennial inspection last year made this abundantly clear. The most pressing matter is our tower. It is leaking badly. This in turn, is causing damage to

the bell frames and causing wood rot. We need to take action.

We have enlisted the help of Julie Boulton and Gordon Clarke from Apse Architects to help start what feels like a fairly daunting repair project.



Ffion Russell & 'bucket'

In undertaking such a large project, it always feels more manageable if you can break it down into small manageable chunks. The hope will be that by taking small steps we will eventually reach our goal. It was therefore with great delight that our first steps, were incredibly simple.

The first was cleaning the tower roof of all the debris that was obstructing the drainage system. For this I enlisted the help of my daughter (who was much more nimble in getting up the tower than me). We filled 2 buckets full of 'stuff' that had somehow accumulated on the roof.

The second step coincided with Gordon Clarke, the architect's, second visit. We applied a considerable amount of bitumen on all the cracks and breaks in the lead roof, flag pole mount and weather vane. The hope will be this might address at least some of the water ingress over the winter.

We are waiting on the architect's plans and the much more significant work that will need to start next spring.

We are going to need to start fundraising. We will be setting up a 'Broadhempston Church Bell & Tower Appeal Fund'. Our Broadly Blues concert in the church 19th November will kick start the appeal. We appreciate your support!

Paul Russell



Family Service

with Childrens Activities & Crafts Table



(On the 2nd Sunday of each month)

at 11.00 am

**at St Peter & St Paul's Church,
Broadhempston**

with refreshments after the Holy Communion service

All welcome

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



Traditionally the summer months represent a period when the church congregation can take a bit of a breather, enjoy their holidays and prepare for the busier times during autumn and the approach to Christmas. With so much time and effort being put into the highly successful Flower Festival at St. Mary's in July this short period of calm was even more appreciated this year.

That said, a number of activities have continued including the very popular Cream Tea afternoons organised by Tessa and which were held in Church Cottage. The event held on Bank Holiday Monday was the fourth Cream Tea day held this year. All have been very well attended and in addition to being another great way to reach out into the local community, the cream Tea sales have raised a very important £1000 towards church funds.

The Mary Day event held on 15th August was a new initiative this year. The underlying purpose of the day was to celebrate the patronal festival of St. Mary the Virgin whilst providing activities to involve the community and to provide a "thank you" for the help given by so many within the village for recent events. A programme of activities included crafts principally for the children in the afternoon followed by a short service and then a BBQ held in the churchyard. The day was well attended and the weather was kind allowing the event to take place mainly out of doors.

Continuing the theme of involving the community with the church, it is proposed that we will be holding a Harvest Thanksgiving Gathering on 1st October. This again is something new and will contain a mix of songs, poems, readings and popular hymns along the lines of the finale of the Festival of Flowers which proved a big hit amongst the village community.

Over the last few years the church has collected items, both food and other household necessities throughout the month of September which are then donated to the local homeless charity HITS at the conclusion of our Harvest celebrations. Items are placed along the windows in the church and in previous years the sheer volume of these much needed donations has been impressive. It is hoped that this year will follow the same pattern with a van full of items to be delivered to HITS in due course.

A number of events are being planned for the run up to Christmas and the New Year including a number of musical concerts in church with several of our more traditional seasonal activities planned to be expanded and revamped this year. The underlying theme of community involvement in the planning and delivery of these events will continue to be an important factor going forward.

Lots being discussed and planned currently therefore for what should be a very full and rewarding period ahead.

Mike Bray

From Tim Vine



- "And the back of his anorak was leaping up and down, and people were chucking money to him. I said 'Do you earn a living doing that?' He said 'Yes, this is my livelihood.'"

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Recipe for the month – Spiced Apple Cake

This month's recipe has been suggested by ACE member, Carole Robb



Ingredients

- 12 oz / 350g self-raising flour
- 225g butter (you can use margarine)
- 225g Muscovado sugar
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 100g sultanas
- 225g Self-raising flour
- 2 level teaspoons of baking powder
- 400g cooking apples, peeled cored and grated
- Cinnamon (to taste)

Method

- Preheat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / gas mark 4
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- Grease 9in deep round cake tin and line with baking parchment
- I soaked the sultanas in spiced rum then mixed them with the flour and baking powder – (not in the recipe, so optional)
- Beat the butter and sugar.
- Add eggs with some flour, then, bit by bit, all the flour, baking powder and sultanas.
- Layer the mixture, then grated apples, then mixture and add a generous amount of cinnamon with each layer.
- Sprinkle extra sugar on top then bake for 1 ¼ or 1 ½ hours.

Straplines

- If something is important we should start it now, otherwise it may never get done.
- Don't let the past make your decisions for to-day.
- Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize how big and important they were.

An apple a day.....

... **keeps the doctor away** is a common saying that comes from an old English adage, 'to eat an apple before going to bed, will make the doctor beg his bread'. In 1990, Common Ground, a Dorset charity, decided it was time to boost the social standing of the humble British apple by giving it a special celebration day, aptly called 'Apple Day' to be held on 21st October each year.



The first Apple Day was in the old Apple Market, Covent Garden, London. As well as being a celebration, Apple Day was intended to raise the awareness of the danger of not only losing the traditional British apple but to also highlight the richness and diversity of our landscape, ecology, and culture. It has, says Common Ground, also played a part in raising awareness in the provenance and traceability of food.

Common Ground describes themselves as 'a small, grass roots organisation that collaborate openly to reconnect people with nature and inspire communities to become responsible for their local environment.' They believe that enjoying where you live and celebrating the connections people have with the wildlife and landscape on their doorstep, is at the root of meaningful conservation.

Raising awareness of the British apple is an excellent example of their ambitions. Did you know, for example, there are about 2,500 varieties of apples in the UK alone — worldwide the number is about 7,000. It has been calculated that you could eat a different variety of English apple every day for six years, so why not start by trying some different varieties on Apple Day this month?

The apple dates from Biblical times and, depending on the Bible translation, it is referred to several times. It is often thought to have been the forbidden fruit that Adam and Eve picked from the Tree of Life, although most Biblical scholars will tell you that the fig is a more likely candidate, especially as they covered their nakedness with fig leaves.

According to Christiananswers.com 'There is currently no clear evidence that apples grew in Israel in ancient times (possibly due to the heat). But they were certainly not unknown in Israel, and the land does have cooler hill country. They grew north of Israel in Lebanon and the ancient Romans cultivated apple trees extensively. It is also possible that climatic conditions may have been more favourable in ancient times in Israel. Today, more than 40 types of fruit are commercially grown there in the northern hills of Israel and in Gaza.

The apple is thought to have been domesticated 4,000–10,000 years ago in the Tian Shan mountains between western China, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. It then travelled along the Silk Road to Europe, with hybridization and the transfer of genetic material between species of wild crab apple from Siberia, the Caucasus and Europe.

The earliest known named English apple variety is the pearmain which was first mentioned in 1204, having been introduced into Britain by the Normans.

St. Andrew's Day – 30th November



The last day of the Church liturgical year is set aside to give thanks for, and to celebrate, the life and work of St. Andrew the Apostle who is recognised by many Biblical scholars as the first person Jesus chose to be one of his 12 apostles.



He was born in Bethsaida, Galilee about 10 years after Jesus and we know from the New Testament that he was the younger brother of Peter. The name, Andrew, is not Hebrew, as you might have been expected, but Greek – the Greek culture was well known in Galilee. It means manly and brave, a characteristic that he portrayed when it was martyred for his faith in Christ around 60/70 AD.

It is said that he chose to be martyred on a cross like Jesus, although he asked to be bound to a saltire X-shaped cross as he was not worthy to die on the same shaped cross as Jesus. Today, the saltire cross is the national emblem for St Andrew in many countries where he is the patron saint including: Cyprus, Scotland, Greece (City of Patras), Romania, Russia, Ukraine, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, San Andres Island (Colombia), Saint Andrew (Barbados) and Tenerife (Spain).

St. Andrew's image is on many stained glass windows in churches around the world and these often include a saltire cross.

In the 'top ten' names for UK churches today, 'Andrew' is the fifth most popular after Mary, All Saints, Peter and Michael.

There are several legends from around the world about where the relics of St Andrew are buried, including in Scotland. While it is highly possible that some relics of St. Andrew are now buried in Scotland, exactly who brought them is not so clear.



Remembrance

Winnie Bryant sent in the following:



El Alamein Cemetery

To the world he was a soldier,
To me he was the world.

Epitaph to a trooper killed at El Alamein



*Royal British Legion
Poppy Appeal*

*The following poem for Remembrance has been
written by an Ipplepen lady who wishes to remain anonymous*



*St. Andrew's War
Memorial*

THE 'BOY' SOLDIER.

"Are you sure, my boy, you're old enough?" "Yes Sir" came the reply.
"And for my King & Country Sir, I'm quite prepared to die"

Fresh faced, too young, naive but keen, to prove how much he's grown,
Go join up with the older lads, & leave the life he's known.

His country clothes now cast aside, step forward - soldier boy!
Is he sure he's still committed to join the King's employ?

In uniform this country boy, with gun clutched to his chest,
Trained for battle & expected to do his very best.

Moments maybe of doubt & fear, will not be far behind.
With his Mother's pride & sorrow, forever etched in mind.

Comes Horror! like a hammer blow mere words cannot describe,
Losing comrades right beside him, that no-one can revive.

Dragging tired & battered bodies through canon fire & shell,
The smell, the noise, the mud, the fear, Oh yes boy this is Hell!

As you crouch in muddy trenches, dreading all those calls to arms,
This war has surely cost you all your innocence & charm.

Keep your head & have some faith boy, that your God will see you through,
When this Goddam war is over - Pride & Sorrow for the few.

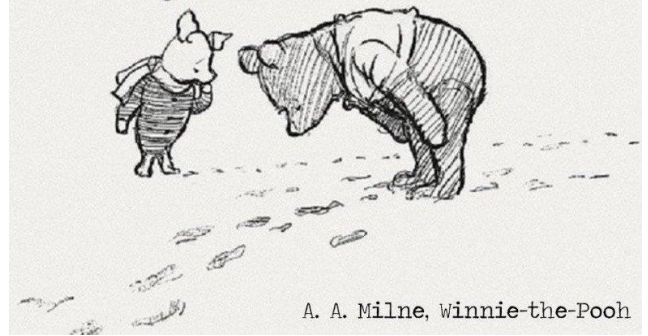
Those horrors will not leave you boy - could drive a man insane,
But re-build your life, & hope & pray, you'll not see the likes again.

Thank God, for all those Heroes, written down on tear-stained lines,
Those who'll surely be remembered until the end of time.

Gratitude and Remembrance

Here are some thoughts about Gratitude and Remembrance

Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude.



- **Melody Beattie**, author of self-help books, says this: *'Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity...it makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.'*
- And from **John F Kennedy**: *'As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.'*
- *'We sleep peaceably in our beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on our behalf,'* – **George Orwell**
- *'The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example.'* – **Benjamin Disraeli**
- *'The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.'* – **G K Chesterton**
- *'You may hate the war, but never hate the ones that fight. For they do not choose when or where to fight. All they chose was to protect who they love and even the people they don't know.'* – **Millie**
- **Piglet**, Winnie-the-Pooh's best friend, observed *'that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude.'*

Gratitude is a state of mind that comes from our spirit and is a combination of wonder, appreciation, and the readiness to respond by saying thank you, which itself is an act of returning kindness to someone else.

When someone says thank you to you, you are usually left with a nice warm feeling that whatever you did to deserve it was appreciated.

- **Rabbi Harold Kusner** says this about that warm feeling: *'If you concentrate on finding whatever is good in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures the soul.'*

How much better would our world be today if more people took the time to nurture the souls of others by simply saying thank you!

Wilson Carlile – Church Army

I have for many years admired and supported the work of the Church Army since hearing an address in my last parish in Hertfordshire.

There are probably millions of Christians today, who have been affected by Wilson Carlile, the founder of the Church Army, and whom the Church honoured with a special day of thanksgiving on 26th September.

Wilson Carlile was born in Brixton in 1847 and died in 1942 two years before I was born. His legacy lives on in his army of evangelists who, to quote the Church Army website: 'want the Jesus we know to be a household name because people everywhere have found freedom and a renewed vision for life. We want people to be part of Christian communities where they find love and acceptance and we want to be the key that unlocks the chains of food poverty, unemployment, homelessness, and social isolation; chains that have weighed people down for so long.'

Before becoming a leading evangelist, Wilson Carlile excelled as a businessman and was gifted in languages and music. At 31 years old, an economic recession and a serious illness brought him crashing down and finished his career. He questioned everything about his lifestyle and sought a new beginning, and it was a beginning that led him to faith in Jesus.

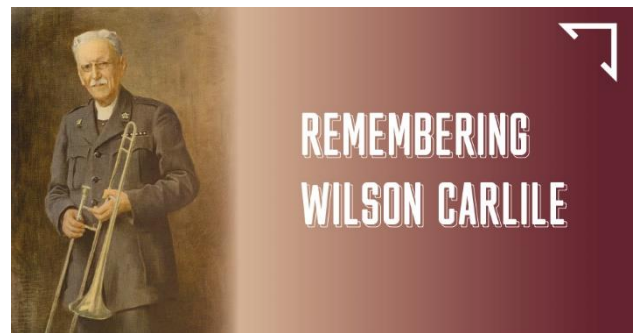
He later wrote: *"I have seen the crucified and risen Lord as truly as if he had made himself visible to me bodily. That is for me the conclusive evidence of his existence. He touched my heart and old desires and hope left it. In their place came the new thought that I might serve him and his poor and suffering brethren."*

Wilson met two American evangelists Moody and Sanky, who were visiting England and not only attended their meetings but took part by playing the harmonium. In return, he learned about effective outdoor evangelism. Following his confirmation into the Church of England, he studied at the London College of Divinity, was ordained in 1880 and served his curacy at St Mary Abbots in Kensington.

But still being an evangelist at heart, a comfortable parish life did not suit him, he wanted to reach the poor, unchurched people of the community. He joined a slum mission, and by 1882 he was using his business skills to bring together the local Anglican parish missions to create an organisation that was to become The Church Army. He started two training colleges for men and women to become evangelists, and eventually, the Church of England incorporated the Church

Army into its structure.

In the following years, Church Army has achieved great work in evangelism, as well as in social and moral welfare. Carlile remained honorary chief secretary until his retirement in 1926. He died in 1942 and the Church Army is still on the streets 'fighting' for the marginalised and encouraging, and helping Christian communities to join them in their work. <https://churcharmy.org/>



The Wilson Carlile Centre in Sheffield

Michael Price

DARTMOOR MUSIC TEACHER COMMISSIONED AS ‘BOOTS ON THE GROUND’ CHURCH ARMY EVANGELIST

A music teacher from Devon was among 15 people to have been commissioned as a Church Army Evangelist during a service at Sheffield Cathedral in July.

Heidi Lewis has been training part-time in the Church Army for the last four years, alongside her part-time role as a Mission and Families Development Worker with the Ashburton and Moorland Mission Community.

She also works as the Head of Music in a local school and has a teenage daughter.

The Church Army is the main evangelism and social action branch of the Church of England, with its evangelists described as “the boots on the ground,” particularly in areas of deprivation and need.

Heidi was commissioned by the Rt. Rev’d Tim Thornton, former Bishop of Truro and the Episcopal Visitor for the Church Army Mission Community.

After the ceremony, she said “I’m very excited about what is going to happen next.

“Being commissioned is a good way to officially recognise the skills, gifts and experience that evangelists and lay workers have.

Heidi’s journey to faith started when she joined the church choir as a child and attended church with her family.

She became a Christian after watching a documentary about John Wesley. When she heard he had described his heart as being “strangely warmed” by the Holy Spirit, she realised that this is something she had experienced too.

As a teenager she felt a calling to ministry, but it was not until many years later that she contacted a local vicar to get his advice. She did not feel that ordination was for her. Eventually she was encouraged to consider the Church Army and, after attending a Discovery Day, knew it was the right place for her.

She said that anyone who is wondering whether the Church Army is right for them, should find out more: “Even if you are not sure, reach out and start to explore the possibilities, because as you push the doors, you will find out which ones are open and which ones are closed to you.

“Until you start the process you don’t know what God has got in store.”

The Rt. Rev’d Mark Rylands, who is Heidi’s Team Rector and an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Exeter, travelled to Sheffield for the service and said afterwards “It was very encouraging to see so many new evangelists being commissioned.

“The Church Army is a pioneer of lay evangelists in the Church of England, sometimes it is a forgotten part of the church’s ministry, but so so important.

“Church Army evangelists can really encourage people to use their gifts to share their faith by what they do, what they say and who they are.”

Now that she is commissioned, Heidi will continue in her Mission and Family Development role, while being open to what God might have planned for her to do next.

“I’m looking forward to getting back to Devon and getting on with all the things we have planned for next year in our mission community,” she said.



Rt. Rev’d Tim Thornton with Heidi Lewis

Change – a reflection



We are in a period of change as a diocese. We have said our farewells to Bishop Robert and the process to find his replacement is well underway. We are grateful to the many people involved in this process and for Bishop Jackie who will lead us in this time of transition.

The church often has an uncomfortable relationship with change. I meet people regularly who dislike change and want to resist it at all costs. This has always baffled me because change is all around us.

Our lives are a catalogue of changes. As we grow up, the pace of change is incredibly fast and it barely slows down during our adolescence and adulthood. Growing older also brings significant change to our lifestyle, our health and our outlook. Change cannot be avoided at any stage of life. Our bodies, our families and our photo albums record the hundreds and thousands of changes we have lived through. Change is everywhere.

The Bible is shot through with change. From the nomadic tribes of the Old Testament to the formation of the church in the New, change is found on every page. Jesus' conception, birth, ministry, death and resurrection all disrupt the status quo. His teaching confronts those who are comfortable; challenges the religiously secure and gives a home to the marginalised. His interactions were surprising and were all a departure from expectation. Nothing stays the same around Jesus.

So, why do we find change so difficult?

Change creates uncertainty. At this time, we don't know what our new bishop will be like. Nor do we know what her/his ministry will mean for us. We don't know what further changes will inevitably lie ahead.

But God does.

The Bible teaches us that we can face the future with confidence because God will be with us. Whatever we face, we do not face it alone. We can confidently face uncertainty knowing that Jesus has promised to be with his followers 'until the end of the age' (Matt 28.20) When it comes to life's changes, whether big or small, we can be assured that we God will be with us, through it all.

Ven. Jane Bakker, Archdeacon of Plymouth

One liners



- I started dating a zookeeper-but it turned out he was a cheetah.
- Last year I had a great joke about inflation. But it's hardly worth it now.
- I entered the 'how not to surrender' competition and I won hands down.
- How do coeliac Germans greet each other? Gluten tag.

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

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| <i>Sunday</i> | 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... |
| <i>Monday</i> | 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... |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | 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... |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | 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... |
| <i>Thursday</i> | We pray for... Ministers of the gospel... Those who work for reconciliation... Those in hospital... |
| <i>Friday</i> | 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... |
| <i>Saturday</i> | 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 – October and November

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Oct 1 st	Pastoral Care Team	Totnes Road	West End Terrace	Knowle	Daisy Park
Oct 8 th	Newly baptised & confirmed	Townsend Hill	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Higher Woodland Farm
Oct 15 th	Wedding couples	Tremlett Grove	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Larch Cottage
Oct 22 nd	Scouts & Guides	Two Mile Oak	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Wickeridge Cottage
Oct 29 th	PCCs & Rector	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Council & local businesses	Parish Meeting & local businesses
Nov 5 th	Dearly departed	Wesley Terrace & Wesley View	Shute Lane	Main Street	Levaton Farm House
Nov 12 th	Service planning group	Wrigwell Lane	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Dipwell Farm
Nov 19 th	Vision group	Beech Trees Lane	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Higher Lake Farm
Nov 26 th	Mission Action Plan group	Elliott Court	The Post Office and Shop	Primary School	Wickeridge Farm

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