

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



Easter ➤ ➤ ➤ Whitsun

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The Beacon

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Strap Lines

- Asked what she thought about her first day at school, a little girl replied, ‘Not very well; I can’t read, I can’t write, and they won’t even let me talk!’
- Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes.
- Does a church steeple with a lightning rod on top show a lack of trust and confidence?

Welcome

Here comes the April/ May edition of the Beacon magazine. We hope you enjoy reading the various articles of the past and future events in our parishes that make up the Mission Community.

Here is a challenge for you, the Reader!

Talking with other church editor colleagues about ideas for an article series, the title of ‘Why I am a Christian’ has proved a success in their church magazines. Is this something to which you could be persuaded to contribute? Such articles would be ideal for publishing in the magazine bearing in mind that the majority of our readers rarely attend weekly Sunday services. Lay people’s experiences and views can have as much influence as the weekly sermons.

I would suggest articles should be no longer than four hundred words. Short articles like short sermons are often more enlightening for the reader who will also appreciate some input from new contributors!

I would much appreciate and value your thoughts and views.

Articles and photos for the June/July edition of the Beacon Magazine should reach me by May 19th.

Michael Price, Editor

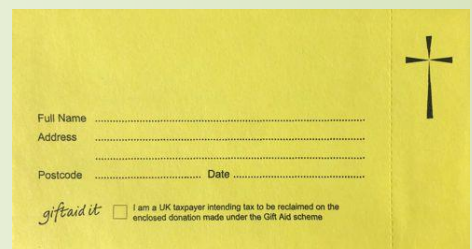
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Edinburgh Fringe One Liner



- The most British thing I’ve ever heard? A lady who said “Well I’m sorry, but I don’t apologise.”

From Andrew



A big 'Thankyou' for Mothering Sunday

Just to say a huge **thank you** for all those who put so much care into our celebration of Mothering Sunday.

There was an amazing amount going on across the Beacon Parishes including...

- the **making and giving of posies**...including a new venture for Denbury placing 50 posies on the village cistern in the centre of the village for people to take with love from St Mary's. They all went and were very well received by the village.
- various gatherings for socialising and sharing time together on Saturday including **Denbury's Lent lunch** in the cottage and **St Andrew's** holding their 1st year anniversary of **coffee and chat** with over 60 people in attendance.

- and then the gatherings on the day itself...
 - ...**Woodland** had a beautiful communion service,
 - ...**Broadhempston** had a communion service with childrens activities,
 - ...the Celtic Morning Prayer in **Ipplepen** was led by Marilyn Clark and included a talk by Sarah Nichols one of our Licensed Lay Ministers and Chaplain at Channings Wood Prison
 -There was tea and cake served by the **explorer scouts** during the afternoon in St Andrew's church hall followed by **St Andrew's outside** with a fire pit, crafts, food and camp fire songs
 -and then the day finished off with a gentle and informal Taize evening prayer and benediction in **Denbury**.

What an amazing celebration of Mothering....the care, patience, love and kindness that has the power to transfigure the most difficult of journeys.

Peace and good wishes

Andrew

Strap Lines

- How easy it is to stop to think and then forget to start again
- It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years *(Abraham Lincoln)*

Sunday Services & events for April and May

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

Sunday April 7th

Second Sunday of Easter

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|----------|---|-------------------------------|
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion with Children's Activities | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 5.00 pm | Easter Gathering | - Holy Trinity, Torbryan |

Sunday April 14th

Third Sunday of Easter

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|----------|---|------------------------------------|
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | - St John The Baptist, Woodland |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion with Children's Activities | - Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston |
| 11.00 am | Celtic Morning Prayer | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Prayer & Benediction | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |

Sunday April 21st

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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|----------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion with Children's Activities | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 5.00 pm | Come Holy Spirit: An Informal service of reflection | - St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen |

Sunday April 28th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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|----------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (Traditional Language) | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 9.30 am | Celtic Morning Prayer | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion | - Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston |
| 11.00 am | Joint Service – All age | - Ipplepen Methodist Church |
| 6.00 pm | Evensong (BCP) | - St John The Baptist, Woodland |

Sunday May 5th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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|----------|---|-------------------------------|
| 9.30 am | Celtic Morning Prayer | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion with Children's Activities | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 5.00 pm | Simple Celtic Evening Prayer | - Holy Trinity, Torbryan |

Sunday May 12th

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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|----------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | - St John The Baptist, Woodland |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion with Children's Activities | - Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston |
| 11.00 am | Celtic Morning Prayer | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 4.30 pm | St Andrew's Outside – All age | - St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Prayer & Benediction | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |

Sunday May 19th

Pentecost

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|----------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion with Children's Activities | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 2.00 pm | 'Maggie Duffy & Bob Thompson' – Folk Concert | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| 5.00 pm | Come Holy Spirit: An Informal service of reflection | - St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen |

Sunday May 26th

Trinity Sunday

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|----------|--|------------------------------------|
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (BCP - Book of Common Prayer) | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 9.30 am | Celtic Morning Prayer | - St Mary the Virgin, Denbury |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion | - Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston |
| 11.00 am | Joint Service – All age | - St Andrew's, Ipplepen |
| 6.00 pm | Evensong (BCP - Book of Common Prayer) | - St John The Baptist, Woodland |

Other events

Mon 1 st Apr	3 – 5pm	Cream teas	- Church Cottage, Denbury
Wed 3 rd Apr	12 noon	Food for Thought Lunch Club	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
		<i>1st Wednesday of each month</i>	
		<i>(To book a place please contact Maria Alsop on 01803 813110)</i>	
Sat 6 th Apr	10am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
		<i>(1st Saturday of each month)</i>	
Wed 10 th Apr	10.30 am	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury
		<i>(2nd Wednesday of each month)</i>	
Sat 13 th Apr	10 am - 12 noon	Coffee & Chat!	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
		<i>(2nd Saturday of each month)</i>	
Fri 19 th Apr	7pm	Cheese & Quiz Night	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
Tue 23 rd April	7pm	Ipplepen APCM	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wed 1 st May	12 noon	Food for Thought Lunch Club	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen
		<i>(1st Wednesday of each month)</i>	
		<i>(To book a place please contact Maria Alsop on 01803 813110)</i>	
Sat 4 th May	10am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland
		<i>(1st Saturday of each month)</i>	
Wed 8 th May	10.30 am	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury
		<i>(2nd Wednesday of each month)</i>	
Sat 11 th May	10 am - 12 noon	Coffee & Chat!	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
		<i>(2nd Saturday of each month)</i>	
Sun 12 th May	5 - 6.30pm	'St Andrew's Outside'	- St Andrew's Church Field, Ipplepen
Wed 15 th May	7pm	Ipplepen Ringers AGM-	St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Sun 19 th May	2pm	Maggie Duff & Bob Thompson Folk Concert	- St. Mary's Denbury
Mon 27 th May	3 – 5pm	Cream teas	- Church Cottage, 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

Monday	12 noon (Silent Prayer & Meditation)	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Tuesday	9.15 am (Book of Common Prayer)	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Wednesday	9.15 am (Celtic Morning Prayer)	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
Friday	9.15 am (Celtic Morning Prayer)	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

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 4.30pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Fridays	at 10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury

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

There were no baptisms in February or March 2024.

Weddings

There were no weddings in February or March 2024.

Funerals

Monday 5 th February 2024	Ipplepen	Dennis Langworthy
Saturday 10 th February 2024	Denbury	Jon Muchmore
Friday 1 st March 2024	Ipplepen	David Osborn
Wednesday 6 th March 2024	Ipplepen	Robert Stallard
Tuesday 12 th March 2024	Ipplepen	Michael 'Mike' Wells
Monday 18 th March 2024	Broadhempston	Eileen Heath
Tuesday 19 th March 2024	Ipplepen	Jacqueline Stark
Tuesday 26 th March 2024	Broadhempston	Leslie 'Les' White

Interments of Ashes

Saturday 24 th February 2024	Denbury	Edwina Ford
Sunday 3 rd March 2024	Ipplepen	Richard Jury
Wednesday 13 th March 2024	Ipplepen	Fiona Muddeman
Saturday 16 th March 2024	Ipplepen	Mary Allison

Save the Date – Sunday 12th May – 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)

Cheese & Quiz Night

St. Andrew's Church Hall

Friday April 19th 7pm

Tickets £6, payable on the night



Names in advance by 16th April on sheets in the churches,
or by 'phone/email to the church office 01803 814178

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

Retrospective

March: Colin Williams. In loving memory of his late wife and celebrating his great granddaughter's birthday.

New

Anonymous "a villager who likes to see the church lit, upon returning to the village"

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

14th – 20th Jan In loving memory of our Pete the week before your birthday. Your light in our hearts will never fade. We miss you always, Catherine Fairbairn, Jonathan Fairbairn, Susannah Fairbairn Sörby

New

31st Mar-6th April Remembered with love Iris and Peter Moore on your anniversary.

Remembered with love our brother Alan and sister Jeanette. The Moore family. Xx

7th – 13th April Remembering Pamela on her birthday, 10th April. A loving wife and mother, sadly missed. Love - Mark, Karen and Ken Squire.

Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birthday of Otto Mace on 12th April.

14th – 20th April In Memory of my father H. Leslie Egerton born 13.4.1904 to 17.4.1984.

Dennis Hurrell and family in memory of his wife, Sally, whose birthday would have been on 14th April.

Janice, Julie & Adam remembering Daphne Partridge, dear Mum & Gran on her birthday on 15th April.

Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the birthday of Franz Mace on 15th April.

For 16th April, in memory of my gorgeous husband Phil Heywood, from Anna.

In memory of Steve Musson on his birthday April 18th. Love always from Trish, Sophie and family.

21st – 27th April Alistair and Judy Dewhirst to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Alex and Jonas on 26th April.

Antony Mitchell remembering his mother Mary, and grandfather George Came

Floodlighting

continued

- 28th April-4th May In memory of Jim Clark on his birthday, 30th April, from Tony, Marilyn and family.
- 5th – 11th May Saturday 6th May - in loving memory of Rex Osborn on his birthday, with love Liz and Bruce Hooker and family.
- Remembered with love on your birthday Jeanette, fondly known as Jeanie and Jen, our sister, mother, grandmother, auntie and fiancée. With love from your family xx
- A beacon of light on 11th May for Wendy Jensen on her birthday
- 12th – 18th May Wishing Marilyn Clark a happy birthday on the 14th May. Love from Tony, Andrew, Fiona and all the grandchildren
- Remembered with love on your birthday Jeanette, fondly known as Jeanie, Jen and auntie Jeanie, our sister, mother, grandmother, auntie and fiancée. With love from your family xx
- Margaret Hatten in loving memory of her darling husband David, whose birthday would have been on 17th May.
- 19th – 25th May Linda, David and Hannah Simmonds for Katie's birthday on 25th May
- 26th May – 1st June Celebrating the birthday of our beautiful granddaughter, Flora on 27th May. Ingrid & John Marsh
- In memory of Jean Rogers-Came, Kitty Barwick (her mother) and Bryan Rogers (her late husband), as they all passed away around this time of year. Rosalind

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/StAndrewsIpplen/

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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News from Ipplepen

St. Andrew



It seems no sooner have we celebrated the birth of Jesus and the Christmas Season, and here we are in Lent. Rev Anne Burden conducted the Ash Wednesday service on 14th February also Valentine's Day. This was a Mission Community Service with the imposition of Ashes where many of us were marked with the Cross. Thanks to Clive and Laila who provided refreshments afterwards on a very wet evening.

The previous Sunday Steve Sheldon led the Celtic Morning Service for Racial Justice Sunday with interesting words and music.

The first Sunday of Lent the Holy Communion Service was conducted by Rev Andrew Down where the theme was of Jesus fasting forty days in the Wilderness.

The World Day of Prayer Service took place this year at the Joint Service 11.00 am on Sunday 25th February in the Methodist Church. There were shared stories which illuminated the experiences of three Palestinian Christian Women from three different generations who witness to the power of bearing together in love. We enjoyed singing some lovely songs/hymns as well.

It was a really good weekend for us in St Andrew's with Saturday's Coffee and Chats 1st birthday on 9th March (see separate article) then on Sunday 10th our Mothering Sunday Celtic Morning Prayer Service led by me. It was lovely to have Sarah Nichols, a Licensed Lay Minister and Chaplain at Channings Wood Prison to read the Gospel and then give us a talk. After which we enjoyed a special Mothering lullaby from Tom Morris accompanied by Marilyn Ellis. He sung the first verse in English and the second in Welsh.

Beautiful posies were made on Friday afternoon, thanks to Sue Sanders for buying and bringing the flowers. Sue plus Vanessa, Sue H and myself then made up the 40 posies which were distributed before the last hymn by the two Sues, my daughter Fiona and little Grace.

In the afternoon there was tea and cake served by the explorer scouts in the Church Hall followed by St. Andrew's Outside. Lesley Mawson advised the wearing of wellies considering the amount of rain we have had the field would certainly have been rather wet.

Easter is fast approaching and we look forward to the various services that will take place during this important part of our church year.



Marilyn Clark

St Andrew's Outside – March 2024



Partnering with the Explorer Scouts Expedition cream tea fundraiser in the Church Hall was a delight. Those attending St Andrew's Outside 'enjoyed' being out in the elements, despite the occasional heavy downpour when a dash was made for the shelter of the gazebo so generously donated by Peter and Joy. Being outside together in nature while embracing the elements, sharing food, crafting and then gathering around the fire pit is the essence of St Andrew's Outside. Our theme was 'Unique and



Wonderfully Made-You!' While holding a fistful of sand one challenge was to count how many grains of sand there were. Try it next time you are at the beach.

Lesley Mawson

'Coffee and Chat' first anniversary

It may have been raining outside but on Saturday March 9th over 60 people [plus 3 dogs and a baby] gathered together in St Andrew's church for a 'Coffee and Chat' morning from 10 30 am to celebrate the first Anniversary of this event. A special Birthday Cake and a Coffee and Chat Cake were made especially for Rev Andrew Down to cut. There were also many other delicious goodies as well to enjoy with our coffee. It was a pleasure to have background instrumental and vocal accompaniment to the event.



It was the idea of Marilyn Ellis who told us that she had a lightbulb moment and came up with this idea of having Coffee and Chat once a month to be held in our beautiful church building and encourage villagers to join us.



80th anniversary of D Day 6th June 2024

Window displays in St Andrews' Church: Can you help?

In each window of the church we are aiming to display replicas of Ration Books, wartime recipes including details of rationing.

We are hoping to display items reminiscent of the time of D Day. Clothing rationing and maybe an item of clothing from that time? Songs and music of the time. Maybe a wedding dress of the time? Plus information on the beaches.

We are also looking for information on any one in the village who had relatives who went to the beaches on 6th June 1944 or days afterwards and their stories. Artifacts/photos of the time of Ippelen village or D Day etc. we would take a copy and display that, handing back your original.

The week will culminate in St. Andrews church with another "Tea for two" concert. Performed by Tom Morris, Marilyn Ellis and Stax featuring 40's music.

So any help or suggestions would be amazing. Please contact:

Pam Thomas mywynpam@gmail.com or Marilyn Ellis 01803 812568

'Lest we forget'



Thought provoking one liners?



- Who was the fastest runner in the race?
Adam, because he was first in the human race!
- How do you know that atoms are Catholic?
They have Mass!



What is happening in Ipplepen

Nationally and internationally –

- 8.00am Town Criers read proclamation
- 11.00am Schools read a poem of remembrance
- 6..30pm Church Bells ringing out
- 9.15pm lighting of Beacons
- 9.15pm every household/business to light a candle for Peace

In Ipplepen – St Andrews Church historic displays of photos and memorabilia

Fish and Chips in The Wellington and also from **the van**
Our Naitonal Dish

6.30pm gathering at the **War Memorial** to hear the start of **Church Bells** ringing,

Saturday 8th Event by **IADs and Twinning** in Village Hall fundraising celebration evening, music and dancing

Sunday 9th
2.00pm **Tea For Two** songs of the time in St Andrews concert with tea and cake

A view from Torbryan



As winter slowly gives way to spring I think a lot of people will be keen to get outside a little more, hopefully without getting soaking wet or freezing cold. In the case of this winter, the wet has been most prevalent and with it has often come mild weather. And when March comes you never really

know what to expect: yesterday I was outside in a T-shirt in the morning taking in some much-needed rays, and then we were drowned out in the afternoon by a biblical deluge.

I know that there are some that are fond of the rain, but I can't say I'm one of them. If it's cold and dry I can at least go out for a run and warm up, but if it's wet I'll just probably cower indoors waiting for it to end. I think our cats have the same view and will only venture out in wet weather for the briefest moment to do their business and then rush back in.

So, like everyone I am looking forward to when it is warm and dry enough to be outside again and have barbeques, sit in beer gardens, and go to (or in my case run) musical events outdoors. And if any of the last few years are anything to go by it probably will indeed be hot and dry. So much so that no doubt our esteemed water company will no doubt start to tell us that we are suffering from drought conditions and water shortages, a claim that will no doubt be met with a sigh of exasperation from its customers, who will wonder why they didn't collect a bit more of the stuff when it was falling non-stop from the sky throughout the winter months.

Georgie Brendon

Holy Trinity Church, Torbryan

Upcoming Services:

7th April 5pm: **Easter Gathering**, with music & refreshments

5th May 5pm: **Simple Celtic Evening Prayer**

2nd June 5pm: **Patronal / Trinity Gathering**, with music and refreshments

7th July 5pm: **Simple Celtic Evening Prayer**

All services organised by the Beacon Parishes.

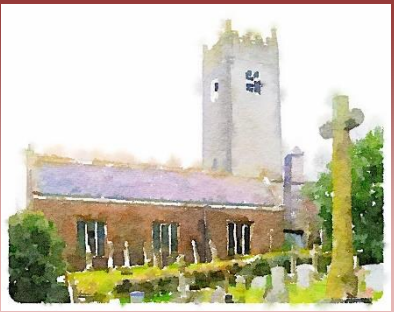
Free (with service collection to the Churches Conservation Trust)

All welcome



News from Woodland

St. John the
Baptist



When I see photographs and film clips of dry and barren landscapes I am always glad that I am lucky to live in a climate which is blessed with plenty of water. As well as supporting a fascinating diversity of life both in and around the margins of our watercourses, I love the sight and sound of running water, be it in a stream, small waterfall, river or waves on the sea. I do

have to admit, however, after a walk I had on one of the North Devon beaches where it was a relief to leave the roar and relentless pounding of wind driven waves upon the shore, that sometimes you can have a bit too much of a good thing. If the temperatures of the last couple of months had been subzero, instead of unusually mild, I suspect that we would have been buried in several feet of snow. Instead our streams, rivers and reservoirs are full, our fields waterlogged and tracks and paths slippery mud. The sunny days that we have had have been all the more precious for their rarity though and whilst many outdoor tasks are now overdue for completion as the ground conditions have just been too wet, it has forced me instead to do many of the small indoor tasks that have been waiting for a while – no bad thing after all!

Recognition, however, that we as a community need to make an effort to brighten up dark winter days instead of relying on warmth and sunshine to do it for us led to the proposition that we revive our Woodland tradition of a Snowdrop Lunch. Being held a month later in March, rather than the usual January/February time, it was decided to call it instead a Daffodil Lunch and a large number of Woodland residents, along with our family and friends from neighbouring villages, had a hearty roast dinner, with all the trimmings and naughty dessert, at The Rising Sun together one Saturday afternoon. With some of our oldest and youngest parishioners present, I saw nothing but smiles and heard plenty of laughter and good conversation and can only conclude that it was the tonic that we all needed.

Spring is advancing apace, despite the gloomy and overcast weather, and our local fields now have plenty of long green grass ready for the spring turn out of cattle who have spent the winter tucked up in barns. Hedges now contain white sprigs of blackthorn blossom and their feet glow with violets, primroses and celandines. At our Mothering Sunday service the ladies in the congregation were all presented with a little posy of local spring flowers and as the focus of the ecclesiastic calendar shifts towards Easter we are looking forward to our Palm Sunday service on the 24th March, which will be Evensong starting at 6pm, whilst our Easter Sunday service is Holy Communion, starting at 9.30am.

Helen Pearse

Strap Lines

- You can tell the ideals of a nation by its advertisements (*Norman Douglas*)
- Some drink regularly from the fountain of God's goodness, while other just gargle.
- Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal. (*Martin Luther King Jr*)

News from Broadhempston

St. Peter and St. Paul



Children's Craft Table

We are still holding our Children's Craft table on the second Sunday of each month in St Peter and St Paul's Church. On Mothering Sunday, Ffion Russell organised the craft for the children, who made pretty cards with cupcake cases for their mothers and grandmothers. At the end of the service, the children distributed little posies of



daffodils to the congregation.

Ffion is currently participating in her Duke of Edinburgh award and, as part of this, is helping out at Broadhempston Church with the Craft table, setting up for Communion and coffee after the service.

Broadhempston Book Exchange

This is a community event which happens periodically throughout the year. We try to host them appropriately every 6 - 8 weeks. It largely depends on how busy the volunteers are at the time!



It is held on a Sunday morning in the main hall at the village hall, meaning we can set up plenty of tables piled with books. At the other end of the hall, we have tables and chairs set up for people to sit and chat over coffee and cake. We serve proper coffee (and tea) and homemade cake, all at very reasonable prices - we're not about making a profit, as such, just enough to cover the cost of the hall hire and a few little things. Often, people are generous and, after a while, we donate surplus takings to a local charity.

The book exchange used to be held at the old village hall under the name of Be Eco, and was very popular back in the day. However, members of that team have stepped down (they've been forgiven!) and then the pandemic totally finished it off. Some villagers asked if it would ever be reinstated and, as I was keen for it to do so, I took the baton and formed a small, but devoted team. We give our time voluntarily, lovingly making cakes for all to enjoy..... (ahh) and on the morning we set everything up, serve refreshments, then clear up at the end.

It has proven to be a most enjoyable event. People look forward to it and enjoy the opportunity to catch up with others in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.

If you've never been, it works like this: you come along with (or without) books you no longer need. You browse at your leisure through the books on the tables; select some to take home; enjoy a bit of chatter over coffee and cake, before taking your books home (it pays to bring a bag to carry them home in!) The cycle repeats!



On a practical note, we don't accept big, bulky books, annuals from yesteryear (or any year), DIY manuals or AA road atlases from 1978 or any year. Just good books for people to enjoy reading.

We advertise via Broadhempston Shout Out Facebook page, alongside the Parish News and notice boards in the village.

It would be lovely to see some new faces - it's open to everyone - and there is parking, too.

The next event is Sunday April 21st 10 - 11.30. Happy reading!

Alison and Team

News from Denbury

St. Mary the Virgin



A major goal of the PCC at St. Mary the Virgin continues to be the development of the involvement of the local community in church events. This was successfully demonstrated last year with a number of initiatives including the Festival of Flowers in the summer, the popularity

of the regular cream tea afternoons held in church cottage throughout the year, and the well attended folk music concerts held in church.

The concert programme is being continued and developed in 2024 and already this year we have been visited by Mike Bosworth at the end of January who presented songs and stories celebrating the life of Rev Sabine Baring-Gould and on the 17th March by the excellent Cobblers Child, a four piece folk group from Gloucester playing an array of instruments including melodeons, whistles and Northumbrian pipes. Several more concerts have been booked or are in the pipeline for the months ahead. A recurring comment from the musicians is that the church, with its excellent acoustics is a great place to perform.

Social events continue to play an increasingly important role in generating income for the church. Our events team have been busy putting together a very full programme for the year including the return of favourites such as the Beetle Drive to be held on 22nd March and the Cream Tea afternoons and the Mary Day celebrations and BBQ in August, with several other new ideas and initiatives being worked on currently.

The ongoing series of Craft Workshops held in the cottage continues to be very well supported with visiting presenters offering tuition and advice on a very wide array of craft topics.

The village residents rallied around on the first Saturday of March to form a working party tidying the churchyard, cleaning the interior of the church, polishing brass etc. Some 15 volunteers worked all morning and then enjoyed a well-earned cuppa and cake in the cottage. We have benefitted greatly from willing help from the community many times in the past (notably during the Bell Restoration project) and it is proposed that this will now become a regular monthly event.

Our pattern of regular services has changed recently at St. Mary's with communion services now being held on the first and third Sundays with Celtic Morning Prayer now on the fourth Sunday of the month. At 6pm on the second Sunday we now hold a service of Evening prayer and Benediction.

Several of the congregation from Denbury joined with friends at Ipplepen on Ash Wednesday for a Mission Community Communion and Imposition of Ashes service. During Lent on a Tuesday evening we have been following the Stations of the Cross positioned around the church stopping for prayers and a period of silent reflection at each position.

Our annual Lent Lunch was held in church cottage on Saturday 9th March raising £85 for local charity Homeless in Teignbridge Support.

We now prepare for Holy Week and Easter and the traditional programme of services which constitute such an important part of our church year.

Mike Bray

Denbury's Sunday Afternoon Folk Concerts

Another sizeable audience enjoyed the latest in the folk concert schedule, put on by Denbury Folk and St Mary's. The quartet, Cobbler's Child, wowed us with their amazing instrumental skills and lovely singing. They gave us a mixture of their own compositions and traditional songs and tunes. Their arrangements of the songs was detailed and effective, combining the different instruments and voices in a way which marked their sound as unique to them. A wonderful afternoon!

Cobbler's Child hailed from Gloucester. Our next booking is closer to home. On Sunday May 19th, we welcome **Brixham singer and song writer Maggie Duffy with Bob Thompson** to St Mary's. She's come to some of our concerts in the audience, so she already knows what a wonderful place the church is to perform in. (All our acts have said the same!). Looking ahead, we have another local celebrated musician, **Si Barron**, coming to Denbury on July 21st. And even further ahead – **Nick Wyke and Becki Driscoll** are booked for 13th October! All thanks to our Chief Talent Scout, Martin Gosling. Nice one Gozz!

Rachel Belringer

St. Georges Day – April 23rd

According to Wikipedia, Saint George's Day is the feast day of Saint George, notably England's patron saint, but celebrated also by Christian churches, countries, and regions of which he is the patron saint, including Bulgaria, Ethiopia, Greece, Georgia, Portugal, Romania, Syria, Lebanon, Catalonia, Alcoi, Aragon, and Rio de Janeiro.

The strange thing about St. George is that no-one knows who he was, where he came from, or why he was made a saint, and there is no authenticated record of him ever visiting England! It seems that he was not even English, but then, only the English would choose such an unknown entity to be our patron saint!

There is the mythical tale about him saving a village somewhere in Europe from a dragon. I was taught this story when I was at primary school in Walsall in 1949!

An 18th Century Georgian geographer and historian Vakhushti Bagrationi once claimed that there are 365 Orthodox churches in Georgia named after Saint George, that's one for every day of the year.

In the UK there are 243 churches dedicated to St. George, that's 15th in the list of church names which is led by St. Mary with 2,368 dedications!

Probably the best known church in the world that is named after St George is St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle which is privately owned by King Charles III.

The Dean of St. George's Chapel in Windsor is the Patron of St. Andrew's, Ipplepen. From time to time the Rector with the Church wardens have been invited to attend a special service at Windsor with other churches who share the patronage.

Michael Price



St Mary's Church and Denbury Folk present....



Maggie Duffy and Bob Thompson

**St. Mary's Church, Denbury
Sunday 19th May, 2pm**

Tickets in advance. £10 to include interval refreshments.
Contact Rachel (07751804007/ rachelbelringer@gmail.com)

Brixham's own singer/ songwriter and her long time collaborator come to Denbury!

"Maggie's harmonies and Bob's guitar work are a knockout combination"

See them here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEQOgLEMstA>

Doves, the Holy Spirit and Inspiration

April 1st – All Fool’s Day (Watch Out) and a Bank Holiday too!

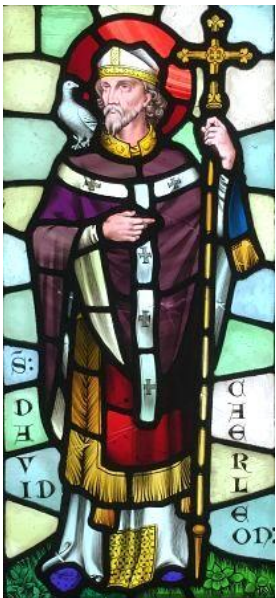
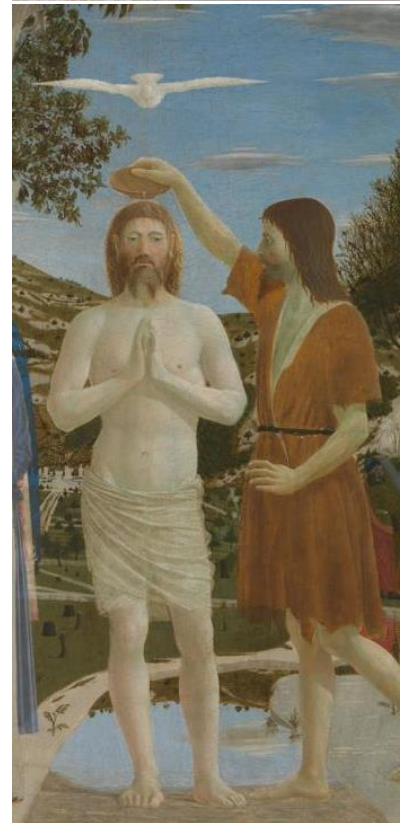
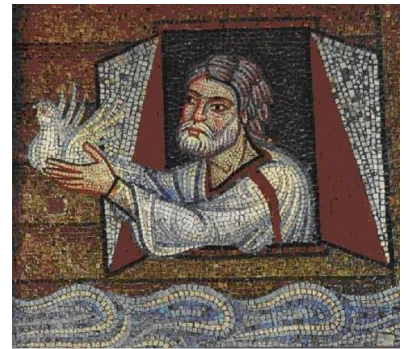
The rejoicings of Easter will be ringing in our ears, filling our hearts with joy and gladness. Once again, we'll be hearing those wonderful stories of Christ appearing on the road to Emmaus, on the beach and cooking breakfast. Thomas will acknowledge the risen Lord with those great words 'My Lord and my God'.

Ascension Day is on the 9th of May, quickly followed by Pentecost ten days later. The time when we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit, with wind and fire to inspire the early church and us to-day.

The Holy Spirit is often represented by a dove. This developed in medieval times.

The dove had already been seen as a symbol of peace. In the Old Testament story, Noah lets the raven out of the ark first to see if the land had reappeared after the flood. The bird returned. Later Noah sent the dove out. It came back with an olive leaf in its beak showing the land was returning. That image has become a symbol of peace.

In this C15th painting by Piero della Francesca, the Spirit hovers over the head of Christ in the form of a dove. St. John pours the water, and we can just about hear his Father's words 'You are my Son, in whom I am well pleased'



Sometimes a dove can be seen in paintings of the Annunciation, again representing the Holy Spirit coming down to the Virgin Mary.

Saints - such as St. David of Wales may be shown with a Dove on their shoulder as a symbol of the Holy Spirit coming down to inspire them.

Here in Denbury, I live next door to a small flock of doves. They sit on my roof in a row and watch me as I walk round in the garden. (It's a little embarrassing to have so many pairs of eyes watching me!) Maybe, just maybe, could they have been sent to inspire me?

I hope they come to you as well and bring you the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

And finally a delightful depiction of the Trinity. Three interlocking images in the form of a Trinity Knot with Father, Son and Holy Spirit - in the form of a dove.



Tessa Amies

How do you live a loving life in the world today?

I often get asked how I would summarise my faith and how I try to live my life. I would say that for me it is about ... love... prayer... trust... blessing...thanksgiving... being at home with God, myself and my neighbour.

People will then sometimes ask where they might start to explore these things. Sometimes I suggest reading and reflecting on a few key stories in the bible and traditions of the church. For example...

- for **love** Jesus Summary of the Law: Matthew Ch 22 v37-40
- for **prayer** The Lord's Prayer: Luke Ch11 v1-11
- for **trust** The Apostles Creed (an early Christian statement of belief - printed below)
- for **blessing** The Beatitudes(Blessings): Matthew Ch 5 v3-11
- for **thanksgiving** The story of the road to Emmaus: Luke Ch24 v13-35
- for **making home** Jesus encounter with Nicodemus: John Ch3 v1-8

For others I simply suggest they read the wonderful book '**The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse**' by **Charlie Mackesy** and then perhaps once they have read this to read a couple of passages from the bible usually **Psalm 139 v1-18** and Paul's first letter to the **Corinthians Ch 13** all about love.

Whatever people ask or decide to explore for themselves I love having these conversations as it's the stuff of life...it's what it's all about ...how to live and abide in love. These questions are vitally important in our world today. How would you answer them for yourself? What are your guiding principles I wonder?



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Andrew

Racial Justice

I was asked by a parishioner to publish my sermon on 11 Feb so as to reach a wider audience. Here is a shortened version with the main points. Steve Sheldon

Racial Justice Sunday is a day when we celebrate the Good News that God makes no distinctions between people from any particular ethnic group or religion, and we can thank God for our uniqueness and diversity, remembering that we are all equally God's children.

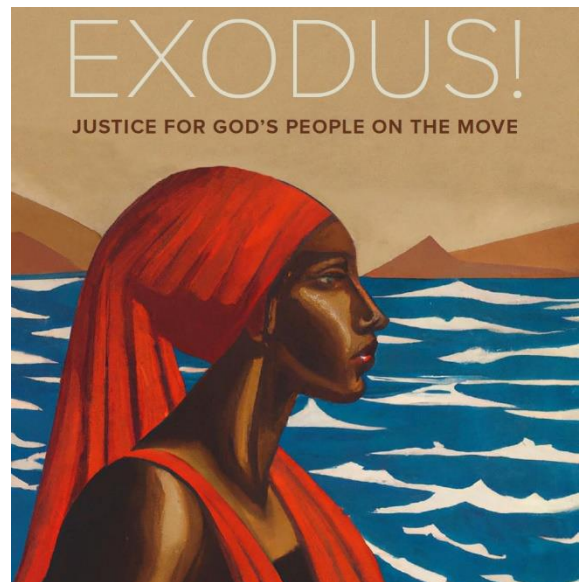
The word "Repent" comes from the Latin for to "look again", to look again and see something real, meaningful and compelling, and then act upon it, to look again at what we think we see and then see something new, powerful, completely different, and acting upon it in partnership with God; if we look again we can weave into our sight new hope, dignity and faith: a new way of seeing. Look again without bias.

A 'bias' is defined as a "one-sided inclination of the mind to pre-judge." What do we do with our inclinations when we look and notice a distinction? Do we harbour certain biases that affect our response to what we see when we look? What do we do with our inclinations when we notice somebody different? Do we look again? Do we notice our bias and repent?

'Race' is defined as "a group of persons connected by common descent". I think most people think of 'race' in terms of skin colour, in terms of black or white. Skin colour is a distinction, as are gender, age and other social or biological differences. Skin colour distinctions evolved over 100,000s of years as humans migrated from Africa to the rest of the globe. Those who migrated north found there wasn't as much sunshine as there is around the equator, so absorption of essential elements generated by sunlight like vitamin D was difficult, and those with darker skin were less healthy.

In sunnier climates the UV rays can be quite damaging in lighter skinned people, so those that had darker skin resisted the carcinogenic effect of the sunshine and tended to dominate. But nowadays we can take vitamin D pills and apply a bit of sun cream. Skin colour is now just so irrelevant. But our biases remain. Why? All improvements in race relationships have been obliterated by the internet. But I don't have space to explain how the internet has magnified our biases over race, sex, sexuality, nationality, ability, or social status.

Racism is an STD: a Socially Transmitted Disease. We are not born to hate, it's something we learn from our families or our wider society. It is transmitted like a disease from person to person. My grandparents were all born in the South in the 19th century and were all infected with this disease that was at pandemic level at that time and in that place. They carried it West with them and infected my parents who in turn infected me. But racism is a disease that is curable. I was cured by the Holy Spirit when I was 19. I was able to look, notice difference and then look again and not judge. Racism is not the only STD, but it's the one we are thinking about today, allowing us to think about our journey, where we've been, where we are today, and where we would like to be tomorrow. Look. Notice a distinction, notice a bias within. Repent. Look again.



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 – April and May

Sunday	Mission Community	Ipplepen	Denbury	Broadhempston	Woodland
Apr 7 th	The office	Court Gate Close & Edgelands Lane	West End Terrace	Knowle	Oldstone House
Apr 14 th	The Beacon team	Croft Road, Croft Meadow & Croft Orchard	Denbury Down Lane	Hemsford	Tor Farm
Apr 21 st	The website team	Crokers Way	Woodland Road	Village Hall	Lower Woodland Farm
Apr 28 th	Churchyard teams	Denbury Cross	Woodland Close	Monks Retreat & Coppa Dolla	Woodland Cottage
May 5 th	Fabric teams	Dornafield Road & Dornafield Close	Shute Lane	Main Street	Wickeridge House
May 12 th	Bellringers	Dornafield Drive East, West & Fulton Close	Halwell Farm	Houndhead Way	Oakdene
May 19 th	Messy Church	East Street & Foredown Road	Bramble Down	Vicarage Hill	Orleycombe
May 26 th	Sunday Club	Fore Street	North Street	Primary School	Hillside

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