



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

16th March 2025.

2nd Sunday of Lent

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

Having set the scene a little last week by reminding ourselves that Jesus calls his disciples (both then and now) to self-denial and sacrifice, over the next 6 weeks we're going to take a brief look at 6 areas of our lives where following Jesus must have an impact. Our money, our talents and time, our devotions, our bodies, our homes and our mouths. Each week I'll pull out a few scriptures, make a few short comments and suggest ways we might consider Jesus' call over these areas.

This week, our focus is money:

Jesus says a lot about money and wealth, as does the rest of the Bible. We are told to use it wisely, to be generous, to lend freely and to give to God proportionate to our income and as the Lord blesses us. Scripture also encourages us to enjoy the good gifts that God gives us with thankful hearts for his many blessings. Saving and investing are also encouraged, but there are also many warnings about placing our hope in our wealth and not being rich towards God. Here are three key verses to consider.

Ecclesiastes 5:10: *Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.*

1 Timothy 6:10: *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

Matthew 6:24: *No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and money.*

We might think that money isn't an issue for us since we have very little, but that might not be the case. We can love and serve money by gathering a lot, or as we envy those who do. We can rely on our wealth and think we are safe from harm because of it, or we can fret and worry because we have so little. In both situations, a love of money takes our eyes off the LORD. Which of these verses is the greatest challenge to you?

When it comes to considering our worship and devotion to Christ, we are called to give out of our wealth to show our thankfulness and help build God's kingdom. 4 Biblical principles are that we should give generously, proportionately, regularly, and joyfully.

So is your giving **generous**? Does it cost you anything or do you give just what is left over? Is your giving **proportionate**? What percentage of your income do you give to God? Is it **regular**? Or just when you remember? And is your giving **joyful**? Is your giving an act of thanksgiving for all that God has done for you and given to you? Can I encourage you to think through these questions honestly and prayerfully, and then, as a disciple of Jesus, to act. Details of how to give to God's work in the Parish are available in all our churches.

Grace and peace,

Dave

Readings for 16th March:

Job Chapter 1, verses 1 to 22

John Chapter 9, verses 1 to 7

Please pray for:

Our Church, our parish, benefice and diocese, our Rector Dave Brown, Team Vicars Gareth Regan and Fr. Matthew Cashmore, and all others who carry out their own form of ministry.

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Our King, His Majesty King Charles III, members of the Royal Family and our government.

For the churches of the Dartmouth and Dittisham Mission Community.

The sick and suffering including: 9-month-old Joey Hilton, Noah Maynard, Cherie Glover, Sheila Fletcher, John and Joyce Sutherland, Jackie, Joshua, Anna Crocker, Barbara-Ann, David and Julie, and others who are unwell in residential and nursing homes, their own homes, and in hospital. *

Ben, Sarah and family as they care for Noah.

The families and friends of the recently deceased.

* **Please email** prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk to let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Parish Prayer Gatherings. The next MORNING PRAYER GATHERING will be on Monday 17th March from 9:15 a.m.-10 a.m. The next EVENING PRAYER GATHERING will be on Monday 24th March at 7:45 p.m. Both will be at St Paul's.

Lent Lunches – Volunteers are needed. We're still looking for 2-3 more volunteers to help serve at the CTNA Lent Lunch on Wednesday 9th April. Please contact the office if you might be able to help. You'd need to be available from 11:30 a.m. to around 1:30 p.m.

Parking at St Paul's Church will not be available for attendance at the Lent lunches as there is a popular bible course running in the Church at the same time.

LENT LUNCHES 2025
Noon to 1.30 p.m.
at St Joseph's Church Hall
Queen Street, Newton Abbot
facilitated by Christians Together in Newton Abbot
hosted by St Joseph's RC Church on
Wed 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd, 9th April

Donations this year are going to "Embrace the Middle East", a charity based in UK supporting 40 Christian groups in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Israel/Palestine (including Caritas Jerusalem), including a hospital in Gaza which has converted its chapel into a ward. Read Dr Maher's story on their website under "News and Resources" at <https://embraceme.org/stories/stories-from-the-war-in-gaza-working-at-al-ahli-hospital>



Bishop's Open Garden

The garden of the Bishop's Palace is one of the best-kept secrets in Exeter. It covers three acres and is one of the most ancient in Devon. Bounded by the old Roman bank and city wall to the east and by the Cathedral to the west, it is a haven of peace in the middle of the city.

The Palace, Palace Gate, Exeter, EX1 1HY

Sunday 30th March 25

Sunday 6th and 13th April 25

2pm - 4.30pm

£5 suggested donation (card payments welcome)

Please note the garden does not have suitable access for wheelchairs or mobility scooters

Charity Registration Number: 1189807

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New for this year...
Guided Tree Tours at
2.15pm
3.00pm
3.45pm

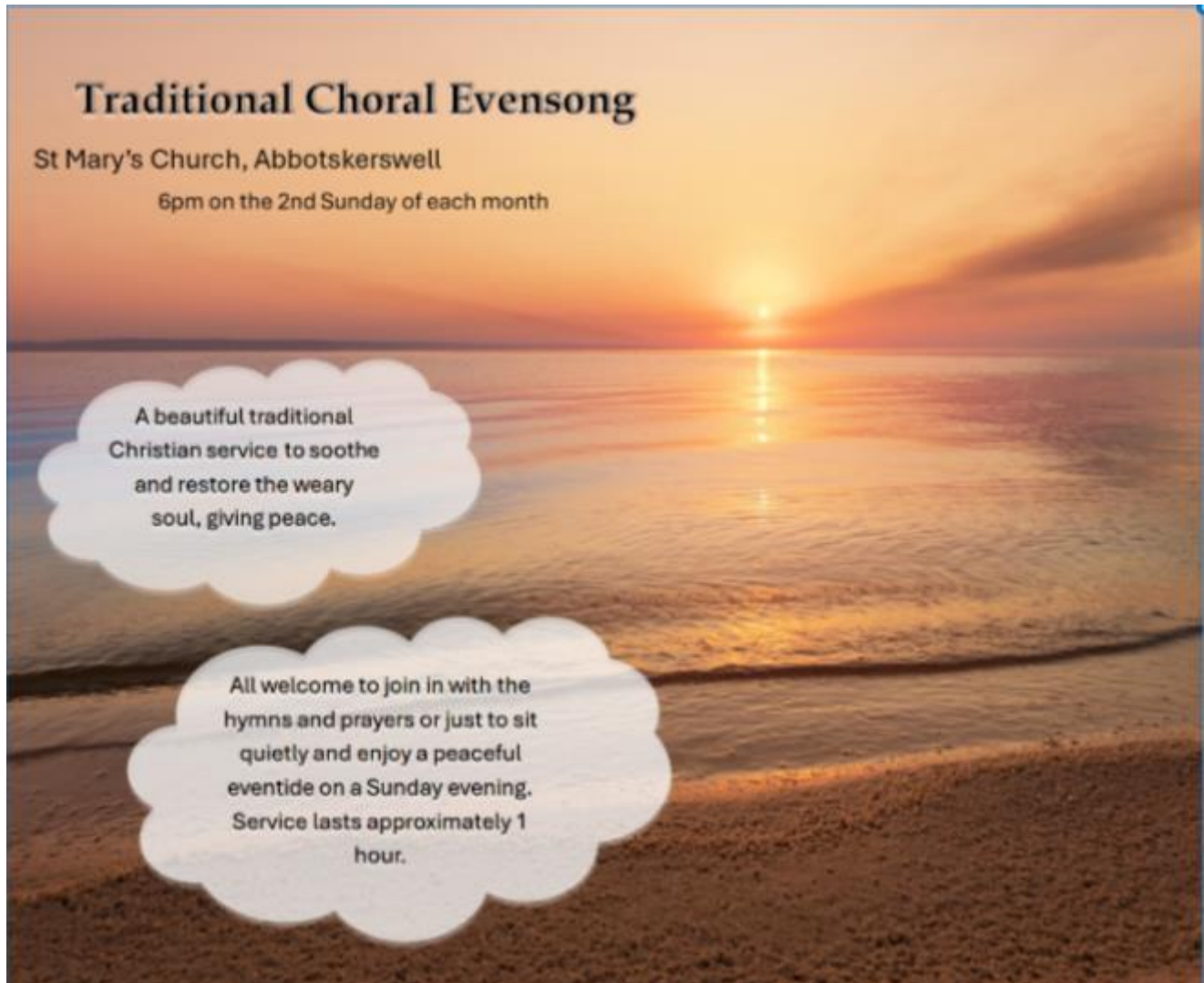
Tea/coffee and hot
cross buns served in
the Palace Porch



More Information:
www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk

Coffee Mornings at St Paul's Church. There will be no coffee morning at St Paul's Church in June. It is moved to 5th July, when funds will be raised for the Torbay Hospital Special Care Baby Unit.

Also, there will be no coffee morning on the last Saturday in July; it is moved to 2nd August.



Highweek 100 Club. This month's winners are:

First - No 30, Sharon Holman

Second - No 73, Mary Lovegrove

'Come and Sing' performance of Stainer Crucifixion on Saturday 5 April at Buckfast Abbey. We are very much hoping to attract singers for this long-running event, previously held under the aegis of RSCM. The performers will sing alongside the Buckfast Abbey's own choristers. For further details, and to book a place as a singer, please follow this link: <https://www.buckfast.org.uk/come-and-sing-april-2025/>



SPRING CONCERT

Newton Abbot Orchestra

Wednesday 2nd April 7.30pm
The Courtenay Centre,
Newton Abbot
TQ12 2QA

Beethoven - Coriolan Overture, Op.62
Mozart - Symphony No 35 in D K.385 'Haffner'
Ronald Binge - Concerto for Alto Saxophone and Orchestra
Richard Rodney Bennett - Serenade for Small Orchestra
Vittori Monti - Cáradas (Alto Saxophone and Piano)
Arthur Benjamin - Jamaican Rumba



Saxophone Soloist: Daniel Spear

Tickets just £10, under 16s - Free
Available on the door

Choice Words bookshop has a selection of World Book Day books for only £1 each until the end of March. There are titles for children and adults. If your child has a World Book Day voucher, these can be exchanged too. While you're visiting, check out our wide range of new titles or find a treasure in our extensive second-hand section. And don't forget we will have a bookstall at the next 5th Sunday service at Abbotsbury on 30th March!



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Newton Abbot TQ12 2HN
Monday 31st March 10.30-12.30



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COMING EVENTS

2025 Lent Lunches. Every Wednesday at 12 noon from 12th March to 9th April 2025 at St Joseph's Church Hall (access via lane off St Paul's Road or path beside St Joseph's Church, Queen Street).

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 15nd March, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

Craft Club. 18th March at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Charity Coffee Morning. 28th March at 10 a.m. at St Bartholemew's Church.

Donizetti's opera 'Anne Boleyn' at Abbotsbury Church on Saturday 29th March 2025 at 7:30 p.m. performed by Red Earth Opera. Book at www.ticketsource.co.uk/southdevonsingers

Charity Coffee Morning at St Paul's Church on 29th March at St Paul's Church in aid of Children's Hospice South West.

Benefice Service (5th Sunday of March). Abbotsbury Church, 30th March at 10:30 a.m.

Bishop's Palace Open Garden. 30th March. 6th and 13th April, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Teign U3A Open morning. The local 'University of the Third Age' is now holding many of its activities in St Paul's Church Hall. Come and find out about the organisation on 31st March 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Mystery and Light - English Choral Music presented by the Torbay Singers at Abbotsbury Church on 5th April at 7 p.m. Tickets £15 from www.torbaysingers.org or £18 on the door.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 12th April at 9:30 a.m. at The Country Table, Bank Street, Newton Abbot.

Traditional Choral Evensong. 13th April at 6 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Abbotskerswell.

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

16th March

Abbotsbury Church, All Age Service at 9:30 a.m.

St Bartholomew's Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

St Paul's Church, Service of the Word at 11 a.m.

St Mary's Church, Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

St Luke's Church, Mass at 11 a.m.

23rd March

Abbotsbury Church, Service of the Word at 9:30 a.m.

All Saints' Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

St Paul's Church, Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

St Luke's Church, Mass at 11 a.m.

30th March

Abbotsbury Church, Benefice Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch services at Abbotsbury Church and St Paul's Church through [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8).

The links are available at <https://newtonabbotparishes.co.uk/noticeboard/news/>

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10 a.m. Holy Communion at St Paul's Church, Devon Square

and 10 a.m. Said Mass at St Luke's Church, Milber.

EVERY FRIDAY 10 a.m. Said Mass at St Luke's Church, Milber.

ALL WEEK St Bartholomew's Church in Ogwell is normally open during daylight hours for private prayer.

OTHER SERVICES

Evensongs at 5:30 p.m.		5 th Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.	
27 th April	St Bart's	30 th March	Abbotsbury
6 th July	All Saints Highweek	29 th June	St Paul's
31 st August	West Ogwell	31 st August	St Bart's
20 th November	St Luke's Milber	30 th November	All Saints Highweek

PRAYER GATHERINGS at St Paul's Church.

17th March at 9:15 a.m. 24th March at 7:45 p.m. 31st March at 9:15 a.m.

FUNERALS, MEMORIALS and INTERMENTS

Diane Hosking, Funeral on 12th March at 2 p.m. at All Saints' Church.

Angela Jameson Aldridge Interment of Ashes on 18th March at 2 p.m. at All Saints' Church.

Maria Dodsworth. Interment of Ashes. 24th March 11 a.m. at All Saints' Church

Penelope Ann Pine. Memorial Service. 26th March at 3:00 p.m. at All Saints' Church.

Mary Calderwood. Interment of Ashes. 25th May at 11:30 a.m. at All Saints' Church.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Prayer List Please let us know about anyone in need of prayers. Their name will be kept on the list for a month. Please email prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk

Parish website: www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk

Parish Office at St Paul's Church, Devon Square. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Phone 01626 211346 or email office@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk.

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Newton Abbot Town Council. 01626 201120 www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk

Shopmobility, Ring & Ride, Community cars – 01626 335775

Teignbridge Council – 01626 361101, www.teignbridge.gov.uk

Footnote. Thank you very much to those of you who have sent me contributions. Relevant photos are very welcome.

I aim to circulate each weekly issue on Wednesday to give notice of the coming weekend's events and perhaps report what happened last weekend.

Please let me have any news of past events, notice of future activities or any other information that may be interesting or useful for our Church members, by Tuesday for the next issue.

If you know of anyone who does not receive this weekly email, but wishes to do so, please ask them to email me or contact the office.

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