



# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

### FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

Having been reminded that Jesus calls us his disciples to self-denial and sacrifice, and considered what that might mean for our attitude towards our wealth and money, this week we turn to what is often even harder to give: our time.

#### **Serving: giving sacrificially of our time.**

Whilst we might always be able (through hard work, effort or the generosity of others) gain more money, none of us can gain time. Each and every one of us has 24, 60-minute hours per day and not a second more. The question then is- how shall we use them?

Of course, we don't have 24 free hours to spare. Sleeping, washing, eating and household chores take up a lot of that time. If we work or care for children or adults in need, our 'free time' shrinks hugely. Take out time for daily devotions and for rest and we begin to see that what's left sometimes doesn't amount to much. It's all too easy to begin to feel possessive about those precious hours and reluctant to use them in the service of God in the church.

Of course, our local church isn't the only place we serve God. We are called to serve him in our homes, in our relationships, at work, amongst our neighbours and everywhere we go. After all, *'we are not our own, we have been bought with a price.'* (1 Corinthians 6:20) That call to serve God in the everyday, to be salt and light everywhere is worth reflecting on. Are we seeking to serve asking God in our workplace and homes and clubs? What that might look like if we were to do that more. These 2 books might help think this through.

[Probably the Best Idea in the World \(Paperback\)](#)

[Every Good Endeavour \(Paperback\)](#)

But it's at church where I want to focus my challenge. How do you serve there? For the true disciple, church cannot simply be a place to go and receive from the LORD. Our Church is the community or family of God's people of which we are a part, and when families gather, there is always work to do! Much of this is practical and requires very little expertise: welcoming, cleaning, preparing and serving refreshments, gardening, tidying. But all these tasks require time and effort. Other jobs such as Bible reading, leading intercessions, pastoral visiting, teaching children or evangelism have a more spiritual flavour, but with some help, training and support, none of us are beyond serving in these ways too. All it takes is a commitment to use our time to serve God and his church.

Our time is limited. We cannot do everything. So, if we are to be willing and obedient servants, it will require self-denial and self-sacrifice, making a conscious choice to give up time spent on other things and using it to serve God. Why not take some time this week to look over your diary and prayerfully consider how you are using your time.

Grace and peace,

*Dave*

### **Readings for 23<sup>rd</sup> March:**

Genesis Chapter 45, Verses 1 to 15

Mark Chapter 15, verses 25 to 39

### **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.

**Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. (Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil)**

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

**For the churches of the Co Church Exeter Mission Community.**

**Residents in the following Streets:** Abbotsbury Road, Abbotsridge Drive, Abbotswood, Addison Road, Albany Street, Albert Terrace, Albion Hill, Alder Close, Alexandra Road, Alexandra Terrace.

**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](mailto:prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk) to let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

**Parish Prayer Gatherings:** The next Evening Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7:45 p.m. The next MORNING PRAYER GATHERING will be on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m. Both will be at St Paul's.

**Car Parking at St Paul's:** Over the last few months we have noticed an increasing number of people from outside of our church community are using the car park at St Paul's. This has

meant that those coming for midweek services or events in the hall have found it harder (and sometimes impossible) to find somewhere to park. We are therefore bringing in a system of permits for those coming to regular groups so we can monitor the situation.

As long as there are no busy services or large events in the hall, we're happy for church members to occasionally use the car park when they head into town. But from next week we are going to ask members of our church family who wish to use the car park in this way, to collect a car park permit from the office, and to display it in their car windscreen when they park at St Paul's. You won't need to do this when you are coming for a service or a church meeting. You will need one if you're using the car park at other times.

These permits are free and will be renewed every year. Mel will keep a record of your name and car registration number next to the number of the permit, so we can make sure they're not being copied!

**The Parochial Church Council** will meet on 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m.

**Parish Electoral Roll.** Please don't forget to fill in an electoral roll form, particularly if you are thinking of standing for the PCC or as churchwarden. Forms are available from our churches and the office.

If you know of anyone no longer able to get to church, but who would like to remain on the electoral roll, please take a form for them to complete.

**Lent Lunches – Volunteers are needed.** We're still looking for 2 or 3 more volunteers to help serve at the CTNA Lent Lunch on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**LENT LUNCHES 2025**  
**12 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 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>

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**Coffee Mornings at St Paul's Church.** There will be no coffee morning at St Paul's Church in June. It is moved to 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

**Street Prayers.** In the last few weeks, you may have noticed that I have omitted the plea for you to pray for people in the list of streets. I stopped because I discovered that the list I was using was incomplete. I have now found a more comprehensive list of streets in Newton Abbot, to which I have added roads in Ogwell. This is in alphabetical order. I think it would be difficult to group them into areas within the parish, so I have started taking names from the alphabetical list, starting with Abbotsbury Road. John





# Care to Join Us?

**The Chaplaincy Team** which serves our **local hospitals** are looking for new volunteers. Could that be you?



You would need:

- To enjoy meeting people
- To prefer listening to talking
- To be committed to treating everyone with respect
- To be comfortable in a multi-faith environment
- To be able to work in the very special setting of a hospital ward



There are opportunities at **Torbay Hospital** and each of our **community hospitals**. You would receive training and support, and become part of a respected team.

An Exploring Chaplaincy Course will run on

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.** Contact our team for more details (*note: attendance on all 3 days is required*)

01803 654186

[tsdft.chaplains@nhs.net](mailto:tsdft.chaplains@nhs.net)

*Use the QR code to watch a short video*



Torbay and South Devon NHS Trust Chaplaincy Team

## COMING EVENTS

**2025 Lent Lunches.** Every Wednesday at 12 noon from 12<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Charity Coffee Morning.** 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10 a.m. at St Bartholemew's Church.

**Donizetti's opera 'Anne Boleyn'** at Abbotsbury Church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7:30 p.m. performed by Red Earth Opera. Book at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/southdevonsingers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/southdevonsingers)

**Charity Coffee Morning** at St Paul's Church on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10 a.m. at St Paul's Church. In aid of Children's Hospice South West.

**Highweek Women's Institute Spring Fair,** 29<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Highweek Village Hall.

**Craft Club.** 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Benefice Service (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of March).** Abbotsbury Church, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30 a.m. With bookstall by Choice Words Bookshop.

**Bishop's Palace Open Garden.** 30<sup>th</sup> March. 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Spring Concert** by Newton Abbot Orchestra. 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7:30 p.m. at the Courtenay Centre. £10 on the door.

**Mystery and Light** - English Choral Music presented by the Torbay Singers at Abbotsbury Church on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m. Tickets £15 from [www.torbaysingers.org](http://www.torbaysingers.org) or £18 on the door.

**Parochial Church Council.** 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m.

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

**Traditional Choral Evensong.** 13<sup>th</sup> April at 6 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Abbotskerswell.

**Men's Breakfast.** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

**Exploring Chaplaincy Course,** Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Contact for more details 01803 654186 [tsdft.chaplains@nhs.net](mailto:tsdft.chaplains@nhs.net) (*attendance on all 3 days is required*)

## REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

### 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **30<sup>th</sup> March**

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

### **6<sup>th</sup> April**

Abbotsbury Church, Holy Communion 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, Matins at 11 a.m.  
St Luke's Church, Mass at 11 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/watch?v=...).

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 for private prayer during daylight hours.

## **OTHER SERVICES**

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

**PRAYER GATHERINGS** at St Paul's Church.

24<sup>th</sup> March at 7:45 p.m. 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9:15 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7:45 p.m.

## **FUNERALS, MEMORIALS and INTERMENTS**

**Maria Dodsworth.** Interment of Ashes. 24<sup>th</sup> March 11 a.m. at All Saints' Church

**Penelope Ann Pine.** Memorial Service. 26<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00 p.m. at All Saints' Church.

**Mary Calderwood.** Interment of Ashes. 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11:30 a.m. at All Saints' Church.

## PARISH CONTACTS

**Team Rector: Rev Dave Brown.** Day off Thursday

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**Team Vicar and Vicar of St Luke's, Milber: Fr. Matthew Cashmore.** Day off Monday

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**Team Vicar: Rev Gareth Regan:** Day Off: Friday.

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**Churchwardens:**

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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](mailto:prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)

**Parish website:** [www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](http://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](mailto:office@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)

## OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

**Newton Abbot Town Council.** 01626 201120 [www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk](http://www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk)



**Shopmobility, Ring & Ride, Community cars – 01626 335775**

**Teignbridge Council – 01626 361101, [www.teignbridge.gov.uk](http://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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