



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

13th April 2025. 6th Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

In recent decades, Christianity has become a more private religion in the UK. Something that a person might believe in, seek to live by, and even a set of spiritual practises to keep- but all done quietly and secretly, that no one else needs to know about.

That can certainly be true of the spiritual disciplines of giving and praying and fasting. In fact, Jesus encourages his followers not to do these things 'to be seen by people.' Of course it's harder to serve secretly. Practical service is naturally visible, even if it should never be done to gain praise from people. But in these last 2 reflections, I want to encourage us all to live out our faith in very public ways. By sharing our faith in our words (that's next week) and this week, by showing hospitality. Because as a Christian, Jesus must also be LORD over our homes.

The early church was wonderful at this. Acts 2:46-47 expresses it this way: ⁴⁶ *Every day the believers continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,* ⁴⁷ *praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

For the early church, practicing hospitality was a natural extension of the worship that took place in the temple courts and elsewhere. I say natural, because as Christians we are family- brothers and sisters in Christ. And families (at least those with healthy relationships and who live near each other) spend time in one another's houses. They eat together, talk together and hang out together. They share their lives together. It was clear mark of the true faith and fellowship of the early church, and if Christ is to be seen in our midst, it is something that we need to develop as well.

And I say need because numerous times in the scriptures we are commanded to show hospitality to others. Here are 3.

[Romans 12:13](#) - Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

[Hebrews 13:2](#) - Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

[1 Peter 4:9](#) - Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

So, when was the last time you invited some of your Christian brothers and sisters into your home to share food with you? It doesn't need to be a gourmet meal. Just a few extra portions of the things you usually eat! Neither does your house need to be a palace, or spotlessly clean before you open the doors to your Church family. They are family after all. The bond of mutual Christian love should be more than enough for your visitors to ignore the unfinished ironing or to be satisfied by beans on toast, if that's what's on offer.

So, can I encourage us all to get better at this Christian discipline over the coming months? If a meal is too big a jump, start with coffee and biscuits. And whilst you might like to start by inviting some folks you know well, be brave enough to invite some people that you don't. The early church grew in love and strength and '*in the favour of all the people*' partly because they were known as welcoming, hospitable people who loved one another and shared their lives and their homes. Let's seek to grow in this spiritual discipline over the coming months that Christ might be seen in our midst too.

So don't sit and wait to be asked. Do the inviting!

Grace and peace,

Dave

Readings for 13th April:

Romans chapter 8, verses 31 to 39

Matthew, chapter 5, verses 1 to 12

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.

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

The Church of England

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem as people shouted 'Hosanna', which means save us, 'blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord' (Mark 11:9). May we rejoice in you today and always, our King and Saviour.

Residents in the following Streets: Bearnese Lane, Beaumont Road, Beech Tree Paddocks, Beechwood Avenue, Belgrave Road, Berkshire Close, Belvedere Road.

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

PCC Meeting- held Monday 7th April, 2025.

Our PCC meeting, the last before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in May, opened in worship and praise, looking at Article 13 of the 39 Articles: Of works before justification.

The majority of the evening was spent receiving reports on our finances and buildings. I hope you have all seen the update on our Parish Finances circulated to our churches over the past 2

weeks. If not, can I encourage you to seek out a copy and prayerfully review your own giving in the light of what you read.

The PCC were talked through the proposed changes at St Paul's and the progress of seeking Diocesan permission to do the work. A meeting with our church architect has been arranged for after Easter when we will know to what extent we need to review our plans. The PCC were also updated on works at other churches and spent some time discussing an energy efficiency report commissioned for Abbotsbury.

As well as looking ahead to the APCM, when several PCC members will be standing down or standing for re-election, we thanked them for their efforts, especially Barbara Garrick for her excellent service as PCC secretary. The PCC also noted that Clive Sawers, one of our organists, will be retiring from regular playing from the end of June and expressed gratitude for his service to the Parish. Clive has been playing in the parish for almost 20 years but feels that now is the right time to step down. We'll be saying a formal goodbye to him at our joint parish service at the end of our Church Weekend at Home at the end of June.

The PCC also began a conversation about the possibility of appointing a part-time buildings and business manager to take a load from the shoulders of our clergy and church wardens. A small working party will be set up after Easter to discuss this further.

If you would like to know more about what went on at PCC, do speak to your PCC reps or Church wardens.

Parish Prayer Gatherings: The next prayer gathering will be on Monday 14th April from 9:15-10am at St Paul's. Do come and join us! There won't be a prayer gathering on Easter Monday.

Birthday Sunday at St Mary's. Thanks to Keith for another lovely Matins service at beautiful St Mary's, Wolborough. Today we celebrated the late March/April birthdays of Vivienne, Jill and David Waterhouse. We enjoyed Croft Sherry and Jill's delicious (so I am told) Birthday cake. Such a friendly and fun congregation and thank you Michael for the beautiful music.

Thanks to Sharon who gave the mothers amongst us the delightful Mother's Day gift from last week when St Mary's was not open.



Do come and join us one Sunday. Be assured of, as always, a very warm welcome.

Jill Blanchard

Electoral Roll. 'This is a final call for electoral roll forms. If you wish to be on the roll and have not completed a form yet please do so now and return it to your churchwarden or to the office. The completed roll will be available for checking by the end of the month.

Nomination forms for PCC members and churchwardens will be available soon, so please give prayerful consideration to this. One PCC member from each church is standing down this year, but those who wish to can stand again for another three-year term. Only those on the electoral roll are eligible to stand for office.' **We will also be looking for a new PCC secretary.**

The Parish Office. Over the next week or so, the office will not be open as usual due to staff sickness. Please leave a message on the answerphone or email office@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk We apologise for any disruption this may cause.

Craft Club. There will be no craft club on Tuesday 15th April; it **will now be on the 22nd April**. Sorry for any inconvenience.

NEWTON ABBOT PARISHES



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

Maundy Thursday 17 April:
5 pm All-age meal & reflections at Abbotsbury Church
7:30 pm Holy Communion at All Saints, Highweek

Good Friday 18 April:
10 am Walk of Witness starts at St Paul's Church
2 pm An Hour at the Cross at St Mary's, Wolborough
2 pm Good Friday reflections with interactive activities at Abbotsbury Church

Easter Saturday 19 April:
10 am - 4 pm Easter Fun Day at St Paul's - crafts, Easter Egg hunt, refreshments, display of Lego models

Easter Day 20 April:
5.30 am Sunrise service at Highweek (overlooking the Teign estuary)
9:30 am Easter Celebration at Abbotsbury Church
9:30 am Easter Communion at St Bart's Ogwell
11 am Easter Communion at St Paul's
11 am BCP Easter Communion at St Mary's





HE IS RISEN



Matthew 28:6

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Abbotsbury Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Shared Meal

17 April at 5 pm

We come together to remember
Jesus creating the first Last Supper

(Vegetarian option)

Book a space at
<https://bit.ly/3XV5f7M>



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**CHRISTIANS
TOGETHER**
IN NEWTON ABBOT

Good Friday - 18 April 2025

Walk of WITNESS

Starting with a short service at
10.00am at St Paul's Church
then walking through town to finish with
a celebration at the Golden Lion Square
with Christian Dance Fellowship of Britain

All Welcome!
www.ctna.org.uk

COME ALONG TO OUR

EASTER FUNDAY

SATURDAY 19th APRIL 10am-4pm

**FREE EASTER
EGG HUNT!**

**FREE EASTER
CRAFTS!**

FREE REFRESHMENTS!

PLUS!

Bricks to the past will be displaying a selection of
models (made from the world's favourite building
bricks) from prehistory to the modern era.




St Paul's Church, Devon Square, Newton Abbot. TQ12 2HN
www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk

Granite Elements

Flora Exhibition



Celebrating 60 years of *The Concise British Flora*



6th – 10th May 2025

At **Bovey Paradiso**

83, Fore Street Bovey Tracey TQ13 9AB

Open daily 10.30 am – 4.00 pm **Free Entry**



COMING EVENTS

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

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.

Maundy Thursday Shared Meal 17th April at 5 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church. See poster for booking.

Good Friday Walk of Witness. 18th April, starting at 10 a.m. with a short service at St Paul's Church, ending at Golden Lion Square with dancing by the Christian Dance Fellowship.

Easter Fun Day 19th April 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 19th April, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

Craft Club. 22nd April at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Charity Coffee Morning. 25th April at 10 a.m. at St Bartholemew's Church.

Charity Coffee Morning at St Paul's Church on 26th April, 10 a.m. at St Paul's Church. In aid of Devon Air Ambulance.

Exploring Hospital Chaplaincy Course, Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Friday 16th May. Contact for more details 01803 654186 tsdft.chaplains@nhs.net (*attendance on all 3 days is required*)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. (APCM) Wednesday 14th May, 7 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

Induction as Deacon. Jon Bealey is to be inducted on 28th June at St Paul's Church.

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

13th April - Palm Sunday

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.

20th April - Easter Day

All Saints' Church, (In the field behind the church), Sunrise service at 5:30 a.m.

Abbotsbury Church, Easter Celebration at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

27th April

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.

St Bartholomew's Church, Evensong at 5:30 p.m.

If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch services at Abbotsbury Church and St Paul's Church through [YouTube](#).

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

Evensongs at 5:30 p.m.		5 th Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.	
27 th April	St Bart's		
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.

14th April at 9:15 a.m. No gathering on 21st April. 28th April 9:15 a.m.

FUNERALS, MEMORIALS and INTERMENTS

Mary Calderwood. Interment of Ashes. 25th 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: Rev Gareth Regan: Day Off: Friday.

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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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