



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

15th June 2025. Trinity Sunday

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

One of the big factors always taken into account when countries are bidding to host the Olympic Games is the legacy they will leave behind. In London that was seen in world class sporting venues still being used, the regeneration of a former derelict area and an increased take up of sports across the country. These days all projects have to consider their impact on the environment and those living there. And rightly so. We want to know what will happen after all the work is done or after the grand event has taken place.

So what of Pentecost? What was the lasting legacy of the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon his people?

Some of the impact was immediate. The disciples were empowered to speak new languages, and they went out and proclaimed Jesus to the gathered crowds.

Their preaching had an impact too. 3000 believed and were baptised that very day. And of course, as peoples' lives were changed, they passed on the torch of faith to others, and they passed it on to others, and the chain continued across the ages and oceans until someone passed the good news of Jesus on to us. Hopefully you can see what our role is!

But the lasting impact wasn't just in the communication of the gospel message. The coming of the Spirit caused communities of faith to form, and these were shaped with gospel values. We see this in the last few verses of Acts 2:

The new believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

How many lasting impacts of Pentecost can you see here? I've found 8 but there may be more!

1. A devotion to growing in the true faith (*to the apostles' teaching, studying the scriptures.*)
2. A devotion to meeting together (*regular 'church worship' and small gatherings*)
3. They regularly ate together (*a sign of deep relationships*)
4. And were devoted to praying together (*a sign of real faith and reliance on God*)

5. They were generous to those in need (*selling their possessions if needs be*)
6. They were full of joy- recognising that all good gifts came from God.
7. They enjoyed the favour of others outside the faith (*suggesting Godly lives and Christ-like characters*)
8. And the church continued to grow as more and more people came to faith (*a reminder that the passing on of the gospel didn't stop*).

Since the Holy Spirit continues His work today and still lives with and in God's people, these 8 impacts continue to be true signs of a lively, faithful worshipping community where God is at work. So how well do we match up?

We have more people in Bible study groups than last year, and we've seen an increase in regular Sunday attendance, with some of that increase coming from people who have recently become Christians. But perhaps there is a challenge here regarding being faithful in prayer, in our generosity and in making such a difference in our communities, through our words and lives and witness, that we regularly see people coming to trust in Jesus.

But since we cannot change ourselves, we too need a fresh work of the Holy Spirit in and amongst us. May that be our prayer as we go through these coming weeks!

Grace and peace,

Dave

Please pray for:

Our Church, our parish, benefice and diocese, our Rector Dave Brown, Team Vicars Gareth Regan and Fr. Matthew Cashmore, Jon Bealey as he prepares to take up his role as Deacon, 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.

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

On Father's Day, give thanks for fathers and the father figures in our lives. Pray for those who find this day difficult due to loss, estrangement, or past pain. Give thanks that we can draw near to our Father in Heaven, whose love is steadfast and endures forever.

Residents in the following Streets: Devon Square, Drake Road, East Street, Eastwood Crescent, Elizabeth Square, Elm Road, Elmwood Avenue, Emblett Drive and Exeter Road.

The sick and suffering including: Joey Hilton, Noah Maynard, Cherie Glover, Sheila Fletcher, John and Joyce Sutherland, Jackie, Joshua, Anna Crocker, Barbara-Ann, David, Julie, Marion Fishman, Marie Graham, Martyn, Joyce Lander, Eve Taylor, David Hayes, David Littlewood, Sarah Bonote 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.

Readings for 15th June:

Romans, chapter 5, verses 1 to 5

John, chapter 16, verses 12 to 15

NEWS AND NOTICES

Church Weekend at Home with Rev Dr Paul Gardner. A weekend of excellent Bible Teaching, great music, wonderful fellowship and a good dose of fun too! Weekends like this deepen our love of God and strengthen our fellowship, helping to build valuable links across our church divides. Please consider coming along for the whole weekend, but if you can only make 1 teaching session and the Sunday morning service, that would be great too.

Booking forms are available in all our churches and there is still time to book if you haven't done so already.

Last Saturday's Prayer Walk Around the 6 Churches of the Benefice.

Despite the rain- a good number of people joined the prayer walk... with some managing to make it the whole way round. Well done to all, and huge thanks for refreshments at St Luke's as we began and the amazing cakes and coffee at St Bart's.

Next year, we'll see if we can organise a soup lunch at the end!



National Day of Prayer Against Assisted Suicide Wed 11 June 2025. A number of Christian organisations, including The Christian Institute, CARE and the Evangelical Alliance are calling for a National Day of Prayer against assisted suicide. As part of this initiative, we will be holding a Benefice prayer meeting at St Paul's on **TONIGHT** at 7.30. Please spare time to attend if you can. You can find out more about the national initiative by going to the Christian Institute website.

Parish Prayer Gatherings: Our next evening Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 16th June from 7:45pm-9pm at St Paul's. Our next morning Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 23rd June at St Paul's Church, starting at 9:15am. Do come and join us!

Lunch With God: Continuing THIS COMING FRIDAY (13th June) we'll be starting a weekly town centre outreach based in Golden Lion Square. The aim is to give short (7-10 minute) Bible talks every 20 minutes from 12:30pm to 1:30pm, with opportunities for those listening to ask questions and take a Bible or a gospel away to find out more.

Please pray for people to gather and engage, and for God's Spirit to do God's work through God's Word. I'd also love a few volunteers to come along and create a crowd (come at any time) and for others to be handing out leaflets to passers-by in the main pedestrian precinct. Do come down by 12:15 if you'd like to be involved in this

If things go well, we'll move into St Paul's Hall for the winter season, where we can offer free tea and coffee and a warm space for folks to enjoy their own lunch whilst feeding on God's Word.

Tea at the Rectory for members of St Mary's Church, Wolborough, Friday 13th June at 3 p.m. Phone the Rectory on 01626 335862 to book your place.

The Parochial Church Council meeting held on 4th June 2025 - Summary

As usual, we began with worship and looking at one of the 39 Articles and prayer.

As a new PCC we reminded ourselves that of the need to prepare for meetings and be committed to attend, to listen to others, to share our vision but to keep our discussions confidential and to remember that the church belongs to God and he through Jesus has given us a mission to make disciples.

We appointed Reg Cross and Andy Faulkner as vice chairs, co-opted Clare Lillington and Barbara Garrick as treasurer and secretary, and (subject to her agreement) Mel Dunn as electoral roll officer.

We have agreed a pay rise in line with the retail price index for our admin staff and agreed a system to keep them safe when they are working alone.

We continue to make safeguarding a priority and will be focussed on all volunteers completing DBS and safeguarding training within three months of the start of their role.

We received news from all of our churches and noted that the building work has commenced on the improved kitchen and toilet facilities at Highweek

We discussed the parish's Five Key Values and some of the questions and challenges posed by our progress so far.

For more details, please speak to your Church wardens or PCC reps.

COMING EVENTS

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 14th June at 9:30 a.m. at The Country Table, Bank Street, Newton Abbot.

Mission Shed Social Justice. Saturday 14 June, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Abbotsbury Church.
For details and to book [Click here](#)

Craft Club. 17th June at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 21st June, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

Charity Coffee Morning at St Bartholemew's Church, on 27th June at 10 a.m. **in aid of Rowcroft Hospice.**

Parish Weekend at Home. 27th to 29th June. Details and booking forms available in our churches.

Induction as Deacon. Jon Bealey is to be inducted on Saturday 28th June at Exeter Cathedral and introduced to our Parish in his new role on 29th June during the 10:30 a.m. Parish service at St Paul's Church.

Joint Parish Service, 29th June at 10:30 at St Paul's Church.

Parish Lunch on 29th June at St Paul's Church. Details and booking arrangements are in the green Parish Weekend at Home leaflet.

Charity Coffee Morning at St Paul's Church on **5th July**, at 10 a.m. **in aid of Torbay Hospital Special Care Baby Unit.**

Evensong on 6th July at 5:30 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

Summer with the Father. 5th July and 9th August, 8:30 to 10 a.m. for women at 5 Coach Place. **Now fully booked.** For waiting list contact Judy on 01626 335862 or email mrsvicar16@gmail.com.

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



REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

15th June

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

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

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

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

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

22nd June

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.

29th June

St Paul's Church, Joint Parish Holy Communion at 10:30 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](#).

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.	
6 th July	All Saints Highweek	29 th June	St Paul's
31 st August	West Ogwell	31 st August	St Bart's
30 th November	St Luke's Milber	30 th November	All Saints Highweek

PRAYER GATHERINGS

16th June, 7:45 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

23rd June 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

30th June 7:45 p.m. at St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell.

FUNERALS, MEMORIALS and INTERMENTS

Simon Le Pine Williams. Interment of ashes, Thursday 12th June, 1 p.m. at St Bartholomew's 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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Other Communications Media (website and social media)
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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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