



# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

29<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Last Saturday I spent most of my time at Diocesan Synod, the decision-making body for the Diocese of Exeter. Although the meeting was largely focussed on matters of finance and the wider LLF process, we started the meeting in the scriptures. As Bishop Mike explained, if we are to be God's church and effective in God's mission we need to be rooted in God's Word. In other words, if we are to do God's work and grow into God's holy people, we need to feed on the scriptures. Having sat through many synods over the years, it was a delight to begin our meeting considering God's word to us.

This coming weekend at our second **PARISH WEEKEND AT HOME** we have a wonderful opportunity to feed on the scriptures, to grow in our understanding of God and his ways, to have our characters shaped by his Spirit and to be equipped and encouraged for the work He is calling us to do. Our speaker will be Rev Dr Paul Gardner, and he'll be teaching us from the first 2 chapters of Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus. A good number of you have already signed up to come along, and although it is too late now to book in to share the meals – there is room for **everyone** to come along and listen to the talks and join in the entertainment on the Saturday evening. Please do consider coming. I know you will find it encouraging and beneficial. The timetable is shown below.

<b><i>At St Paul's Devon Square</i></b>	
Friday evening puddings	<b>6:30pm-7:30pm</b>
<b>Friday evening session 1: God's Amazing kindness in Christ. Ephesians 1: 1-14</b>	<b>7:30pm to 9pm</b>
<b>Saturday session 1: God's Extraordinary Guarantee. Ephesians 1: 13-23</b>	<b>10am-11:15am</b>
<b>Saturday session 2: God's Great Love for Us. Ephesians 2:1-10</b>	<b>11:45am-12:45pm</b>
Saturday lunch	<b>12:45pm-2pm</b>
<b>Saturday session 4: Equipped for Good Works. Ephesians 2:10</b>	<b>2pm-3pm</b>

<b>At Abbotsbury Church</b>	
Saturday supper	<b>5:15pm</b>
<b>Saturday evening entertainment</b> With world-class magician, Steve Price followed by a ceilidh with music from our own dance band	<b>From 6pm</b>
<b>At St Paul's Devon Square</b>	
<b>Sunday morning Joint Parish Communion. God's Gift of Peace. Ephesians 2: 11-22</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Sunday Parish lunch:	<b>12:30pm</b>

If you can't make the Friday or Saturday Bible teaching sessions, please do make sure that you come along to the joint Parish Service at St Paul's Church, Devon Square at 10:30am on Sunday morning. As well as listening to the last of the talks from Paul, we will also mark Rev Jon Bealey's ordination, celebrate 50 years of ministry by Rev David Witchell, and Clive's retirement as our regular organist.

On top of all that, there will be great music, wonderful fellowship and a good dose of fun too! Everyone is invited to come to see Steve Price - a world class magician - on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church. You can find out more about Steve here: <https://stevepriceillusions.co.uk> Do please bring any family and friends along to this! Steve's show will be followed by a ceilidh with music from our own in-house band! I've been told that many of the dances will be gentle - so everyone can join in - with some faster ones for the more energetic.

Weekends like this deepen our love of God and strengthen our fellowship, helping to build valuable links across our church divides. I look forward to seeing you this coming weekend!

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.

**The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)**

**For all those being ordained as Deacons in the Exeter Diocese.**

**Residents in the following Streets:** Forde Place, Forde Road, Forde Road - Great Western Way, Foxley Crescent, Foxwell Lane, Frobisher Road, Garston Avenue, Gascon Close and Garner's Lane.

**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 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, including the family of David Hayes.

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

## Readings for 29<sup>th</sup> June

John Chapter 14, verses 233 to 27

Ephesians Chapter 2, verses 11 to 22

## NEWS AND NOTICES

**Parish Prayer Gatherings:** Our next evening Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell. We will be walking around the village for some of the time, so do come dressed for that. Our next morning Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July at St Paul's Church, starting at 9:15am.

**T.H.A.T. Foodbank** ask if anyone could donate any of the following items:  
Coffee, Sugar, Long life milk, Tinned carrots, Packets of rice, Ladies Deodorant, Shampoo, Washing up liquid, and Toothbrushes.

*Thank you so much for helping us to provide food and essentials to those who need it.*

Bernice (one of the volunteers). Phone 07906608523.

There should be a donation box in the church or speak to me or Roland.

**Party in the Park**, on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Courtenay Park. The Parish will have a stall. **Volunteers are needed** to run games and chat to passers-by about our churches and Christian faith. Contact Dave if you can help.

**Spanish Evening**, on 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church. This is to support Johnny Pelgrum on his walking mission with Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade to share Jesus along the Camino de Santiago. Come to find out more, enjoy some Spanish food and bring a gift to support Johnny's trip.

**Benefice Evensong:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 5:30pm at All Saint's Highweek. All welcome.

**Ogwell Songs of Praise:** To celebrate and show off the recent works and redecoration, St Bartholomew's Church is holding a village Songs of Praise on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm. This will be followed by cheese, wine and nibbles. All are invited.

**Ordinations.** The Bishop of Exeter will be ordaining 11 new members of clergy at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 28 June. They include a former nurse, a village postmaster, a professional sailor and our Jonathan Bealey (on the left of the picture).

James Moore, who trained as a nurse in Bristol before working around the world, said "For me, there's a mixture of nervousness when I



think about the significance of what this day means, along with a deep sense of humility in my calling."

"I've certainly not managed to answer the 'why me' question just yet. However, there is also a huge feeling of excitement and expectation about what lies ahead as I begin to live and serve within my local community in a beautiful part of the county. Who doesn't like an adventure!"

This will be the first ordination of deacons (the first stage of being an ordained member of clergy) carried out by the Rt. Rev'd Dr Mike Harrison since he became Bishop of Exeter last November.

The Rev'd Dr Joel Love, the recently appointed Diocesan Director of Ordinands, said "Deacons are ordained to be servants of God's people in their worship and in their community. I am excited to see what God will do through these 11 followers of Jesus.

"They are responding to the same God who calls each of us to use the gifts we are given in the service of the world he has made. This is what we mean by vocations, which is one of our missional priorities in the Diocese of Exeter."

**Please keep those being ordained this week in your prayers.**

[Click here](#) to read the full news story.

[Click here](#) to find out about ordination.

## COMING EVENTS

**Charity Coffee Morning** at St Bartholemew's Church, on 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10 a.m. **in aid of Animals in Distress.**

**Parish Weekend at Home.** 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**Induction as Deacon.** Jon Bealey is to be inducted on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at Exeter Cathedral and introduced to our Parish in his new role on 29<sup>th</sup> June during the 10:30 a.m. Parish service at St Paul's Church. Contact Gareth about tickets for the induction at the Cathedral.

**Joint Parish Service,** 29<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30 at St Paul's Church.

**Parish Lunch** on 29<sup>th</sup> June at St Paul's Church. Booking required.

**Craft Club.** 1<sup>st</sup> July at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church

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

**Summer with the Father.** 5<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mrsvicar16@gmail.com) .

**Evensong** on 6<sup>th</sup> July at 5:30 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

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

**Party in the Park,** on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Courtenay Park. Contact Dave if you can help.

**Spanish Evening.** 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Ogwell Songs of Praise:** on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm. at St Bartholemew's Church.

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

**PCC Meeting** on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Evensong Choir Practice:** 17<sup>th</sup> July, 7 p.m. at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey.

**Men's Breakfast.** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

## REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

### 29<sup>th</sup> June

St Paul's Church, Joint Parish Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

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

### 6<sup>th</sup> July

Abbotsbury Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

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

St Mary's Church, Matins 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.

**All Saints' Church, Evensong at 5:30 p.m.**

### 13<sup>th</sup> July

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, Songs of Praise at 4 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 <sup>th</sup> Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.	
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
30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Luke's Milber	30 <sup>th</sup> November	All Saints Highweek

## PRAYER GATHERINGS

30<sup>th</sup> June 7:45 p.m. at St Bartholemew's Church, Ogwell.

7<sup>th</sup> July 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

14<sup>th</sup> July 7:45 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

## 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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Abbotsbury: vacant

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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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