



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

6th July 2025.

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

It was a huge joy to see St. Paul's church so full on Sunday morning, as our parish weekend at home came to an end with our 5th Sunday joint parish service. Over 100 adults and a dozen or so children were gathered together, which is about 2/3rds of our combined Sunday attendance, and we were able to feast together on God's Word wonderfully taught by Rev Dr Paul Gardner, our speaker for the weekend, and worship God together in song. The morning ended with a sumptuous, shared lunch. There are some pictures further down to enjoy.

I've already had a number of emails remarking on the quality of Paul's Bible teaching, the passion in his delivery and the impact that God's Word has already had. The early chapters in the Letter to the Ephesians are full of glorious gospel truths about the gifts and privileges that are ours in Christ Jesus and the way that God works in our lives as individuals and as a community of believers. If you missed any of the talks, or you would like to listen again, they can all be found on our Church Website or by clicking here: <https://newtonabbotparishes.co.uk/media>

Hearing, receiving, believing and obeying God's Word moulds us into the character and likeness of Jesus, and doing so together helps us change into a true family that radiates the love and goodness of God. That transformation requires time spent together, as we were able to have last weekend, and in terms of building bonds of friendship and family, the times of shared food and fun were almost as important. Thank you so much for all those who helped with making and serving the fabulous food and refreshments. Thank you too for our excellent musicians who played so well at our gatherings over the weekend and at the ceilidh on Saturday evening.

It was also a huge treat to have Steve Price, the magician, with us on Saturday evening. We were royally entertained by his set of unbelievable magic tricks - and many of us are still asking how he did them! (Steve- a committed Christian - also joined us at Church on Sunday morning!)



As a planning team, we'd love to hear your reflections, so do drop me a line or send an email over the next week or so to let us know what you thought of it. And if you didn't come along, it would be interesting to know what might tempt you to do so next time!

As I remarked a few weeks back, one of the characteristics of the early church, and every true fellowship of believers since then, was the way they shared their lives together. My prayer is that the teaching and time and food and fun we've enjoyed this past weekend will stir us to grow stronger and closer in our faith and together over the coming months and years.

Grace and peace,

Dave

More pictures from the weekend's events are on page 4.



Please pray for:

Our Church, our parish, benefice and diocese, our Rector Dave Brown, Team Vicars Gareth Regan and Fr. Matthew Cashmore, Curate Jon Bealey, 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 Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

On Thank You Day, we give thanks for volunteers in our churches who generously give their time to serve others. We pray you would sustain them in their ministry.

Residents in the following Streets: Gaze Hill, George Street, Gilbert Road, Gladstone Place, Gothic Road, Grafton Road, Grange Close and Greenaway 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, Sally Fulcher, Marie Graham, Martyn, Joyce Lander, Eve Taylor, David Littlewood, Max and Sarah, 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 6th June

John Chapter 8, verses 1 to 11

1 Corinthians Chapter 6, verses 1 to 11

NEWS AND NOTICES

Next Benefice Evensong: Sunday 6th July at 5:30pm at All Saint's Highweek. All welcome.

Parish Prayer Gatherings: Our next **morning** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 7th July at St Paul's Church, starting at 9:15 a.m.

Our next **evening** Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 14th July 7:45 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

From David Witchell

*Dear Dave, Gareth, PCC of Newton Abbot & Ogwell and fellow members of our congregations,
I want to thank you for your most generous gift and your kind words and prayers on the 50th Anniversary of my ordination last Sunday, which I greatly appreciated.*

It is a blessing to share your fellowship, and a privilege to take part in ministry here.

I am sure we are all encouraged to see what is going on here, especially after this last weekend.

May the Lord continue to bless and prosper you in all your endeavours.

With much gratitude. David

T.H.A.T. Foodbank sends thanks to those who gave shortage items recently. Bernice.

Party in the Park. Once again, this year, our Parish will have a stall at the Rotary Club's 'Party in the Park' on **Saturday 12th July which will take place between 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in Courtney Park.** We are looking for volunteers to run games and chat to passers-by about our churches and the Christian faith. Please contact Dave if you can come along.

Later that same evening!!!!

Spanish Evening on Saturday 12th July from 7 p.m. **to Support Johnny Pegrum** on his walking mission with Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade to share Jesus along the Camino do Santiago. Come and find out more, enjoy some Spanish food, and bring a gift to support Johnny's trip.

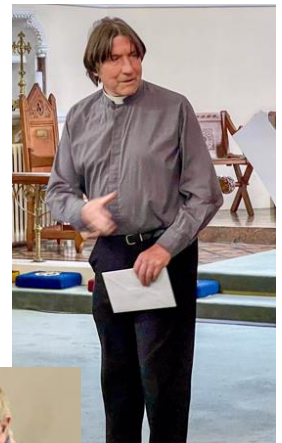
Ogwell Songs of Praise: To celebrate and show off the recent works and redecoration, St Bartholemew's Church is holding a village Songs of Praise on Sunday 13th July at 4pm. This will be followed by cheese, wine and nibbles. All are invited.

Next PCC: The PCC will be meeting at St Paul's at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 15th July. Do pray for us as we gather.

Evensong at West Ogwell Church - Sunday 31st August 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

All welcome at beautiful West Ogwell Church to take part in Sung evensong for a late-summer's evening. After last year's beautiful successful evensong (the first at West Ogwell in many years) the Newton Abbot Team Ministry are holding another evensong for 2025 on this last Sunday in August. Free with donations to the Churches Conservation Trust welcome. [Evensong at West Ogwell Church - Churches Conservation Trust](#)

Parish Weekend at Home. A further selection of photos from last weekend's activities: the ceilidh on Saturday, the presentations, the church service and the lunch on Sunday. With thanks to Lynn Buckley.



Ordination of Jon Bealey. This is a photo from 'Roots and Shoots', the Diocesan weekly newsletter, showing the new Deacons with the Bishops, including Jon, second from the right.



West Ogwell Church Open Afternoon: Architecture and Mindfulness - Friday 19 September 2025 2 to 4 p.m.

An afternoon of heritage, mindfulness and relaxation (and refreshments!) in this one-off free event organised especially for Heritage Open Days. A unique chance to welcome the community into both West Ogwell Church (cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust) and Gaia House next door (on a mindful guided walk). Tea, coffee and biscuits (maybe cake!) will be available. If you would like to bring a donation for refreshments, please bring cash. Parking will be available in the grassy area in front of the church and also at Gaia House. Please note that Gaia House is a silent retreat so please observe the silence whilst in their carpark or grounds. [West Ogwell Open Afternoon: Architecture and Mindfulness](#)

COMING EVENTS

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

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.

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

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

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

Spanish Evening. 12th July at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Ogwell Songs of Praise: on Sunday 13th July at 4 p.m. at St Bartholemew's Church.

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

Craft Club. 15th July at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

PCC Meeting on Tuesday 15th July at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

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

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

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CHURCH SERVICES

6th 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.

13th 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.

20th July

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.

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		
31 st August	West Ogwell	31st August	St Bart's
30 th November	St Luke's Milber	30th November	All Saints Highweek

PRAYER GATHERINGS

7th July 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

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

21st July 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's 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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