

Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

3rd May 2026.

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

Last week I wrote about the numerous witnesses of Jesus' resurrection. But that isn't the only evidence that Paul refers to in 1 Corinthians chapter 15. Take a look at these verses and see if you can spot it:

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

Did you spot it? It's there twice, once in verse 3 and again in verse 4. It's just 4 words: **according to the Scriptures**.

Depending which scholar you listen to, there are somewhere between 200 and 400 Old Testament prophecies that speak about the coming, identity, life, death and resurrection of the Messiah. Some of them are **types** that point to Jesus – such as Jesus' death on our behalf being predicted in the sacrificial lamb, but others are far more obvious. Here are 4.

In Genesis 12 and then 2 Samuel 7, the family line of the Messiah is announced- the one through whom all nations shall be blessed. This is Jesus!

Isaiah 61 describes Jesus' mission, something Jesus himself attributes to himself in Luke 4.

Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22 describe Jesus' suffering and death in ways that can only be God-inspired, for death by crucifixion had not been invented at the time.

Psalm 16 (and the end of Isaiah 53) speak of the resurrection of the Messiah, how God's anointed one would not see decay, and that he would die and then rise.

We're not told, but I imagine that it was verses like this that Jesus pointed to on the road to Emmaus. Luke records that conversation like this in Luke 24 verses 25 to 27: *Jesus said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

Jesus has a similar conversation with the apostles in the upper room later in that same chapter when he said: 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.' Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.'

For those of us who seek to avoid the Old Testament, this should be a huge wake up call and a real encouragement to dive back into those neglected books and see how the Old Testament points forward to Jesus. The Jesus Storybook Bible, the one we give to families who bring their children for baptism, describes the scriptures this way: *every story whispers His name*. Sometimes in clear words, sometimes in types, sometimes in whispers, the Old Testament points us forward to Jesus and his death and resurrection. For the early disciples that fact was a huge encouragement. May it strengthen our faith in the same way!

Hallelujah - Christ is Risen - He is Risen indeed - Hallelujah!

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, 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 North India (United)

Residents in the following streets: Chercombe Bridge Road, Chercombe Close, Chercombe Valley Road, Cherrywood Close, Chestnut Drive, Chichester Way, Church Road, Church Way, Cleaveland Rise and Clover Way.

The sick and suffering including: Sheila Fletcher, Sally Fulcher, Marie Graham, Martyn, Eve Taylor, David Littlewood, Ruth and Ted Parkhouse, Sandy Vaughan Edwards, Ted Demery, Cherie Glover, Ryan Holland, Orla Pyne, Ian Tresidder, Olive Leicester, John and Joyce Sutherland and their family, Mark Portwood, Anna Crocker and any others who are unwell.

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 3rd May

John Chapter 14, Verses 1 to 14

1st Letter of Peter Chapter 2, verses 11 to 25

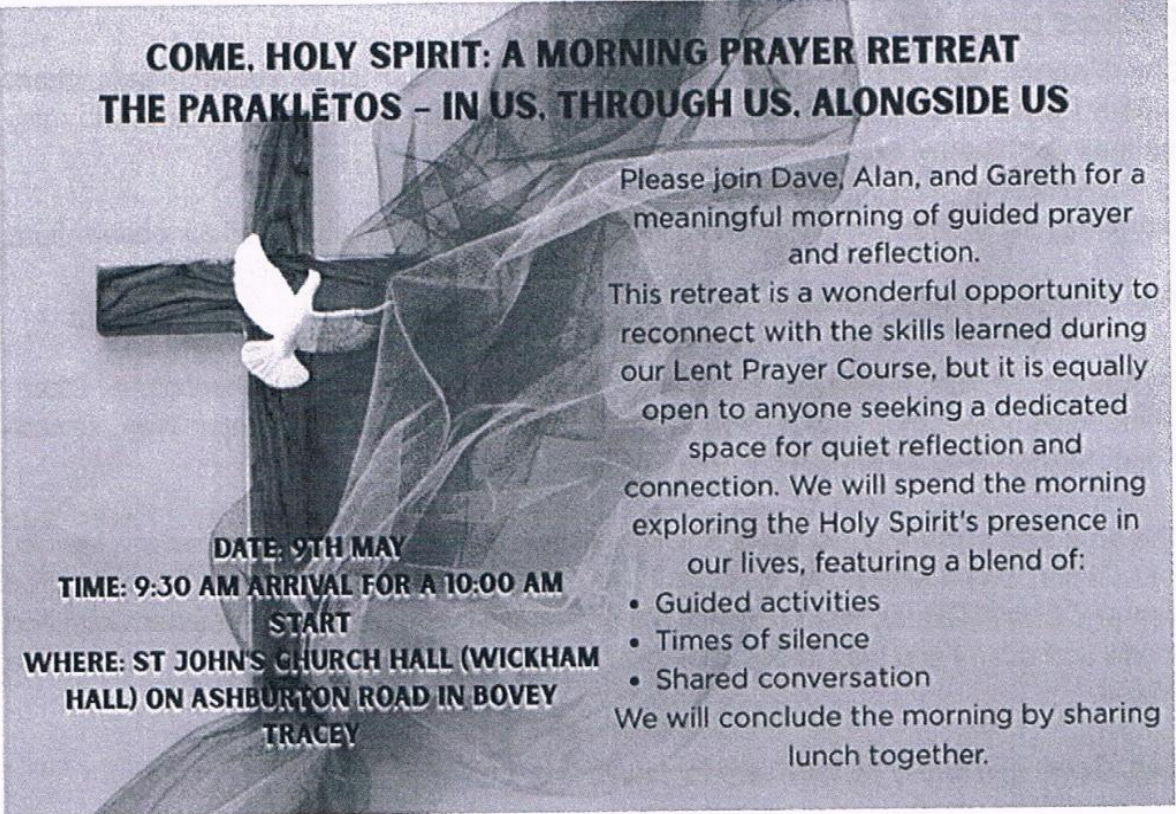
Lunch With God is on Today! Wednesday 29th April. Why not come along and bring a friend to enjoy some home-made hot soup, plus tea/coffee. This will be our last week, before we move to some outside gospel preaching from mid-May. Come and join us!

Parish Prayer Gatherings

No prayer gathering on 4th May.

Our next **evening** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 11th May** at St Paul's Church starting at 9:15 a.m. Do come and join us.

Our next **morning** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 18th May** at St Paul's Church starting at 7 p.m.



**COME, HOLY SPIRIT: A MORNING PRAYER RETREAT
THE PARAKLÉTOS – IN US, THROUGH US, ALONGSIDE US**

Please join Dave, Alan, and Gareth for a meaningful morning of guided prayer and reflection.

This retreat is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with the skills learned during our Lent Prayer Course, but it is equally open to anyone seeking a dedicated space for quiet reflection and connection. We will spend the morning exploring the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives, featuring a blend of:

- Guided activities
- Times of silence
- Shared conversation

We will conclude the morning by sharing lunch together.

DATE: 9TH MAY

**TIME: 9:30 AM ARRIVAL FOR A 10:00 AM
START**

**WHERE: ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL (WICKHAM
HALL) ON ASHBURTON ROAD IN BOVEY
TRACEY**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is planned for Wednesday 13th May at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church Hall. All parishioners (residents of the Parish) are invited to attend. The meeting will include election of Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council and reports on a range of matters concerning the parish finances and running of our churches.

Please come and take part in the democratic process of the parish.

Nomination forms for Parochial Church Council (PCC) member, churchwarden and deanery synod representative should be in your church. Please consider prayerfully who you could nominate, or if you would agree to be nominated if asked.

There is one PCC vacancy at All Saints', one at St Paul's, one at St Bartholomew's and two at St Mary's Wolborough. There are three vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives. Churchwardens are elected annually, so nominations are needed from all churches.

To be a PCC member you must have been on the church electoral roll for at least six months and must be over 21 years of age. Churchwardens and deanery synod reps must also be on the electoral roll and over 16 years of age.

If any positions are contested, all parishioners may vote in the election for Churchwardens, but to vote in other elections, you need to be on the parish electoral roll.

If you are not on the parish electoral roll and wish to be added to the roll, please speak to your Churchwarden or the Electoral Roll officer. Forms will also be available to complete at the back of church. As this is not a full 5-year revision of the roll, there is no need for action if you are already on the roll, save to advise if you have recently changed address or contact details. Completed forms should be returned to either your Churchwarden or direct to the Samantha Simmons, Electoral Roll Officer by 29th April
Email: samantha@criticalmassarchitects.com

Change of Date - Singers Wanted – no experience necessary –

to join a group leading singing at the Parish evening services that take place on the fifth Sunday of the month when that occurs. This will include traditional items: Nunc Dimitis, Magnificat, psalms and responses.

Please come to the next training session on Wednesday **13th May** at 2:30 p.m. at St Bartholemew's Church, Ogwell. For any enquiries, please contact our organist, Steve Cox phone 079 686 21511 or 01626 854228, or email stephen.cox54@talktalk.net

A silver necklace has been found at St. Paul's. If you have lost one, please contact the office.



The poster is for a quiz night at St Joseph's Church. It features a dark background with white and light blue text and graphics. At the top, it says 'st Joseph's Quiz Night' in a stylized font, with 'In aid of C.C.S.P & Parish Funds' below it. The date and time are '7 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL 16TH MAY'. It lists 'HOT PASTY, SHARING PLATTER NIBBLES' and 'BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS (AND GLASSES)'. A 'CASH PRIZE FOR THE WINNING TEAM' is mentioned next to a stack of money. The event is described as 'QUIZ - RAFFLE - FUN'. Ticket prices are '£8 PER PERSON' and '£5 (UNDER 16'S)'. Contact information includes 'Tickets available from the parish office', 'Please email newtonabbot@prcdtr.org.uk', and the address '96 Queen Street, Newton Abbot, TQ122ET'. The poster is decorated with lightbulb and question mark icons.

st Joseph's Quiz Night
In aid of C.C.S.P & Parish Funds

7 PM
IN THE CHURCH HALL
16TH MAY

HOT PASTY, SHARING PLATTER NIBBLES
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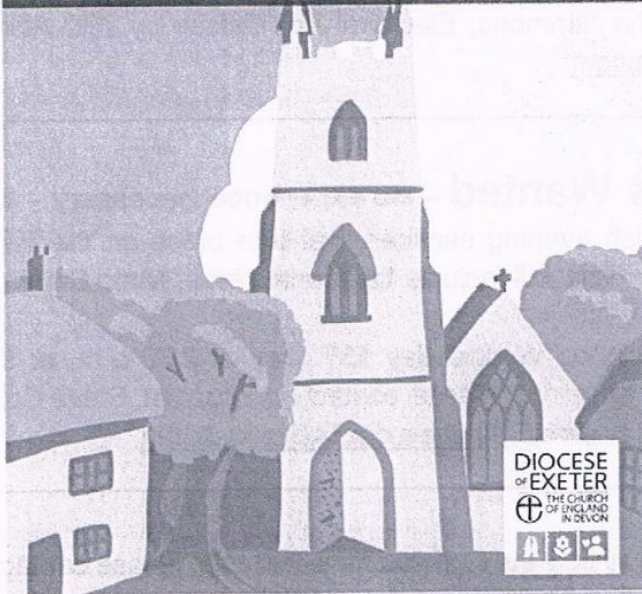
CASH PRIZE FOR
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QUIZ - RAFFLE - FUN

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Tickets available from the parish office
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Living Stones LIVE



Please join us for a celebration of church buildings in the
Diocese of Exeter at

St Mary the Virgin, Abbotsbury

19th May 2026 | 10:00 - 16:00

Or via live stream

Anyone who cares about making good use of our churches will be welcome to attend.

Talks include

- Sharing what's special about your church
- Engaging with your community
- Making the most of your church building
- Managing a project

Speakers include

- Douglas Young, creator of the Devon Churchland website
- Aileen Peirce, Head of Interpretation & Design at Historic Royal Palaces
- Camilla Finlay, Director at Clews Architects Ltd
- Rosie Austin, Rural Churches Officer at the Diocese of Exeter

Devon Communities Together

Lunch and refreshments provided

Booking for in person and online attendance is

via <https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/church-buildings/living-stones-live>

This free to attend event is organised by the Church Buildings Team at the Diocese of Exeter, with funding from the Church Commissioners Buildings for Mission programme

Miss Sara Ashton

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The Old Deanery

The Cloisters

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COMING EVENTS

Lunch with God. Wednesdays at St Paul's Church. 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. Free soup and hot drink. Bible teaching.

Craft Club. 5th and 19th May at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 9th May at 9:30 a.m. at Leisure Lounge Café.

Prayer Retreat. 9th May 9:30 a.m. at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 13th May, 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church Hall.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 16th May, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

St Joseph's Quiz Night. Saturday 16th May, 7 p.m. at St Joseph's Church Hall.

Living Stones Seminar. Tuesday 19th May 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

Charity Coffee Morning. 30th May from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of Alzheimer's Research.

Youth Group for ages 11 to 17 at The Avenue Church on 26th June, 7.30 to 9 p.m. No meeting in May.

CHURCH SERVICES

3rd May

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

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

St Mary's Church, Wolborough, Matins (BCP) at 11 a.m.

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

St Luke's Church, Mass at 11:15 a.m.

10th May

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

All Saints' Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

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

St Luke's Church, Mass at 11:15 a.m.

17th May

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

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

St Mary's Church, Wolborough, Holy Communion (BCP) at 11 a.m.

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

St Luke's Church, Mass at 11:15 a.m.

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.

ALL WEEK St Bartholomew's Church in Ogwell is normally open for private prayer during daylight hours.

FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

Beryl Crane 6th May, 2:30 p.m. Funeral at St. Paul'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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Churchwardens:

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Abbotsbury: vacant
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St Bartholomew's **Stella Llewellyn** stellallewellyn@icloud.com 01626 906814
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07760 226488

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comms@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk

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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.

The office is normally open Monday to Thursday, 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

THAT Foodbank. 8 Queensway House, Queensway, Newton Abbot. TQ12 4BA. Tel: 01626 437310, email: office@thatfoodbank.com Website: www.thatfoodbank.com

Footnote. Thank you very much to those of you who have sent me contributions for our weekly news. 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 day's issue.

If you know of anyone who does not receive this weekly email, but wishes to do so, please ask them to email me. John Calderwood news@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk