



# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

The PCC met last Wednesday, and as I explained in my previous column, the main part of the meeting was a discussion led by Jeremy Putnam, the Diocesan Mission Enabler on the theme of mission and church growth.

It was a wide-ranging discussion. We began by looking at some census statistics about our parish, thinking about the people who live here, what their lives are like and how those things affect the ways we might seek to reach and serve our community.

We also spent some time reflecting on the various ways that churches can grow under the headings of **heritage** (using our buildings and traditions), **mission** (going out with the gospel message to people of all ages and backgrounds), **worship** (the variety and quality of what we experience when we meet), **community** (the depth of relationships and bonds within our various churches) and **discipleship** (how we make sure that we help people to grow in their faith in Christ). It was a helpful discussion, not least because it showed the heart of growth and mission within the PCC, but also because we recognised the importance of all these areas, and the opportunities that they each bring to build strong, healthy, growing churches.

Some of us were surprised at the results of a survey that sought to show us where our passions lay, others of us, not so much. I wonder which of these areas pulls at the strings of your heart the most when you think about growing God's Church in our Parish?

Are you passionate about our buildings and traditions, wanting them to be preserved and passed on as signs of the enduring mature of the gospel?

Are you passionate about sharing the Christian faith with those who do not follow Jesus, and keen to get better at it?

Do you long for our times of gathered worship to be times and spaces where people can more easily encounter God in Word, sacrament and music?

Does your heart beat with a desire for our Church families to be more loving, welcoming, hospitable, places where people can see God's love embedded and lived out?

Are you passionate to see people growing in their faith, knowing more of God and His Word, seeing them change into the likeness of Jesus and equipped for a life of service?

As I said last week, mission in its widest sense is the task of the whole church and should involve all of us. But that doesn't mean we all need to be involved in everything! I wonder where God is calling you?

One of the ideas floated at the meeting was to open a weekly after school drop-in with tea and toast for secondary aged pupils in Abbotsbury Church. The space would be relaxed, with time to chat and perhaps help with homework. The location of Abbotsbury is ideal for this, being so close to both secondary schools, and the space available there is perfect for this kind of venture. Many young people are open to issues of faith and religion, but don't know where to turn. At the same time, many in our parish live in varying levels of deprivation, hardship and family disfunction. Being a safe space for young people to hang out, chat and feel at home would allow us to both share and show God's love, but we would need a good team of volunteers- perhaps 12 or so- that there can be 6-8 on duty each week. Might you be interested in this form of witness?

As I was reminded on the clergy conference, youth work has no upper age limit for volunteers. In fact, young people can often find it easier to talk with those of their grandparents' age than those who are more like their parents. So, if you'd be interested in thinking more about this idea, please talk to Dave or Gareth asap.

*NB: A church DBS check and safeguarding training would be required for all volunteers.*

Over the coming months there will be further ideas floated too. Some, like this and Party in the Park and the Christmas Journey that we do together as one parish, others that are specific to 1 or 2 churches. But whatever plans fall into place, let's keep our eyes on God and our hearts and arms open to His world - that His Kingdom may come and His will be done here, as it is in Heaven.

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 Anglican Church of South America**

**The churches of the Torquay West Mission Community**, their clergy Samantha Stayte, Paul Ireton, LLM Vicki Osborne, and for all who live and worship in Shiphay, Collaton, and Cockington.

**Residents in the following streets:** Hawkins Road, Hawthorn Close, Haydon Court, Haytor Drive, Haytor Grove, Haytor Terrace, Hazel Close and Heath Park.

**The sick and suffering** including: Sheila F, Sally F, Marie G, Martyn, Eve T, David L, Ted P, Cherie G, Ryan H, Orla P, John and Joyce S and their family, Anna C, Peter W, Karen H, Adam B and any others who are unwell.

**Ben**, Sarah and family as they care for Noah.

The families and friends of the recently deceased.

**Please** let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

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## **Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Abbotsbury and St Paul's Churches: Matthew Chapter 11, verses 16 to 30, and  
Isaiah Chapter 42, verses 1 to 17

St Bartholomew's and St Mary's Churches: Genesis Chapter 21, verses 8 to 21 and  
Matthew Chapter 11, verses 16 to 30

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## **Parish Prayer Gatherings**

Our next **evening** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** at St Paul's Church starting at 7 p.m.

Our next **morning** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July** at St Paul's Church starting at 9:15 a.m.

Do come and join us as we pray together.

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## Jon Bealey's Ordination

A number of us went to Exeter Cathedral last Saturday for the ordination of Jon and ten other new priests for the Diocese.

It was a wonderful service led by the Bishop of Crediton, The Rt Revd Moira Astin.

This first photo shows Jon with Beth Charman, a new priest for the Bay Church in Torbay.



The second photo shows the new priests with their sponsoring clergy and two Bishops, Bishop Moira and Bishop James, Bishop of Plymouth. Jon is near the right-hand end of the group.



The third photo shows an extract from the panorama with Jon in the centre, and Gareth behind him.

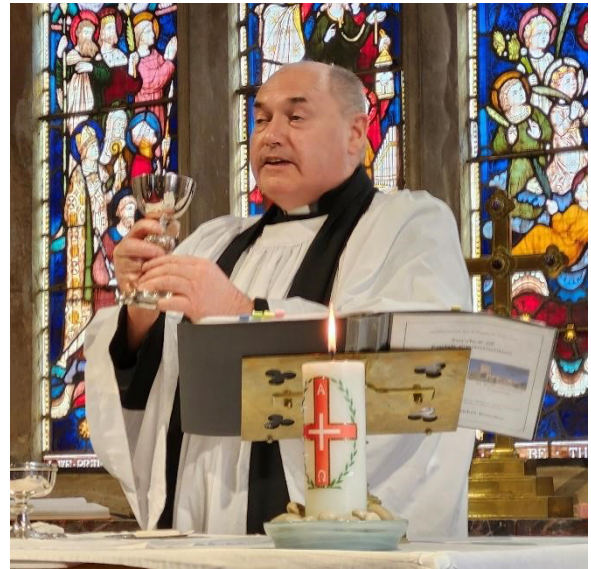


Jill Blanchard sent these two pictures. They are screen-shots from the YouTube broadcast. Jill added this message:

*Congratulations and best wishes to Jon on his Ordination in Exeter Cathedral on Saturday. Thank you for giving us the video link which enabled me to watch the very interesting and special Service. Amongst Jon's supporters I spotted Rev Gareth and Rev Douglas Dettmer.*



**On Sunday** Jon took his first Holy Communion Service at All Saints' Church, Highweek.



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**St Mary's Church Birthday Sundays.** Our next Birthday Sundays at St Mary's will be Sunday 5th July and Sunday 16th August. To celebrate birthdays around those dates but especially 0's (this time Michael 11th June, and Susan 15th August). Cakes, nibbles & drinks.



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### **Party in the Park - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Courtenay Park**

Once again, our Parish will have a stall at the Rotary Club's Party in the Park. We need lots of volunteers to talk to passers-by, supervise simple games and be witnesses to Jesus in our words and welcome.

If you could help for 90 minutes or so on the day- please email Dave.

We had a great time in each of the last 2 years, why not come and join us on the stall?

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**The Coffee Morning** at St Paul's Church last Friday raised £170.30 in aid of Prostate Cancer Research.

The next Coffee Morning at St Paul's will be on 25<sup>th</sup> July in aid of Christians Against Poverty.

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### **The All Saints' Church Service on 26<sup>th</sup> July will start at 9 a.m.**

This will be a slightly shortened service, followed by refreshments at Fairhaven, Highweek Village. This is because the Romanian Orthodox Church, who normally use All Saints' on the first and third Sundays of each month, have asked to use the church on the fourth Sunday of July because their Archbishop is paying a visit.

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**Evensong** will be held at West Ogwell Church at 5 p.m. on 26<sup>th</sup> July.

Come and experience a traditional evensong in the beautiful West Ogwell Church.

**A Magical Musicals Extravaganza**  
*f*orte at 40

**CHOIR 86**

**PAVILION**  
FORDE PARK  
NEWTON ABBOT

**Sunday 19th July, 2026**  
**From 14:30 hrs**  
**Forde Park, Newton Abbot**

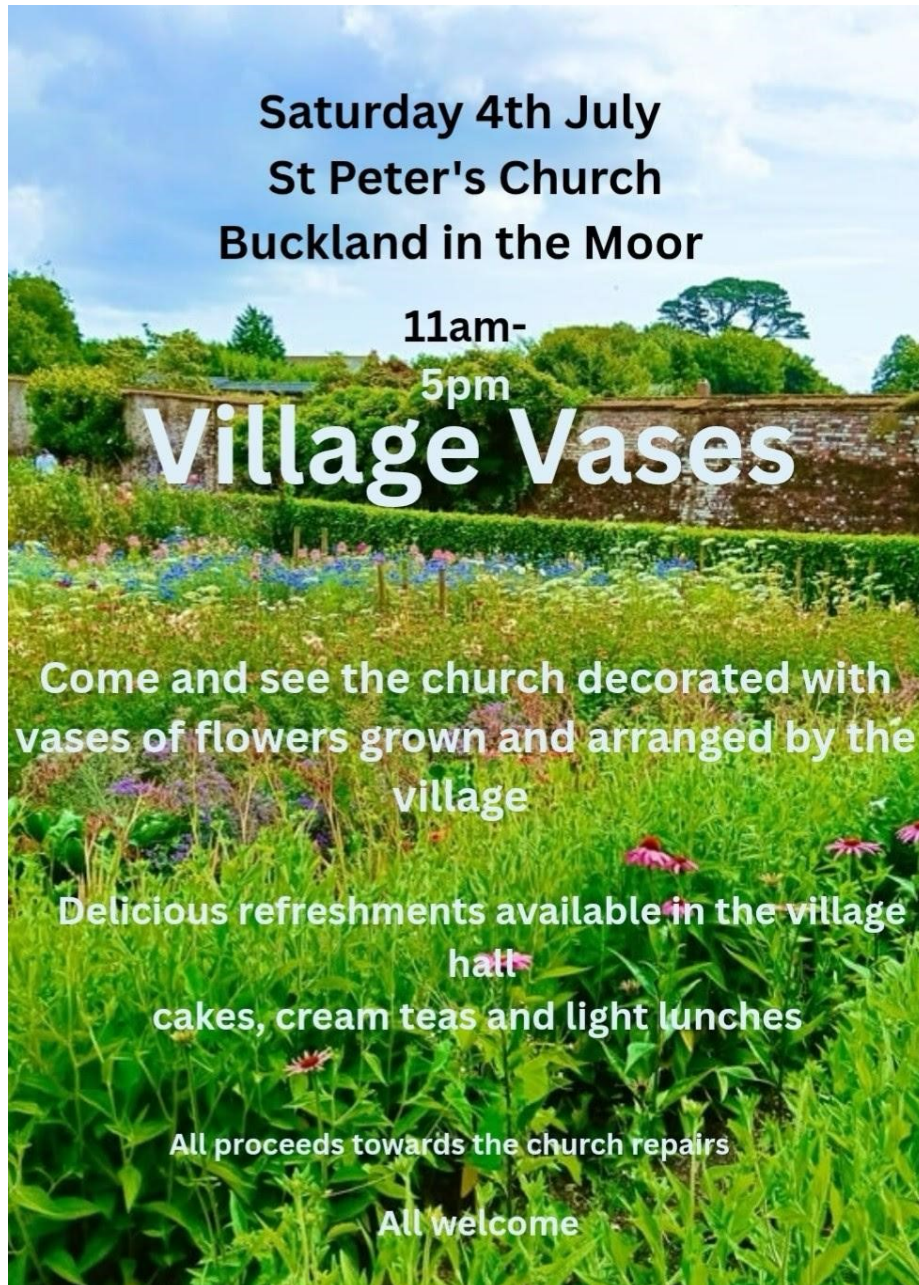
We are back presenting an 'open-air' afternoon  
of music and enjoyment **FREE EVENT**

**In aid of Forde Park Community Project**

We will be singing close to the Pavilion where refreshments can be purchased in support of the : *Forde Park Community Project*

Bring a deckchair or rug, stay for as long as you like, enjoy an outdoor easy listening, relaxing time for all the family and help support this project

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## COMING EVENTS

**Denbury Auction of Promises.** 1<sup>st</sup> July. 7 p.m. at the Union Inn.

**Lunch with God.** Wednesdays at Golden Lion Square 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. Bible teaching.

**Special Women's Breakfasts. Summer with the Holy Spirit.** 4<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August at 8:30 a.m. at the Rectory. Book with Judy by email at [mrsvicar16@gmail.com](mailto:mrsvicar16@gmail.com) or telephone 01626 335862.

**Party in the Park** in Courtenay Park, 4<sup>th</sup> July 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Dave if you can help on the Parish's stall.

**Baptism and Confirmation Service** on 5<sup>th</sup> July at 11 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Craft Club.** 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Women's Breakfast.** Saturday, 11th July at 9:30 a.m. at Leisure Lounge Café.

**Highweek Village Show.** 11<sup>th</sup> July, from 2 p.m. at the Scout Hut in Howton Road. See [www.highweekvillagehall.org](http://www.highweekvillagehall.org)

**Men's Breakfast.** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

**Choir 86 Magical Musicals Extravaganza** in Forde Park 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30 p.m.

**Charity Coffee Morning.** 25<sup>th</sup> July from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of Christians Against Poverty.

**Evensong** 26<sup>th</sup> July at 5 p.m. at West Ogwell Church.

**Parochial Church Council.** 29<sup>th</sup> July at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Youth Group** for ages 11 to 17 at Abbotsbury Church on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### 5<sup>th</sup> July

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, with baptism and confirmation at 11 a.m. St

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

### 12<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 11:15 a.m.

### 19<sup>th</sup> July

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.

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## **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)

**THAT Foodbank.** 8 Queensway House, Queensway, Newton Abbot. TQ12 4BA. Tel: 01626 437310, email: [office@thatfoodbank.com](mailto:office@thatfoodbank.com) Website: [www.thatfoodbank.com](http://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.

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