



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

12th July 2026

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

It was wonderful to welcome the Bishop of Plymouth to St Paul's last Sunday to baptise 2 people (1 child and 1 teenager) to confirm 7 people (including 4 teenage girls) into the church of England, and to allow 1 other person to reaffirm his confirmation vows. Two of the men explained why they wanted to take this step, and you can listen to their words and see the baptisms and reaffirmations of faith (as well as the rest of the service) on the St Paul's YouTube channel. It is very much worth a watch.

For all of these folks, Sunday was a moment of decision, a marker along the way, an Ebenezer pile of stones (see 1 Samuel 7:12) where at one place and time they stood up and said: *I want the world to know that I believe and trust in Jesus, and I am committed to following him.*

Growing up, I can remember a number of these times. Sometimes they were a Sunday School Teacher or youth leader who gave a challenge. Sometimes the challenge came from a visiting speaker or a travelling evangelist we went out to see. But at several points in my life, I either put my hand up, or went forward, or chatted with someone afterwards about the challenge I had heard and my desire to start or renew or re-renew my decision to follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour. You might be able to identify with that.

These occasions can be often truly meaningful. Having wandered from the faith, perhaps for years, or at least let our love for God go cold, these moments give us an opportunity to start afresh. That was true for some of the adults involved on Sunday. If you sense that marking such a moment is something you'd like to do, please chat with Gareth, Jon or me about that. We'd love to talk to you and find out how we can help and encourage you.

But for others of us, our decision to follow Christ is something that we are content to '*work out with fear and trembling*' (Philippians 2:12) day after day. Actually, I think that is true for all of us, because if we are honest, deciding to keep following Christ is something that we need to do day by day. Each day brings challenges to us, times when we are faced with situations in which at least some part of us would rather say 'yes' to self and 'no' to Christ.

And it's in these times that we need to stand firm. To plant our feet firmly in the ground and remind ourselves that we do, in fact, belong to Jesus: that there was a time when we promised to '*reject the devil and all rebellion against God, to renounce the deceit and corruption of evil, to repent of our sins, to turn to Christ, to submit to Christ and to come and stay and walk with Christ as Lord*'. However greener the grass looks on the other side of the road, at that moment when we choose to obey Christ, we are choosing to stay true to that promise.

It's the same with other promises and commitments. Just as the marriage vows we make to our spouses are lived out day by day in everyday decisions, so our commitment to Christ is also lived out day by day as we hear and read and obey God's Word to us. That means taking up our cross when it feels light and easy, and taking it up when the cost is high.

Wonderfully we have the promise from our Saviour that He is always willing to forgive and cleanse us when we fail and fall, but God's grace and mercy should not make us lax about our sin and disobedience. They should, in fact, make us more determined to live out our baptism and confirmation promises in every circumstance, because we know what it cost Jesus to win us for himself in the first place.

So, today, can I encourage you to look back at those decision points in your life, moments of decision when you took a stand and decided to follow Christ. Then ask yourself, how your life today might show that you are still faithfully following Christ?

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.

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

On Rural Mission Sunday, we pray for our rural churches across Devon. We give thanks for their mission and ministry, and pray that you would help it to grow and flourish.

Residents in the following streets: Heather Close, Hewett Close, Higher Budleigh Meadow, Higher French Park, Highweek Road, Highweek Street, Highweek Village, Highwood Grange and Hill Park Road.

The sick and suffering including: Sheila, Sally, Marie, Martyn, Eve, David, Ted, Cherie, Ryan, Orla, John and Joyce and their family, Anna Crocker, Peter, Karen, Adam, Ann 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.

Readings for 12th July

Abbotsbury and St Paul's Churches: Matthew Chapter 13, verses 1 to 23, and
Isaiah Chapter 42, verse 18 to Chapter 43, verse 13

All Saints' Church: Genesis Chapter 22, verses 1 to 14 and

Matthew Chapter 13, verses 1 to 23

Parish Prayer Gatherings

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

Our next **evening** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 20th July** at St Paul's Church starting at 7 p.m.

Over August we will be pausing our weekly prayer gatherings, starting again on Monday
7th September at 9:15 a.m.

Podcast of the Week - The Speak Life Podcast. 10 Things I Hate About Protestantism... (and why I'm staying!)

I've had a number of conversations with people recently who have decided to leave the Anglican Church to join either the Church of Rome or eastern Orthodox Churches. I even heard of a staunch evangelical FIEC church taking the latter path as a whole! Most of them point to some deficiency with the reformed protestant and catholic (small c) Church of England, so I found this podcast interesting.

[\(12\) 10 Things I Hate About Protestantism \(And Why I'm Staying\) - YouTube](#)

Perhaps you are an Anglican because of habit and upbringing. Perhaps out of choice. But either way, I hope you'll find this interesting. It's full of grace (no mud-slinging here) but sets out why we can be confident in belonging to the Church of England, with all her quirks and frailties. If you listen, do let me know what you think.

Party in the Park - Saturday 4th July

A HUGE thank you to all of you who prayed for us and special thanks to those who gave up their time at our Parish stall last Saturday. We were blessed with great weather, a super atmosphere and plenty of helpers. Over the 5 hours we welcomed hundreds of people to the stall, gave away gospels, books and tracts galore- along with hundreds of sweets to the children who played the games.

Please pray that those conversations, and especially the materials we handed out, would bear fruit and draw people into the Kingdom of God.

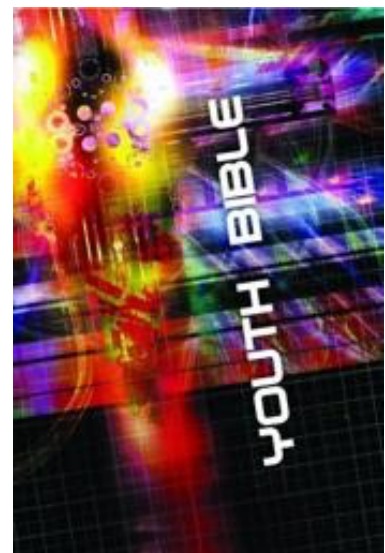
Buy a Bible for a School Leaver

Each year the Parish buys one of these Bibles for each of the Year 6 children leaving All Saint's Marsh and Wolborough Church of England Primary Schools. They cost £13 each, meaning the cost is over £600.

If you'd like to sponsor one or more Bibles this year, please make your donation in an envelope marked School Bibles and place it in the offering.

Alternatively, if you use the tap and pay machines at church, make your donation £13:00 and we will see what the gift is for.

Thank you.



Pictures from the Baptism and Confirmation Service

With Bishop James, the Bishop of Plymouth



Parish Office.

Over the next few weeks, the office opening times will be sporadic. Mel will be mainly working from home.

If you leave a message on the answering machine (01626 211346), or send an email (office@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk), she will respond.

Evensong will be held at West Ogwell Church at 5 p.m. on 26th July.

Parking is permitted in the grounds of Gaia House, but **please be very quiet within that property.**

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

An Invitation to Afternoon Tea at the Rectory for the congregations of:

All Saints' Highweek, St
Bart's Ogwell and
St Mary's Wolborough.

Please RSVP if you
would like to come.

AFTERNOON TEAS AT THE RECTORY

DAVE AND JUDY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO COME
FOR AFTERNOON TEA AT THE RECTORY (5 COACH PLACE)

ON FRIDAY 24TH JULY FROM 3PM

OR

ON FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST FROM 3PM

RSVP: 01626 335862

OR EMAIL rector@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk



The All Saints' Church Service on 26th 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.

Highweek 100 Club

The Highweek 100 Club draw has been running for many years. It has paid for many minor items for All Saints' Church, the latest being cutlery and crockery for the new kitchen.

The 2025 accounts have recently been received, and a copy will be posted on the All Saints notice board.

We have accrued a total of just over £7,000. It is planned to use this to help fund the forthcoming interior re-decoration of All Saints' Church.

The draw is managed by Reg Cross, who has a few numbers available. If you wish to take part, please contact Reg by email at cross580@btinternet.com or speak to him at All Saints' Church.

There is a maximum number of 100 entries to the monthly draw. The cost of entry is £2 per number, per month. There are currently 2 prizes each month: £40 and £25. These will be increased when the number of participants is at, or close to, 100.

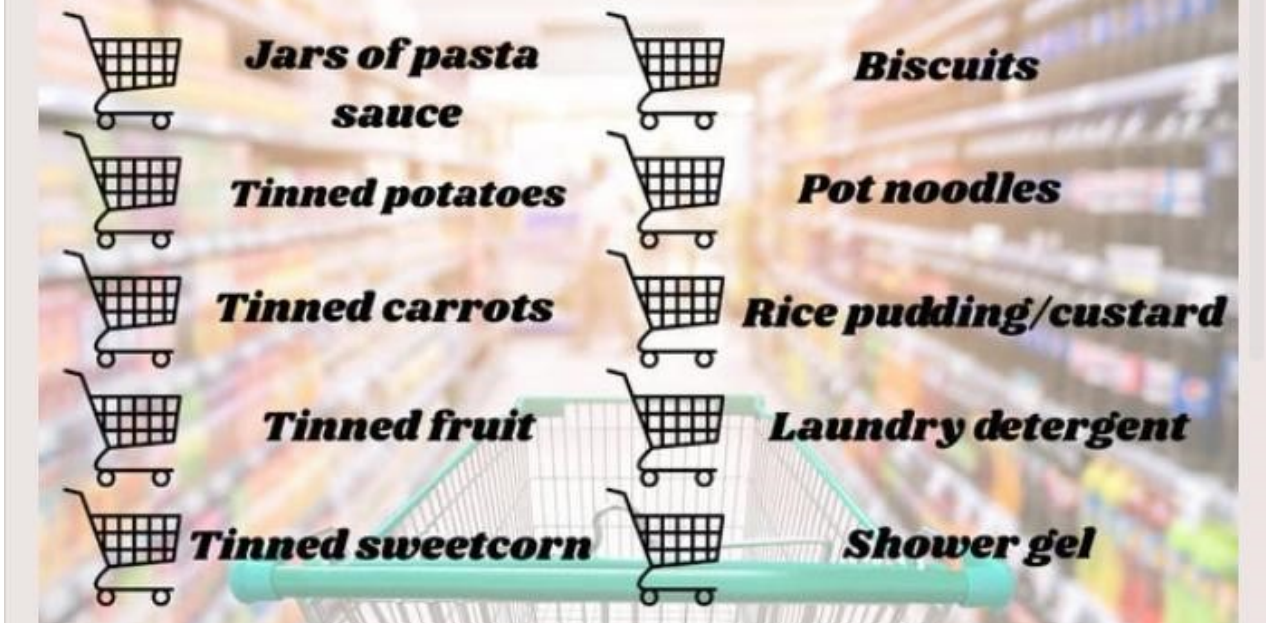
THAT Foodbank

We know things are tough for lots of people at the moment, but any and all donations make a huge difference to our work in supporting residents across the Teignbridge District.

We have a number of collection points across Newton Abbot or you can drop them off directly to us at our shop in Buckland.

Thank you to everyone who supports us!

If you're able to donate to us this week, these are the things that we're currently short of:



This coming **Saturday at 4 p.m.**, the **Buckfast Abbey Choristers** will perform the sublime and everpopular **Fauré Requiem**, joined by adults drawn from the back row of the Choir of Buckfast Abbey. This work will form the second half of a concert which opens with two works by Haydn, his dramatic **Insanæ et vanæ curæ** and the joyous **Little Organ Mass**. The concert takes place at **Buckfast Abbey** and is **free to enter**, and tickets do not need to be booked, but with a **retiring collection** to support the choristers' upcoming tour to sing at Westminster Cathedral.

COMING EVENTS

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

Special Women's Breakfast. Summer with the Holy Spirit. 1st August at 8:30 a.m. at the Rectory. Book with Judy by email at mrsvicar16@gmail.com or telephone 01626 335862.

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

Highweek Village Show. 11th July, from 2 p.m. at the Scout Hut in Howton Road. See www.highweekvillagehall.org

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

Choir 86 Magical Musicals Extravaganza in Forde Park 19th July at 2:30 p.m.

Craft Club. 21st July at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

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

Evensong 26th July at 5 p.m. at West Ogwell Church.

Parochial Church Council. 29th July at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

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

CHURCH SERVICES

12th 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.

19th 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.

26th July

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

Abbotsbury Church, Service of the Word 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.

West Ogwell Church, Evensong at 5 p.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.

PARISH CONTACTS

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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@newtonbbotparishes.co.uk