



Parish of Newton Abbot and Oghwell

WEEKLY NEWS

16th August 2026

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Dear Friends

Over the next 3 weeks instead of a column from me we will be reproducing a daily Bible reading and reflection from one of the excellent range published by the Good Book Company. I hope they will give you a better idea of the options available to help us in our daily devotions and will want to try one or more of them out over the coming months.

Today's excerpt come from the **Explore Daily Bible readings** which feature readings written by various authors on different books of the Bible. The reflection below is on Psalm 72.

If you want to try them out for yourself, they are available from www.thegoodbook.co.uk, from Choice Words as well as other retailers.

We can't reproduce these readings on the website because of copyright restrictions. Please sign up to receive the newsletter if you wish to read in full.



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 in Wales

For the churches of the Brixham Mission Community, their clergy Andy Atkins, Philippa Bellows, Angela Sumner, LLMs Elaine Vestey, Margaret Pickthorne, Martyn Hodge, Hilary Hyde, Wendy Emlyn, and for all who live and worship in Lower Brixham, All Saints, Kingswear, Churston Ferrers, and Brixham St Mary.

Residents in the following streets: Lime Tree Walk, Linden Terrace, Littlejoy Road, Lonsdale Road, Lower Budleigh Meadow, Lower Fern Road, Lower French Park, Luxton Road and Manor Road.

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, Ann J 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 16th August

Matthew, chapter 15, verses 21 to 28, and

Psalms 133, verses 1 to 3

After School Tea and Toast... The Next Step – DBS checks and date of next meeting.

We had a great meeting last week and have decided to run the after-school drop-in on Wednesday afternoons, starting towards the end of September.

The next step is to make sure that everyone on the team has a valid DBS check which covers you for working with children and young people. To do that, please contact Rob our Safeguarding Lead on safeguarding@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk

Our next team gathering to discuss practical arrangements will be on Tuesday 1st September at 7pm at St Paul's Church. We will gather in the Middleton Room, so please enter via the REAR (blue door) entrance.

Parish Prayer Gatherings

No Prayer gatherings in August. They resume on 7th September at St Paul's Church starting at 9:15 a.m.

Please do keep praying for the work of the church and for God's blessing and intervention in His world. You can do that on your own, or with some friends, or join with others at the morning prayer service at Highweek each Thursday at 9 a.m.

Compline (night prayer). Currently, Rev Jon Bealey is conducting short services of compline on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at All Saints' Church Highweek. Please come for this short peaceful and meaningful experience.

Link of the Week- *Louie Giglio- Indescribable*

[\(4\) Indescribable | Pastor Louie Giglio - YouTube](#)

In the week that we get a glimpse into the wonder of the universe with a partial eclipse, I thought I would share this talk by American pastor and evangelist Loie Gilglio. This talk was first delivered on the Indescribable Tour in October 2005. Since then, it has become one of the most widely-shared talks in modern Christian culture, reaching more than 1 million views & downloads. It's delivered in a huge theatre with lots of uber-excited teenagers in the back, but through theology and science Louie reminds us of the vastness of the universe and the glory of God that the universe declares.

And in the most stunning rescue imaginable, God sent His Son to this spinning planet we call home--the Creator reconnecting us to Himself with life that never ends. Indescribable takes us on an image-rich journey through the cosmos, allowing us to peer into God's universe to discover the amazing magnitude of His greatness and grace.

It's about 45 minutes long, but well worth it!

Afternoon Tea at the Rectory

If you are part of the worshipping community at St Bart's, St Mary's or All Saints, Highweek, there's another chance to come to afternoon tea at the Rectory on 14th August from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Judy on 335862 or mrsvicar16@gmail.com by Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.

Lunch with God has Moved...!

Lunch with God has moved to a new location in the middle of Courtenay Street. Each Wednesday lunchtime from 12:15 to 1:45 we'll continue to give short talks and hand out free tracts, leaflets and Bibles, as well as inviting people to come to church and find out more!

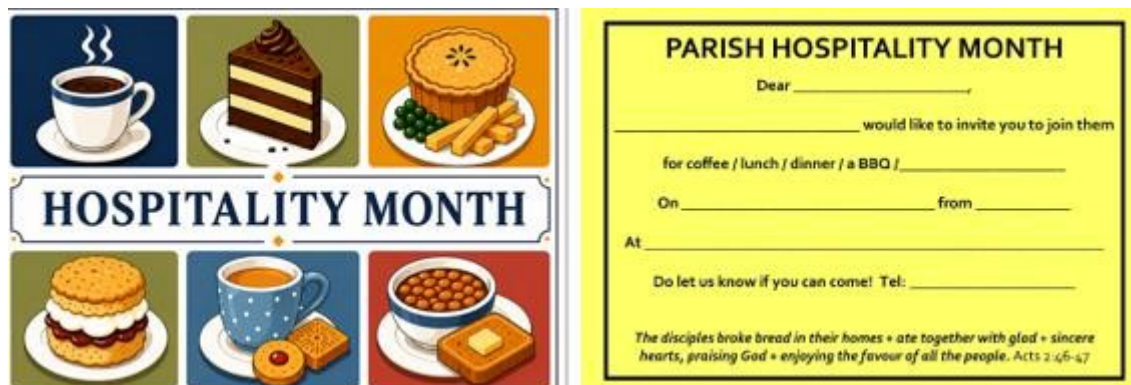
Please do come along and continue to pray for this outreach that people will accept the Invitations of Jesus that are being offered and that lives will be changed.

A Month of Hospitality

At our last meeting, the PCC agreed to support September being a Month of Hospitality. Each church community will be looking for a way to eat together, but we are also hoping that as many of us as possible will invite someone from our church community into our homes during that time.

It doesn't need to be grand. It could be for a coffee, a sandwich, or beans on toast. The food doesn't matter. The welcome does. So, let's all seek to grow in the gift of hospitality during September.

Invitation cards like the ones below will be available soon for you to use.



Fifth Sunday of August. On 30th August, there will be a Parish Communion service at 10:30 a.m. and Evensong at 6 p.m. Both services will be at St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell.

There will be no services at other churches in the Parish.

THAT Foodbank

In the summer, we often see donations drop as people have holidays or the kids are at home, so everyone's food shopping bill is that little bit higher (we know they eat you out of house and home!).

But right now, we're still being used as much as we were through the rest of the year; our need to operate has not reduced. If everybody who reads this post donated just one item, it could make a huge impact to a small, independent food bank like ours. Either drop an item into us (Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm) or drop it off at one of our collection points:

- Tesco Extra Newton Abbot
- ASDA Newton Abbot
- NatWest Bank Newton Abbot
- The Cwtch Hub CIC (Union Street)

Thank you for your continued support.



Ogwell Duck Race. Do come to this annual fun event if you can. You can buy your duck on the day. Otherwise, please contact Stella or Sam to buy your duck.



COMING EVENTS

Lunch with God. Wednesdays in Courtenay Street 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. Bible teaching.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 15th August, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

Craft Club. 18th August at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Charity Coffee Morning. 29th August from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of Devon Freewheelers.

Joint Parish Communion Service. 30th August 10:30 a.m. at St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell.

Evensong. 30th August. 6 p.m. at St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 12th September at 9:30 a.m. at Leisure Lounge Café.

Parochial Church Council. 23rd September at 7 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

Youth Group for ages 11 to 17 at The Avenue Church on 25th September, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES

16th August

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, 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.

23rd August

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.

30th August

St Bartholomew's Church, **Joint Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.** St

Bartholomew's Church, Evensong at 6 p.m.

Every Monday 7 p.m. Compline (night prayer) at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

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 Thursday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer followed by refreshments at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

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

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The office is normally open Monday to Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Phone

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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