



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

27th September 2026

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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 Bangladesh

Residents in the following streets: Ogwell Mill Road, Ogwell Road, Old Exeter Road, Old Totnes Road, Orchard Grove, Orleigh Avenue, Orleigh Cross, Orleigh Park and Osborne Street.

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, Peter W, Karen H, Adam B, Ann J, Richard M and any others who are unwell.

Ben, Sarah and family as they care for Noah.

Gareth, Samantha and family as they prepare for their move to Kingsteignton.

The families and friends of the recently deceased.

Please let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

FROM OUR VICAR

The One Thing That Doesn't Change

Looking ahead with faith

There is quite a lot changing at the moment. As I prepare to move from Newton Abbot and Ogwell to serve in the parish of Kingsteignton, there is naturally a mixture of emotions: deep gratitude for all that we have shared, sadness at saying goodbye, and quiet anticipation about what lies ahead. Transitions in parish life are rarely simple. People, routines and patterns of church life change, and there will inevitably be things that feel different.

And yet, in the middle of all that change, Scripture gives us one wonderfully simple and reassuring truth:

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”
— Hebrews 13:8

That is where our confidence lies.

It is very easy during a season of transition to focus on what is changing—the faces leading services, the names on the parish noticeboard, the familiar rhythms of church life, or the person standing at the front on a Sunday morning. But, the Gospel reminds us that the true head of the church has never been a vicar, curate or parish team. The true Chief Shepherd of Newton Abbot and Ogwell has always been, and always will be, Jesus Christ Himself.

I have had the privilege of serving among you, but I have never been the one holding this church together. Christ has. Human ministry is a temporary stewardship; His lordship over His church is permanent and unshakable. And that is good news—not simply for me as I move into a new season, but for you as you move into yours.

Looking back over our time together, there is so much for which we can give thanks. We can remember prayers prayed and prayers answered, people coming to faith, baptisms and celebrations, children welcomed, lives changed by the grace of God, difficult seasons walked through together, funerals shared, meals eaten, conversations had, and countless quiet acts of kindness and service that may never have made the headlines but mattered deeply.

These things are reminders of God's faithfulness. Whatever fruit we have seen has never ultimately depended upon human strength or ability. It has flowed from the mercy and grace of God. We have been privileged to play our part, but it is God who gives the growth.

And so, although a season is coming to an end, we do not need to be anxious about what comes next. We can step into tomorrow with confidence—not because we know what the future will hold, but because we know who holds it.

Part of faith is learning to receive the seasons God gives us, and also to release them when their time has come. We can be genuinely thankful for what God has done without needing to cling to what He is now moving us beyond. The end of one chapter is not the end of God's story.

As I make the short journey to minister in Kingsteignton, I am deeply comforted knowing that the God who goes before me into a new field of service is the very same God who remains here with you. The geographical distance between our two parishes is small, but our spiritual unity is even closer. We remain members of the same body, saved by the same Lord and called to the same mission: to know Christ and make Him known.

This transition is therefore not an interruption to God's kingdom work. It is another opportunity to trust Him. The Lord does not abandon the work of His hands, and He does not cease to be faithful when our circumstances change.

So, in the weeks and months ahead, I encourage you to fix your eyes anew on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Trust Him with the things you do not yet know. Pray with joyful expectancy for the churchwardens and leadership of the parish. Pray for the minister God will provide. Pray for one another, and pray that Christ will continue to build His church here in Newton Abbot and Ogwell.

And I will pray for you. I will pray that the Gospel will continue to bear fruit, that people will come to know the love and grace of Jesus, and that this church will continue to be a place where people meet with God, grow in faith and are sent out to serve Him.

There will be things we miss. There will be things that feel different. There will be things we cannot yet see. But one thing will not change:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

So let us give thanks for what God has done, entrust one another into His loving care, and look ahead with faith to what He will do next.

Thank you for your warmth, your partnership in the Gospel, your prayers and your constant encouragement. It has been a privilege to serve among you.

May the Lord bless Newton Abbot and Ogwell, and may He draw each of you ever deeper into the knowledge and love of Christ as you place your trust in Him for all that lies ahead.

Blessings,

Gareth.

Parish Prayer Gatherings at St Paul's Church

28th September at 7 p.m.

5th October at 9:15 a.m.

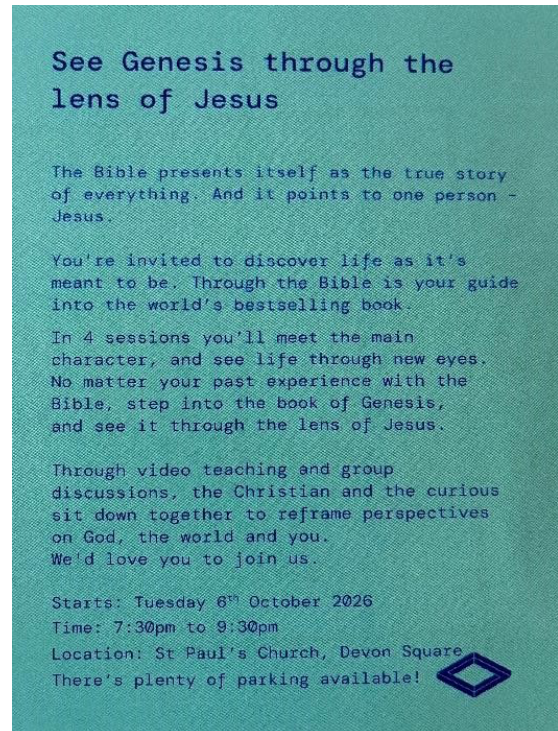
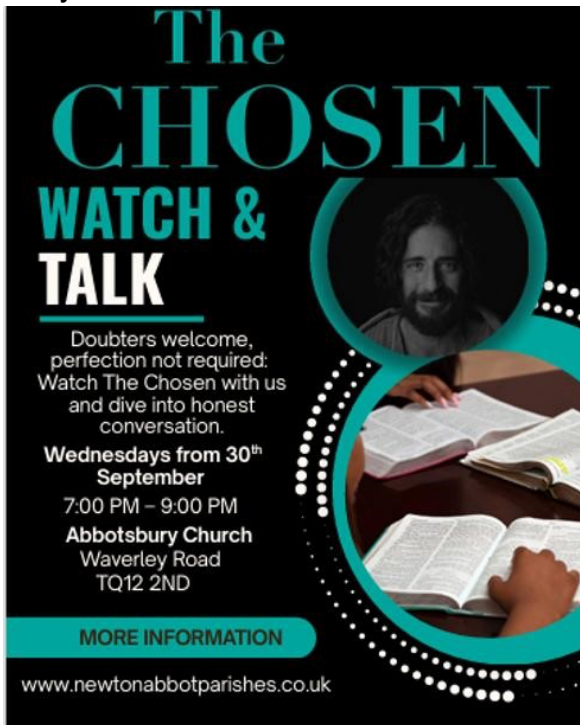
Readings for 27th September:

Abbotsbury and St Paul's Churches: Matthew Chapter 21, verses 23 to 32 and

1 Corinthians Chapter 9 verse 24 to chapter 11 verse 1.

Two Courses Starting This Autumn

Flyers are now available for the two new courses we are running this autumn. Both give us great opportunities to invite people along to discover more about the Christian faith. Look out for these flyers and get thinking and praying about who you could invite to come with you.



St Paul's Building Fund - A message from our Treasurer

To those who wish to donate to St Paul's building fund, please make cheques payable to **Newton Abbot PCC** and put 'building fund' on the reverse.

If you wish to make a donation by bank transfer, the Lloyds bank details are:

Account name: Newton Abbot PCC

Account number: 62909168

Sort code: 30-84-67

Reference: Building fund

If you are a taxpayer do consider completing a gift aid form. For gift aid form or any questions, please contact Clare Lillington. cw.lillington@gmail.com

Lunch with God continues through September in Courtenay Street on Wednesdays starting at 12:15 p.m.

It will move to St Paul's Church from 7th October. Please come along or pray for the work.

Diana Bailey. I am sad to report that Diana passed away suddenly last Friday, while on a pilgrimage to Walsingham. She will be remembered as an active member of All Saints' Church and more recently of St Luke's Church. Our condolences go to her family and friends.

MARY

Scripture Tradition and Devotion

FOUR THURSDAYS / 7.00 PM / ST PAUL'S HALL

A course for anyone who wants to understand Mary's place in Christian faith and devotion - through Scripture, the traditions of the Church, pilgrimage, and the mystery of Christmas.



26 NOV Mary in Anglican faith

From Scripture and the creeds to the place of Mary in Anglican prayer and devotion.

3 DEC Mary across Christian traditions

How Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christians understand and honour Mary.

10 DEC Mary, shrines and pilgrimage

Why Christians travel to Marian shrines, and what pilgrimage can teach us about faith.

17 DEC Mary and the mystery of Christmas

The Annunciation, the Magnificat, and Mary's place in the mystery of the Incarnation.

AND ACROSS OUR TWO CHURCHES

Worship, music, friendship, and celebration throughout the season

SEPTEMBER + OCTOBER

SAT 19 SEP 10.00 AM	WH
Table Top Sale	
SUN 20 SEP 4.00 PM	SJ
Church Vestments	
Lecture 4.00 - tea 5.00 - Evensong 6.00	
SUN 27 SEP 5.00 PM	ST MARY'S
Benefice Evensong	
St Mary's Woborough	
WED 7 OCT 2.00 PM	SL
St Luke's Ladies Group	
SUN 11 OCT	BOTH
Harvest Festival Mass	
St John's 9.00 - St Luke's 11.15	
SAT 17 OCT 10.00 AM	WH
Table Top Sale	
SAT 31 OCT 7.00 PM	TBC
Quiz Night	

NOVEMBER

WED 4 NOV 2.00 PM	SL
St Luke's Ladies Group	
SUN 8 NOV 12.30 PM	SL
Parish Lunch	
FRI 20 NOV 7.00 PM	SL
'Western' Class 52	
Steam-hydraulic locomotives, 1975-1977	
SAT 11 NOV 10.00 AM	WH
Table Top Sale	
WED 25 NOV 7.00 PM	SL
Last Night of the Proms	
SUN 29 NOV 4.00 PM	SL
CTNA Advent Service	
SUN 29 NOV 6.30 PM	SJ
Advent Carols by Candlelight	

DECEMBER + CHRISTMAS

WED 2 DEC 2.00 PM	SL
St Luke's Ladies Group	
SUN 6 DEC 3.00 PM	SL
Rowcroft Carol Service	
Ticketed service for Rowcroft Hospice	
WED 9 DEC 2.00 PM	SJ
Darby and Joan Carol Service	
SAT 12 DEC TIME TBC	WH
Christmas Fair	
SUN 13 DEC 12.30 PM	SL
Parish Lunch	
SUN 20 DEC 6.00 PM	BOTH
Nine Lessons and Carols	
CHRISTMAS EVE 12 NOON	SL
Small Blessings Crib Service	
CHRISTMAS EVE 4.00 PM	SJ
Live Nativity	
CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30 PM	SL
Candlelit Midnight Mass	
CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00 AM	BOTH
Christmas Day Mass	

Holy Communion and Lunch with Care Home Residents

Wednesday 28th October, at St Paul's Church.

Holy Communion at 11 a.m. followed by lunch.

Our Anna Chaplain, Kim Martin, works in the residential homes around Newton Abbot and has invited the residents to join our midweek Communion at the later than usual time of 11 a.m. for a time of praising God and fellowship. Our residents love this outing and it would be even more special if we could be joined by our Christian community represented by all our churches for this special event.

The church family around the Benefice are invited to join us in fellowship around the Lords table and afterwards for a light lunch in the church hall of soup and crumble (all donations welcome if you would like to provide vegetable homemade soup or a crumble)!!!

Please contact Kim - annachaplain@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk - if you intend to bring homemade soup or crumble. I'm sure if the Lord made loaves and fishes go around any offering will be greatly and joyfully received!

There is always plenty to do in welcoming our guests, chatting to them over lunch, helping to carry food to the tables... All are welcome.

COMING EVENTS

U3A Awareness Day. 23rd September 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Austins Coffee Shop.

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

Charity Coffee Morning. 25th September from 10 a.m. at St Bartholomew's Church in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

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

Charity Coffee Morning. 26th September from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of Make a Wish.

Evensong. 27th September, 5 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

Craft Club. 6th and 20th October, 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

The Chosen – Watch and Talk on 30th September at 7 p.m. and continues each Wednesday until 21st October, at Abbotsbury Church.

Genesis through the lens of Jesus. Course starts 6th October, 7:30 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 10th October, 9:30 a.m. at Leisure Lounge Café.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 17th October, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

Civic Service 18th October 3 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Holy Communion and Lunch with Care Home Residents. Wednesday 28th October at St Paul's Church. The Communion service will start at the later than usual time of 11 a.m.

Parish Women's evening. 20th November. Details to come.

Western Class 52. 20th November, 7 p.m. at St Luke's Church, Milber. Dieselhydraulic locomotives in camera 1975-77.

Last Night of the Proms. 25th November, 7 p.m. at St Luke's Church, Milber.

Mary: Scripture, Tradition and Devotion – 4-week course starts 26th November 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church Hall.

Joint Parish Communion Service. 29th November, 10:30 a.m. at St Paul's Church, Devon Square.

CTNA Advent Service. 29th November, 4 p.m. at St Luke's Church, Milber. Hosted by Christians Together in Newton Abbot.

Rowcroft Carol Service. 6th December, 3 p.m. at St Luke's Church Milber. A ticketed event.

Nine Lessons and Carols. 20th December, 6 p.m. at St Luke's Church Milber.

Rev Gareth Regan's Institution at St Michael's Church, Kingsteignton, on 14th January 2027.

CHURCH SERVICES

27th September

Abbotsbury Church, Service of the Word at 9:30 a.m.

All Saints' Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. **Harvest Festival St**

Paul's Church, Holy Communion, at 11 a.m.

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

St Mary's Church, Wolborough. **Evensong at 5 p.m.**

4th October

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.

11th October

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.

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.

PARISH CONTACTS

Team Rector: Rev Dave Brown. Day off Thursday

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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@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk