



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

4th October 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 Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil

For the churches of the Holyford Mission Community, their clergy Steve Martin, Marc Kastner-Walmsley, LLM Charles Hill, and for all who live and worship in Southleigh, Northleigh, Musbury, Colyton with Colyford, and Branscombe.

Residents in the following streets: Park View, Paynsford Mews, Paynsford Road, Penn Inn Close, Penshurst Road, Perry Lane, Petroc Drive, Pinewood Road and Pitt Hill 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, 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 RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Our PCC met last Wednesday. We began in worship, as we always do, hearing a reflection on article 22 of the 39 Articles- on *purgatory, pardons, worshipping and adoration of images and relics*- and reflected a little on the wonderful certainty and completeness of God's saving grace. We then sang a hymn (Rock of Ages) and committed the evening to God in prayer.

After receiving an update on our new policy for the churchyards at St Mary's, All Saints and St Bart's, we spent a little time thinking about Christmas. For those of you wanting to get dates in your diary, these are available later in this newsletter! We also spent a little time thinking about ways we might encourage more people to come to those special services. We came up with some great ideas, so do watch out for them. But what might **you** do to invite more people?

After receiving a report from our Treasurer, we approved a leaflet that will come out to you next week, giving you and an update on our Parish Finances. The picture isn't gloomy, but it could, and perhaps should given our demographic, be so much better. Do take a copy next Sunday and prayerfully consider the contents and the challenge within.

Each Churchwarden gave a report on matters about their churches, and we approved some new bell ropes for the bell towers at St Barts and All Saint's and agreed to ask for permission to have the two tall conifer trees outside All Saints taken down. These have now grown too tall and are affecting the drains.

We then moved on to the subject of finding a new Team Vicar.

I've now had several conversations with the Archdeacon, who has confirmed that there is Diocesan support and finance available to find a full-time replacement for Gareth. Since part of that funding will be from the Growing Faith Initiative, the post-holder will have a halftime focus on making new disciples, especially amongst children, young people and young adults in the team. Having chatted about timescales, we have pencilled in an interview date for early January, assuming that we are able to put a suitable advert and application pack together by the end of October.

The PCC will have a full briefing on the appointment process from the Archdeacon on Monday evening, but since the role is not of an incumbent, the process is much less arduous and complicated than it would be for a new Team Rector. As part of that process, there will be consultations across the parish, so do watch out for that opportunity and play your part.

I hope to have more details for you next week, but in the meantime, can I encourage you to pray daily about this appointment. You might want to use one of the 2 prayers Jon has written for this new season. And if you are leading intercessions over the autumn and winter, you might want to include the shorter of these two prayers.

A Short Collect Almighty God, Shepherd of your flock, we thank you for the gift of Gareth's ministry among us and pray for the appointment of a new Team Vicar. By your Spirit, grant us wisdom, patience, and fortitude in this time of transition, and so prepare the heart of your chosen servant that they may recognise their call to serve your Kingdom here; to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	A Longer Prayer Lord God, shepherd of your people, We thank you for Gareth and his ministry among us; Bless him as he moves onward in your service, and keep us faithful in the work you give us here. Lord, call to this parish the priest you have chosen; Open their heart to recognise your prompting, Grant them wisdom to see their vocation in this place, and clear the path for them to join us. Grant us wisdom in our discussions, patience while we wait, and fortitude in every task; Keep us united in truth and love, joyful in worship, bold in our witness and steadfast in serving our community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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I have a further meeting with the Archdeacon this week and hope to be able to give you some further updates in the week to come.

Grace and peace,

Dave

Team Rector

Parish Prayer Gatherings

Our next Parish Prayer Gatherings will be at St Paul's on **Monday 5th October starting at 9:15am**. Our next evening prayer gathering as a Parish will be on **Monday 12th October at 7pm**. **These will both be at St Paul's, Devon Square**. Why not pop along and prayer with others?

What can you expect if you come along? These times start with some words of scripture and sometimes a song that leads us into a time of praise and worship. Beginning by focussing our minds on God helps us remember the glory and power and authority of the One to whom we will then bring our prayers of intercession for the church, for our town and world and for one another.

Some people pray aloud frequently during these prayer times. Others bring a written prayer to read out. Others simply join in with the "Amens!" There is no pressure on anyone to pray aloud, but it is so good to pray together and hear the collective Amens. So, if you want to grow in your own prayer and are keen to see God at work in our Parish, do come and join

Podcast of the Week - *The surprising rebirth of belief in God*

I listened to this podcast on holiday and want to recommend you take a listen too. Despite the rather embarrassing withdrawal of a well-publicised and encouraging survey last year that showed a real growth of faith amongst young people in the UK, this episode gives plenty of evidence that God really is, at work in the UK and across some of the most secular countries in Europe. Listen - and be encouraged to pray!
<https://justinbrierley.com/surprisingrebirth/>

Readings for 4th October:

Abbotsbury and St Paul's Churches: Matthew Chapter 21, verses 33 to 46 and 1
Corinthians Chapter 11 verses 2 to 16.

St Batholomew's and St Mary's Churches: Matthew Chapter 21, verses 33 to 46 and
Exodus Chapter 20, verses 1 to 20.

Women of the Parish! Save the date!!

And come along to **Style** on a **Shoestring**

An exciting evening for the women of the parish and their friends is being arranged for the evening of **Friday 20th November**.

More details on the flyers.

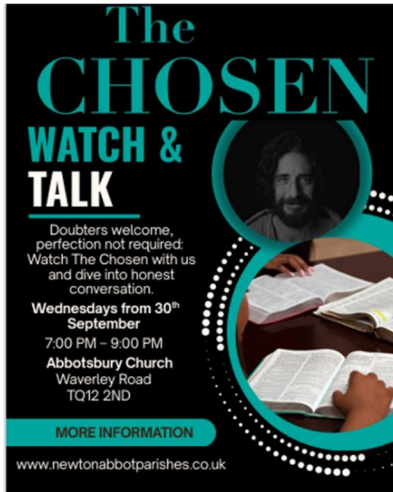
Tickets on sale from mid-October!

But do save the date now!



Seeing Genesis through the Eyes of Jesus Sadly, our planned

course has been postponed until the spring, to allow the Rector to spend more time on the task of finding a new Team Vicar.



New Course Starting This Autumn

Our new course for those exploring the Christian faith starts tonight at Abbotsbury Church at 7 p.m.

Based around episodes of the hit TV series the Chosen telling the story of the life of Jesus, the course gives a chance for people to watch an episode together then spend some time discussing it. It's a great way to think more about the person and work of Jesus, and what relevance He has today.

Come along and bring a curious friend!

Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship Conference This Saturday.

This Saturday lunchtime, Abbotsbury are hosting a lunchtime conference organised by the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship. The speaker is Paul Langham, chair of the New Wine Trustees. You can find out more about New Wine here: [About - New Wine](#)

The conference is free - with tea and coffee provided. Just bring your lunch.

HEARING WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE CHURCH

A DEF DAY WITH PAUL LANGHAM

(CHAIR OF NEW WINE TRUSTEES)

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER

AT ABBOTSBURY CHURCH,

NEWTON ABBOT TQ12 2ND

12NOON TO 2PM

(PLEASE BRING OWN LUNCH)



A Christmas Journey. Update and Training Date.

Earlier this month, letters went out to primary schools across our area, inviting them to come along to the Christmas Journey 2026, which this year runs from Tuesday 1st December to Friday 5th December. 6 schools with some 200 children have already booked in, and we're expecting at least another 4 -6 schools to add to that number.

That means we'll be looking for a slightly larger team than last year. Might that include you?

Whether you are a returning helper or a possible new recruit, please make sure you come along to the **Team Briefing on Sunday 8th November at 3 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church. More details from Judy Brown.**

Holy Communion and Lunch with Care Home Residents

Wednesday 28th October at St Paul's Church. Holy Communion service begins at the later time of **11:00 AM**, followed by a light lunch (soup and crumble) in the church hall.

All are welcome! If you can offer homemade soup or crumble, please contact Kim Martin annachaplain@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk.

Lunch with God will move to St Paul's Church from 7th October from 12:15 p.m. Please come along or pray for the work.

Christians Against Poverty - Money Coaching

WHAT WOULD IT FEEL LIKE TO BE IN CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY — RATHER THAN YOUR MONEY BEING IN CONTROL OF YOU?

If money feels complicated, stressful or just seems to disappear before the end of the month... you're not alone. ❤️

We're bringing **FREE CAP Money Coaching** to Dawlish and the surrounding areas — a friendly, practical course to help you understand where your money goes, make the most of what you have and feel more confident about managing your finances.

No judgement. No shame. No complicated jargon. Just simple, practical help — and people to do it alongside. 🤝

Every session includes a FREE hot, simple meal!

6 Tuesday evenings: 13 Oct, 20 Oct, 27 Oct, 3 Nov, 10 Nov, 17 Nov at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Hope Centre, Swift Road, Dawlish, EX7 0FS.

You don't have to be in debt or struggling financially to come along. If you simply want to get better organised, make your money work harder and feel more confident about the future, this could be for you.

🌱 A few evenings could make a real difference to how you feel about money.

🔔 Know someone who might benefit? Please share this with them.

Contact: <https://capuk.org/get-help/results?find=money-course...>

📞 Message/call: Jo Jones 07842109980

✉ Email: info@missionalcommunityfamily.org

Mayoral Civic Service: St Paul's Church, Sunday 18th October from 3 p.m.
Come and join us for the Mayor's Annual Service and support our Mayor, Louise Cooke, a member of the St Paul's congregation.

Evening with Open Doors to Learn About and Pray for the Persecuted Church.

Details to follow but save the date: Saturday 31st October from 6:30pm at St Paul's.

COMING EVENTS

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.

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

Christians Against Poverty - Money Coaching - 6 Tuesdays starting 13th October, 6:30 p.m. at the Hope Centre in Dawlish. Contact: <https://capuk.org/gethelp/results?find=money-course>

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.**

Open Doors to Learn About and Pray for the Persecuted Church.

Saturday
31st October from 6:30 p.m. at St Paul's

Christmas Journey Team Briefing. 8th November, 3 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

Parish Women's evening. Style on a Shoestring 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

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.

18th October

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 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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 13th December

6 p.m. Canada Hill School service . St Bartholomew's, Ogwell
6:30 p.m. Carols by Candlelight All Saints Highweek

Saturday 19th December

4 p.m. Contemporary Carols Abbotsbury Church

Sunday 20th December – usual morning services at St Bart's, St Mary's and St Paul's

9:30 a.m. Nativity Service Abbotsbury Church

Wednesday 23rd December

7 p.m. Carols by Candlelight West Ogwell Church

Christmas Eve – Thursday 24th December

4 p.m. Christingle Service St Bartholomew's, Ogwell
4 p.m. Christingle Service St Paul's Church
11 p.m. Carols and Communion St Bartholomew's, Ogwell
11 p.m. Carols and Communion St Paul's Church

Christmas Day – Friday 25th December

8:30 a.m. Said Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Wolborough
9:30 a.m. Family Communion Abbotsbury (more contemporary)
10:30 a.m. Family Communion All Saints', Highweek (more traditional)

Sunday 27th December – Usual morning services at All Saints', Abbotsbury and St Paul's churches.

No midweek services on Wednesdays 23rd and 30th December.

PARISH CONTACTS

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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