



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

11th 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 Anglican Church of Burundi

For the churches of the Littleham cum Exmouth with Lympstone Mission Community, their clergy Steve Jones, Benedict Cambridge, Shaun Tipton, Heidi Budden, LLMs Diana West, Demelza Henderson, and for all who live and worship in Lympstone, and Littleham Cum Exmouth.

Residents in the following streets: Plantation Close, Pollyblank Road, Pomeroy Road, Poplar Close, Poppy Close, Pound Place, Powderham Close, Powderham Road and Powderham Terrace.

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 on Monday night to continue to work towards the appointment of a new team vicar to replace Gareth. We were joined by the Archdeacon, Douglas Dettmer, and Rev Greg Bakker, the new Mission Community Development Minister for the Totnes Archdeaconry.

For those of you unused to the terminology, whilst we are 1 parish of 5 churches (with 1 PCC) we are also in a Mission Community - also known as a Team Ministry - with St Luke's, Milber. That was why Father Matthew was present last night and why, as a Team Vicar, he will also sit on the interview panel, just as Gareth did when Matthew was appointed.

The main point of progress last evening was that the PCC agreed to push ahead and see if we can be ready to advertise the post in early November. This is a challenging target, but we want to give it a go. To that end, the PCC also set up a working party to do much of the leg work on preparing the Parish Profile. This committee, made up of representatives from each of the 5 churches in the Parish, plus Father Matthew and myself, will meet regularly as well as working via email. All the decisions will be made by the full PCC who are scheduled to meet roughly every 2 weeks until early November. Please pray for us. For stamina, for wisdom, for listening ears to where and to whom God is leading us, and for the kind of unity that can only come from the Holy Spirit.

It is because we need God's help that we started last night in prayer and worship. We began by reading Psalm 85 together, noticing that the Psalmist starts by looking back to God's saving acts in the past before bringing his current concerns to God. It includes a prayer that God revives his people again- Oh how we need that in our town and churches! The Psalm ends, however, with a wonderful reminder of the character and goodness of the God we pray to. Look at these beautiful words:

⁸ *I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.*

⁹ *Surely his salvation is near those who fear
him, that his glory may dwell in our land.*

¹⁰ *Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.*

¹¹ *Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.*

¹² *The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.*

¹³ *Righteousness goes before him and
prepares the way for his steps.*

I wonder what stands out to you in these verses?

For me last night it was the willingness of the Psalmist to listen to God. To receive from God, we first need to listen to God. That's why prayer and reading the scriptures are important all the time, and more so at times of change and decision.

But look what God can do! He can save to the utmost. He can bring his glorious presence and dwell with us. He is a God of love and faithfulness, in whose presence there is righteousness and peace. And it is there, where God's people listen and obey and are so drawn close to God, that God is at work, bringing a true spiritual harvest of changed lives, renewed churches and communities and saved souls.

May we pray like the Psalmist and have our ears tuned to what the LORD is saying to us over these coming weeks, that our mission community may likewise know the abundant harvest that only God can bring.

Grace and peace,

Dave

Team Rector

Parish Prayer Gatherings

Our next evening prayer gathering as a Parish will be on **Monday 12th October at 7pm.** Our next morning Prayer Gatherings will be at St Paul's on **Monday 19th October starting at 9:15 a.m.** These will both be at **St Paul's, Devon Square.** Why not pop along and prayer with others?

If you prefer a more formal style, why not pop up to **All Saints Highweek for Compline on a Monday evening at 7 p.m.** (coffee from 6:30). Or, why not join others for **Anglican Morning Prayer on a Thursday morning at 9 a.m.** Refreshments following.

Readings for 11th October:

Abbotsbury and St Paul's Churches: Matthew Chapter 22, verses 1 to 14 and 1
Corinthians Chapter 11 verses 17 to 34.

All Saints' Church Matthew Chapter 22, verses 1 to 14 and Exodus
Chapter 32, verses 1 to 14.

Parochial Church Council. The PCC will meet again on 19th October 7 p.m. at St Paul's to progress work on the appointment of a new Team Vicar and Missioner.

Podcast of the Week - With Tom Holland & Peter J Williams: The Jesus Debate

Historian Tom Holland and Cambridge Bible scholar Dr Peter J Williams join Justin Brierley for a live audience conversation on the historical and miraculous claims about Jesus Christ. Recorded for Pillar and Step at All Souls Church London

Following on from the podcast I recommended last week, this new episode has popped up! It's well worth a listen! <https://justinbrierley.com/surprisingrebirth/>

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!

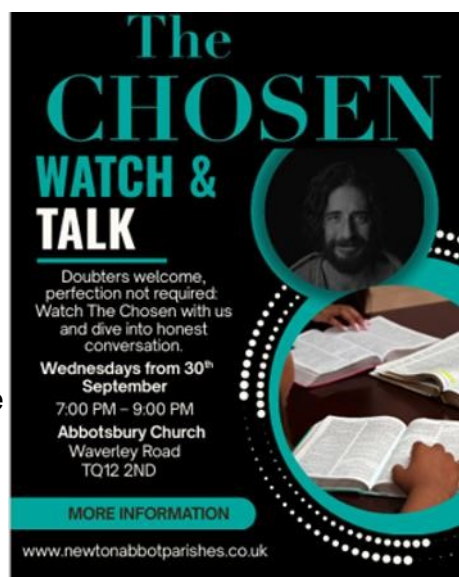


Course This Autumn

Our course for those exploring the Christian faith is running at Abbotsbury Church on Wednesdays 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 you 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.

Week two is tonight! Why not go along?



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. 8 schools with some 250 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 3pm at Abbotsbury Church.** More details from Judy Brown.



St. Luke's & St. John's
Serving with joy in the Diocese of Exeter



Sunday, 6 December 2026, 15:00 at St Luke's Church

Early bird tickets on sale now!

Click on this shape

Book your tickets today!

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.

An Evening with the Persecuted Church.

Come to be fed, informed and to pray



St Paul's Church Hall. Devon Square. Newton Abbot.

Saturday 31st October from 6:30pm

**Tickets £5. Email rector@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk
or call 01626 335862**

All proceeds to Open Doors



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 .

COMING EVENTS

The Chosen – Watch and Talk each Wednesday until 21st October, 7 p.m. 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>

PCC. 19th October 7 p.m. at St Paul's.

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.

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

Youth Group. 24th October, 7.30 to 9 p.m. for ages 11 to 17 at Abbotsbury 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.**

Charity Coffee Morning. 30th October from 10 a.m. at St Bartholomew's Church.

Charity Coffee Morning. 31st October from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of Christmas Journey.

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.

Evening with the Persecuted Church. 31st October. 6:30 p.m. At St Paul's Church.

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

CHURCH SERVICES

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.

25th 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.

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

a.m. Small Blessings Crib Service, in the morning. A Christmas service for children and families at St Luke's Church, Milber.
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
11:30 p.m. Candlelit Midnight Mass. St Luke's Church, Milber.

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 a.m. Christmas Day Mass. St Luke's Church, Milber.
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.

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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