



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

27th April 2025. Second Sunday of Easter

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

It was, as always, a joy to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus together last Sunday! And after a Lent season where our topic was suffering, it was a thrill to be able to preach on how the death of resurrection of Jesus demonstrates his victory over sin, suffering and death, and how it offers us real hope for an end to all suffering and pain and death when Jesus returns. What a great hope and great saviour we have!

Starting next week, these reflections will be focusing on Peter's experience of the resurrected Jesus, and how it changed him from a fearful Jesus-denier to a fearless Jesus-proclaimer. Today though we're looking ahead to our new sermon series.

Having had a thematic approach for our Sunday sermon series over the last few weeks, the rest of the year will find us in 1 Corinthians, looking at a selection of Psalms, and picking up where we left off in Mark's gospel. In early June we'll also spend 3 weeks considering Jesus' ascension, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the wonder of the glorious Trinity. But before that, we'll be diving into the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah is the longest of the Old Testament prophets and the one most often quoted in the New Testament, being mentioned or quoted around 85 times! That, together with its themes and prophecies about Jesus, have led to it being referred to as the 5th gospel!

Because it is so long, we're going to look at the book of Isaiah in 4 blocks, the first 2 of which will each last for 5 weeks. The first block will start this coming Sunday and will take us from chapter 1 to chapter 12, before we return to Isaiah in September.

If you've not read much of the Old Testament prophets before, the language and style can be rather daunting, and that feeling can be magnified with a book as long as Isaiah! So let me give a few tips for helping you to make sense of the book before giving a brief guide to the 5 weeks coming up.

1: Remember the original context.

It was written by Isaiah, son of Amoz, from around 740-700BC, to God's people living in Judah (the southern kingdom) and especially in Jerusalem. At the time, God's people had lost their way spiritually and were under threat from larger neighbouring empires.

2: Remember the message.

Like many OT prophets, Isaiah calls God's people to be faithful and turn from their sin, or face God's righteous and just judgment on them for their apostasy. Isaiah also warns the other nations. But it is far from a gloomy book, for God's grace and mercy to those who repent are everywhere, and God is pictured as one who will act on behalf of his own people.

3: Remember the structure.

Isaiah is a prophet in both senses of the word; delivering God's message to the people of his own day and also looking ahead to what will come. So, whilst chapters 1-39 seem to be written to people of his own day (before exile), chapters 40-55 seem to be aimed at those in exile, whilst chapters 56-66 seem to fit with those who have returned home 70 years later.

4: Remember this is God's Word.

Just as some foods requires more chewing than others, so some parts of the Bible will require more effort to get the goodness out. Old Testament prophecy is like that, but since it is part of the scriptures and contains things useful for us in our discipleship and training as women and men of God, we must not be put off. Isaiah, just like the gospels and epistles, is God-breathed and given to us for our edification.

So, what will be covering over the coming 5 weeks?

As we take a look at the first 12 chapters, we'll hear God's blunt verdict on his people and a call for God's people to produce good fruit. We'll hear of Isaiah's encounter with God and his call to service, read of the judgment and hope that are in the hands of Almighty God and rejoice in Isaiah's prophecy of a new and glorious king reigning over a perfect kingdom. In short, we will get the Christian Gospel: sin, holiness, cleansing and call, judgment, hope and a coming kingdom. Perhaps you can already see why Isaiah is called the 5th gospel.

If you want to read an accessible commentary to go along with the series, let me suggest 2:

Tim Chester: **Isaiah for you**. This is an excellent series and very accessible.

Raymond Ortlund: **Isaiah: God Saves Sinners**. A wonderful + more substantial commentary.

Both are available on our **10ofthose** link on our website or from Choice Words. They are also available very cheaply on kindle!

May we be blessed, challenged and changed as we read Isaiah's glorious book together.

Grace and peace,

Dave

Readings for 27th April:

John, chapter 6, verses 60 to 71

Isaiah, chapter 1, verses 1 to 20

Please pray for:

Our Church, our parish, benefice and diocese, our Rector Dave Brown, Team Vicars Gareth Regan and Fr. Matthew Cashmore, 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 the Province of the Indian Ocean

For the churches of the Hukeley Mission Community, LLM Nick Francombe, and for all who live and worship in Petton, Morebath, Huntsham, Clayhanger, and Bampton.

Residents in the following Streets: Bradley Manor, Bradley Road, Broadlands Avenue, Broadlands Court, Broadridge Close, Brownhills Road, Brownings Walk, Brunel Road, Brunel Road Minerva Way.

The sick and suffering including: 9-month-old Joey Hilton, Noah Maynard, Cherie Glover, Sheila Fletcher, John and Joyce Sutherland, Jackie, Joshua, Anna Crocker, Barbara-Ann, David and Julie, and others who are unwell in residential and nursing homes, their own homes, and in hospital. *

Ben, Sarah and family as they care for Noah.

The families and friends of the recently deceased.

* Please email prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk to let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

NEWS AND NOTICES

The Maundy Thursday Meal held at Abbotsbury Church.



Good Friday Walk of Witness. Despite the rain, the walk was well attended.



The dancing was impressive.

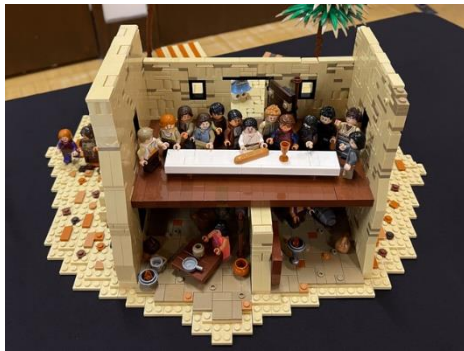


We were determined to stay to the end.



Below are photos from the Easter Fun Day showing James's fantastic models.

There is a set of the Easter story and James with one of the battle models. James exhibits under the title of "Bricks to the Past".



Election of Churchwardens, PCC and Deanery Synods Representatives.

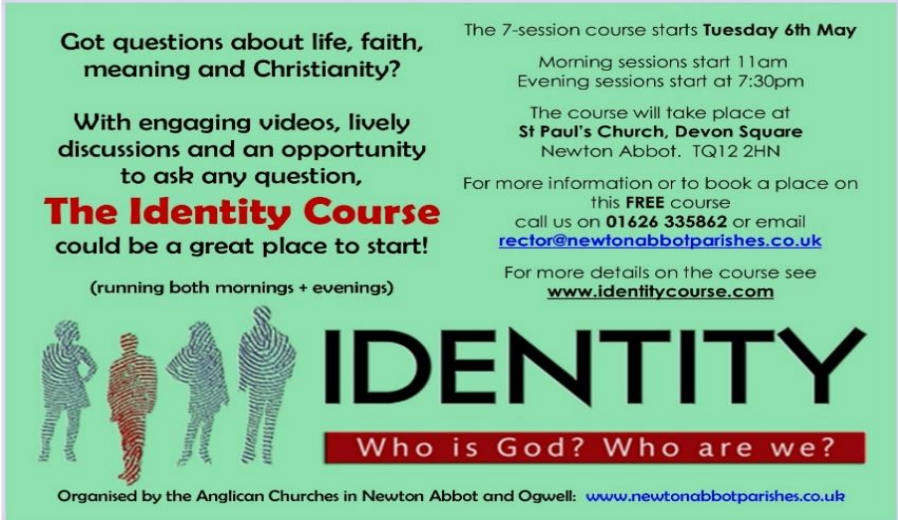
Nomination papers for churchwardens, Parochial Church Council (PCC) representatives and Deanery Synods representatives are now available in our churches. At the Annual Meeting, a churchwarden and one PCC representative can be elected for each of our five churches. There is one deanery synod rep needed for the whole parish (we already have two). Please check that anyone you wish to nominate is on the electoral roll. The electoral roll draft will also be available for you to check your entry, but no new members can be added until after the Annual Meeting on 14th May.

The Coffee Morning at St Paul's Church on 26th April will be in aid of the Disasters Emergency Committee Myanmar appeal. The Air Ambulance benefit will be rescheduled.

Parish Prayer Gatherings: The next morning prayer gatherings will be on Monday 28th April and Monday 12th May, both from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at St Paul's. Do come and join us! There will also be a prayer gathering on **May bank holiday, Monday 5th May**. This will be at St Mary's Wolborough, starting at 7:45 p.m. and will start us on a rotation of holding our evening prayer gatherings in all of our churches in turn.

The Jesus Revolution. For those of you who have a Netflix subscription, can I recommend The Jesus Revolution as a film to enjoy and to stir you to pray. It tells the story of the huge Christian revival that took place in the USA amongst the hippies at the end of the 60s and the start of the 70s. It's thought to be the greatest spiritual revival in American history. Many thought the dropping out and taking drugs was an act of rebellion, but one young preacher saw their lifestyle as a sign that they were searching for God, but in all the wrong places. It stirred my heart to see God work a revival like that amongst the young people of our town and country. May it do the same to yours!

Our Next Identity Course starts soon. Details here!

A green poster for 'The Identity Course'. At the top left, it asks 'Got questions about life, faith, meaning and Christianity?' and promises 'With engaging videos, lively discussions and an opportunity to ask any question, The Identity Course could be a great place to start! (running both mornings + evenings)'. At the top right, it states 'The 7-session course starts Tuesday 6th May', with morning sessions at 11am and evening sessions at 7:30pm. It specifies the location as 'St Paul's Church, Devon Square, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2HN'. Contact information includes a phone number '01626 335862' and an email 'rector@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk'. A website 'www.identitycourse.com' is also listed. The bottom features four stylized human figures in different colors (blue, red, green, yellow) and the word 'IDENTITY' in large black letters. Below this is a red banner with the text 'Who is God? Who are we?'. At the very bottom, it says 'Organised by the Anglican Churches in Newton Abbot and Ogwell: www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk'.

Giving and Generosity Survey. The Parish has just signed up to a new initiative in the Church of England called Cornerstone, which aims to help us manage our finances more effectively and to get better at communicating information across the parish. As part of setting ourselves up on the system, I'd like to ask if you take 5 minutes to complete a short survey.

Each of our 5 churches has its own code number, but it is the same link for each church. Details are below:

St Mary's, Abbotsbury- 615305
All Saints, Highweek- 615304
St Bartholomew's, Ogwell- 615313
St Mary's, Wolborough- 615317
St Paul's, Newton Abbot- 615319

The link is: <https://forms.office.com/e/CysxHx2G9E>

All of the results are anonymous and will be automatically collated to build a picture of where we are right now. Thank you.

COMING EVENTS

Charity Coffee Morning at St Bartholemew's Church, on 25th April at 10 a.m. in aid of Guide Dogs.

Charity Coffee Morning at St Paul's Church on 26th April, at 10 a.m. in aid of the Disasters Emergency Committee Myanmar appeal.

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

Exploring Hospital Chaplaincy Course, Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Friday 16th May. Contact for more details 01803 654186 tsdft.chaplains@nhs.net (*attendance on all 3 days is required*)

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 10th May at 9:30 a.m. at The Country Table, Bank Street, Newton Abbot.

Traditional Choral Evensong. 11th May at 6 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Abbotskerswell.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. (APCM) Wednesday 14th May, 7 p.m. at **St Paul's** Church.

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

Church at Home Weekend. 27th to 29th June.

Induction as Deacon. Jon Bealey is to be inducted on 28th June at St Paul's Church.

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

27th April

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 a.m.

St Bartholomew's Church, **Evensong** at 5:30 p.m.

4th May

Abbotsbury Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

St Bartholomew's Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

St Mary's Church, Matins at 11 a.m.

St Paul's Church, Service of the Word at 11 a.m.

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

11th May

Abbotsbury Church, All Age Service 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 a.m.

If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch services at Abbotsbury Church and St Paul's Church through [YouTube](#).

The links are available at <https://newtonabbotparishes.co.uk/noticeboard/news/>

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 FRIDAY 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.

OTHER SERVICES

Evensongs at 5:30 p.m.		5 th Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.	
27 th April	St Bart's		
6 th July	All Saints Highweek	29 th June	St Paul's
31 st August	West Ogwell	31 st August	St Bart's
20 th November	St Luke's Milber	30 th November	All Saints Highweek

PRAYER GATHERINGS

28th April 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

5th May (bank holiday), 7:45 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

12th May 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

FUNERALS, MEMORIALS and INTERMENTS

Pamela Stone. Funeral service on 24th April at 12 noon at All Saints' Church, Highweek, followed by committal at the Ogwell Cross Cemetery.

June Hazel Larbalestier. Funeral service on 1st May at 12:30 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek, followed by committal at the Ogwell Cross Cemetery.

Peggy Elizabeth Garner. Funeral Service, on 14th May at 11:00 a.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

Mary Calderwood. Interment of Ashes. 25th May at 11:30 a.m. at All Saints' Church.

PARISH CONTACTS

Team Rector: Rev Dave Brown. Day off Thursday

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Team Vicar: Rev Gareth Regan: Day Off: Friday.

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Prayer List Please let us know about anyone in need of prayers. Their name will be kept on the list for a month. Please email prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk

Parish website: www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk

Parish Office at St Paul's Church, Devon Square. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
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

Footnote. Thank you very much to those of you who have sent me contributions. 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 issue.

If you know of anyone who does not receive this weekly email, but wishes to do so, please ask them to email me or contact the office.

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