



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

2nd March 2025 2025.

1st Sunday before Lent - Quinquagesima

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13: 34-35

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Over the last two weeks I've written a little about some of the blessings and struggles with being a multi church parish. The things I've mentioned are by no means an exhaustive list, but my hope is that it has stimulated some conversations and got you thinking about how to build on those strengths and how to mitigate those difficulties.

This all matters because of the challenge that Jesus gave us as his disciples. As Christians we are called to love one another. And the kind of love we are to show is defined by Jesus. As we saw last Sunday, that demands active, willing and sacrificial service. If we fail to do that, then the world will not look at us and see Jesus. And if they do not see him, then why would they be interested in the message he calls us to share with them?

As we round up this miniseries let me suggest six ways of loving one another as Jesus loved us, even as we wrestle with the practical difficulties of being 5 churches in one parish.

1: Get to know one another. This will involve time and effort, and the giving and receiving of hospitality. Start in your own worshipping community and then, as you get to know people from other churches, reach out to them as well. The more you know people from different churches, the more we will feel and then behave as one Church.

2: Pray for one another. How often do you pray for your own church? How often do you pray for the other churches in our parish? Why not pray for a different church every week. And in our intercessions in our individual churches, let's start praying for the LORD to be at work in the other worshipping communities. It's very hard to be resentful or unkind about churches or congregations we are praying for! Our prayers will break down barriers.

3: Worship alongside one another. Make sure that 5th Sunday services are a priority, even if the style on that Sunday is not quite to your liking. There are other opportunities as well: we now have services of Evensong every couple of months. Over the last weekend of June, we'll be having our next parish weekend at home. Put the dates in your diary and come along! The Parish Prayer Gathering runs every week so why not come along, say once a month? And when we run courses or one-off events, why not seriously think about joining in. You'll grow in your faith, and you will grow in your relationships with others in our parish.

4: Serve alongside one another. One of the best ways to build community is to serve alongside each other. This is true in our own worshipping communities where we often need teams to take care of the grounds, the cleaning and the refreshments as well as the pastoral visiting. Why not see if you could set up a small group in your church to get involved in one of these areas. Perhaps a team of you could throw a summer tea party for those who live near the church and work together on ways to invite people along. One of the best ways to build a stronger parish is to have five strong churches.

But there are also opportunities to serve at the parish level by getting involved in our coffee mornings, or in some shared ministries to schools, nursing homes or with our outreach in town. Standing for election to the PCC is also a great way to serve not just your own worshipping community but the wider parish. As we serve alongside one another bonds of Christian friendship will grow.

5: Remember the benefits! Do you remember the old hymn which tells us to '*count your blessings name them one by one.... And it will remind you what the LORD has done.*' That's great advice for the Christian life, but it's also great advice for us as five churches in one parish. Don't forget the benefits we have together, the shared resources, the greater opportunities, the wider variety. Remind yourself of those when things get tough and thank God for them. That way the difficulties will never overwhelm you.

6: Keep your eyes on Jesus and grow as his disciple. The best way for us to overcome these or any other challenges is to keep our eyes on Jesus and grow in our faith. As we read His Word and let the Holy Spirit apply it to our lives, we are changed more into the likeness and character of Jesus. Patient and kind. Humble and gentle. Forgiving quickly when things go wrong. Serving willingly without counting the cost. Seeking the best for others and rejoicing in the truth and the work God is doing amongst us as He builds His kingdom here.

What will that mean for you, I wonder? What changes will it mean in your worshipping community? And who will you reach out to first? Let us press on together and become the **faithful, welcoming, varied, active and loving church** that we are called to be.

Grace and peace,

Dave

Readings for 2nd March:

1st Epistle to Timothy, Chapter 6, verses 17 to 21

Mark, Chapter 9, verses 38 to 50

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.

The Anglican Church of Burundi

Our King, His Majesty King Charles III, members of the Royal Family and our government.

During 'No More Week', which raises awareness to end domestic abuse and sexual violence, pray for healing for all those who have been victims of abuse.

The sick and suffering including: 9-month old Joey Hilton, Noah Maynard, Cherie Glover, Sheila Fletcher, John and Joyce Sutherland, Jackie, Joshua, Anna Crocker, 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

BEWARE FRAUDULENT EMAILS. There are fraudulent emails circulating again. Some parishioners of St Luke's Church have received emails purporting to come from Father Matthew and asking for money.

In the past, there have been similar messages purporting to come from our other priests. This could happen again.

These are fraudulent emails. If in doubt get in touch with the priest concerned, but **DO NOT SEND MONEY** in response to any such email. Instead, please forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk.

Parish Prayer Gatherings. The next MORNING PRAYER GATHERING will be on Monday 3rd March from 9:15 a.m.-10 a.m. The next EVENING PRAYER GATHERING will be on Monday 10th March at 7:45 p.m. Both will be at St Paul's.

Lent Lunches – See the poster on page 6.

The following churches are responsible for organising the lunches which are all held at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Hall:

12/03 The Avenue
19/03 Shaldon Road/ Cornerstone
26/03 St Joseph's
02/04 Salvation Army/Society of Friends
09/04 Newton Abbot Benefice

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the simple lunches on 9th March. Please contact the office if you are able to help.


Ogwell Coffee Mornings resume on Friday 28th February, 10 a.m. at St Bartholemew's Church.

An Evening Thinking Through Death and Assisted Dying. Sunday Evening 2nd March at St Paul's from 6:30pm. There has been a lot of press coverage around the controversial Assisted Dying bill currently going through the committee stage in Parliament, and having had conversations with various people, we've decided to hold an evening of talks and discussion to help us think through this very emotive issue. The evening will be in 3 parts:

- 1: Thinking through how we, as Anglican Christians, should approach complex moral issues.
- 2: Hearing a clear Christian view on this issue.
- 3: Considering how we can speak about and deal with issues of death and dying in a way that reflects the great hope we have as Christians.


After each input there will be time for round table discussions and questions.

No need to book – just come along.



BIBLE COURSE


Join us for the Bible Society's Bible Course
8 weeks after Midweek Communion At St Paul's

 26 FEB , 2025 11:00 AM

This epic journey through the Bible will help your church explore God's big story one step at a time.

JOIN NOW

 newtonabbotparishes.co.uk

 St Paul's, Devon Square,
Newton Abbot

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

“I Made YOU Wonderful”

Friday, 7th March 3 p.m., at
St Luke’s Church,
10, Laburnum Road, Milber,
Newton Abbot TQ12 4LQ

All Welcome

* On street parking
* Limited pre-bookable
Community Transport
return
from town centre via Peter
on 01626 369478 by 5th Mar

* Joint service facilitated by CTNA
(Christians Together in Newton Abbot)
* Hosted by clergy and parishioners of St Luke’s



Share your views about the next Archbishop of Canterbury

People across the Church of England and the Anglican Communion are being invited to share their views about the qualities, values and vision the next Archbishop of Canterbury will ideally have. The public consultation is running until 28 March. The process to find the new Archbishop of Canterbury is currently underway following the resignation of Justin Welby in January. [Share your views and read about the appointment timeline by clicking here.](#)

LENT LUNCHEES 2025

Noon to 1.30 p.m.

at St Joseph's Church Hall
Queen Street, Newton Abbot

facilitated by Christians Together in Newton Abbot
hosted by St Joseph's RC Church
operating

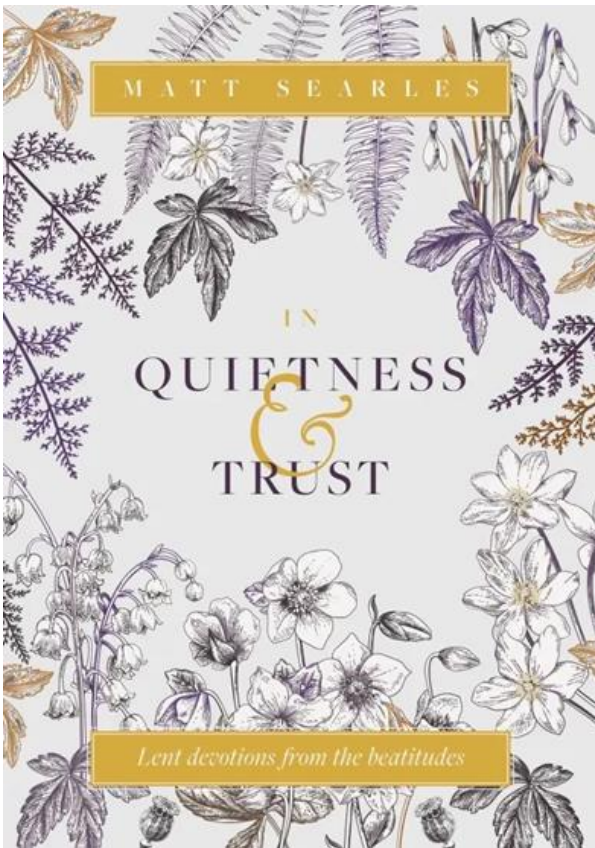
Wed 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd, 9th April



Donations this year are going to “Embrace the Middle East”, a charity based in UK supporting 40 Christian groups in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Israel/Palestine (including Caritas Jerusalem), including a hospital in Gaza which has converted its chapel into a ward. Read Dr Maher’s story on their website under “News and Resources”.

ALL WELCOME

Lent Devotional: Our Lent devotional is now available in our churches. Offering readings and recollections for each of the 40-days of Lent, and priced at just £1, it would be a wonderful investment for the coming season. Details are below.



Matt Searles: In Quietness and Trust:

Early in his ministry, Jesus gave his followers a description of how he wants his people to live. Rather than seeking to ascend to God, Christian discipleship is a downward flourishing; a counter-cultural way of blessing. These 40 devotions, with a daily reading and short reflection, will guide you through the beatitudes Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount. This Easter, join Jesus on his path to the cross, and see that his way – though so different to the way of the world – leads to freedom, joy, and life. This book has eight groups of five devotions, with each group focusing on the theme of one of the beatitudes from Matthew's gospel. Each day there is a verse or passage from Scripture with an accompanying devotion, a prayer and a song. The songs can be found online, but you can also find them on a Spotify playlist called 'In Quietness and Trust - Lent Playlist'

Denbury Folk present:



**2pm, Sunday
9th March**

**At St Mary's
Church, Denbury**



**Tickets £12, from
Rachel:
rachelbelringer@
gmail.com/
07751804007**

**In aid of Denbury
Church**



**"music to make you laugh and dance... ..a
milestone of folk music" - folkwords.com**

Denbury Folk

St Mary's Church, Denbury
Sunday Afternoon Concerts
for the rest of 2024 and beginning of 2025: -

Sunday 9th March 2025 at 2pm
Folklaw (Acoustic Tour) – a folk/rock band that has toured the UK & Europe over a number of years are just recording a new CD to coincide with this UK tour (including a member of Cobbler's Child who we recently hosted and enjoyed). Lively and vibrant music rooted in the tradition, but mostly their own material. Tickets £12

Sunday 27th April 2025 at 2pm
Haïren (Chris Roberts) – One half of duo Filkin's Drift (who wowed the audience here). Chris is a superb guitarist who comes from Wales. This performance will predominantly be his exploration of beautiful Welsh songs. Tickets £12

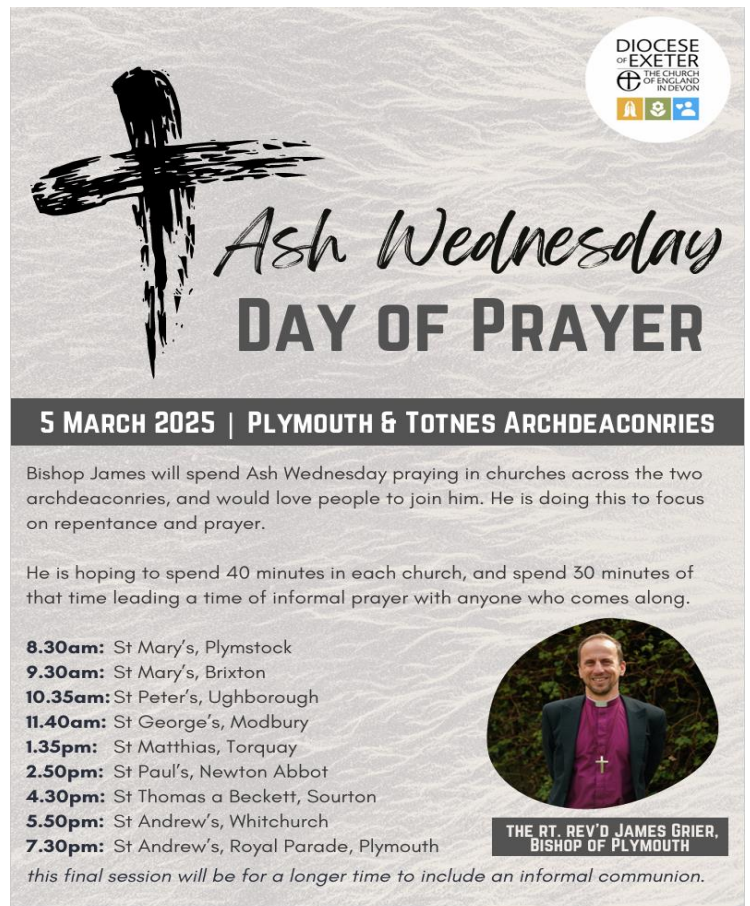
Sunday 8th June 2025 at 2pm
Mark Waistell – Singer/Songwriter from East Devon with a thoughtful way with words and some crisp guitar playing. Currently in the process of recording his 3rd CD. Tickets £12

September 21st September 2025 at 2pm
Filkins' Drift – Return of the duo who so impressed us last time as part of their CD (full album) release tour. New material following their walking tour of the whole Welsh coastline. Tickets £12

Sunday 16th November 2025
Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman – Kathryn has a stunning voice and is a good keyboard player, whilst Sean has all the musical skills one would hope for from a member of his dynasty taking guitar accompaniment to the next level. Together they write much of their material, often rooted in Dartmoor, their home. Tickets £14

For tickets and more information please contact Rachel Belringer on 07751 804007 (email: rachelbelringer@gmail.com).

Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer with Bishop James. Bishop James is coming to St Paul's as part of his day of prayer and fasting on 5th March at 2:50 p.m. Do come and join him. Fasting for the day is optional but encouraged.



The poster features a large, dark, hand-painted cross on a light, textured background. In the top right corner is the logo for the Diocese of Exeter, The Church of England, Devon. The text 'Ash Wednesday DAY OF PRAYER' is written in a mix of cursive and bold sans-serif fonts. Below this, a dark banner contains the date and location: '5 MARCH 2025 | PLYMOUTH & TOTNES ARCHDEACONRIES'. The main text describes Bishop James's visit and lists a schedule of stops from 8.30am to 7.30pm. A circular portrait of Bishop James Grier is shown on the right, with his name and title below it. A note at the bottom states that the final session will be longer to include an informal communion.

5 MARCH 2025 | PLYMOUTH & TOTNES ARCHDEACONRIES

Bishop James will spend Ash Wednesday praying in churches across the two archdeaconries, and would love people to join him. He is doing this to focus on repentance and prayer.

He is hoping to spend 40 minutes in each church, and spend 30 minutes of that time leading a time of informal prayer with anyone who comes along.

8.30am: St Mary's, Plymstock
9.30am: St Mary's, Brixton
10.35am: St Peter's, Ughborough
11.40am: St George's, Modbury
1.35pm: St Matthias, Torquay
2.50pm: St Paul's, Newton Abbot
4.30pm: St Thomas a Beckett, Sourton
5.50pm: St Andrew's, Whitchurch
7.30pm: St Andrew's, Royal Parade, Plymouth

**THE RT. REV'D JAMES GRIER,
BISHOP OF PLYMOUTH**

this final session will be for a longer time to include an informal communion.

COMING EVENTS

Bible Course. Starting 26th February for 8 consecutive Wednesdays. 11 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

Charity Coffee Morning. 28th February at 10 a.m. at St Bartholemew's Church.

An Evening Thinking Through Death and Assisted Dying. Sunday Evening 2nd March from 6:30 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Craft Club. 4th and 18th March at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer with Bishop James. 5th March, 2:50 p.m. at St Paul's Church

World Day of Prayer 2025. Friday, 7th March, 3 p.m., at St Luke's Church.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 8th March at 9:30 a.m. at The Country Table, Bank Street, Newton Abbot.

Folklaw Folk / Rock Band. 9th March, 2 p.m., at St Mary's Church, Denbury. Tickets £12 from rachelbelringer@gmail.com

2025 Lent Lunches. Every Wednesday at 12 noon from 12th March to 9th April 2025 at St Joseph's Church Hall (access via lane off St Paul's Road or path beside St Joseph's Church, Queen Street).

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

Donizetti's opera 'Anne Boleyn' at Abbotsbury Church on Saturday 29 March 2025 at 7:30 p.m. performed by Red Earth Opera. Book at www.ticketsource.co.uk/southdevonsingers

Charity Coffee Morning at St Paul's Church on 29th March at St Paul's Church in aid of Children's Hospice South West.

Benefice Service (5th Sunday of March). Abbotsbury Church, 30th March at 10:30 a.m.

Mystery and Light - English Choral Music presented by the Torbay Singers at Abbotsbury Church on 5th April at 7 p.m. Tickets £15 from www.torbaysingers.org or £18 on the door.

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

16th February

Abbotsbury Church, All Age Service at 9:30 a.m.
St Bartholemew's Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
St Paul's Church, Service of the Word at 11 a.m.
St Mary's Church, Holy Communion at 11 a.m.
St Luke's Church, Mass at 11 a.m.

23rd February

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 Mary's Church, Evensong at 5:30 p.m.

2nd March

Abbotsbury Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
St Bartholemew's Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
St Paul's Church, Service of the Word at 11 a.m.
St Mary's Church, Matins at 11 a.m.
St Luke's Church, Mass at 11 a.m.

9th March

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.

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

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 during daylight hours for private prayer.

OTHER SERVICES

Evensongs at 5:30 p.m.		5 th Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.	
27 th April	St Bart's	30 th March	Abbotsbury
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 at St Paul's Church.

24th February at 7:45 a.m.

3rd March at 9:15 a.m.

10th March at 7:45 p.m.

FUNERALS, MEMORIALS and INTERMENTS

Reginal John Down. Funeral service on 27th February at St Michael's Church, Kingsteignton at 2 p.m. Burial at All Saints' Church, at 3:30 p.m.

Hazel June Cleave. Funeral Service on 10th March at 11:00 a.m. at St Mary's Church.

Simon Le Pine-Williams Funeral Service on 11th March at 2 p.m. at St Bartholemew's Church

Penelope Ann Pine. Memorial Service. 26th March at 3:00 p.m. at All Saints' Church.

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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