



# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

26th January 2025. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Over the last 2 weeks we've looked at two key factors that marked out the life of John Flavel, and that we would do well to seek to cultivate as we head into this new year. So having thought briefly about his strong faith and his great hope, we turn now to his deep love.

#### A DEEP LOVE

In his famous passage on love in 1 Corinthians 13, Saint Paul remarks that a life of faith and service without deep love is unattractive and without lasting merit. Love, he said, was the key evidence for a true and lively faith. However great someone's preaching; However powerful the signs they performed - a life and ministry lived without deep love was useless. Helpfully, Saint Paul describes what true love looks like, and across his letters he continually referred his readers back to the life and example of Jesus. After all, no one has ever been as patient and kind, as content and humble, as good at building others up, of seeking their good, of forgiving, of protecting, of hoping and persevering as Jesus. Jesus is the model of true love.

The short biography of *The Preacherman of Dartmouth* gives numerous examples of how John Flavel loved his flock and loved his family with a very Christ-like love. His determination to continue to preach the gospel and teach believers came at a great cost, but such was his love for His Lord and for those he was called to pastor.

And that is what we should expect, isn't it. And not just of church leaders – but of all Christians. To be a Christian is to love God AND to love other people, especially the brothers and sisters in our church family. That love is faithful no matter the circumstances. Generous no matter the cost. Patient – no matter the challenges. Kind – no matter the unkindness or ingratitude we might sometimes receive.

This reminds us that Christian love is not simply a warm feeling or a strong emotion, although it is not always without those things. Christian love is an action, a decision, a commitment to seek, with God's help, to love people as Jesus loved us. That isn't always easy. But it is what we are called to do.

In John Flavel's day that was perhaps a greater challenge, for he knew that in many of his congregations there may have been spies and traitors who were only there to gather information and betray the faithful. How was a pastor supposed to love and care for people knowing that? How? In the same way that Jesus showed his love for Judas at the Last Supper table, giving

him every opportunity to turn back, and repeatedly showing his love in practical ways so that at the end, Judas was without any excuse.

Loving other people like this is impossible without the love of God first filling our hearts and changing us. But once the love of God has captured us it will show itself in 1 Corinthians 13 love for others, and the watching world will see and take note.

So how and in what practical ways are we showing our love for our church family, including those we find more tricky to deal with? And thinking more widely, if a visitor came to our regular place of worship, what evidence of a true Christ-like love between believers might we hope that they would see?

Jesus said that the unbelieving world would know that we belong to him when they saw our love for one another. How are we doing in this regard? How might we love each other more over this coming year? And since this kind of love flows first from God, how might we fan the flames of our love for our Lord and Saviour, so that his love might be more and more seen in and through us?

### **Songs for the week:**

[Love Divine, All Love Excelling, from the Royal Albert Hall](#)

["How Deep the Father's Love for Us" - The Village Chapel Worship](#)

Grace and peace,

*Dave*

### **Readings for 26<sup>th</sup> January:**

1<sup>st</sup> Epistle to Timothy, Chapter 5, verses 17 to 25

Mark, Chapter 8, verse 31 to Chapter 9, verse 1

### **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 Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria**

**The Anglican Province of Melanesia** which is linked to the Diocese of Exeter.

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

**Residents of Ogwell** including: Redstart Close, Brownings End, Lynwood, West View Close, Denbury Road, Dawes Close, St Bartholomew's Road, Rowan Close, Mill Lane, St Bartholomew's Way and Church Road.

**The sick and suffering including:** Judy Brown, Noah Maynard, Cherie Glover, Sheila Fletcher, Coral Bewsher, John and Joyce Sutherland, Hannah, Jackie, Joshua, Jayne Harrison-Roberts, Anna Crocker, Simon, Jenny and James Le Pyne Williams, 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](mailto:prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk) to let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

## NEWS AND NOTICES

**St Bartholemew's Church** is closed for redecoration. The last Friday of the month Coffee Morning in January is cancelled.

**Prayer Gatherings.** The next EVENING PRAYER GATHERING will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7:45 p.m. The next MORNING PRAYER GATHERING will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 9:15 a.m.-10 a.m. Both will be at St Paul's.

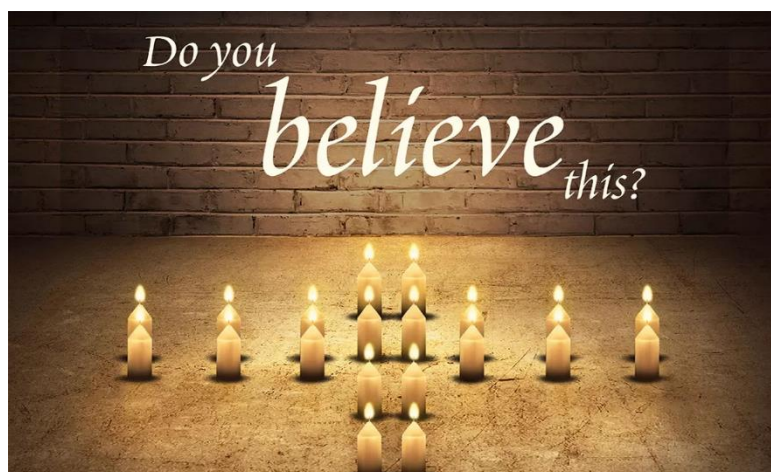
**Parochial Church Council Meeting:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church. Please pray for the PCC as they meet.

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### Christians Together in Newton Abbot

#### CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 3 p.m. at The Avenue Church



As we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the worship service has at its heart, the Nicene Creed. Reflecting this, the scripture readings for this year focus on belief.

We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27.

Please come and join us if you can to celebrate and ponder on our faith together.

**Coffee Morning at St Paul's Church.** The next Coffee Morning will be on 25<sup>th</sup> January in aid of **Action for ME**.

Items to sell for charity are most welcome, but **please do not bring electrical goods** as we are not permitted to sell them.

A big thank you to everyone who donates items.



**Christians Against Poverty Teignbridge – one of our Parish mission partners – has sent us this request.**

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Teignbridge provides Free Debt Help and personal support for those struggling with unmanageable debt. We are funded and supported by churches across Teignbridge. In December 2024 we provided 14 Christmas Hampers and gifts for CAP clients – for 19 adults and 7 children across Dawlish, Teignmouth, Kingsteignton and Newton Abbot, along with toys provided by Newton Abbot Salvation Army. We're thrilled that Newton Abbot and Ogwell Parish is now partnering with us in this work.

One of our critical needs is for **BEFRIENDERS**. Befrienders join the debt coach at client appointments and help support the clients through the debt-help process. This service couldn't function without the support of befrienders, but we have a real need for more befrienders, especially men. Could you please prayerfully consider whether you could be part of this support team. Thank you. The minimum commitment is only 2 hours/month. You would need to be a good listener, and passionate about supporting those in poverty.

**Prayer Support.** We also have a Prayer Support Team who meet once a month to pray for CAP clients and the work of CAP Teignbridge. This is invaluable and makes a huge difference. If you would like to join this team, please get in touch. In either case, **please contact Tim Wigley, Debt Centre Manager email: [timwigley@capuk.org](mailto:timwigley@capuk.org)**

## **FUNERALS and INTERMENTS**

**Jacqueline Toye.** Funeral. 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 10:00 a.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough, followed by committal at Ogwell Cross Cemetery.

**Christopher John Higham.** Funeral. 27<sup>th</sup> January, 11:00 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Mary Calderwood.** Interment of Ashes. 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11:30 a.m. at All Saints' Church.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Christian Unity Service.** The Avenue Church, on 26<sup>th</sup> January at 3 p.m.

**Parochial Church Council Meeting.** 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

**Charity Coffee Morning** at St Paul's Church, 25<sup>th</sup> January from 10 a.m. in aid of Action for ME.

**Coffee Morning** at St Bartholemew's Church, **Cancelled due to decoration work in progress.**

**Craft Club.** 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Women's Breakfast.** Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30 a.m. at The Country Table, Bank Street, Newton Abbot.

**Men's Breakfast.** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

**2025 Lenten Lunches.** Every Wednesday at 12 noon from 12<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at The Avenue Church.

**Donizetti's opera 'Anne Boleyn'** at Abbotsbury Church on Saturday 29 March 2025 performed by Red Earth Opera. See [redearthopera@gmail.com](mailto:redearthopera@gmail.com)

**Benefice Service.** Abbotsbury Church, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30 a.m.

**Evensong.** St Bartholemew's Church, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30 p.m.

## REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

### 26<sup>th</sup> January

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.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> February

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.

### 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

## **PRAYER GATHERINGS** at St Paul's Church.

27<sup>th</sup> January at 7:45 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9:15 a.m.

10<sup>th</sup> February at 7:45 a.m.

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

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**Parish website:** [www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](http://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](mailto:office@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk).

## **OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS**

**Newton Abbot Town Council.** 01626 201120 [www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk](http://www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk)

**Shopmobility, Ring & Ride, Community cars** – 01626 335775

**Teignbridge Council** – 01626 361101, [www.teignbridge.gov.uk](http://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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