



# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany,

Candlemass – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

### FROM OUR RECTOR

#### One Parish: Five Churches

At our PCC meeting tonight, we will be having a discussion about what it means to be one parish with five separate churches.

Many of us will have grown up with one Vicar for each church. Sadly, that arrangement is a rarity in much of the Church of England these days, so we are forced to make multi-church situations like ours work as well as they can. Such arrangements bring extra challenges, not least logistically as we try to make sure that all the various different services are covered! But there are joys that come with those challenges: being able to have different styles of worship in different places so that we can, God willing, attract people from right across the demographic variety in our town.

That is summed up in the 3<sup>rd</sup> of our key values: being **VARIED** –*committed to offering a rich variety of worship styles across our churches to ensure that there is a home for everyone.* But we are also committed to being FAITHFUL, WELCOMING, ACTIVE AND LOVING- and some of those are harder to enshrine when we have 5 distinct worshipping congregations.

So we're going to spend some time reflecting on what is going well and how we might grow more together. Do ask your PCC reps at the weekend how the discussion panned out!

#### One Benefice: 2 Parishes: 6 Churches.

But as well as being 5 churches in one parish, we are also a part of a 2 parish, 6 church benefice with St Luke's. Now that Father Mathew has had a year to settle in, (remember he is also Vicar for St John's Bovey Tracey), we felt it was time to look to strengthen the links across the benefice, as well as the parish.



So, Gareth, Matthew and I agreed to take some time away together and we spent a day at the Sheldon Retreat Centre last week.

We spent some time reading and discussing the whole of St Peter's second letter, praying together and talking about how we might develop a real visible sense that we are one benefice. As a result, we agreed to do the following things:

- Continue to meet regularly as benefice clergy, to support and encourage one another.
- Organise pulpit swaps throughout the year. Fr Matthew and Rev Gareth are team/benefice Vicars after all, and I'm Rector of Milber. So, keep your eyes peeled for a surprise preacher some Sundays!
- Join in each other's PCCs. All benefice clergy have the right to attend both PCCs in the benefice- and we hope by doing so from time to time we will get a better understanding of what is going on in each of our churches.
- Reach out with the gospel together. The poorest area of the benefice is Buckland, so we are going to work together on finding ways to reach out into that part of town with the good news of Jesus. We'll also be continuing our town centre outreach on a regular basis and are both building links with Christians Against Poverty.

These 4 aims are on top of our shared Evensongs, (*the next date is 5:30pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at St Mary's Wolborough*), and planning special shared events like the one we had last December with Rev Dr Chris Moore who came to speak to us about Mark's Gospel.

We are (along with Christians from other denominations) the body of Christ in this area. We are one parish of 5 churches with different styles, just as we are benefice of 6 Anglican Churches. We want to show that and live that and enjoy that more in the years ahead. How might you play your part in seeing these links grow greater fruit?

Grace and peace,

*Dave*

### **Readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> February:**

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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia**

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

**Residents of Broadlands** including Greenaway Road, Broadlands Ave, Vicary Close, Highweek Street and Orchard Court.

**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 MORNING PRAYER GATHERING will be on Monday 3rd February from 9:15 a.m.-10 a.m. The next EVENING PRAYER GATHERING will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7:45 p.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.

**Thy Kingdom Come 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 6 p.m. at Exeter Cathedral.** This year's Thy Kingdom Come service will be held on the 8 June 2025 at 6 p.m. at Exeter Cathedral. We'd love you to bring a group from your church, or come on your own or as a family. We'll be sharing more details over the next few weeks. **To book your free ticket [please click here!](#)**

## FUNERALS and INTERMENTS

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

## COMING EVENTS

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

**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

### 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.

### 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch Sunday 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 during daylight hours for private prayer.

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

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

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

17<sup>th</sup> February at 9:15 a.m.

## PARISH CONTACTS

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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](mailto:prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)

**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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