



# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

9<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

1st Sunday of Lent

### FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

Over this and the following 6 issues, I'm going to offer various Lenten reflections on walking the way of the cross. The aim is to help us reflect on the call of Jesus in Mark 8:34-38.

*<sup>34</sup> Then Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." (NIV)*

What follows is a brief over-view, but over the coming weeks we'll delve more closely into various parts of our lives, asking that God would help us live as Christ's disciples.

#### **Firstly, it's clear that following Jesus requires sacrifice.**

Denying oneself is obviously sacrificial. Those following Jesus will end up doing some things they would obviously not otherwise have done and will end up not doing some things that they would otherwise have enjoyed doing. This will not always be easy. No self-denial is. So, what things can we point to that we now do which we would never have done without being a Christian? And what things have we stopped doing? And how has that changed over the last year? If it has remained the same, what might that say to us?

#### **Secondly, it's clear that such sacrifice impacts on every part of our lives.**

We have largely lost the full impact of Jesus' words to *take up our cross*. Originally it was a sure sign that you were on your way to your death. And an horrendously painful one at that. No part of life would be unaffected by such an act. Death changes everything. By coming to Christ, we have died to self and been given a new life. A life to live for God. So, are there parts of our lives that remain unaffected by this change? Why is that?

#### **Thirdly, it's clear that such sacrifices may appear madness to the world.**

Our culture lives for now, not for eternity. It views suffering as an evil to be avoided and seeks an easy-going life of pleasure where all our desires are fulfilled. The Christian walks a very

different path, a path with eternity in view, where vastly different values apply. Is that true of us? Or do our lives look exactly like those of our neighbours and friends?

**Fourthly, it's clear that we are called to walk this way because this is the way Jesus walked.**

The call here is to follow Jesus, who walked the way before us. And if all this seems a little too much for God to ask, why not take a moment to list down all the sacrifices Jesus made, the things he put down and took up, and consider if you are glad he did. If so, we will gladly follow his lead and his call, no matter what it requires of us.

Grace and peace,

*Dave*

### **Readings for 9<sup>th</sup> March:**

Genesis Chapter 3: verses 1 to 24

John Chapter 16: verses 1 to 11 and 33

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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, and all others who carry out their own form of ministry.

#### **The Anglican Church of Canada**

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

**A prayer on the National COVID-19 Day of Reflection.** We pray that you would be close to us as we reflect on the COVID-19 pandemic. We ask that you draw near to those who have lost a loved one, and to those who are struggling from the aftermath of the pandemic. As we think about all that has changed, we ask that you bring us comfort and fill us afresh with your peace.

**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](mailto:prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk) to let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

**Torfaen Male Voice Choir.** This internationally acclaimed choir is giving a concert at St Luke's Church, Milber on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m. Tickets £5 on the door.

**Parish Prayer Gatherings.** The next EVENING PRAYER GATHERING will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7:45 p.m. The next MORNING PRAYER GATHERING will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 9:15 a.m.-10 a.m. Both will be at St Paul's.

**Lent Lunches** – See page 4.

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 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

**Parking at St Paul's Church will not be available on these Wednesdays as there is a popular bible course running in the Church at the same time.**

**Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer with Bishop James.** As you will see from the poster, Bishop James is coming to St Paul's at 2:50 p.m. as part of his day of prayer and fasting. Please come and join him. Fasting for the day is optional but encouraged.



The poster features a large, hand-drawn black cross on a light grey background. In the top right corner is the Diocese of Exeter logo, which includes a cross and the text 'DIOCESE OF EXETER THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN DEVON'. The main title 'Ash Wednesday' is written in a large, elegant script font, with 'DAY OF PRAYER' in a bold, sans-serif font below it. A dark grey horizontal band contains the date and location: '5 MARCH 2025 | PLYMOUTH & TOTNES ARCHDEACONRIES'. Below this, a paragraph states: '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.' Another paragraph follows: '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.' A list of churches and times is provided: 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. A circular portrait of Bishop James Grier, wearing a purple cassock and a white cross, is positioned on the right side. Below the portrait, a caption reads: 'THE RT. REV'D JAMES GRIER, BISHOP OF PLYMOUTH'. At the bottom, a line of text states: 'this final session will be for a longer time to include an informal communion.'

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BISHOP OF PLYMOUTH**

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025**

**“I Made YOU Wonderful”**

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**\* Joint service facilitated by CTNA (Christians Together in Newton Abbot)**

**\* Hosted by clergy and parishioners of St Luke’s**

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## **LENT LUNCHESES 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 on**

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 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” at <https://embraceme.org/stories/stories-from-the-war-in-gaza-working-at-al-ahli-hospital>

**ALL WELCOME**

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## **An Evening Thinking Through a Christian Response to Death and Assisted Dying**

You can listen (and read) to the talks from last Sunday’s seminar by clicking here: [Assisted Dying: A Christian Reflection – St. Luke’s and St. John’s, Devon](#)



**Coffee Mornings at St Paul's Church.** There will be no coffee morning at St Paul's Church in June. It is moved to 5<sup>th</sup> July, when funds will be raised for the Torbay Hospital Special Care Baby Unit.

Also, there will be no coffee morning on the last Saturday in July; it is moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

### **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.](#)

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## COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

**Torfaen Male Voice Choir** in concert at St Luke's Church, Milber on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m. Tickets £5 on the door.

**Folklaw Folk / Rock Band.** 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2 p.m., at St Mary's Church, Denbury. Tickets £12 from [rachelbelringer@gmail.com](mailto:rachelbelringer@gmail.com)

**2025 Lent Lunches.** Every Wednesday at 12 noon from 12<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>nd</sup> March, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

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

**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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/southdevonsingers)

**Charity Coffee Morning.** 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10 a.m. at St Bartholemew's Church.

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

**Benefice Service (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of March).** Abbotsbury Church, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30 a.m.

**Teign U3A Open morning.** The local 'University of the Third Age' is now holding many of its activities in St Paul's Church Hall. Come and find out about the organisation on 31<sup>st</sup> March 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Mystery and Light** - English Choral Music presented by the Torbay Singers at Abbotsbury Church on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m. Tickets £15 from [www.torbaysingers.org](http://www.torbaysingers.org) or £18 on the door.

## REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

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

### 16<sup>th</sup> March

Abbotsbury Church, All Age Service at 9:30 a.m.

St Bartholomew'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.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](#).

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 <sup>th</sup> Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.	
27 <sup>th</sup> April	St Bart's	30 <sup>th</sup> March	Abbotsbury
6 <sup>th</sup> July	All Saints Highweek	29 <sup>th</sup> June	St Paul's
31 <sup>st</sup> August	West Ogwell	31 <sup>st</sup> August	St Bart's
20 <sup>th</sup> November	St Luke's Milber	30 <sup>th</sup> November	All Saints Highweek

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

10<sup>th</sup> March at 7:45 p.m.    17<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15 a.m.    24<sup>th</sup> March at 7:45 p.m.

## FUNERALS, MEMORIALS and INTERMENTS

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

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

**Angela Jameson Aldridge** Interment of Ashes on 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2 p.m. at All Saints' Church.

**Penelope Ann Pine.** Memorial Service. 26<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00 p.m. at All Saints' Church.

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

## PARISH CONTACTS

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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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