

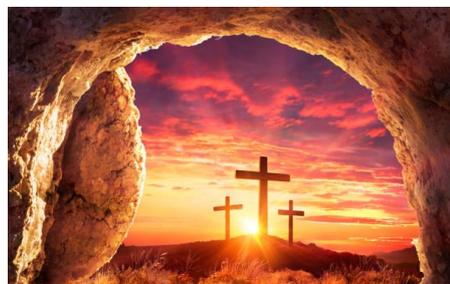


Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

20th April 2025. Easter Sunday

FROM OUR RECTOR



Dear Friends

As we come to the end of our Lenten series on some of the disciplines of the Christian life, we come to Jesus' call to die to ourselves and live for him. In many countries that is a literal choice. For us, it may require us to forgo our comfort zone, lose face, and allow ourselves to be seen as 'fools for Christ' by our public affirmation of our faith in Jesus. One way that this may challenge us is in obeying Jesus' command to speak publicly about our faith.

There is an apocryphal quote supposedly from Saint Francis of Assisi which goes something like this. "*Preach the gospel of Jesus wherever you go. Use words if necessary.*" The idea behind this is that Christians don't really need to say anything about Jesus to be good witnesses. All they need to do is be nice and show the character of Jesus. For those who prefer this kind of silent evangelism there are two problems. Firstly, Saint Francis never said this. And secondly, we are commanded by Jesus himself to **tell** people the good news of his gospel.

Mark 16: ¹⁵ *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

Mathew 28: ¹⁹ *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

And of course, this is what the apostles did. Having been eyewitnesses to the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they went out and preached the good news of Jesus in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. Sometimes their mission strategy was shaped by events like the persecution that broke out after the death of Stephen. At other times, as with the missionary journeys of Paul, they planned where they would go and took the good news of Jesus to people and places who had never before received it. And over the centuries, the good news of Jesus has crossed oceans and continents, gone deep into deserts and jungles, and has reached the farthest ends of the earth.

Some 1900 years ago it reached our shores, and through missionaries and ministers, teachers and parents, butchers, bakers and candlestick makers and people from every other occupation, that good news of Jesus came down through the ages until someone told you and I about Christ and the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life that is only available through faith in him. As those who have received and believed this good news, we are the next link in that chain. Our responsibility is to pass on the good news of Jesus to our own generation and the ones that follow. And that requires **words**. We cannot fulfil the command of Jesus without them.

Of course, that doesn't mean that we all need to be pastors and teachers and preachers or stand on street corners or set up our own YouTube channel. It does mean, to use the words of the St Peter in chapter 3 of his first epistle:

*¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.** But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

So, as we close this short series on the disciplines of discipleship and fast approach Easter and the annual celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection, may I encourage you to examine your desire, willingness and readiness to tell people the good news of Jesus and why you believe in him. And if you discover that you are unsure what the gospel is, or how to begin to share it, come and have a chat with me or Gareth or Jon. We'd love to encourage, help and equip you fulfil this vital call of Christ.

Friends, we have such good news to tell that we must not keep it to ourselves!

Happy Easter- and may the LORD fill our hearts to overflowing with the good news of Jesus, that we cannot but share it!

Grace and peace,

Dave

Readings for 20th April:

Hebrews chapter 2 verses 5 to 18

John chapter 20, verses 1 to 18

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 England

On Easter Sunday, we proclaim Christ is risen; he has conquered the grave! Remind us that the same power that raised Christ from the dead, is at work in us. We have been raised with Christ, help us to set our hearts on things above (Colossians 3:1). We wait and pray for your return.

Residents in the following Streets: Berrys Wood, Beverley Way, Birch Road, Bladon Close, Blenheim Close, Bovey Road, Bowden Hill, Bracken Close, Bradley Lane.

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

Parish Prayer Gatherings: The next prayer gathering will be on Monday 28th April from 9:15-10am at St Paul's. Do come and join us! (There won't be a prayer gathering on Easter Monday.)

Craft Club. There will be a meeting on the 22nd April.

Easter Fun Day this Coming Saturday: I'm still looking for volunteers to come and support the Easter Fun Day being held at St Paul's this coming Saturday. I'm particularly short of helpers from 1 until 4pm.

Do you have an hour to spare to:

- Serve tea, coffee and squash.
- Supervise the Lego model display.
- Help with the simple craft or Easter Egg hunt?

If you do, please call me on 01626 335862

Thank you.

Dave

Abbotsbury Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Shared Meal

17 April at 5 pm

We come together to remember
Jesus creating the first Last Supper

(Vegetarian option)

Book a space at
<https://bit.ly/3XV5f7M>



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COME ALONG TO OUR

EASTER FUNDAY

SATURDAY 19th APRIL 10am-4pm

FREE EASTER EGG HUNT! **FREE EASTER CRAFTS!**

FREE REFRESHMENTS!

PLUS!

Bricks to the past will be displaying a selection of models (made from the world's favourite building bricks) from prehistory to the modern era.



St Paul's Church. Devon Square. Newton Abbot. TQ12 2HN
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NEWTON ABBOT PARISHES



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

Maundy Thursday 17 April:

5 pm All-age meal & reflections at Abbotsbury Church
7:30 pm Holy Communion at All Saints, Highweek

Good Friday 18 April:

10 am Walk of Witness starts at St Paul's Church
2 pm An Hour at the Cross at St Mary's, Wolborough
2 pm Good Friday reflections with interactive activities at Abbotsbury Church

Easter Saturday 19 April:

10 am - 4 pm Easter Fun Day at St Paul's - crafts, Easter Egg hunt, refreshments, display of Lego models

Easter Day 20 April:

5.30 am Sunrise service at Highweek (overlooking the Teign estuary)
9:30 am Easter Celebration at Abbotsbury Church
9:30 am Easter Communion at St Bart's Ogwell
11 am Easter Communion at St Paul's
11 am BCP Easter Communion at St Mary's



★ **HE IS RISEN** ★

Matthew 28:6

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**CHRISTIANS
TOGETHER**
IN NEWTON ABBOT

Good Friday - 18 April 2025

Walk of WITNESS

Starting with a short service at
10.00am at St Paul's Church
then walking through town to finish with
a celebration at the Golden Lion Square
with Christian Dance Fellowship of Britain

All Welcome!

www.ctna.org.uk

COMING EVENTS

Maundy Thursday Shared Meal 17th April at 5 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church. See poster for booking.

Good Friday Walk of Witness. 18th April, starting at 10 a.m. with a short service at St Paul's Church, ending at Golden Lion Square with dancing by the Christian Dance Fellowship.

Easter Fun Day 19th April 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 19th April, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

Craft Club. 22nd April, 6th and 20th May at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

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 Devon Air Ambulance.

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 Abbotsbury Church.

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

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

20th April - Easter Day

All Saints' Church, (In the field behind the church), Sunrise service at 5:30 a.m.

Abbotsbury Church, Easter Celebration at 9:30 a.m.

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

St Mary's Church, BCP Easter Communion at 11 a.m.

St Paul's Church, Easter Communion at 11 a.m.

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

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.

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 at St Paul's Church.

No gathering on 21st April. 28th April 9:15 a.m. 5th May 7:45 p.m.

FUNERALS, MEMORIALS and INTERMENTS

Patricia Maureen Greaves. Funeral service and committal on 17th April at 12 noon at St Bartholemew's Church, Ogwell.

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.

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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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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