



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

8th June 2025. Pentecost Sunday

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

I have a strong memory of a family holiday to Germany when I was seven or eight years of age. We set off at night to drive down to Dover where we were to catch the ferry, and after what seemed a very long sleep, I woke up and asked if we were nearly there yet! I don't think we had reached London, let alone Dover. And certainly not Germany!

Even as an adult, I sometimes feel just as impatient when I'm waiting for things to happen. I generally want things now, or more quickly if possible! I get frustrated when my seedlings don't grow quickly enough, and very impatient when Church of England processes and procedures seem to slow the speed of much-needed change to that of a geriatric snail! But I've had to learn that God's timing is always best, and that if he has ordained a delay, then I need to accept it and look for the ways that God will be at work through and in the waiting.

Last Sunday we looked at Jesus' ascension back to heaven, and we were reminded that Jesus told his disciples to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit before they began their worldwide evangelization crusade. But rather than sitting around moping, drumming their fingers on the tables, pacing up and down with growing more frustrated by the moment, both Luke's gospel and the book of Acts tell us that the disciples spent the intervening 10 days in joy-filled prayer and preparation!

Their prayers were filled with joy for the reasons we saw on Sunday: (you can listen back to my talk here: <https://newtonabbotparishes.co.uk/media>) Full of excitement for what was coming, the wider group of disciples spent time in the upper room and in the temple praying and praising God for the promise of his Holy Spirit, and seeking God's blessing on the work that he was calling them to do. I suspect their prayers included pleas that God would fulfil his promises to them, that he would not delay but send The Comforter as Jesus had said. They all knew they could not take the good news of Jesus out to the world without God's divine power at work in them, and so they prayed for that power to come.

But some of their prayers led to practical preparations, not least in choosing Matthias to replace Judas. (See Acts 1: 12-26) The 12 apostles were meant to symbolise the fact that God was building new people, not just from the Jews but from the Gentiles too! Hence the need for 12 apostles, just the like the initial 12 tribes of Israel. So, they prayed and talked and prayed and drew lots, trusting that God would be in charge of the final choice.

As we approach Pentecost Sunday and the annual reminder of God giving of his Holy Spirit, Christians around the world are praying together again. Praying for the lost that they might be saved. Praying that God would raise up many more workers in his harvest field. Praying that God would purify and revive his church and give a fresh vision of where he is calling us to go. Praying that we might have an impact in our day as those early disciples had in theirs.

By the time you read this column Pentecost Sunday will be just 4 days away, and I wonder how you will spend the hours in between. Can I encourage you to set aside some time to pray. For the worldwide church, for the church across the UK. For the churches and believers in this Parish and for yourself, that we might be filled afresh with God's Holy Spirit so that we cannot help but share the good news of Jesus! By all means do that on your own, but why not join us on Saturday morning and pray as you walk from church to church.

It's only as we wait on God that our times of waiting patiently can become truly useful. Only as we wait on him, that God will speak and work powerfully amongst us. Our town and villages desperately need churches and Christians that are on fire with a love for Jesus and for their neighbours, so there is much to pray for.

So let us make good use of this time of waiting and wait expectantly for all that God will do amongst us!

Grace and peace,

Dave

Readings for 8th June:

John Chapter 14, verses 8 to 17

Acts Chapter 2, verses 1 to 21

Please pray for:

Our Church, our parish, benefice and diocese, our Rector Dave Brown, Team Vicars Gareth Regan and Fr. Matthew Cashmore, Jon Bealey as he prepares to take up his role as Deacon, 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 Anglican Church of Melanesia

At Pentecost, we remember the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord, that you sent us a helper to be with us forever, who dwells with us and in us (John 14:15-17). Holy Spirit, please remind us of this and continue to guide and empower us, help us keep in step with you and bear fruit in our lives.

Residents in the following Streets: Cricketfield Road, Croft Road, Daggers Copse, Dandelion Place, Decoy Road, Decoy Road, Florence Place, Deer Park Road, Dell Court, and Denbury Road.

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, Julie, Marion Fishman, Marie Graham, Martyn, Joyce Lander, Eve Taylor, David Hayes, David Littlewood, Sarah Bonote 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: Our next morning Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 9th June at St Paul's Church, starting at 9:15am. Our next evening Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 16th June from 7:45pm-9pm at St Paul's. Do come and join us!

Church Weekend at Home, 27th to 29th June, with Rev Dr Paul Gardner. Details and booking forms are available in our churches. Please consider coming along for the whole weekend, but even if you're only coming to the joint service and lunch on the Sunday, we need to how many people are likely to be coming along.

This Coming Saturday! Prayer Walk Around the 6 Churches of the Benefice.

On Saturday 7th June, the day before Pentecost - we'll be walking around the 6 churches in our benefice, pausing to pray in each one and at key points along the way. We'll be starting at St Luke's at 10am (*note the change of time*) then walking to St Paul's for 10:30am, St Mary's for 11:05am, St Bart's for 11:50am, All Saints for 1pm and ending at Abbotsbury around 1:35pm. If you can't make the whole trip - that's fine! Just come and join us where you can.

Lunch With God: Starting This Coming Friday (6th June). We'll be starting a weekly town centre outreach. The aim is to give short (5-10 minute) Bible talks every 20 minutes from 12:30pm to 1:30pm, with opportunities for those listening to ask questions and take a Bible or a gospel away to find out more. We'll be setting up in Golden Lion Square.

Please pray for people to gather and engage, and for God's Spirit to do God's work through God's Word. I'd also love a few volunteers to come along- some to create a crowd and a couple of others to be handing out leaflets to passers-by in the main pedestrian precinct.

If things go well, we'll move into St Paul's Hall for the winter season, where we can offer free tea and coffee and a warm space for folks to enjoy their own lunch whilst feeding on God's Word.

National Day of Prayer Against Assisted Suicide, Wed 11 June 2025. A number of Christian organisations, including The Christian Institute, CARE and the Evangelical Alliance are calling for a National Day of Prayer against assisted suicide. As part of this initiative, we will be holding a Benefice prayer meeting at St Paul's on Wed 11 June at 7.30. Please spare time to attend if you can. You can find out more about the national initiative by going to the Christian Institute website.

Building Works at All Saints Highweek. The works to improve the toilet and catering facilities at All Saints will begin on 9th June. They are expected to be finished by early September. The work area inside the church will be fenced off and church members are asked not to visit the church Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. However, although there will be some disruption during this time, Sunday services and evening bell ringing sessions will be able to take place as normal. Although the current toilet will be out of action for this period, a Portaloo will be available outside the church.

St Paul's Church Coffee Morning. The next coffee morning will be on 5th July, in aid of Torbay Hospital Special Care Baby Unit.

Choice Words Christian Bookshop. *Here at Choice Words, we believe in supplying Christians with the resources they need to live for Jesus. We aim to provide these resources at the best prices, which is why we have a combination of new and second hand where books can be had for as little as 75 pence! We have the largest collection of second-hand Christian resources in the southwest!*

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Denbury Village
Safari Supper
Saturday 14th June
Tickets are now on sale!
£10 per adult, £6 per child under 12

Raffle!

Places are limited!
BOOK BY 7th JUNE
Will yours be the lucky winning ticket?

Come and enjoy!
With grateful thanks to our hosts

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Meet at Church Cottage at 6pm
Walk to your Starter and Main course venues followed by Desserts at the Village Hall.
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COMING EVENTS

PCC Meeting. 4th June, 7 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

Pentecost Prayer Walk. 7th June. Starting at St Luke's Church at **10 a.m.**

Summer with the Father. 7th June, 5th July and 9th August, 8:30 to 10 a.m. for women at 5 Coach Place. **Now fully booked.** For waiting list contact Judy on 01626 335862 or email mrsvicar16@gmail.com.

Denbury Folk Concert. 8th June at 2 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Denbury. Contact rachel-belringer@gmail.com or phone 07751804007.

Traditional Choral Evensong. 8th June at 6 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Abbotskerswell.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 14th June at 9:30 a.m. at The Country Table, Bank Street, Newton Abbot.

Denbury Village Safari Supper, 14th June. Contact imwdavey@gmail.com

Mission Shed Social Justice. Saturday 14 June, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Abbotsbury Church. For details and to book [Click here](#)

Craft Club. 17th June at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 21st June, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

Charity Coffee Morning at St Bartholemew's Church, on 27th June at 10 a.m.

Parish Weekend at Home. 27th to 29th June. Details and booking forms available in our churches.

Induction as Deacon. Jon Bealey is to be inducted on Saturday 28th June at Exeter Cathedral and introduced to our Parish in his new role on 29th June during the 10:30 a.m. Parish service at St Paul's Church.

Joint Parish Service, 29th June at 10:30 at St Paul's Church.

Parish Lunch on 29th June at St Paul's Church. Details and booking arrangements are in the green Parish Weekend at Home leaflet.

Charity Coffee Morning at St Paul's Church on **5th July**, at 10 a.m. in aid of Torbay Hospital Special Care Baby Unit.

Evensong on 6th July at 5:30 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

8th June

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.

15th June

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

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

St Mary's Church, Holy Communion 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.

22nd June

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 for private prayer during daylight hours.

OTHER SERVICES

Evensongs at 5:30 p.m.		5 th Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.	
6 th July	All Saints Highweek	29 th June	St Paul's
31 st August	West Ogwell	31 st August	St Bart's
30 th November	St Luke's Milber	30 th November	All Saints Highweek

PRAYER GATHERINGS

9th June, 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

16th June, 7:45 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

23rd June 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

FUNERALS, MEMORIALS and INTERMENTS

Deanna Fox. Funeral Service on 7th June at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

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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