



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

13th July 2025.

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

I don't know whether you had the kind of parents who would have allowed such a thing, but if you had, what posters were on your bedroom wall as you grew up? Maybe it was a famous singer or musician. Perhaps it was a famous artist or composer. Perhaps it was a famous sportsperson. At various times I had posters of Luton Town players and members of the band Queen. They were the heroes of my youth. It wasn't that I knew everything about them and if I had I certainly wouldn't have admired everything about them. But whether it was scoring goals or preventing them, or their soaring vocals or amazing guitar solos, they all had something which I admired. In my dreams, I longed to be on the pitch or on the stage with them. But, deep down, I knew that my football or musical talents would never take me that far.

Sometimes we can read the Bible and think that everybody listed in it is such a mighty hero of faith that we can never get close to reaching their level of commitment. We might like to, we might dream of doing it, but we know it's not at all possible. But apart from Jesus, the Bible is very honest about those whose stories fill its pages. Even in Hebrews Chapter 11, where the writer lists a whole number of great heroes of faith, those he lists are just as frail and sinful as us. They may have done great things; they may have been worthy of a poster on somebody's wall; but they all had their weaknesses. They were all human, just like us.

So, over the summer we're going to be working our way through some of those heroes of faith mentioned in Hebrews Chapter 11. And as we look at these great heroes of faith, I hope we'll see 3 things.

Firstly, that God calls ordinary broken people who often get things wrong to serve Him. That's something we need to hear. God doesn't wait until we are perfect before He calls us to serve him. Instead, He takes us as we are and uses us for His glory and purposes despite our frailties. That shouldn't make us blasé about our besetting sins and weaknesses. God purposes for us is always to make us more like Jesus. But whilst He is at work in us, He will also be at work through us. If we are willing, God will use us as we are- and He is able to do amazing things through ordinary people.

Secondly, the key to being used by God is our willingness to hear, trust and obey that call. As we reflect on the life stories of these Biblical heroes, what will become clear is that their appearance in this list of heroes is down to their willingness to obey God even when it was difficult and costly. God called them, but all of them had a choice. And because they were willing, God worked wonders through them and made them examples for us to follow

Thirdly, all of them found that obedience to God was worth it, whatever the cost. They may have not seen the fruits of their labours in this life- obedience made this life harder for some of them! But their eyes were set on a far distant horizon, on a distant country that can only be experienced by those with a true faith in Christ. These heroes knew the One who had called them. They trusted that His ways were best. So they followed where he called and were not disappointed.

As we consider their lives, may we be encouraged to follow in their footsteps. We may not fancy a poster of them on our walls, but they have much to teach us. May their willing obedience and willing service encourage us to say 'Yes' to God's call on our lives, whatever that may be.

Grace and peace,

Dave

Please pray for:

Our Church, our parish, benefice and diocese, our Rector Dave Brown, Team Vicars Gareth Regan and Fr. Matthew Cashmore, Curate Jon Bealey, 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 North India (United)

The churches of the Silverton Mission Community, their priest Paul Kingdom, and for all who live and worship in Silverton, Cadeleigh, Butterleigh, and Bickleigh.

Residents in the following Streets: Grenville Close, Greycoat Lane, Haccombe Path, Halcyon Road, Haldon Close, Haldon Rise, Hameltdown Way, Hamilton Drive and Hampton Road.

The sick and suffering including: Joey Hilton, Noah Maynard, Cherie Glover, Sheila Fletcher, John and Joyce Sutherland, Jackie, Joshua, Anna Crocker, Barbara-Ann, David, Julie, Sally Fulcher, Marie Graham, Martyn, Joyce Lander, Eve Taylor, David Littlewood, Max and Sarah, 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.

Readings for 13th June

John Chapter 8, verses 12 to 20

1 Corinthians Chapter 5, verses 1 to 13

NEWS AND NOTICES

Next Benefice Evensong: Sunday 6th July at 5:30pm at All Saint's Highweek. All welcome.

Parish Prayer Gatherings: The next evening Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 14th July** from 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. at **St Mary's Church Wolborough**.

Our next **morning Parish Prayer Gathering** will be on Monday 21st July at St Paul's Church, starting at 9:15 a.m.

This Saturday! We still need a few more volunteers to man the stall for **The Party in the Park on Saturday from 11a.m. to 4:30p.m.** Our stall will have games for children and information about our churches and the Christian faith. Can you come along and help us run games and chat to passers-by about our churches and the Christian faith. Please contact Dave if you can come along.

Later that same evening!!!!

Saturday 12th July from 7 p.m. **Spanish Evening to Support Johnny Pegrum** on his walking mission with Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade to share Jesus along the Camino do Santiago. Come and find out more, enjoy some Spanish food, and bring a gift to support Johnny's trip.

Next PCC: The PCC will be meeting at St Paul's at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 15th July. Do pray for us as we gather.

Ogwell Songs of Praise: To celebrate and show off the recent works and redecoration, St Bartholemew's Church is holding a village Songs of Praise on Sunday 13th July at 4pm. This will be followed by cheese, wine and nibbles. All are invited.



Sounds of Summer
In the Park
Forde Park, Newton Abbot
Sunday 20th July 2025 - 15:00hrs

In aid of Forde Park Community Project
We will be singing by the Pavilion where refreshments can be purchased.
Bring a deckchair or rug, stay for as long as you like, enjoy an outdoor easy listening, relaxing time for the family.

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SIMON YATES

My Mountain Life



An illustrated talk
Abbotsbury Church
Newton Abbot
Friday 19th September 7.30pm
[wegottickets.com/event/666711](https://www.wegottickets.com/event/666711)

On the remote Siula Grande in Peru in June 1985, mountaineer Simon Yates found himself in a desperately unenviable position. He was slowly being pulled off the mountain face by his injured partner, Joe Simpson, dangling on the rope 50m below. His decision to cut the rope saved both their lives in the epic of survival that followed. With the publication of the book 'Touching the Void' and the later film and stage play, both men became household names.

It was an experience that could put many off the sport of mountaineering – but not Simon. Over 40 years later he is still an active exploratory climber and guide making several expeditions to the mountains each year. From the Arctic to the Antarctic, Alaska to Central Asia there is hardly a significant range he has not visited.

Come along a witness Simon's tireless journey from that mountain in Peru to some of the remotest on the planet and share with him the drama, excitement and beauty of modern lightweight alpinism. Told

with wit, dry humour and lavishly illustrated with images and video collected on his great climbs.
'Simon is a totally engaging speaker, who both entertains and inspires'

Evensong at West Ogwell Church - Sunday 31st August 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

All welcome at beautiful West Ogwell Church to take part in Sung evensong for a late-summer's evening. After last year's beautiful successful evensong (the first at West Ogwell in many years) the Newton Abbot Team Ministry are holding another evensong for 2025 on this last Sunday in August. Free with donations to the Churches Conservation Trust welcome. [Evensong at West Ogwell Church - Churches Conservation Trust](#)

The Coffee Morning at St Paul's last Saturday raised £244.06 for the Torbay Special Care Baby Unit.

West Ogwell Church Open Afternoon: Architecture and Mindfulness - Friday 19 September 2025 2 to 4 p.m.

An afternoon of heritage, mindfulness and relaxation (and refreshments!) in this one-off free event organised especially for Heritage Open Days. A unique chance to welcome the community into both West Ogwell Church (cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust) and Gaia House

next door (on a mindful guided walk). Tea, coffee and biscuits (maybe cake!) will be available. If you would like to bring a donation for refreshments, please bring cash. Parking will be available in the grassy area in front of the church and also at Gaia House. Please note that Gaia House is a silent retreat so please observe the silence whilst in their carpark or grounds. [West Ogwell Open Afternoon: Architecture and Mindfulness](#)

COMING EVENTS

Lunch with God. 11th July, 12:30 p.m. Golden Lion Square.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 12th July at 9:30 a.m. at The Country Table, Bank Street, Newton Abbot.

Party in the Park, on 12th July, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Courtenay Park. Contact Dave if you can help.

Spanish Evening. 12th July at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Ogwell Songs of Praise: on Sunday 13th July at 4 p.m. at St Bartholemew's Church.

Traditional Choral Evensong. 13th July at 6 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Abbotskerswell.

Craft Club. 15th July at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

PCC Meeting on Tuesday 15th July at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Evensong Choir Practice: 17th July, 7 p.m. at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey.

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

Charity Coffee Mornings.

St Bartholemew's Church on **25th July** at 10:30 a.m. in aid of **Rowcroft Hospice**.

St Paul's Church on **2nd August**, at 10 a.m. in aid of **Riding for the Disabled**.

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

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My Mountain Life – Talk by Simon Yates. 19th September, 7:30 p.m. in Abbotsbury Church. Tickets from wego.tickets.com/event/666711

Welcome to the June 2025 newsletter for Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends in Devon. A huge thank you to everyone who has sent in material for this issue. The quarterly newsletter provides a great opportunity for Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends in Devon to share experiences and news. A reminder asking for material for the September 2025 issue will be emailed in early August. Contributions for the September 2025 newsletter should be submitted to the editor by 20th August 2025. Contact details at the bottom of page 2.

Anna Chaplaincy in Devon: Community News

One new Anna Chaplain and two new Anna Friends



On 23 March 2025 people from all over Devon came to support Kim Martin as she was commissioned as an Anna Chaplain at St Paul's Church in Newton Abbot by the vicar Rev'd Dave Brown. Also pictured are Annie Jefferies and Mei Machin, an Anna Chaplain from Abbotsbury Newton Abbot.

and we bid a sad farewell to an Anna Friend

Roger Grose, Anna Friend from the team in the Axe Valley Mission Community, died suddenly at the end of February. He was a LLM and a very gifted musician who gave generously of his time. He was head of the primary school in Uplyme before his retirement. He is sorely missed by everyone in the Axe Valley Mission Community. His thanksgiving service in Uplyme church was packed to overflowing with the town band and choir in which Roger sang both paying tribute to his memory.

May his soul rest in peace.

Rebecca Willson was commissioned as an Anna Friend at St Petrox Church in Dartmouth by Rev'd Andrew Langley on 4th June 2025.

During the Devon Anna Chaplaincy gathering in Exeter on 20th June at St Matt's Heavitree, Rev'd Louise Grace from the Topsham and Wear Mission Community was commissioned as an Anna Friend by the Bishop of Exeter, the Rt Rev'd Dr Mike Harrison.



The Company of St Boniface was established by the Bishop of Exeter as a way of honouring lay people who have made an outstanding contribution to the life of the Church in Devon. This year's recipients were presented with their medals by the Bishop of Exeter on June 7th during a service in Exeter Cathedral. Among them was Mary Casey, an Anna Chaplain in Seaton. Congratulations, Mary!

Some of St Mary's Bideford Pastoral Care Team and the Mothers' Union made some Easter bags for congregation members who are housebound or now resident in care homes, plus for everyone in the two care homes in Bideford parish.

Within each bag there was an Easter card, a few miniature Easter eggs, a palm cross, a small bookmark with a relevant Bible inscription, such as 'Jesus, Light of the World', and a knitted prayer square. When I went back to one of the care homes a few days after we had delivered the Easter bags to each individual, there by the door as people come in and out was this lovely Easter tree. What a delight it was to see that some of the adornments were from one of our Easter bags, including the message:

"Alleluia, Jesus is Risen; with our love and prayers from St Mary's Church family. May God bless you this Easter."

On seeing the tree, we really felt that our visits were being appreciated, let alone staff spreading the message of Easter!



from Madeline Bray

Will your anchor hold? Will you hold your anchor?

Taking a service in a care home, with a room full of people living with dementia, can be difficult to navigate. Sometimes there are interruptions from bewildered people asking when they can go home, from staff needing to give medication at a certain time or from people pushing walkers entering or leaving the room.

Yet often, a particular moment of connection transcends all and makes the visit deeply moving.

Recently, using the "Celebrating the Seasons" book which Annie and the diocese provided for us (thank you SO much) the service was based on Luke 24:13-35 The road to Emmaus. A comparison is made in the talk with our journey in life being full of ups and downs and joys and sorrows, just like those two disciples, and how sometimes we too do not recognise that Jesus is walking alongside us because we are so immersed in our sorrow or distress.

For the first time ever, one of the residents, 101 years old spoke up and said that throughout her long life she had held on to the words of the hymn "Will your anchor hold" and this had helped her to navigate her way through the stormy times in her life.

With the help of the activities co-ordinator, we went "off piste" and found this hymn on You Tube. The chorus is:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll
Fastened to the rock which cannot move
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.

At the end of the hymn, one of men in the room who had been entirely passive throughout, rolled up his sleeve to reveal a large anchor tattooed on his forearm. "Oh Peter," I exclaimed. "Have you spent some time at sea?"

"No" he replied. "It's that." nodding at the screen. And with that he held his other hand firmly over the anchor tattoo to emphasise his meaning.

What a Spirit led series of connections; unplanned, unexpected and wonderful to witness.

contributed by an Anna Chaplain in Devon

Badges and Lanyards

Everyone can now submit their own lanyard information. The Diocese will prepare the lanyards for and then give to Annie Jefferies in preparation for your commissioning. Those Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends who still have only the paper badges can use the same link to request the new credit card style badges. Use this (new) link:

<https://forms.gle/JcgVQmK3Mphxn66EA>

St Brendan's Prayer

Help me to journey beyond the familiar
and into the unknown.

Give me the faith to leave old ways
and break fresh ground with You.

Christ of the mysteries, I trust You to be stronger than each
storm within me.

I will trust You in the darkness and know that my times, even
now, are in Your hand.

Tune my spirit to the music of heaven

And somehow make my obedience count for You.

**Contributions to the newsletter can be emailed to the editor at
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CHURCH SERVICES

13th July

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, Songs of Praise at 4 p.m.

20th July

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.

27th July

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

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.		5th Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.	
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

14th July 7:45 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

21st July 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

28th July 7:45 at Abbotsbury Church.

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OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

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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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