



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

10th August 2025.

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Perhaps unsurprisingly, Abraham, the next on the list of Hebrews 11's Heroes of Faith, gets not just one, but THREE paragraphs describing how his faith showed itself in his life. Two things – wonderfully connected - stand out from Abraham's life that are worthy of great reflection: His obedience in the present, and his future hope.

For Abraham, there were a number of key moments when he obeyed God's command, despite the obvious cost and inconvenience of the calling. Think of his decision to obey God's call and leave his home and his wider family and start walking towards a place which God, at that point, had not revealed to him. Think on the way he and Sarah believed God when they were told that they would have descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky- even though Sarah was past child-rearing age and Abraham was '*as good as dead*'! (Hebrews 11:12) And think on the way Abraham sought to obey God's call regarding the sacrifice of his only son, Isaac. By this point Abraham knew God's voice in a remarkably clear way, so when God spoke Abraham obeyed because he '*reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.*'

And in this incident with Isaac, as with all the other times when Abraham obeyed God's call, what kept him strong and willing was his confidence in what was to come. So with Isaac, Abraham looked ahead to what *God could do* and he trusted him for the outcome. Likewise in all his wanderings, Abraham had his eyes fixed on the future- past his half-way houses, and even past the Promised Land to a far-off country '*whose architect and builder is God.*'

Abraham, of course, although he reached the Promised Land, never owned any of it save the field in which Sarah was buried. He was a stranger there, a foreigner who never quite belonged. And like many of his descendants he was called to wander until the time came for God to give his people the land as their own.

But according to the writer of Hebrews, Abraham's eyes were set even further ahead than that, to the place where our eyes should be set too. Not on a renewed England made great again, but on the kingdom of Christ. It is this future hope, a hope that is steadfast and certain, that will enable us to keep obeying and following God's call on our lives even when life gets hard and obedience demands costly sacrifices. If our hope and treasure are in the here and now, that simply doesn't make sense. But if our ultimate and greatest hope is in Christ, then, like Abraham, no call will be too far, and no sacrifice will be too much.

So, to what extent are we like Abraham in this? Do our hearts, like his, '*long for a better country - a heavenly one*'? Or are our ultimate hopes far too earth bound? Those who have a heavenly mindset are true children of Abraham and (verse 16) '*God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.*' May that be true of us.

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.

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, the Mission to Seafarers Port Chaplains who operate in the Diocese, carrying out vital work that allows seafarers to continue doing their jobs.

Residents in the following streets: Hunterswell Road, Imperial Mews, Jellicoe Road, Jetty Marsh Road, Jubilee Road, Keyberry Close, Keyberry Mill, Keyberry Park and Keyberry 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, 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 10th August

John, Chapter 9: Verses 1-12 and Psalm 25

NEWS AND NOTICES

AFTERNOON TEAS AT THE RECTORY

ON TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST FROM 3PM

FOR THE ST PAUL'S CONGREGATION AND

ON FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST FROM 3PM

FOR THE ST BART'S CONGREGATION

5 COACH PLACE, TQ12 1ES

RSVP: 01626 335862

OR EMAIL revdmbrown@gmail.com



Parish Prayer Gatherings:

Our next **evening Parish Prayer Gathering** will be on Monday 11th August at 7:45 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

The next morning prayer gathering will be on 18th August at 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

Next Joint Parish Service: Sunday 31st August at 10:30am at St Bartholomew's Church Ogwell.

Next Benefice Evensong: Sunday 31st August at 5:30pm at West Ogwell Church.

Next Charity Coffee Mornings.

St Paul's Church on 30th August, at 10 a.m. in aid of Memory Café.

St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell on 26th **September** at 10:30 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

Lunch with God. 8th August, 12:30 p.m. Golden Lion Square.

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.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 9th August at 9:30 a.m. at **The Clock Tower Coffee Shop**, Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot.

Traditional Choral Evensong. 10th August at 6 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Abbotskerswell.

Afternoon Tea at the Rectory for members of the St Paul's congregation on 12th August at 3 p.m. RSVP.

Afternoon Tea at the Rectory for members of the St Bartholemew's congregation on 15th August at 3 p.m. RSVP.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 16th August, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

Craft Club. 19th August at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Evensong Choir Practice: 21st August, 7 p.m. at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey.

Charity Coffee Morning. St Paul's Church on 30th August, at 10 a.m. in aid of Memory Café.

Joint Parish Service for the fifth Sunday of the month on 31st August at 10:30 a.m. at St Bartholemew's Church, Ogwell.

Evensong at West Ogwell Church - Sunday 31st August 5:30-6:30 p.m. [Evensong at West Ogwell Church - Churches Conservation Trust](#)

West Ogwell Church Open Afternoon: Architecture and Mindfulness - Friday 19th September 2025, 2 to 4 p.m. [West Ogwell Open Afternoon: Architecture and Mindfulness](#)

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

Charity Coffee Morning. St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell on 26th September at 10:30 a.m.

God, the Bible and Everything (in 60 minutes)! Friday, October 3rd, 7 p.m. at the Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury, East Street. Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9EP. Tickets and details from: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/god-the-bible-and-everything-in-60-minutes-tickets-1499291574459

CHURCH SERVICES

10th August

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.

17th August

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.

24th August

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.		5 th 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

11th August 7:45 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

18th August 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

25th August 7:45 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

Mary Veronica Moore. Funeral on 8th August at 2:00 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Valerie Anne Steer. Interment of ashes on 18th September at 10 a.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

Millicent Jean Ogden. Funeral on 18th August at 1:00 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

PARISH CONTACTS

Team Rector: Rev Dave Brown. Day off Thursday

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Churchwardens:

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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

THAT Foodbank. 8 Queensway House, Queensway, Newton Abbot. TQ12 4BA. Tel: 01626 437310, email: office@thatfoodbank.com Web: www.thatfoodbank.com

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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