



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

31st August 2025.

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

In the last of our current short series on the heroes from Hebrews 11 (we may return to the list in due course) I want to highlight Rahab. You can read Rahab's story in Joshua chapter 2, and I want to bring out 3 important points from her story that make her stand out as person of real faith.

Rahab's background was no bar to coming to God- for God's grace is available to all.

Both Joshua 2 and Hebrews 11 describe Rahab as a prostitute, and although there has recently been debate as to whether the Hebrew word used might better be translated as innkeeper, her behaviour in saving the Hebrew spies (denying associations with people and refusing to acknowledge that certain men had been in her house) were almost certainly part of the etiquette of her profession.

But what Rahab was when she encountered the God of Israel is unimportant. Rahab recognised God's power and decided to trust her own life, and the lives of her families to Him. And when Jericho fell, she and her family joined God's people and lived with them, taking Israel's God to be their God. How amazing is that!

Rahab's conduct was far from perfect- but God's works on us gradually.

As I commented above, Rahab's lies and deceit, which were part of her old life, fell far short of the honesty and truthfulness that the law of God demands. Perhaps we might argue that her lies saved lives, and they did; or that in times of war, different rules apply. But still, it's clear that Rahab's line of work and her lies and deceit were things that had to change.

We don't know to what extent that happened, but God used Rahab long before her character had been changed. In the same way, God still calls us to serve him when we are still far from perfect. There never have been any perfect saints, and there never will be this side of Glory. So let's not sit back and wait for perfection before we stand up to serve God.

Rahab's obedience showed real courage- for following Jesus always involves risk.

Traitors have always been treated very harshly by the countries they betray, and Rahab would certainly have been killed had she been discovered hiding the spies. Her decision took real courage and involved real risk. But then, being a wholehearted and faithful follower of Jesus often does.

Like Rahab, all of those on the Hebrews 11 list faced danger as they put their trust in God and obeyed His call on their lives. Some, like Rahab and Moses, escaped to live long lives; others like Abel, Samson and many of the prophets, lost their lives because of their obedience to God.

Only God knows what our tomorrows will bring- but whatever the outcome of standing up for Jesus Christ in this life, the glory of the future God has prepared for those who follow Christ surely outweighs the risk and the cost we may face. To be known as a courageous Christian means showing great courage and remaining faithful to God whatever the risk and whatever the cost. What will that look like for us, I wonder? Whatever it is, may God give us the same kind of courage that Rahab had.

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.

Peace in Ukraine and Israel.

The Church of South India (United)

For the churches of the Axe Valley Mission Community

Residents in the following streets: Lime Tree Walk, Linden Terrace, Littlejoy Road, Lonsdale Road, Lower Budleigh Meadow, Lower Fern Road, Lower French Park, Luxton Road and Manor 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 31st August

John, Chapter 10: Verses 1-10 and Psalm 40

NEWS AND NOTICES

PARISH PRAYER GATHERINGS: Our next evening Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 1st September from 7:45pm-9pm at St Paul's Devon Square.

Our next **morning Parish Prayer Gathering** will be on Monday 8th September at St Paul's Church, starting at 9:15am.

Next Joint Parish Service. This coming Sunday - 31st August - we will all be gathering at 10:30am at St Bartholomew's Church Ogwell for the next of our Joint Parish Services. Please do come along and worship God together there.

Next Benefice Evensong. This coming Sunday - 31st August at 5:30pm at West Ogwell Church. Parking is available in the grounds of Gaia House.

Please keep quiet in the grounds of Gaia House.

There is no electricity at West Ogwell Church. You may like to bring a torch.

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



**GOD,
THE BIBLE, AND
EVERYTHING
(IN 60 MINUTES)**

7.30pm Friday 3 October 2025
at PPT Bovey Tracey, East Street, Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9EN
Tickets £7.50 (£6 U18s) on the door, from office@pptbovey.church or
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/god-the-bible-and-everything-in-60-minutes-tickets-1499291574459?aff=oddtcreator>

Five Churches pulling together to Save the Church Bells
ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION & TRAIL
RAISING FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR & RESTORATION
OF THE BELLS

AT BROADHEMPSTON CHURCH

12th – 15th SEPTEMBER 2025

10am to 4pm each day

This is an exhibition displaying and selling local artist's work and crafts, exhibited throughout the 5 Churches in the Beacon group. The trail goes between St Marys, Denbury; St John the Baptist, Woodland; Holy Trinity, Torbryan; St Andrew's, Ipplepen; and St Peter and St Paul, Broadhempston and there is an interesting booklet to guide you on your way. Refreshments will be available in all the churches as well as unique gifts to purchase. The churches are open each of the days 10.00am to 4.00pm

St Peter and St Paul, Broadhempston stands on the site of a Saxon church. The tower is the oldest part of the current church, and some 13th century fabric survives in the restored chancel. The building otherwise mainly dates to the 15th century, including the screens, and was restored and parts rebuilt in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Today, however, the bells are held by wooden foundation beams that have significant rot and deterioration in two, possibly three, of the beams and therefore bell ringing has ceased because of health and safety risks. As with all repairs, there is lots to do once you get started and bringing down the bells to let the work commence is very costly. Also, at the same time there is repair work to the roof that needs to be dealt with.

Let's help the community in Broadhempston by supporting this exciting event. It would be great to see you at the exhibitions – please support us in this vital work.

For more information – email mynwypam@gmail.com

FURTHER INFO;

Broadhempston Church has Giles Hussey, 1710-1788, artist buried in the church yard. He was born in Dorset and is famous for painting Charles Edward Stuart, the Young Pretender or Bonnie Prince Charlie. His work hangs in the TATE Gallery. He died in Beaston House



OGWELL DUCK RACE

Saturday 6th September 2025 at 2 p.m.

at Holbeam Mill, TQ12 6LX

Buy a duck for £1. win one of the prizes!

Side shows, games and cream teas.

Contact Stella Llewellyn 01626 906814

All proceeds go to St. Bartholomew's Church



The Parish Office hours are changing from 1st September, when the office will normally be open Monday to Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Devon Historic Churches Trust's 'Ride and Stride' event.

On Saturday 13th September, all our churches will be open at some point as part of the Devon Historic Churches Trust's 'Ride and Stride' event. The aim is for people to be sponsored on their walk or ride round churches, half the money raised to go to DHCT and half to the person's nominated church or group of churches. As the event coincides with Heritage Open Days, it's also a chance to invite our neighbours in.

St Mary's will be open from 11 to 4 with a local historian on hand to answer questions,

All Saints' from 11 to 3,

St Paul's from 10.30 to 1.30 and

Abbotsbury sometime between 10 and 2.

St Bartholomew's is, of course, always open in daylight hours.

St Luke's has a Heritage Open Day event on that day too.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to open the churches for this. If you'd like to give time too then please see your churchwarden. If you'd like to do a sponsored walk/ride (you

can pick churches in any town or area) please email barbara_garrick@yahoo.com for a sponsorship form or further details.

For more information about the DHCT see <https://devonhistoricchurches.co.uk/how-you-can-help-us/>

COMING EVENTS

Lunch with God. 29th August, 12:30 p.m. Golden Lion Square.

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 p.m.

Craft Club. 2nd and 16th September at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Organ Spectacular. Wednesday 3rd September, 7 p.m. St Michael's Church, Kingsteignton.

Ogwell Duck Race. 6th September, 2 p.m. at Holbeam Mill, TQ12 6LX. Ducks £1 from Stella Llewellyn 01626 906814.

Arts and Crafts Exhibition & Trail. Raising funds for the repair & restoration of the bells At Broadhempston church, 12th – 15th September 2025, 10am to 4pm each day. Contact mynwypam@gmail.com.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 13th September at 9:30 a.m. at The Clock Tower Coffee Shop, Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot.

Traditional Choral Evensong. 14th September at 6 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Abbotsherswell.

Evensong Choir Practice. 18th September, 7 p.m. at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 20th September, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

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, 3rd October, 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

Murder Mystery - Tragedy at the Village Tea Party – with supper. Denbury Village Hall TQ12 6DS, 29th November at 7 p.m. £25. To book contact imwdayey@gmail.com or phone 07767 771590. Profits to Denbury Church.

CHURCH SERVICES

31st August

St Bartholemew's Church, Parish Communion at 10:30 a.m.

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

West Ogwell Church, Evensong at 5:30 p.m.

7th September

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.

14th September

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/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8).

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

30th November (5th Sunday)

Parish Communion, All Saints' Church, Highweek, at 10:30 a.m.

Evensong, St Luke's Church, Milber, at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER GATHERINGS

1st September 7:45 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

8th September 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

15th September 7:45 at St Bartholemew's Church.

FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

Fiona Elizabeth Froom. Funeral on 27th August at 12:00 noon at: St Mary's Church Wolborough.

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

Sheila Margaret Platt. Funeral on 18th September 11 a.m. at All Saints' Church, High-week.

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. **From 1st September** the office will normally be open Monday to Thursday, 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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