



# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

7<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

After a few weeks enjoying some summer Psalms, we'll be beginning our autumn teaching programme this coming Sunday with a return to the book of Isaiah. This will be followed by 7 weeks in the gospel of Mark which will take us to Advent. Alongside the Isaiah readings we'll continue to hear passages from John's Gospel, and alongside our weeks in Mark we'll have the chance to hear the wonderful but short Old Testament book of Habakkuk.

If you are new to our Parish, you might be wondering how and why these topics are chosen, and why, unlike many Anglican churches, we do not follow the set Church of England readings called the Lectionary. I'll answer those 2 questions next week. This week I want to answer a more fundamental question: **Why do we use the Bible at all?**

Perhaps the answer seems obvious. "*We're a Christian Church. The Christian message is written in the Bible, so of course we have the Bible read and taught in our services!*" And that, of course, is right. But we need to push deeper and think what the Bible **IS**. How we answer that question will determine how we relate to it and how we receive it.

So, what is the Bible?

In terms of **literature**, the Bible isn't just 1 book, but a collection of 66 books (39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament) written by dozens of authors, living in various cultures and spanning a period of around 1500 years. These books are different genres: history books (including the 4 Gospels), law books and poetry books, letters, books of prophecy and books of apocalyptic literature containing visions and dreams about the end of time, often in dramatic and highly symbolic language. This variety makes the Bible very interesting but that's no reason to have it read and explained every Sunday.

In terms of **influence**, no book has had more influence than the Bible. In fact, many now argue that the whole of western civilisation and the culture and values we have today have been formed and shaped by it. This is the theme of 2 recent books: *The Book that Made Your World: How the Bible Created the Soul of Western Civilization* by Vishal Mangalwadi and *Dominion- How the Christian Revolution Remade the World* by Tom Holland. This makes the Bible influential, but the reason we study the Bible goes much further than that.

As a Christian Church, we believe that the Bible is **God's self-revelation** of Himself in written form. So we might call it, as we do in our services, the **Word of the Lord**. The

Bible is God speaking to us. And not just us- it is God speaking to all people across all ages, all cultures and across the world. This raises the importance of the Bible to a whole new level. If the Bible really is God speaking to us, today, then we need to pay close attention to it and base our lives upon it.

In 2 weeks' time, we'll think about why we can truly trust the Bible. For now, let's just note that the Bible is far more than an interesting and influential book. To Christians, the Bible is one of the 3 main ways (*the others being creation and the incarnation, life, death and resurrection of Jesus*) that Almighty God has chosen to reveal himself to us, and in terms of its clarity and detail, the scriptures are by far the most detailed means God has given us. The Bible tells us how can know God personally, how we should live in His world and how we must prepare for eternity to come. The 39 Articles of Religion, the Church of England's core beliefs, put it this way: '*Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation.*'

The Bible doesn't answer all our questions about God, nor does it tell us all that we might want to know about ourselves and our world: but it does tell us all we need to know. To quote from various parts of the Bible, the Word of God in the scriptures is:

**God-breathed** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Tim. 3:16–17

*The law of the Lord is **perfect**, reviving the soul;* Psalm 19:7

*The unfolding of your words gives **light**; it gives understanding to the simple.* Ps. 119:130

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the **power of God** for salvation to everyone who believe.* Romans 1:16

That's why we spend so much time in our services listening to the Bible read and explained, why we try to choose hymns that tell of Gospel truths, and why we encourage everyone who wants to know God better to study God's Word on a daily basis.

So, are you ready to hear God speak to you?

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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa.**

**Retired clergy.** We give thanks for all they have done, all that they do, and all they will continue to do.

**Residents in the following streets:** Manor Road, Glebe Close, Manor View, Mapleton Close, Margaret Gardens, Marguerite Close, Market Street, Marlborough Place and Margaret Close.

**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](mailto:prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk) to let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

## Readings for 7<sup>th</sup> September

John, Chapter 10: Verses 11-21 and Isaiah chapter 13

## NEWS AND NOTICES

**Parish News.** I am taking a holiday from production of the Parish News for the next 3 issues. Our new curate, Jon Bealey, has kindly offered to take over the role during that time. If you have anything to be published between now and the end of September, please email [news@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](mailto:news@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk) as usual. Emails to that address should reach him. John

**Benefice Evensong:** The beautiful, ancient and usually closed church of West Ogwell last Sunday afternoon. The church was full of people and atmosphere as Jon took his first Evensong since his ordination.



**Our next Benefice Evensong** will be another road trip- this time to St John's Bovey Tracey on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Watch out for details nearer the time.

**Prayer Gatherings.** at St Paul's Church, Devon Square.

Our next **morning** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 9:15 a.m.

Our next **evening** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Joint Parish Service:** We had a great time at our joint Parish Service at St Bartholomew's Church Ogwell last weekend, and some fantastic refreshments afterwards. Our **next Joint Parish Service** will be **at 10:30am on Advent Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November.** This will be held at **St Mary's Wolborough.** Please get that date in your diary and come along and worship God together there.

**The Parish Office hours** are changing from 15<sup>th</sup> September. They will normally be Monday to Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



**OGWELL DUCK RACE**  
**AT**  
**HOLBEAM MILL**



**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**AT 2 P.M.**

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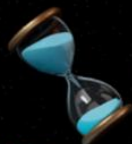
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**01626 906814**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH**



# 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](mailto:office@pptbovey.church) or

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/god-the-bible-and-everything-in-60-minutes-tickets-1499291574459?aff=oddtcreator>

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## COMING EVENTS

**Organ Spectacular.** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 7 p.m. St Michael's Church, Kingsteignton.

**Lunch with God.** 5<sup>th</sup> September, 12:30 p.m. Golden Lion Square.

**Ogwell Duck Race.** 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 10am to 4pm each day. Contact [mynwypam@gmail.com](mailto:mynwypam@gmail.com).

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

**Traditional Choral Evensong.** 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Abbotswell.

**Craft Club.** 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Evensong Choir Practice.** 18<sup>th</sup> September, 7 p.m. at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey.

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

**My Mountain Life** – Talk by Simon Yates. 19<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30 p.m. in Abbotsbury Church. Tickets and details from [wegottickets.com/event/666711](https://wegottickets.com/event/666711)

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

**U3A Stand** outside Austins 24<sup>th</sup> September 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

**Charity Coffee Morning.** St Paul's Church on 27<sup>th</sup> September, at 10 a.m. in aid of Homeless in Teignbridge.

**Evensong at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey** 26<sup>th</sup> October at 5:30 p.m.

**Joint Parish Service** for the fifth Sunday of the month on 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30 a.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

**God, the Bible and Everything (in 60 minutes)!** Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](https://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, 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7 p.m. £25. To book contact [imwdayey@gmail.com](mailto:imwdayey@gmail.com) or phone 07767 771590. Profits to Denbury Church.

## CHURCH SERVICES

### 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 21<sup>st</sup> September

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.

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/).

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

**Evensong** 26<sup>th</sup> October, 5:30 p.m. at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey

**Parish Communion**, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30 a.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

## PRAYER GATHERINGS

8<sup>th</sup> September 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.  
15<sup>th</sup> September 7:45 at St Paul's Church.  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 9:15 at St Paul's Church.

## FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

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

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

**Maurice William James Mills.** Funeral on 19<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00 AM at All Saints' Church, Highweek

## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Parish website:** [www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](http://www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)

**Parish Office** at St Paul's Church, Devon Square. Currently Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

From 15<sup>th</sup> September Monday to Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Phone 01626 211346 or email [office@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](mailto:office@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk).

## OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

**Newton Abbot Town Council.** 01626 201120 [www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk](http://www.newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk)

**Shopmobility, Ring & Ride, Community cars** – 01626 335775

**Teignbridge Council** – 01626 361101, [www.teignbridge.gov.uk](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk)

**THAT Foodbank.** 8 Queensway House, Queensway, Newton Abbot. TQ12 4BA. Tel: 01626 437310, email: [office@thatfoodbank.com](mailto:office@thatfoodbank.com) Web: [www.thatfoodbank.com](http://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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