



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

2nd November 2025.

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

As we head towards the end of October, it feels like a good time to talk about light and darkness. The clocks have gone back, so the evenings are darker and the mornings lighter, but in spiritual terms, the words light and darkness carry a far greater weight than that.

Jesus called himself 'the Light of the World', (John 8:12) whereas Satan is often described as the Prince of Darkness, for fairly obvious reasons. It's not surprising then the contrast between light and darkness is found across the New Testament. Here is a snapshot

John 12:46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in **darkness**.

Ephesians 5:8 For you were once **darkness**, but now you are light in the Lord.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of **darkness** into his wonderful light.

Darkness, then, describes the kingdom of unbelief and rebellion in which we once walked before we came to trust in Jesus and walk in His perfect light. He revealed His light to us, and by God's grace we were drawn into his kingdom of light. It is therefore vital that we no longer walk in the old ways of darkness, but in Christ's perfect light. A selection of verses (and there are many, many others) brings that out for us.

1 John 1:6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the **darkness**, we lie and do not live out the truth.

Romans 13:12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of **darkness** and put on the armour of light.

Ephesians 5:8 For you were once **darkness**, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

What might this have to say to us this autumn? Living as children of light has both a positive and negative implication.

Firstly, it's a call to live holy lives in obedience to the commands of God. As our culture continues to move away from the teachings of the Bible, and our nation is plunged into a

time of greater darkness, the witness of Christians who, in the name of Christ, actively live out lives of truth and grace, humility and love, generosity and service will shine far more brightly. So, let's examine the brightness of our lives and make sure that it is Christ's light that really does shine out in our words, deeds and attitudes. How can we live more like Jesus, speak more of Jesus and so reflect more of His great light to the world?

Secondly, it's a call to reject the works of darkness. Putting on a clean set of clothes makes no sense until the dirty ones have come off. In the same way, to shine like stars for Christ requires us to put some things aside. The Old and New Testaments are full of lists of things which God's people should avoid, and you don't need me to rehearse those for you. God has given us His Word and put His Spirit in our hearts so that we know the path of light, and by and large our consciences are pricked when we live the wrong way. Sometimes though, our stubborn, sinful wills prefer to walk in darkness, and we face an internal battle in our souls and hearts. Sadly, that's part of being a follower of Jesus in this world. Through repentance and faith in Jesus we have been freed from the penalty of sin, and with the Spirit in us we now have the ability to defeat the power of sin that remains in us, but it is a fight! Moving out of those well-worn ruts of ungodly attitudes and behaviour isn't easy. Resisting temptation isn't easy. Shining as lights in the world isn't easy. But how much more beautiful our lives, our families, our churches and communities would be if the true light of Christ was more visible in and through us.

So, as the darkness deepens this time of year, remember that light always drives out darkness. Let us trim our lamps, cast off the darkness and renew our baptism commitment to shine as lights in the world, to the glory of God the Father.

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 the Province of West Africa.

The church of the Saint Bartholomew and Saint Mark Ford Mission Community.

Residents in the following streets: Primrose Drive, Prince Street, Prospect Terrace, Quay Road, Quay Terrace, Queen Annes Copse, Queen Street, Queensway and Raleigh 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, Sarah,

Ruth and Ted Parkhouse 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 2nd November

Habakkuk Chapter 2: Verses 6 to 14

Mark Chapter 10: Verses 46 to 52.

NEWS AND NOTICES



THE CHRISTMAS JOURNEY 2025

Our fantastic interactive presentation of the Christmas story to 6/7 years olds in primary schools across the Parish will take place during the week commencing 1st December. **9 schools and 260 children have now signed up**, so now we need a team!

We still need more volunteers to help as actors (*costume + simple script provided*) or with crafts (*if you can wield a glue stick, you're qualified!*) Sessions will be mornings (9:15 to 11:45) Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th plus Tuesday afternoon. If you can volunteer for 1 or more sessions, contact **Judy** on 01626

335862 or email Mrsvicar16@gmail.com.

OPEN DOORS LIVE: Podcast on the persecuted church. I mentioned this podcast on Sunday. Run by Open Doors Australia, it's currently working through the countries on their Watch List- the most dangerous places to be a Christian. It's chatty and informal in style but packed with heart-breaking accounts of what it means to follow Jesus in places where severe persecution is the norm. Listen, and you'll have many more reasons to pray and to be thankful for the freedoms we have here in the UK. You can find the link here or wherever you listen to your podcasts. [Open Doors Podcast - Podcast - Apple Podcasts](#)

PARISH PRAYER GATHERINGS: Our next morning Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 3rd November at St Paul's Church, starting at 9:15am.

Our next evening Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 10th November from 7:45pm-9pm at St Paul's Church. Do come and join us.

LUNCH WITH GOD STARTS NEXT WEEK. DETAILS BELOW...

Why not come along? And why not invite a friend? If you'd be willing to help meet, greet and serve, or even to make soup on occasions do let Dave know.

LUNCH WITH GOD

Honest and engaging talks from the Bible about Jesus and what it means to follow Him.

With **free** tea and coffee, and a bowl of hot soup.

(or bring your own lunch)

Wednesday lunchtimes from 12:15-1:45

At St Paul's Church Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbot

Starting Wednesday 5th November

www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk



Sundays can be busy. I know that. I'm a Vicar!

So often questions about God and Jesus and the meaning of life can get pushed aside. Only, often we never get round to thinking about them because life takes over and Sundays are well, just busy!

So let me invite you to spend a few minutes in the middle of the week thinking about those things that we never get around to.

From the start of November, St Paul's Church will be running

LUNCH WITH GOD.

A series of lunchtime meetings where you can enjoy some soup and have a cup of tea or coffee, and listen to a short talk about Jesus.

There will also be opportunities to ask questions if you'd like to.

Because lunchtimes vary, the talks will happen twice, about 12:40 and 1:10.

We'll provide some refreshments—or you can bring your own.

We'll have free Bibles on hand for you to use and take away.

So don't put those questions off any longer.

Come and join me for lunch with God and get to know Jesus.

Wednesday lunchtimes from 12:15-1:45 starting 5th November.

St Paul's Church Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbot. TQ 12 2HN

Team Rector: Rev Dave Brown

Parking available. Good wheelchair access. www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is a project of Samaritan's Purse.

It's a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies and fun gifts. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.



Through this project Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. See <https://occ.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

We are very excited that St Paul's Church, Devon Square will be a Church Collection Centre for shoeboxes for this area during National Collection week November 10-17th 2025. People from across the local area will bring their filled shoeboxes to the Church and a small band of volunteers will pack these into bigger boxes ready for collection by the National team. St Paul's Church will be open at the following times to receive shoeboxes:

Monday 10th Nov 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
Wednesday 12th Nov 9 to 9.45 a.m.
Saturday 15th Nov 9 to 11 a.m.
Sunday 16th Nov 9 to 10.30 a.m.

You may also bring your box to a Sunday church service before 16th November.

If you are unable to fill a shoebox this year, you can donate directly to Samaritan's Purse at <https://occ.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>, as all funds will greatly help!

Many thanks,
Ian Tresidder

COMING EVENTS

Craft Club. 4th and 18th November at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Lunch with God. Bible teaching. 5th November and each Wednesday thereafter at St Paul's Church Hall. 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. Free soup and hot drink.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 8th November at 9:30 a.m. at The Clock Tower Coffee Shop, Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot.

Traditional Choral Evensong. 9th November at 6 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Abbotskerswell.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 15th November, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

Charity Coffee Morning. St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell on 28th November at 10:30 a.m.

Monthly Youth Group for ages 11 to 17. 28th November, 7:30 p.m. at The Avenue Church and 19th December at Abbotsbury Church.

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.

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

Evensong at St Luke's Church, Milber - Sunday 30th November at 5:30 p.m.

The Christmas Journey. Week beginning 1st December. Volunteers needed, please see forms in church or contact Judy directly by email at mrsvicar16@gmail.com.

Christmas Fayre. St Paul's Church on 6th December, at 10 a.m. in aid of Rowcroft Hospice.

CHURCH SERVICES

2nd November

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.

9th November

Abbotsbury Church, Service of the Word at 9:30 a.m.

All Saints Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

St Bartholomew's Church, **Remembrance Service** at 9:30 a.m.

St Mary's Church, **Remembrance Service** at 10:50 a.m.

St Paul's Church, Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

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

16th November

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/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

30th November (5th Sunday)

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

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

FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

Beulah Colwill 15th November at 12 noon at All Saints' Church, Highweek. Interment of Ashes.

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. The office is normally 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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