



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

30th November 2025. Advent

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FROM OUR RECTOR

One of our grandsons is studying at Bristol University. He's loving the course, loving the student life and loving being part of a vibrant Christian Union. Each week they hold a pop-up café giving away free coffees, offering free Bibles and spending time talking with anyone who wants to talk about the Christian faith.

A few weeks ago, he chatted with a young man from a Muslim background, gave him a Bible and prayed with him that he might come to know Jesus. This week that same guy was back, this time serving on the team, explaining to anyone who asked him how he'd met Jesus and that his life had been transformed as a result! How wonderful!!

Perhaps you have a testimony like that. An encounter with a Christian who pointed you to Jesus, and a sudden conversion. Or perhaps you were brought up in such a Christian home that you can't ever remember a time when you didn't know Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. However we start our Christian journey, all of us eventually find that following Jesus is sometimes hard, sometimes very hard. That shouldn't come as a surprise. Jesus himself explained that following him meant taking up our cross. He went on to explain that his disciples might experience ridicule and rejection from friends and family, and that even the state might take a dim view of their new-found faith leading to greater persecution.

St Paul knew the reality of that better than most. In fact, he wrote his second letter to Timothy whilst '*being chained like a criminal.*' (2 Tim 2: 9) But Paul was not downhearted or discouraged. He knew that God's Word was not chained, that the gospel was still spreading and bearing fruit, and that his own imprisonment was spurring others on to share the message. And because Paul knew the power of the gospel, that those who hear, repent and believe '*obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory,*' He was willing

to endure anything to play his part in that mighty task. And so one of the reasons for his letter to Timothy was to encourage his young apprentice, now a minister in his own right, to stand firm, to endure, and to trust in the power of the gospel and the glorious promises of God.

That leads us to his next Trustworthy saying:

¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him;¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us;¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Do you see how Paul links our actions to God's response? Dying with Christ (to self, to pleasure, embracing all that follows) lead to true, lasting and eternal life. Enduring suffering for the sake of Christ leads to reigning with him in glory. But giving up, turning back and disowning Christ because the road is too steep, denying Christ to save our lives here and now means that he will disown us. But Paul is keen to point out that our faithlessness doesn't invalidate God's faithfulness. His promises are still sure and certain. So if we fall away, God's grace is still available to us, if only we would turn and repent once more.

Church history is full of stories of those who faithfully endured immense suffering and persecution and received the crown of life. It's also littered with stories of those who turned away when the cost grew too high. Wonderfully, some of those, like Peter and Thomas the disciples, like the former Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, denied the true faith and then publicly repented. They found, as we will if we ever we find ourselves in their position, that, for our Saviour's mercies are new every morning, and that his blood is powerful enough to cover even the greatest sin.

But it is a dangerous thing to presume on God's mercy. Far better to be those who are faithful to the calling we have received; whose eyes are so on the LORD, whose trust is so firm and strong that we daily die to self in his service and endure whatever troubles come our way as disciples of Jesus.

Paul did that. Timothy did that. What about 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.

Peace in Ukraine and Israel.

The Anglican Church of Australia

On the Feast Day of Andrew the Apostle, one of the first called by Jesus, we remember how he left everything behind to follow you. Lord, help us to have that same devotion, and teach us to be 'fishers of people' like your disciple Andrew.

Residents in the following streets: Silverwood Avenue, Sophia Way, Sorrel Place, South Road, Southernhay, Speedwell Close, Spencer Road and Spring 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, 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 30th November

Matthew chapter 24, verses 36 to 44 and Daniel, chapter 7, verses 1 to 18

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A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO MIGRATION

St Paul's Church Hall

Wednesday 26th November at 7:30pm.

Join us for an uplifting talk exploring a Christian response to the UK migration crisis—discover hope, compassion, and practical ways we can welcome, support, and journey alongside those seeking refuge.



Our speaker, Scott Bradridge, is a Christian outreach worker with internationals who has been working in an Exeter hotel housing asylum seekers over the past 2 years.

Refreshments will be served from 7pm.



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Parish Prayer Gatherings: Our next morning Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 1st December at [Abbotsbury Church](#), starting at 9:15am. This will have a focus on the Christmas Journey. Do come and join us!

Our next evening Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 8th December from 7:45pm - 9pm at St Paul's Church. Do come and join us.

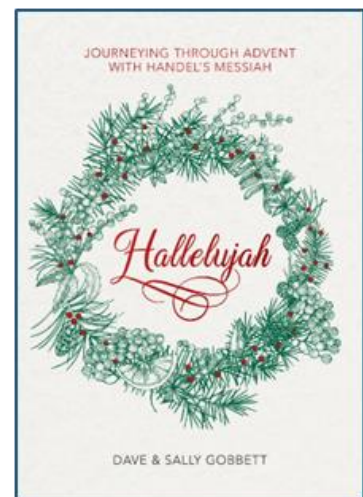
Song of the Week: He will be: We sang this new song at St Paul's last Sunday. It's a reminder that the God we follow and trust in does not change. His faithfulness in the past shows his faithfulness today. His holiness in the past shows us God's standards of holiness today. And his glory and worthiness of our praise and obedience haven't changed either. As we head into Advent and think about the coming of our conquering King, this song reminds us that God doesn't change. I hope you like it! www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRf25AoMxvY&list=RDwRf25AoMxvY&start_radio=1

2025 Advent Book

Our £1 Advent devotional for 2025 takes us through the words (and if you'd like, the music) of the Messiah- Handel's great masterpiece. Each day has a short reflection on some of the words from scripture that Handel uses in his music, along with the details of the part of the Messiah where the words are sung.

Whether you like Handel's music or not, the focus on various scriptures that point to Christ's first and second comings will encourage your heart and get you ready for a truly joyful celebration this Christmas.

Copies are in our churches. Just take one and slip £1 into the offering plate. It's the best bargain this Christmas!



Charity Coffee Morning. St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell on Friday 28th November at 10:30 a.m. in aid of Save the Children.

Lunch with God will be back in St Paul's Hall this week, with a focus on Jesus: the controversialist! Why not invite a friend or neighbour to come with you... There should be some flyers in all of our churches. The soup will be available from 12:15 with talks at 12:40 and 1:20 or thereabouts!

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

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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



The Christmas Fayre at St Paul's Church will be on 6th December from 10 a.m. Donations for draw prizes and bottles for the bottle stall would be most welcome. David Waterhouse email davewa29@gmail.com

There will be no coffee morning at St Paul's in November.

Christmas Services: See the poster on the next page.

Get these dates in your diary now and start working out who you can invite. Flyers for posting across the Parish will be here soon, and we will need your help to deliver them.

Can we each commit to posting 30 or 40 or 50 through letter boxes around our churches? That's our aim! Let's spread the Word and get inviting!!

JOY Christmas



Christmas Services in the parish of Newton Abbot + Ogwell

Do come along - No need to book!



Sunday 14 December

Usual morning services at All Saints Highweek, Abbotsbury & St Paul's

6:00pm Carols by Candlelight - West Ogwell Church

6:30pm Carols by Candlelight - All Saints Highweek

Saturday 20 December

4pm Contemporary Carols - Abbotsbury Church



Sunday 21 December

Usual morning services at St Bartholomew's Ogwell, St Mary's & St Paul's

9:30am Nativity - Abbotsbury Church

4:30pm Carols by Candlelight - St Mary's Wolborough

6:30pm Carols by Candlelight - St Bartholomew's Ogwell

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24 December

4pm Christingle Service - St Bartholomew's Ogwell

4pm Christingle Service - St Paul's Devon Square

11pm Carols + Communion - St Bartholomew's Ogwell

11pm Carols + Communion - St Paul's Devon Square



Christmas Day: Thursday 25 December

8:30am Said Holy Communion - St Mary's Wolborough

9:30am Christmas Day Family Communion - Abbotsbury Church
(more contemporary)

10:30am Christmas Day Family Communion - All Saints Highweek
(more traditional)



Sunday 28 December

Usual morning services at All Saints, Abbotsbury & St Paul's

NB no midweek services Wednesday 24 and 31 December

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The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 17th January, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

COMING EVENTS

Lunch with God. Bible teaching. Every Wednesday at St Paul's Church. 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. Free soup and hot drink.

Who is my Neighbour. 26th November at 7:30 p.m. (refreshments from 7 p.m.) at St Paul's Church. Talk on the Christian response to immigration.

Charity Coffee Morning. St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell on 28th November at 10:30 a.m. in aid of Save the Children.

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.

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

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

Dog Carol Service. 6th December at 12 noon by the clock tower.

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

Carols by Candlelight. Sunday 14th December. 6 p.m. at West Ogwell Church

Carols by Candlelight. Sunday 14th December. 6:30 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

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

Grace Will Lead Me Home on Monday 15th December at 8 p.m. at the Auditorium, Exeter Phoenix. To book and for more information see <https://exeterphoenix.org.uk/events/grace-will-lead-me-home/>

Contemporary Carols, Saturday 20th December at 4 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

Nativity Service, Sunday 21st December at 9:30 a.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

Carols by Candlelight. Sunday 21st December at 4:30 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

Carols by Candlelight. Sunday 21st December at 6:30 p.m. at St Bartholemew's Church, Ogwell.

Christingle Services on Wednesday 24th December at 4 p.m. at both St Bartholemew's Church, Ogwell and St Paul's Church, Devon Square.

Carols and Communion on Wednesday 24th December at 11 p.m. at both St Bartholemew's Church, Ogwell and St Paul's Church, Devon Square.

Said Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 8 a.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

Christmas Day Family Communion at Abbotsbury Church at 9:30 a.m. (more contemporary) and All Saints' Church, Highweek (more traditional) at 10:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 17th January, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

Environment Film Festival. Saturday 17 January 2026, 12:30 p.m. to 5p.m. at Exeter Cathedral. [Click here](#) to book.

CHURCH SERVICES

30th November (5th Sunday of November) Advent Sunday
St Mary's Church, Wolborough, Parish Communion at **10:30 a.m.**
St Luke's Church, Milber, Evensong at 5:30 p.m.

7th December Second Sunday of Advent
Abbotsbury Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
St Bartholemew's Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
St Mary's Church, Wolborough, 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 December
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](#).

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.

PARISH CONTACTS

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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 Website: 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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