



# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2026.** Second Sunday of Epiphany

In this edition:

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### FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

Last week we took a look back at Christmas 2025; this week were looking ahead to 2026.

Let's start with our **BUILDINGS**: After a busy year in 2026 with major improvements at St Bart's Ogwell and All Saints Highweek, and minor repairs and maintenance across all 5 churches, the PCC are looking to push ahead with the redevelopment plans at St Paul's. As I write, the 30-day consultation period on our plans which began in mid-December is coming towards an end. The next stage is for the diocesan chancellor to check the plans and (God-willing) give his approval to the positive recommendation he has received from the Diocesan Advisory Committee who considered our plans throughout the second half of 2025. Whilst this process is on-going, quotes will be obtained for the PCC to consider. Assuming a suitable contractor can be found and the funding secured, we hope to begin the work in the early summer, during which time the congregation at St Paul's will be meeting in the hall. We anticipate the work taking 4-5 months.

Across the Parish, the PCC are also aiming to make progress on plans to upgrade the toilets at Abbotsbury Church and vastly improve the entrance lobby to make the church far more welcoming. These plans are still at an early stage. Quotes have also been sought for the internal redecoration of All Saints Highweek, something which will complete the recent refurbishment works there. Other minor works are also being considered.

Our ability to spend money on these projects is, largely reliant on the gifts and generosity of Christians from previous generations who have left large legacies directly to the church or to charitable bodies such as the Wolborough Ecclesiastical Charity, who exist to support the work of the church in our Parish. If you haven't yet done so, can I ask that you might

also consider leaving a legacy in your will to our PCC so that our churches can continue God's work of reaching people with the good news of the gospel? Many people leave a proportion of their estate to the church - why not consider doing the same? Information is available to help you do that.

**MISSION PARTNERS** As you will know by now, the Parish now has three formal mission partners. Christians Against Poverty (Teignbridge), Barnabas Aid who support persecuted Christians around the world, and Rachael and Bernie Muluuta - who are currently both studying at Oak Hill College, London, prior to returning to work with Crosslinks in Uganda. Our aim this year is to develop these links in a number of ways:

- With information being available in all our churches.
- By including them in our regular intercessions and weekly prayers.
- And by inviting them to come and speak at our services.

More details will follow, but our hope is that as we are more engaged with mission further afield it will also inspire us to be more involved with mission here, in our own parish.

**COURSES:** As I'm sure you'll be aware, we will be starting two 3-2-1 courses over the next week. See below for details. This has been part of a strategy we've employed for a number of years that following major festivals we run courses that allow people to consider the claims of Jesus and Christian faith in a friendly, accessible and engaging way.

So, after Easter we will be running another course, perhaps the Identity Course or Christianity Explored, and then later in the year will be running the Bible Course again. This has recently been renewed with better resources and updated videos and is a fabulous way to get to know the Bible better.

During Lent we will also be running a course on prayer which will complement our Lent sermon series on that same topic. Prayer is something we know is vital, and something that most Christians struggle with. The aim is that the course will be practical, engaging and inspiring. Doctor Martin Lloyd Jones, the famous London preacher, called prayer the engine room of the church. He's right. The more we pray, individually and corporately, the more we draw close to God, and the more God works among us. Do look out for more details of that and come along.

In terms of our Sunday **SERMON SERIES**, some highlights will include some time in Peter's first epistle and another summer series in the Psalms. As well as concluding studies in Mark's Gospel, St Paul's and Abbotsbury will also have series in 1 Corinthians, and Isaiah, whilst All Saint's St Bart's and St Mary's will have time in the gospel of Matthew and the book of Exodus.

**HOPES AND DREAMS...** Last year we took a bold step to take the gospel into the town centre and, as a result, we have welcomed more people into church, some of them coming to faith for the first time, others finding a new home amongst us. My prayer is that we might see more of that this coming year whilst also seeing many others growing as disciples of Jesus and changing in character, wisdom and holiness.

We also grew our work in nursing homes and schools – taking the gospel out - and amongst children and young people in our churches - strengthening the gospel within. We also launched a women's Bible study group at St Paul's and new home group. My hope and prayer are that we might see these works grow even more this coming year.

Can I encourage you to join me in praying for these things? And for the confidence to ask God this question: what would you do in me and through me this year? May the LORD

take us as we are, and mould us into those he made us to be, that we might shine like stars and point people to Christ our Saviour.

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.

## **Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo**

**On World Religion Day**, we give thanks for respectful and productive relationships with other faith groups, whilst still professing our faith in Christ who is the way the truth and the life. We pray for all those who are persecuted because of their faith, and for an end to violence caused by religious conflict.

**Residents in the following streets:** Trafalgar Close, Tudor Close, Tudor Road, Tudor Road, The Retreat, Twickenham Road including Newtake Mount and The Copse, and Union Street.

**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, Sandy Vaughan Edwards, Paul Hewson and any others who are unwell.

**Ben**, Sarah and family as they care for Noah.

The families and friends of the recently deceased, including **Peter Robinson**, who died on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

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

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## **Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Abbotsbury and St Paul's Churches:** Ruth, chapter 1, verses 11 to 22 and  
Mark, chapter 12, verses 13 to 17

**St Bartholemew's and St Mary's Churches:** Isaiah, chapter 49, verses 1 to 7 and  
John, chapter 1, verses 29 to 42.

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# NEWS AND NOTICES

## Parish Prayer Gatherings

Our next **evening Parish Prayer Gathering** will be on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January** at St Paul's Church **starting at 7:45pm.** Do come and join us. Our next **morning Parish Prayer Gathering** will be on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January** at St Paul's Church **starting at 9:15am.**

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An invitation to a choral workshop and informal performance

Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
2.00 pm

Abbotsbury Church,  
Waverly Road  
Newton Abbot  
TQ12 2ND

Musical director: Matthew Cann

Tickets £15 in advance from:  
[www.torbaysingers.org](http://www.torbaysingers.org)



In the afternoon workshop, we'll rehearse selected movements from the work, culminating in an informal performance to which family and friends are warmly invited.

**Programme:**

- 1.30 pm: Registration opens
- 2.00 pm: Workshop rehearsals with breaks
- 5.15 pm: Refreshments (provided)
- 6.00 – 6.45 pm (approx.) Informal performance

**Booking:**

Please book in advance, using the booking form on our website, indicating voice part and whether you need to hire a score.



**Lunch with God** From today and for the next 7 weeks, **LUNCH WITH GOD** at St Paul's Church will be the venue for our lunchtime 3-2-1 course, see below.

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**Discover Life According to Jesus:** Our New Year course for those wanting to take a fresh look at Jesus is 3-2-1. See below: Watch the promo video: [321 Course Promo Video](#)



## **321: DISCOVER LIFE ACCORDING TO JESUS**

**Got questions about God, the world and you?**

The 321 course invites you to see life the way Jesus does. Over the course, Glen Scrivener presents Jesus' vision for life through interactive videos that help us better understand God, the World and ourselves.

The course considers God's Three-ness, the world's two-ness and your one-ness. Each session begins with a thoughtful question followed by stunning storytelling and compelling commentary.

There are three ways to take the 321 Course:

A 4-week course looking at 2 videos per week starting on  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm

**OR**

Watch 1 video a week on Wednesday lunchtimes during **Lunch with God**. Videos will be shown at 12:30pm and 1:10pm.  
Starting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

Both of these will take place at St Paul's Church, Devon Square.

Alternatively, you can register + watch the whole series yourself.  
Just visit [www.321.speaklife.org.uk/course/321](http://www.321.speaklife.org.uk/course/321)

To book a place or to find out more, email  
[office@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](mailto:office@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk) or call 01626 211346.

Organised by the Anglican Churches in Newton Abbot and Ogwell:  
[www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](http://www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)

## **Podcast of the Week. Beauty for Ashes - a review of 2025**

This great podcast includes a mix of music, news and conversation - weaving the Christian message into every part. The first 2 podcasts of 2026 take a look back at 2025 and then look forward to 2026. Plenty of reasons to pray and plenty to make us smile.

[Beauty for Ashes - Podcast - Apple Podcasts](#)

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# **One Body, One Spirit**



## **NEWTON ABBOT CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE**

**3 p.m. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January at Salvation Army**

This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches.

And organised locally by the Christians Together in Newton Abbot group (CTNA)

“There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling” (Ephesians 4:4)

## COMING EVENTS

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

**Men's Breakfast.** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Craft Club.** 20<sup>th</sup> January at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Parochial Church Council** meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

**Newton Abbot Christian Unity Service.** 25<sup>th</sup> January at 3 p.m. at the Salvation Army in Union Street.

**Evensong.** 25<sup>th</sup> January at 5 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

**Charity Coffee Morning.** 31<sup>st</sup> January 10 a.m. at St Paul's Church in aid of Motor Neurone Disease.

**Choral Workshop** – The Armed Man - Mass for Peace. Abbotsbury Church, 7<sup>th</sup> February. See [www.torbaysingers.org](http://www.torbaysingers.org)

**Women's Breakfast.** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30 a.m. at The Clock Tower Coffee Shop, Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot.

**Joint Parish Communion.** 29th March at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### 18<sup>th</sup> January

Abbotsbury Church, All Age Service at 9:30 a.m.

St Bartholemew's Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

St Mary's Church, Wolborough, 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.

### 25<sup>th</sup> January

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.

All Saints' Church, **Evensong** at 5 p.m.

## 1<sup>st</sup> February

Abbotsbury Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

St Bartholomew'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.

**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.

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## FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

Peter Whitehouse. 5<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30 a.m. Funeral at St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell

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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](mailto:prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)

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