



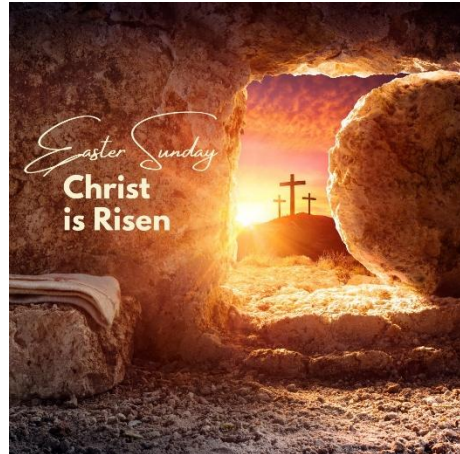
# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

**5<sup>th</sup> April 2026.** *Easter Sunday*

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## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

There's a saying that 24 hours is a long time in politics, and UK history has shown that to be the case on numerous occasions. Secure Prime Ministers have crumbled, and some in danger have found a new strategy to succeed, all in the span of a few hours. It's true in sport too, as the last few minutes of the England v France 6 Nations match showed recently. We know that in our own lives too, don't we, just how dramatically things can change for good or ill over a day or so.

The event at the heart of the Christian faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus, tells the same story. On Friday everything looked bleak. Jesus had been betrayed, arrested, tried, beaten, crucified, and was dead and buried. The hopes of a mighty earthly kingdom were over, and the disciples were in hiding, fearing they were next.

But then came Easter Sunday. Resurrection Day. The day when everything changed. The day when hope was reborn, when faith was reignited into a burning flame, when the gates of Heaven were swung open wide.

S. M. Lockridge – a pastor in San Diego from 1953 to 1993, captured this change as well as anyone has ever done. His meditation "*It's Friday, But Sunday's Coming!*" is below. If you are in need of hope and joy this Easter, can I suggest you come along to church as we celebrate the events of that first Easter Sunday. Perhaps there you'll discover that this

new life and renewed hope is something that is still available today for all who come to the risen King.

Happy Easter!  
Grace and peace,

## *Dave*

It's Friday.  
Jesus is praying. Peter's sleeping. Judas is betraying.  
But Sunday's comin'!

It's Friday.  
Pilate's struggling. The council is conspiring. The crowd is vilifying.  
They don't even know that Sunday's comin'!

It's Friday.  
The disciples are running like sheep without a shepherd. Mary's crying. Peter is denying.  
But they don't know that Sunday's a comin'!

It's Friday.  
The Romans beat my Jesus. They robe Him in scarlet. They crown Him with thorns.  
But they don't know that Sunday's comin'!

It's Friday.  
See Jesus walking to Calvary. His blood dripping. His body stumbling. And His spirit's burdened.  
But you see, it's only Friday. Sunday's comin'!

It's Friday.  
The world's winning. People are sinning. And evil's grinning.

It's Friday.  
The soldiers nail my Saviour's hands to the cross. They nail my Saviour's feet to the cross.  
And then they raise Him up next to criminals.  
It's Friday. But let me tell you something, Sunday's comin'!

It's Friday.  
The disciples are questioning. What has happened to their King? And the Pharisees are celebrating that their scheming has been achieved.  
But they don't know, it's only Friday. Sunday's comin'!

It's Friday.  
He's hanging on the cross. Feeling forsaken by His Father. Left alone and dying.  
Can nobody save Him?  
Ooooh! It's Friday. But Sunday's comin'!

It's Friday.  
The earth trembles. The sky grows dark. My King yields His spirit.

It's Friday.

Hope is lost. Death has won. Sin has conquered. And Satan's just a laughin'.

It's Friday.

Jesus is buried. A soldier stands guard. And a rock is rolled into place.

But it's Friday. It is only Friday. Sunday is a comin'!

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**Concerning our Rector.** At the time of writing (Tuesday evening), Rev Dave is in hospital awaiting an unplanned operation. He hopes to resume normal duties very soon.

Arrangements have been made to cover all the planned Easter services and events.

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### **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.

### **La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico**

**Residents in the following streets:** Bradley Manor, Bradley Road, Broadlands Avenue, Broadlands Court, Broadridge Close, Brownhills Road, Brownings Walk, Brunel Road, Brunel Road, Minerva Way.

**The sick and suffering** including: Rev Dave, Sheila Fletcher, Sally Fulcher, Marie Graham, Martyn, Eve Taylor, David Littlewood, Ruth and Ted Parkhouse, Sandy Vaughan Edwards, Ted Demery, Cherie Glover, Ryan Holland, Orla Pyne, Ian Tresidder, Olive Leicester, John and Joyce Sutherland and their family, Mark Portwood, and any others who are unwell.

**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.

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### **Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> April.**

Colossians chapter 3, verses 1 to 4, and

Matthew chapter 28, verses 1 to 10

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## Parish Prayer Gatherings

No Prayer Gathering on Easter Monday.

Our next **morning** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** at St Paul's Church starting at 9:15 a.m.

Our next **evening** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** at St Paul's Church starting at 7 p.m. Do come and join us.

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## Holy Week Programme.

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	10:00 12:15-13:45	Holy Communion at St Paul's Lunch with God at St Paul's
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	17:30 19:30	Meal + reflections at Abbotsbury Holy Communion at St Mary's
<b>Good Friday</b>	10:00 14:00 14:00	CTNA Walk of Witness starts at Bearnas School, An Hour at the Cross at All Saints Highweek All-age reflections at Abbotsbury
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	11:00-15:30	Easter Fun Day at St Paul's
<b>EASTER DAY</b>	6:00 a.m. 9:30 9:30 11:00 11:00	Sunrise Service at All Saints Easter Celebration at Abbotsbury + communion Easter Communion at St Bart's Ogwell Easter Celebration at St Paul's + communion Easter Communion at St Mary's Wolborough

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## Baptism and Confirmation Preparation

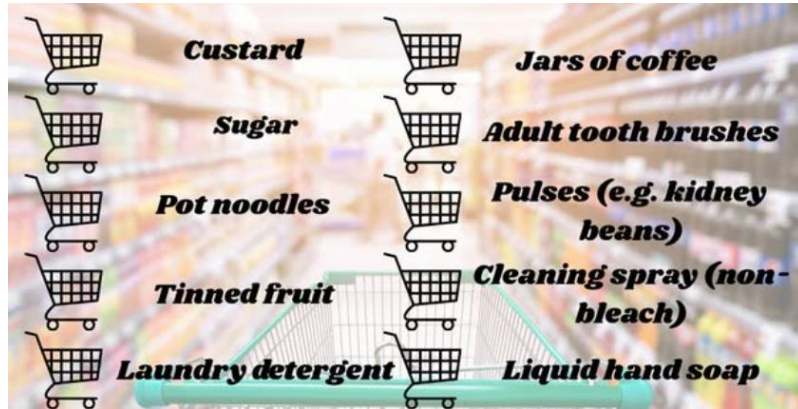
On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July during the morning service at St Paul's, Bishop James – the Bishop of Plymouth - will be baptising and/or confirming candidates from across the parish.

If you have never been baptised or confirmed, and you would like to find out more about taking this step of obedience in baptism and/or being confirmed into the Church of England, please get in touch with Dave as soon as possible. Contact details are: Tel 01626 335862 or email [rector@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](mailto:rector@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)

There will be separate two preparation courses: one for children and young people aged 12 to 18, and one for adults. If you have children younger than 12 who wish to be baptised, please speak to Dave as well. Preparation classes for them will be held separately.

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**THAT** Foodbank  
needs these items:



COME ALONG TO OUR

# EASTER FUN DAY

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL  
11:00AM - 3:30PM

- EASTER EGG HUNT
- EASTER CRAFTS
- REFRESHMENTS

**FREE EVENT!**

ST PAUL'S CHURCH  
DEVON SQUARE, NEWTON ABBOT, TQ12 2HN  
[WWW.NEWTONABBOTPARISHES.CO.UK](http://WWW.NEWTONABBOTPARISHES.CO.UK)



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**Inspiring news about the Diocese of Exeter** & more - in the weekly newsletter.

There is a lot of very interesting material in this week's Roots and Shoots, the weekly email from Exeter Diocese. Click on this link to see this week's issue:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/2/#inbox/FMfcgzQgLFgpJQWzdsnmKmPvFpgFKKdG>

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## COMING EVENTS

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

**Walk of Witness.** 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10 a.m. starting at Bearnas School, Queen Street.

**Easter Fun Day.** 4<sup>th</sup> April 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Craft Club.** 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Women's Breakfast.** Saturday, 11th April at 9:30 a.m. at **Leisure Lounge Café**, AKA Winners in Kingsteignton, near the racecourse.

**U3A Open Morning** 14<sup>th</sup> April 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in St Paul's Church Hall.

**Men's Breakfast.** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

**Youth Group** for ages 11 to 17 at The Avenue Church on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

**Charity Coffee Morning.** 25<sup>th</sup> April from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of RNLI.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day

All Saints' Church, Highweek, Sunrise Service in the field east of the Church at 6 a.m.

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, Holy Communion (BCP) at 11 a.m.

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

St Luke's Church, Mass at 11:15 a.m.

### 12<sup>th</sup> April

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 11:15 a.m.

### 19th April

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 (BCP) at 11 a.m.

St Paul's Church, Service of the Word, at 11 a.m.

St Luke's Church, Mass at 11:15 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.

**ALL WEEK** St Bartholomew's Church in Ogwell is normally open for private prayer during daylight hours.

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## FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

Christopher Tomas Young. 18<sup>th</sup> April at 11 a.m. Funeral at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

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## 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](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 for our weekly news. 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 day's issue.

If you know of anyone who does not receive this weekly email, but wishes to do so, please ask them to email me. John Calderwood [news@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](mailto:news@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)