



# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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### FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

I'm largely out of the parish this week as I'm on a semi retreat at the Rising Lights conference in Torquay, so forgive the shorter article!

Can I start by saying a huge THANK YOU to all who were involved in our services and events last week, including those who stepped in and allowed me a gentle return to work after 2 days in hospital. Holy Week is always busy- and it had extra challenges this year – but the gospel was preached, the good news declared and we welcomed lots of people to church on Sunday. The fun day at St Paul's also attracted huge numbers – about 3 times that of last year – and the Good Friday Walk of Witness made ITV News, in the West Country at least! Let's pray that those who came and heard of Jesus' resurrection may want to return and get to know the Risen Lord for themselves!

But what of us? How did we receive the news of the death and resurrection of Jesus? It won't have come as a shock- most of us have known the facts for many decades – but did it warm our hearts afresh? Did it produce Easter joy? Did it strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and encourage us to share the news with those who do not yet follow Jesus as their Lord? If not, then all of the work and words and music were in vain!

If that's how you feel about Easter: that it was just going through the motions, that nothing really moved you, then can I encourage you to stop and think why that might be. The weather is set fair this week, take a walk on your own and talk to God about your lack of joy in Christ. Be honest before Him; He knows it already. Then perhaps you might want to pray that the good news of the resurrection might strike you afresh, as if for the first time, that you would have the same excitement as those first disciples, and the same desire to share the news they had. For if Easter does not leave us in awe of God, and whet our appetites for more of God and for passing on the good news to others, then there is something seriously wrong in our hearts.

Fortunately, the Doctor of souls is ready to receive and revive those whose hearts have grown cold. May He do that in us! For Christ is Risen- he is Risen indeed- Hallelujah!

Grace and peace,

*Dave*

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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: 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, Beryl Crane 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 12<sup>th</sup> April.**

John, Chapter 20, verses 19 to 31

1<sup>st</sup> letter of Peter, Chapter 1, verses 1 to 12

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**Lunch with God is on TODAY! Wednesday 8th April.** Why not come along and bring a friend to hear the Easter message? Home-made hot soup, bread and tea/coffee provided free.

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## Parish Prayer Gatherings

Our next **evening** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** at St Paul's Church starting at 7 p.m. Do come and join us.

Our next **morning** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** at St Paul's Church starting at 9:15 a.m.

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**Songs of the Week** - all on the theme of the resurrection of Jesus.

[CityAlight - Rise My Soul, the Lord is Risen \(Live\)](#)

[See what a morning \(a Resurrection hymn\) by Stuart Townend](#)

[Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son!](#)

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## Good Friday Walk of Witness

Click on this link to see the ITV news report.

<https://www.itv.com/watch/news/more-than-100-people-take-part-in-good-friday-walk-of-witness-procession/tbfvzcm>

Some photos from the big event:

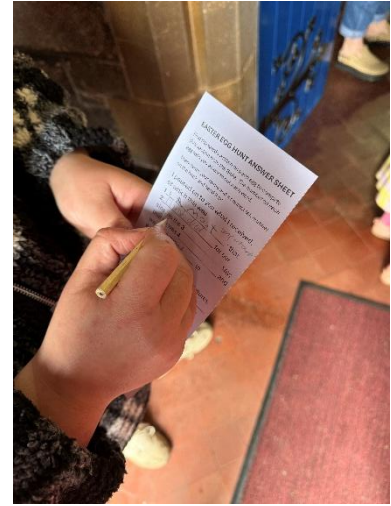




## Easter Daybreak Service



## Saturday Fun Day



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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 two separate five-week preparation courses: one for children and young people aged 12 to 18 beginning on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, and one for adults beginning on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Both at 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

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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**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is planned for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend. The meeting will include election of Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council and reports on a range of matters concerning the parish finances and running of our churches.

Please come and take part in the democratic process of the parish.

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## **Living Stones Live: a Celebration of our Church Buildings** (From Roots and Shoots, the weekly newsletter from Exeter Diocese)

*Tuesday 19 May 2026, 10:00-16:00 at St Mary the Virgin, Abbotsbury (Newton Abbot)*  
Join us for a special celebration of our church buildings! This will be an event from the Diocese of Exeter's Church Building Team, funded by the Church Commissioners Building for Mission programme. With information and guidance on:

- Understanding and sharing what is special about your church building
- Being an open and welcoming church
- Engaging with your community
- Making the most of your building
- Managing a project

Save the date, with booking details and more information coming soon in Roots & Shoots. *There is a live stream option available for those who are unable to attend in-person.*

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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.

**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.

**Baptism and Confirmation Preparation** for Teenagers begins 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

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

**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.

**Baptism and Confirmation Preparation** for Adults begins on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**321 Course** begins 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church Hall.

**Women's Breakfast.** Saturday, 9th May at 9:30 a.m. at Leisure Lounge Café.

**Annual Parochial Church Council.** 13<sup>th</sup> May 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church Hall.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### 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 Bartholomew'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.

### 26<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.

**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

Ernest Bailey. 15<sup>th</sup> April at 1:30 p.m. at Ogwell Cross Cemetery Chapel.

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

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**Churchwardens:**

All Saints': vacant

Abbotsbury: vacant

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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.

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