



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

19th April 2026.

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

Do you remember the TV show Call My Bluff? One team would give various definitions for strange words and phrases, and the opposite team had to work out who was telling the truth, and who was lying. The recent show 'Would I lie to you' is on a similar theme, only with stories from the panellist's lives.

Working out the truth from a lie on a game show is a bit of fun, but what if the people giving you options were various doctors with a range of diagnoses on a medical complaint, or surveyors reporting on a house you wanted to buy. Knowing the truth from a lie then would be so much more important, wouldn't it. How much more so is it vital that we know the truth about Jesus, and his death and resurrection!

As the gospel of Matthew tells us, rumours and lies about that event began almost as soon as Easter Day, as according to the gospel writer, the guards were paid to spread the lie that Jesus' followers had come and stolen his body away! Others have suggested that the disciples went to the wrong tomb, or even that Jesus wasn't actually dead and so simply got up and walked away after a nice lie down! Islam takes another tack and teaches that Jesus was whisked up to Heaven even before he got on the cross with a poor look-a-like taking his place, whilst some so-called Christians have suggested that Jesus rose

spiritually, not bodily, and that his body could have been found if only the disciples had known where to look. As with the previous theories, these ideas don't make sense, and they don't deal with the clear evidence or the changed lives of the disciples and their willingness to die as they proclaimed that Christ had risen!

What does it matter, you might ask. Well, it matters a lot!

Listen to Paul make that point in 1 Corinthians 15:12-14. *But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.*

Did you get that? If Christ is not raised, then no one will be raised and our faith is **USELESS!**

The resurrection of Jesus is THE most important event in human history. Without it the cross is emptied of its power, Jesus' teaching is emptied of its truth, the incarnation is nothing more than a fairy story and there is no hope beyond the grave. But if it is true- AND IT IS – then the cross becomes the guaranteed and certain means by which our sins can be forgiven and we can be drawn back to God again. If it is true- AND IT IS – then Jesus is who He claimed to be, and His words about God and His commands about living for God are trustworthy and true. And if it is true- AND IT IS – then we do indeed have a certain and glorious hope in the face of death and the final judgment. All of these wonderful doctrines rest on the physical, bodily, resurrection of Jesus to be true. But praise God Jesus was raised, and we do have such a hope!

Hallelujah -Christ is Risen - He is Risen indeed - Hallelujah!

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.

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

In our Diocesan link with Thika, we pray for Ven. Solomon Thiga, and for the clergy, parishes, and all who live and worship in the Gatundu Archdeaconry.

Residents in the following streets: Buckland Barton Cottages, Buckland Barton House. Buckland Brake, Buckland Heights, Buckland Road, Buckland View, Buller Road, Bunting Close, Burnley Close, Burnley Road.

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, and any others who are unwell.

The family and friends of Beryl Crane, a much-loved member of the St Paul's congregation, who sadly died last week.

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 19th April.

Luke Chapter 24, verses 13 to 45

1st letter of Peter, Chapter 1, verse 13 to chapter 2, verse 3

The mid-week Holy Communion Service today, 15th April, at St Paul's Church **begins at 11 a.m.** and will be followed by lunch, to which all church members are welcome.

Parish Prayer Gatherings

Our next **morning** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 20th April** at St Paul's Church starting at 9:15 a.m. Do come and join us.

Our next **evening** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 27th April** at St Paul's Church starting at 7 p.m.

Songs of the Week - new songs from the Rising Lights Conference. Have a listen!

[Christus Victor \(Amen\) | Official Lyric Video | Keith & Kristyn Getty, Cochren & Co.](#)

[How Great \(Psalm 145\) • Official Video](#)

[Eternal Father, Gracious King - Longing: Live Worship From The Keswick Convention - Lyric Video](#)



A Review of the Rising Lights Conference in Torquay

Last week a few of us from the parish went to Torquay for the Rising Lights conference, a new venture attracting around 2300 people of all ages, including 700 children. It was organised by FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches) but open to Christians from all denominations.

We had two main sessions each day – praising God in songs old and new, followed by talks from gifted speakers on the book of Philippians and the story of Moses.

In four sessions entitled “Evangelism for Ordinary People”, Glen Scrivener, who wrote the 3-2-1 course that we’ve been using in church, gave us some pointers for sharing our faith in everyday conversations.

In the afternoons Lynn got into some mind-bending sessions on engaging with pop-culture such as film, music and TikTok; and one on worship music in church. I went to 3 sessions about abortion and assisted suicide.

On Wednesday evening we heard about the Persecuted Church from Release International. We learned that over 350 million Christians are facing regular persecution. Pastors from Nigeria and Iran told us what is happening, for example, in Nigeria 33 Christians have been killed since Palm Sunday 2026! Our Nigerian brother urged us to stand firm in the faith for which they are dying.

The conference ended with the crescendo of Exodus 34, where Moses sees God's glory and God reveals his character to Moses.

It was a full-on experience, and I hope and pray that it will have a lasting impact on my life.

Why not plan to join Rising Lights 2027 in Torquay starting on Easter Monday?

Roland Buckley

Lunch with God is on TODAY! Wednesday 15th April. Why not come along and bring a friend to enjoy some home-made hot soup, bread and a hot pudding! Plus tea or coffee. This week we shall be joined by some folks from various residential homes across the town. We will all gather for our communion service at 11am, before enjoying lunch together. Come and join us!

Baptism and Confirmation Preparation

On Sunday 5th 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

There will be two separate five-week preparation courses: one for children and young people aged 12 to 18 beginning on Monday 20th April, and one for adults beginning on Tuesday 28th 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.

Prayer Quiet Morning

Following on from the Lent Prayer Course, we have arranged a quiet morning at **St John's Church, Bovey Tracey on Saturday 9th May**. Details to follow next week, but for now, why not book that time and come along!

A Charity Coffee Morning will be held at St Bartholemew's Church, Ogwell 24th April at 10:30 a.m.

This is in addition to the charity coffee morning at St Paul's on the 25th April from 10 a.m. in aid of RNLI.

St George's Day. A short service to mark St George's Day will be held at St Mary's Church, Wolborough on Thursday 23rd April at 12 noon.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is planned for Wednesday 13th 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.



Bishop's Open Garden

The garden of the Bishop's Palace is one of the best-kept secrets in Exeter. It covers three acres and is one of the most ancient in Devon. Bounded by the old Roman bank and city wall to the east and by the Cathedral to the west, it is a haven of peace in the middle of the city.

The Palace, Palace Gate, Exeter, EX1 1HY
What3Words belt.hours.inches

Sunday 26 April

Sunday 10 May and 17 May

2pm - 4.30pm

£5 suggested donation (card payments welcome)

Please note the garden does not have suitable access for wheelchairs or mobility scooters

Charity Registration Number: 1189807

More Information:

www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk

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Guided Tree Tours
on 10 May at
2.15pm
3.00pm
3.45pm

Tea/coffee and cake
available in the
Palace Porch



3-2-1 Course. Seeing God, the world and ourselves through the lens of Jesus and the good news of the Christian faith.
For four Tuesdays beginning 28th April, 7 p.m. at St Paul's. Details are on postcard invitations available in our churches.

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.

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

Craft Club. 21st April at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

St George's Day Service at St Mary's Church, Wolborough on Thursday 23rd April at 12 noon.

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

Charity Coffee Morning. 24th April from 10:30 a.m. at St Bartholemew's Church, Ogwell.

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

3-2-1 Course starts 28th April, at 7 p.m. for 4 weeks at St Paul's.

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

Prayer Quiet Morning. 9th May at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 13th May, 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church Hall.

CHURCH SERVICES

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.

26th 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.

3rd May

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, 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.

FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

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

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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.
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OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

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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 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