



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

10th May 2026. Rogation Sunday

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

In the last of these columns focusing on evidence for the resurrection of Jesus, I want to take a look at the person at the centre of the account: Jesus himself. Because when we look at who Jesus was, His full divinity and perfect humanity, and when we consider the authority and power He had, the resurrection should come as no surprise. This was Jesus. There was simply no way death could hold Him. He just had to rise.

That's why I hated the most recent James Bond film- No Time To Die- because at the end (spoiler alert!) Bond finds that there is, in fact, a time for him to die. Oh, it is an heroic death, he dies saving the world and saving the girls whilst bringing retribution and justice down on the head of the evil XX. But he dies whilst doing so. And that just isn't Bond. Bond regularly puts his life on the line, but he always wins, he always escapes, he always survives to fight another day. We all know that. We've seen the films! As the stories unfold and all seems lost, we know as viewers that there will be that climatic scene when Bond finds himself caught in a massive explosion and where it seems as if he cannot survive this, but then, through a vast cloud of smoke, Bond rides forth on a speedboat, an aeroplane or fast car as the music beats out that familiar tune! If Bond is to be Bond- then

he cannot die. It's not in his character or make-up. Death, for Bond, runs against his true nature.

Of course, James Bond is just a work of fiction. Not so with Jesus. He is a real deathdefeating hero.

For a start John's gospel tells us, *'that in him was life.'* (John 1:1-4) If that is the case, if Jesus is the source of all life, the one through whom all creation came into being, the one who sustains all life (See Colossians 1:15-18), then killing Jesus and ending his life is as impossible as stopping gravity.

The gospels also show us that Jesus has power over death. There are 3 occasions when Jesus shows this ability. He raises Lazarus from the dead in John 11. He raises Jairus' daughter in Luke 8 and, and He encounters a crowd on the way to bury the son of a widow of Nain, he touches the corpse and brings him back to life again- see Luke 7.

Jesus also claims to offer all who come to him a new and eternal life that starts now and goes on for eternity. Think of his conversation with Nicodemus in John 3, or the woman at the well in John 4. The words of Jesus in John 14- our gospel reading last week- make this even clearer. Jesus can take us through death and into eternity. This is true life with God in all his glory in a new and restored creation where sin and death and suffering and pain are no more!

And that's before we've acknowledged that Jesus' life bringing ability flows from his true nature as fully and utterly divine. As the Nicene Creed puts it: *Jesus is the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light. True God from True God. Begotten not made. Of one being with the Father, from whom all things were made.*

Because of His divine nature, Jesus could not be fully and finally killed. No matter what forces were arrayed against him, Jesus' eternal and glorious light could not be extinguished.

Oh, His human nature could die- and Jesus was at the same time fully divine and fully and completely human. So Jesus did feel pain and hunger; He grew tired and weary; He felt fear and anxiety. He grieved the loss of loved one and knew temptation – almost certainly to a far greater extent that we ever will. And because He was also fully human, His human nature could die. And Jesus, in His human nature, did die bearing *'our sins, in his body on the cross...'* (1 Peter 2:24). At just after 3pm on that first Good Friday, Jesus breathed His last, gave up His spirit and died. Not long after that, His body was taken down and He was buried, just as the gospel accounts tell us.

But death would not hold Him. It could not hold Him. And it did not hold Him! Jesus did rise again on the third day, and He was seen by all those witnesses. Their testimonies about Him were true, and it was this fact that changed their lives and, through their lives and witness and the spread of the gospel, changed our world. May it continue to change us also!

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 Pakistan (United)

The farmers and agricultural workers in Devon.

Residents in the following streets: Coach Place, Coach Road, College Road, Collett Way, Coniston Close, Coombeshead Road, Cornflower Way. Coronation Road, Coronation Road, St. Annes Court, and Court Mews.

The sick and suffering in our parishes and any others who are unwell.

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 10th May

John Chapter 14, Verses 15 to 21

1st Letter of Peter Chapter 3, verses 1 to 22

Parish Prayer Gatherings

Our next **evening** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 11th May** at St Paul's Church starting at 7 p.m.

Our next **morning** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 18th May** at St Paul's Church starting at 9:15 a.m.

Do come and join us.

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.



COME. HOLY SPIRIT: A MORNING PRAYER RETREAT
THE PARAKLÉTOS - IN US, THROUGH US, ALONGSIDE US

Please join Dave, Alan, and Gareth for a meaningful morning of guided prayer and reflection.

This retreat is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with the skills learned during our Lent Prayer Course, but it is equally open to anyone seeking a dedicated space for quiet reflection and connection. We will spend the morning exploring the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives, featuring a blend of:

- Guided activities
- Times of silence
- Shared conversation

We will conclude the morning by sharing lunch together.

DATE: 9TH MAY
TIME: 9.30 AM ARRIVAL FOR A 10:00 AM START
WHERE: ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL (WICKHAM HALL) ON ASHBURTON ROAD IN BOVEY TRACEY

Women's Breakfast. There is no Women's Breakfast on 9th May because the Prayer Morning is on the same day. We will resume on 13th June.

Video of the Week

This 8-minute video gives a great summary of the background and content of 1 Peter, the letter we are studying each Sunday. Why not grab a coffee and watch it.

[Book of 1 Peter Summary | Watch an Overview Video](#)

Charity Coffee Mornings will be held at:

St Paul's Church on Saturday 30th May, and

St Bartholomew's Church on Friday 29th May

THAT Foodbank



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.

Prayer Retreat. 9th May 9:30 a.m. at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey.

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

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 16th May, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

St Joseph's Quiz Night. Saturday 16th May, 7 p.m. at St Joseph's Church Hall.

Living Stones Seminar. Tuesday 19th May 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

Craft Club. 19th May at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church

Charity Coffee Morning. 29th May from 10 a.m. at St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell.

Charity Coffee Morning. 30th May from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of Alzheimer's Research.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 13th June at 9:30 a.m. at Leisure Lounge Café.

Youth Group for ages 11 to 17 at The Avenue Church on 26th June, 7.30 to 9 p.m. No meeting in May.

CHURCH SERVICES

10th May

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

All Saints' Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

17th May

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.

24th May

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.

FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

Beryl Crane. 6th May. 2:30 p.m. at St Paul's Church

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

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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 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@newtonbbotparishes.co.uk