



# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

**31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 *Trinity Sunday***

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- Invitation to two special women's breakfasts: Summer with the Holy Spirit not to mention a men's breakfast!

## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

Dear friends, **2026 Issue 21**: 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

This coming Sunday we will be celebrating the wonder of the glorious Trinity- that our God is Three in One: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The very thought of the Trinity often has us scratching our heads. But as one person has put it: *'The Trinity isn't a maths problem to be solved, but the wonderful truth that from all eternity God IS love, with the Father forever loving the Son in the joy of the Holy Spirit.'* It is the fact that God is, and has always, been 1 God in 3 persons that means we can be certain that at the core of His being, God is Love. A solitary deity would have had to create in order to truly love, because love needs an object. Not the God of the Bible. He has always loved. It is who He is and what He does, both within the Trinity and in showering His love on us and the world.

Many, many pages, essays and books have been written trying to explain the inner workings of the Trinity. Much of that is helpful in allowing us to avoid some of the errors that plagued the

church during its first few centuries. (*Do read some early church history if you'd like to find out more!*) But across time the church affirmed the truths found in the pages of the Bible. God is One, and He is Three. United in substance but different in personhood. So the Father is God; the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God. The deity of Jesus is why we can have absolute confidence that His death on the cross was sufficient to pay for our sins and the sins of all who repent and believe. The deity of the Holy Spirit gives us solid confidence in the scriptures, which He inspired and directed, and in our experience of God's love and peace now. The Spirit in us is '*a deposit guaranteeing what is to come,*' a foretaste of the eternal joy that awaits us in the presence of God in the new creation.

If you want to read more on the Trinity and why it matters to us on a daily basis, can I suggest this book: *The Good God* by Michael Reeves. It's wonderfully accessible and will warm your heart as well as helping you think more clearly about one of the great mysteries of the Christian faith.

It's available from our linked online bookstore (see the resources page on our church website!) and from plenty of other places too.

The diversity in the Trinity is also a reminder that there is diversity in the Church too. Not on core beliefs, we can't move from those, but on so much else. The worldwide Christian church has an almost infinite number of worship styles and building styles. Meetings are as varied as the people attending.

To a lesser degree, that's true in our own parish too. One of our core values is that of being **VARIED: We are committed to offering a rich variety of worship styles across our churches to ensure that there is a home for everyone.** This coming Sunday being a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday we have the opportunity to show that we really do value this variety in practice, not just in thought, by gathering together at **Abbotsbury Church at 10:30am** for our joint parish worship. The style will be different to any of our other churches, more relaxed, less liturgy, no robes and worship songs that may be unfamiliar to many in our parish. But we will be singing the praises of the same God, hearing from the same Scriptures, and gathering around the same table that reminds us of the one sacrifice for sin we celebrate and remember in our own churches.

So can I please encourage you all most strongly to come along and enjoy the variety of worship we offer in our parish. It might not be your preferred style, but it will be no less true worship. Your presence on Sunday will be a demonstration of your commitment to the growth of the whole Church of God across this parish and a means of encouragement to everyone else who gathers.

We serve and worship a God who is 1 in 3. We are a single parish that is 1 in 5! Let's rejoice in that variety this weekend

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.

## **Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda**

**For the churches of the Saint Pancras Mission Community**, their clergy Lawrence Braschi, Norma Baker, Phillip Baul CA, LLM Paul Lumb, and for all who live and worship in Saint Pancras Pennycross.

**Residents in the following streets:** Devon Square, Drake Road, East Street, Eastwood Crescent, Elizabeth Square, Elm Road, Elmwood Avenue, Emblett Drive and Exeter Road

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

**GIVE THANKS- for the safe arrival of Anna Mirembe Muluuta-** daughter to our mission partners Rachael and Bernie. Please continue to pray for Rachael as she recovers and for all of them as they adjust to a very new way of life!

And of course welcome and pray for baby Oscar and his parents Alicia and Keith at Abbotsbury.

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 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Matthew chapter 28, verses 16 to 20

1 Corinthians chapter 13, verses 5 to 14

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## **Parish Prayer Gatherings**

Our next **evening** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** at St Paul's Church starting at 7 p.m.

Our next **morning** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** at St Paul's Church starting at 9:15 a.m.

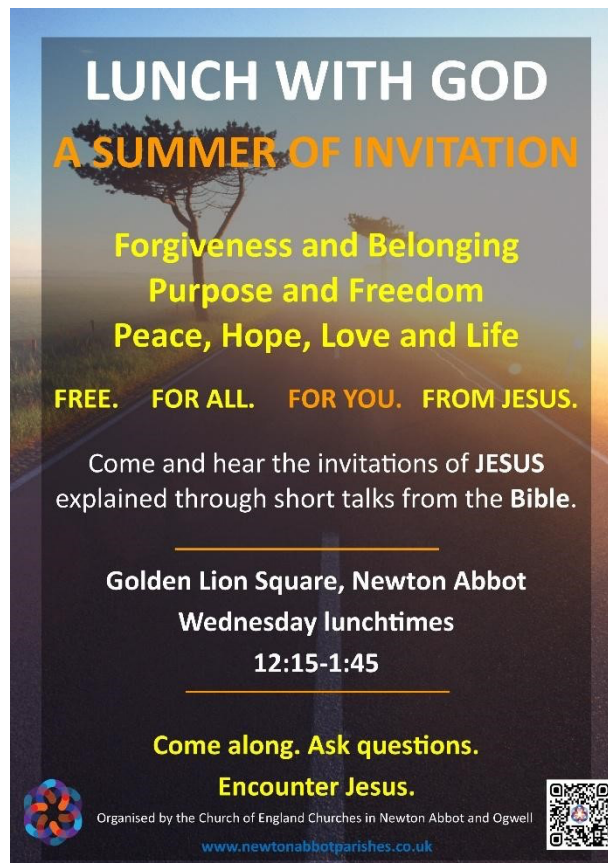
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## Lunch With God Returns with a *Summer of Invitation!*

Every Wednesday from 12:15 to 1:45, until the end of September, Lunch with God will be in Golden Lion Square. Over that 90 minutes there will be a short talk (repeated 3 times), an invitation to ask questions about Jesus and the Christian faith and lots of freebies (Bibles, booklets, tracts) to give away.

Our focus will be on the invitations Jesus gives to come to him and all that He offers. So please can you **pray** for the team: for boldness and clarity and for wisdom in the talks and questions, for grace and kindness in our conversations, and for God to use this witness to bring people to himself.

And please would you **come** at least once over the summer. A crowd draws a crowd, so having people listen is a great help. And who knows, just being there might help equip you to share your faith with others.



**LUNCH WITH GOD**  
**A SUMMER OF INVITATION**

**Forgiveness and Belonging**  
**Purpose and Freedom**  
**Peace, Hope, Love and Life**


**FREE. FOR ALL. FOR YOU. FROM JESUS.**

Come and hear the invitations of **JESUS** explained through short talks from the **Bible**.

**Golden Lion Square, Newton Abbot**  
**Wednesday lunchtimes**  
**12:15-1:45**

**Come along. Ask questions.**  
**Encounter Jesus.**

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[www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](http://www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)



### SONG OF THE WEEK

This coming Sunday we will be celebrating Trinity Sunday, and we will sing this version of the Nicene Creed which wonderfully proclaims the truth of our trinitarian God- Father Son and Holy Spirit. Have a listen so you can join in with great gusto on Sunday morning.

[CityAlight - The God We Love \(Nicene Creed\) feat. Matt Redman](#)

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## COMING EVENTS

**Lunch with God.** Wednesdays at Golden Lion Square 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. Free soup and hot drink. Bible teaching.

**Charity Coffee Mornings.** 30<sup>th</sup> May from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of Alzheimer's Research, and 29<sup>th</sup> May at St Bartholomew's Church.

**Craft Club.** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Wildlife monitoring** at St Bartholomew's Church on 7<sup>th</sup> June at 11 a.m.

**Women's Breakfast.** Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30 a.m. at Leisure Lounge Café.

**Men's Breakfast.** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

**Parochial Church Council.** 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

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

**Charity Coffee Morning.** 27<sup>th</sup> June from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of Alzheimer's Research.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### 31<sup>st</sup> May

Abbotsbury Church, Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

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

St Luke's Church, Evensong at 5 p.m.

### 7<sup>th</sup> June

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, Matins (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.

### 14<sup>th</sup> June

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

**David (Sandy) Vaughan Edwards.** Memorial Service. 12<sup>th</sup> June. 12:30 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough

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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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