



# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

By the time you read this Judy and I will be enjoying time away from work: not answering the phone or replying to emails or planning sermons or taking services or visiting etc etc. It's made more difficult because our home is where my work is... but such breaks are much needed, in fact, God commands us to take them.

In the ancient world only the rich and powerful took time off. Slaves and most ordinary workers worked 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. Rest only came at the end of a long hard day or when illness or infirmity made it impossible to work.

That was the way of the world until the God of the Bible spoke his good Law to Moses and called his people to obey. Nehemiah describes them this way: *"You came down on Mount Sinai; you spoke to them from heaven. You gave them regulations and laws that are just and right, and decrees and commands that are good. <sup>14</sup> You made known to them your holy Sabbath and gave them commands, decrees and laws through your servant Moses."* I wonder if that's how we see God's laws? As just and right and good? Designed to bring us close to God and to bring us life?

The goodness of God is there in all of the commandments but perhaps seen most clearly in the 4<sup>th</sup>: *"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labour and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall*

*not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”*

This was a revolutionary idea! A day of rest each week? For all the people: Jews and Gentiles, rich, poor and slave alike? Yes. Why? Because the Lord rested from his work of creation, we too should rest from our work.

Up until relatively recently the Sabbath- our Sunday -was a day of rest. Shops and businesses were closed; there was no organised sport and little to do except go to Church and be with your biological and spiritual family. Life in the UK is not like that anymore, and despite our demands for greater freedom to do what we want on a Sunday, I would argue that the changing regulations have led to greater slavery to work and money and sport and all the little gods that take us away from the rest we need and from worship of the One True God.

In recent weeks Judy and I have been thinking through how Sunday can be a day of rest **from** work and a day to rest **in** God. That's hard as a Vicar - apart from holidays I work every Sunday! But there are some ways to make it a different day. Church is a must wherever possible - even when we are away. But at home, we've been changing what we watch and read, making time for family (especially our church family) in hospitality, taking the time to slowly enjoy God's good world with a walk, and ending the day in prayer together- thanking God for his presence and provision.

Time away is like that- only for several days at a time - and Judy and I would value your prayers for refreshment and peace on this break from work. But we can all seek to take our weekly Sabbaths more seriously, taking a break from work, leaving preparation for the week ahead to one side, spending quality time with God and with family and thanking Him for His good gifts.

Which one could you implement to make your Sabbath more of a day of both physical and spiritual refreshment?

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.

### **The Scottish Episcopal Church**

**For the churches of the Shirwell Mission Community**, their clergy Rosie Austin, Katie Welborn van Santen, and for all who live and worship in Shirwell, Loxhore, Kentisbury, East Down with Arlington, Challacombe, and Bratton Fleming with Stoke Rivers.

**Residents in the following streets:** Fairfield Terrace, Fallowfield Close, Fern Road, Fisher Road, Flete Avenue, Flete Close, Forches Cross Road, Forde Close and Forde Park.

**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](mailto:prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk) to let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

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

Matthew chapter 9, verses 9 to 13

1 Peter chapter 2, verses 12 to 19

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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 15<sup>th</sup> June** at St Paul's Church starting at 9:15 a.m.

Do come and join us as we pray together.

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**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 for** the baby born to Abbotsbury couple Alicia and Keith Ireland, Oscar: a brother for Lucas.

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## Talk of the Week

I listened to a podcast this week from The Gospel Coalition. It was a talk from the USA Women's Convention last year on the topic of continuing in faith through times of suffering called '**Finding Hope when Life Falls Apart.**' It was an amazing talk. The woman speaking contracted polio in India as a child, endured multiple operations as a child and faced abuse and mocking from her peers. After getting married she lost several children through miscarriages and faced the death of a young child before her marriage broke up when her husband left her for another woman. Her health is now failing as she had developed a common post-polio condition.

Facing such a long list of trials might leave most people reeling, angry and doubting- and she has gone through all those emotions. But the overwhelming feeling was one of thankfulness, hope and confidence in the goodness- yes, you did read that right! – the GOODNESS of God.

If you have or do or might ever face difficult times- this talk would be of great value. Do listen to it or watch it here: [Finding Hope When Life Falls Apart](#)

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## **Special Women's Breakfasts this summer. Summer with the Holy Spirit.**

Open to women from across our 5 churches, these 2 breakfasts follow on from Summer with the father, and Summer with the Shepherd held at the Rectory over the past 2 years.

The invitation is here, but booking is essential as places are limited.

Email Judy on [mrsvicar16@gmail.com](mailto:mrsvicar16@gmail.com) or telephone 01626 335862.

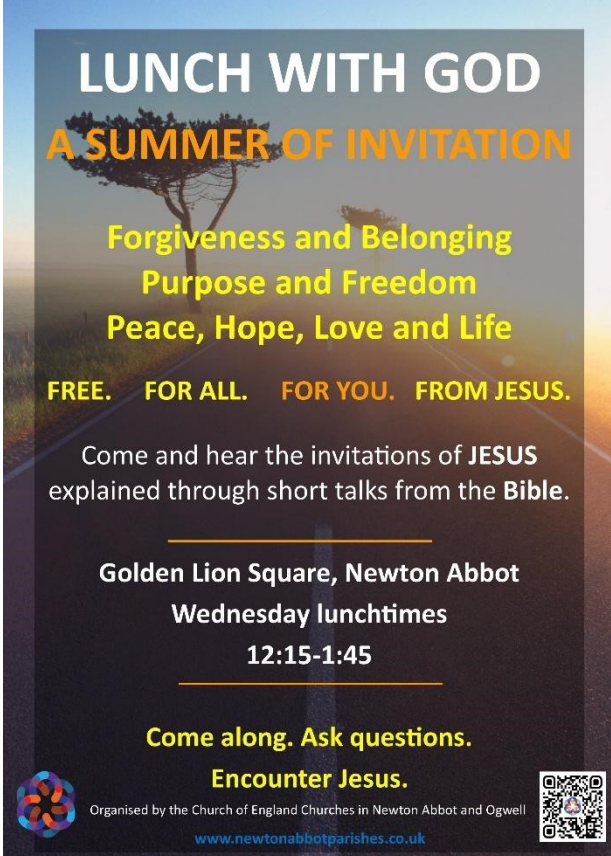


## Lunch With God Returns with a *Summer of Invitation!*

Continuing this 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.**

Organised by the Church of England Churches in Newton Abbot and Ogwell  
[www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](http://www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)



**THE HIGHWEEK VILLAGE HALL AND  
THE 1ST HIGHWEEK SCOUT GROUP  
BRING YOU THE**

# **HIGHWEEK VILLAGE SHOW DAY**

**Saturday 11th July 2026**

**AT THE HIGHWEEK VILLAGE SCOUT HUT,  
HOWTON ROAD, HIGHWEEK, TQ12 1QH**

**Exhibits Hall - Craft Stalls - Fair Games**  
**Tortoise Racing - Treasure Hunt**  
**Ice creams - Facepainting - Magician**  
**Live Music - Grand Raffle**  
**And much more!**

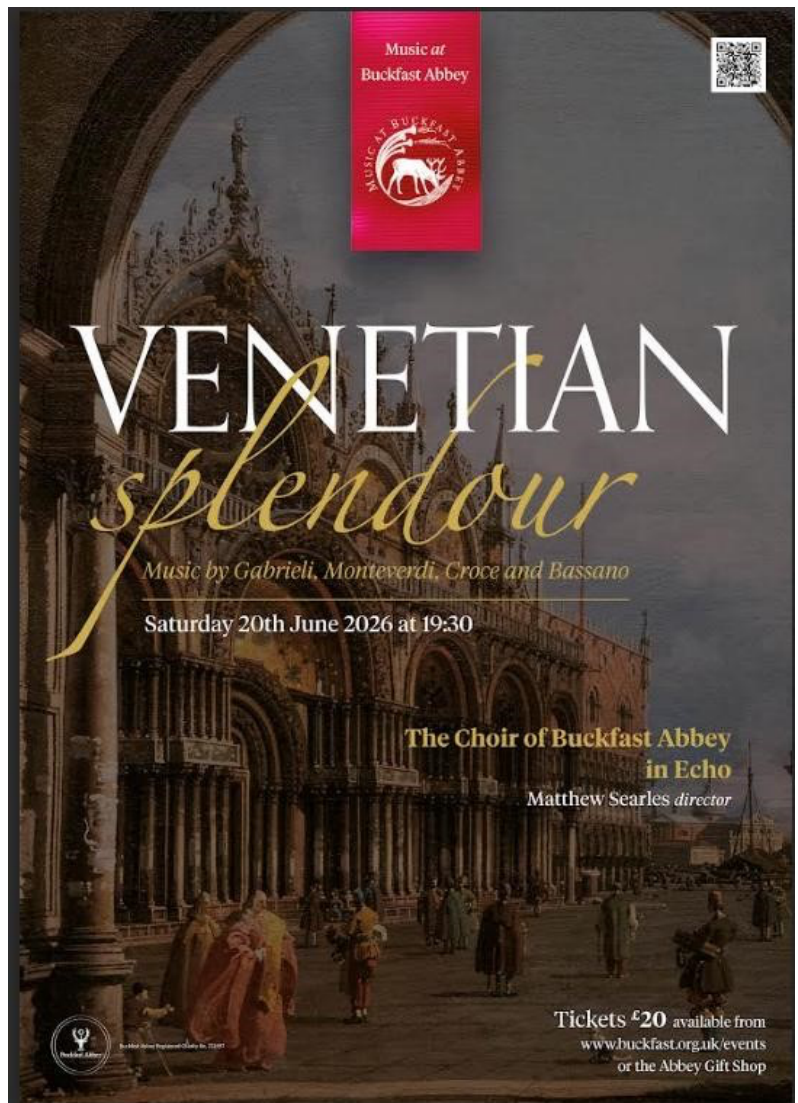
**All welcome - fun for the whole family**

For more information and updates, visit  
[highweekvillagehall.org](http://highweekvillagehall.org), or follow  
[@highweekvillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/highweekvillagehall) on Facebook

**£1 ENTRY  
GATES OPEN  
AT 2PM**

On Saturday 20th June at 7:30pm, the **Choir of Buckfast Abbey** will present **Venetian Splendour**, a vibrant programme celebrating the golden age of sacred music in Venice. Joined by the **periodinstrument ensemble 'In Echo'**, the choir will perform magnificent works by Giovanni **Gabrieli**, Claudio **Monteverdi**, Giovanni **Croce** and their contemporaries, recreating the rich and sonorous sound world of **St Mark's Basilica**.

The concert explores the splendour of the **Venetian polychoral tradition**, in which singers and instrumentalists were placed in different galleries to create striking musical dialogues and resplendent sonorities. **Performed in the spacious setting of Buckfast Abbey**, this promises to be an atmospheric and uplifting evening of music from one of the most remarkable periods in European sacred music.



For more information and to book tickets, visit [www.buckfast.org.uk/events/venetian-splendour/](http://www.buckfast.org.uk/events/venetian-splendour/)

**Coffee Morning at St Paul's Church.** There was a disappointing result last Saturday. Only £137.50 was raised for Alzheimer's. Research.

**THAT Foodbank** would appreciate donations of:



## COMING EVENTS

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

**Charity Coffee Mornings.** 27<sup>th</sup> June from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of Prostate Cancer Research, and 26<sup>th</sup> June at St Bartholomew's Church.

**Craft Club.** 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.

**Venetian Splendour Choral Concert** 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30 p.m. at Buckfast Abbey.  
See [www.buckfast.org.uk/events/venetian-splendour/](http://www.buckfast.org.uk/events/venetian-splendour/)

**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.

**Special Women's Breakfasts. Summer with the Holy Spirit.** 4<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August at 8:30 a.m. at the Rectory. Book with Judy by email at [mrsvicar16@gmail.com](mailto:mrsvicar16@gmail.com) or telephone 01626 335862.

**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.

**Highweek Village Show.** 11<sup>th</sup> July, from 2 p.m. at the Scout Hut in Howton Road. See [www.highweekvillagehall.org](http://www.highweekvillagehall.org)

# CHURCH SERVICES

## 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.

## 21<sup>st</sup> June

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

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

**Ruth Parkhouse.** 15<sup>th</sup> June 11 a.m. at All Saints' Church.

**Jean Owen.** 17<sup>th</sup> June 1 p.m. at St Mary's Church

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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. 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:  
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**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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