



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

28th June 2026

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

Last week, along with around 200 other Rectors, Vicars, Curates and Ordinands, I attended the Exeter Diocesan Clergy Conference at the Royal Agricultural University in Cirencester. The title was *roots, shoots and fruits* – and through a range of talks and seminars we were encouraged to stay rooted in Christ and the gospel, to be active as churches, seeking to send the shoots of new life into our communities so that we- and the churches we represent - bear the fruits of growth in Christlikeness and growth in numbers. Many of the talks, included from Rowan Williams and Rachel Gardner focussed on these topics, and the range of seminars backed them up with practical help and ideas. As well as a good time meeting with colleagues from across the Diocese, the conference gave us all a lot to think about.

The PCC will have its own discussions this week as we welcome Jeremy Putnam, the Diocesan Mission Enabler to our meeting on Wednesday. He will be talking to us about 'Unlocking our Missional DNA.' That is, helping all 5 churches in the Parish to be outward facing and mission focussed. The role of churches is not just to be holy huddles or religious clubs for the keen, it is to share the gospel of Jesus with the world- both in our parish and further afield- so that we play our part in completing Jesus' great commission.

We already do a good deal of this - Lunch with God in the Town Centre and Party in the Park being two examples, but we can, and should, be doing more. What might that look like for your worshipping community? Look out for fresh opportunities to get involved with over the coming months!

But it is not just as a parish or as individual churches that we are called to witness, but as individual Christians. In fact, for good or ill, we are already doing it, whether we realise it or not!

What do I mean by that? I mean that once people know we are Christians, they will be looking at our lives and listening to our words to see what difference being a Christian makes to us! We don't need to do a special course for that: it happens naturally, whether we often open our mouths to speak of Jesus or never speak a word about our faith. So, the question isn't whether we witness to Jesus, but **HOW** we witness to Jesus? Do we exhibit the peace that the deep peace that Jesus gives, or are we bundles of fear? Do we love one another and keep the bonds of peace that Jesus has established, or are we just as critical and negative about the church as those outside often are? Do our lives have the aroma of Christ, or of the world?

Perhaps that's a question we might all mull over: what image of Jesus do we project to our friends, family and neighbours? Is there anything different about our lifestyle, our ambitions, the way we speak about others or the way we face troubles and hardships that shows to the world that Jesus is Lord of all and that we belong to him?

We can plan wonderful outreach events that attract great crowds, and I hope we will do more of this in the future, but the best and most effective witness to the goodness of God and the beauty of Jesus is and always has been found in the lives of Christians who live and speak in ways that shine with the love and glory of Jesus.

May God help us be witnesses like that!

Blessings,

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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa

All those ordained this weekend at Exeter Cathedral, including our Curate, Rev Jonathan Bealey. We give thanks for their commitment to serve your church. We pray that as they start their ministry, you would help them to fix their eyes on you and that they would be led by the Spirit. We pray that you would bless their ministry as they serve our churches of Devon with joy.

Residents in the following streets: Grenville Close, Greycoat Lane, Haccombe Path, Halcyon Road, Haldon Close, Haldon Rise, Hameldown Way, Hamilton Drive and Hampton Road.

The sick and suffering in our parishes 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 to let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

Readings for 28th June

Abbotsbury and St Paul's Churches: Matthew Chapter 10, verses 40 to 42, and
Isaiah Chapter 41

St Bartholomew's and St Mary's Churches: Genesis Chapter 18, verses 1 to 15 and
Matthew Chapter 10, verses 40 to 42

Parish Prayer Gatherings

Our next **morning** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 29th June** at St Paul's Church starting at 9:15 a.m.

Our next **evening** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 6th July** at St Paul's Church starting at 7 p.m.

Do come and join us as we pray together.

Rev. Jon Bealey's Ordination will take place at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 27th June at 3 p.m. Admission by ticket only.

It will also be available on the Diocese You Tube channel.

You can click on this link: https://youtube.com/@cofedevon?si=hAdGG86T_kiap5m9

Party in the Park - Saturday 4th July 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Courtenay Park

Once again, our Parish will have a stall at the Rotary Club's Party in the Park. We need lots of volunteers to talk to passers-by, supervise simple games and be witnesses to Jesus in our words and welcome.

If you could help for 90 minutes or so on the day- please email Dave.

We had a great time in each of the last 2 years, why not come and join us on the stall?

Talk of the Week

I listened to this wonderful sermon earlier this week, given by Timothy Keller at Redeemer Church New York. If, in the midst of trying circumstances, you have ever doubted God's love for you, Tim's talk from Isaiah 49 will give you reasons for confident hope.

[Can A Mother Forget? - Gospel in Life](#)

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

There are still a few spaces for women from across our 5 churches to join Judy at these 2 breakfasts on 4th July and 1st August.

The invitation is here: But booking is essential as places are limited.

Email Judy on mrsvicar16@gmail.com or tel 01626 335862.



Christians Against Poverty – A letter from Tim Wigley

Dear supporters of CAP Teignbridge,

CAP UK have just released their Client Report 2026.

Below is the link to access the report, which makes interesting reading.

CLIENT REPORT 2026 <https://bynder.capuk.org/asset/cd7db870-c8e7-45a0-9225-ea0eb4faa248/Stronger-together-Client-report-2026.pdf>

Some interesting facts from the report...

- 49% of clients surveyed borrowed money to pay for their regular food shop*
- 41% of new clients are in deep poverty (50% of the median UK income)*
- Over 35,00 people have become Debt Free since CAP began 30 years ago*

Please feel free to pass on to others who may be interested, for prayer and insight into the work of CAP nationwide.

Thank you for helping to make this ministry possible.

God bless you

Tim

Tim Wigley

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COMING EVENTS

Parochial Church Council. 24th June at 7 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

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

Youth Group for ages 11 to 17 at The Avenue Church on 26th June, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

Charity Coffee Morning. 27th June from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of Prostate Cancer Research.

Jon Bealey's Ordination 27th June at 3 p.m. Watch on You Tube

https://youtube.com/@cofedevon?si=hAdGG86T_kiap5m9

Denbury Auction of Promises. 1st July. 7 p.m. at the Union Inn.

Special Women's Breakfasts. Summer with the Holy Spirit. 4th July and 1st August at 8:30 a.m. at the Rectory. Book with Judy by email at mrsvicar16@gmail.com or telephone 01626 335862.

Party in the Park in Courtenay Park, 4th July 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Dave if you can help on the Parish's stall.

Baptism and Confirmation Service on 5th July at 11 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

Craft Club. 7th and 21st July at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 11th July at 9:30 a.m. at Leisure Lounge Café.

Highweek Village Show. 11th July, from 2 p.m. at the Scout Hut in Howton Road. See www.highweekvillagehall.org

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

CHURCH SERVICES

28th 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.

5th July

Abbotsbury Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.
St Bartholomew'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.

12th July

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.

PARISH CONTACTS

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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@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk