



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

19th July 2026

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends

One of the great joys living in Newton Abbot is the proximity of the sea! And whilst I still prefer the vast and wild untouched beaches of northwestern Scotland and the sun-soaked warm-sea beaches of the Mediterranean or Caribbean, it is always a delight to be able to walk along the coasts that are just a few minutes' drive from our home. And even though I am nowhere near brave enough to swim in the sea all year round, Judy and I have already enjoyed a few swims this summer.

Perhaps you know where I'm coming from. Perhaps you feel the pull of the sea that John Edward Masefield wrote about in his poem **Sea Fever**: '*I must go down to the sea again, to the lonely sea and the sky...*' I am a self-confessed sea-aholic. I can't get enough of it! If I had to explain why, there would be many reasons. The vastness and beauty of the ocean. The power of the waves. The immense variety of life that lives beneath. And the wonder that all this came from the mouth of God as He spoke it into being.

Genesis 1 puts it like this:

²⁰ And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures..." ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves

about in it, according to their kinds... And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas..."

There are times in life when we can feel as if the world revolves around us, either as individuals or as human beings. But a few minutes gazing at the vastness, power and hiddenness of the ocean helps put that into perspective. Compared to the waves we have very little power. Compared to the vastness of the ocean, we are insignificantly small. And despite having God-given minds to grasp great truths of science and religion, the mysteries of the deep show us the limit to our knowledge. The sea humbles us - as so it should. But it also shows us the might and power of God. For all the power and vastness and variety in the world's oceans were created by, as they are still shaped and controlled by, the power of God's spoken word. He spoke, and it was...

So, if you've grown so accustomed to the nearness of the sea that you haven't visited lately, can I encourage you to find the time to head back to the coast once more. Stand on the cliff or promenade and look out to sea. Marvel at its beauty and power and praise the God who made it all. And if you can't get there for a while, the song below might help you to worship our ocean-making, sea-taming God from the comfort of your own home:

Behold Our God

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.

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

The churches of the North Dartmoor Mission Community, their clergy Nick McKinnel, Helen Blaine, John Parmiter and Jacqueline Parmiter, LLW Wez Cutler, LLMs Jill Hobbs, Jeanette Wilmot, Lionel Holmes, Kay Pyne, Ros Pugsley and for all who live and worship in Chagford, Drewsteignton, Hittisleigh, Spreyton, Gidleigh with Throwleigh, South Tawton with South Zeal, Moretonhampstead, Manaton, North Bovey and Lustleigh.

Residents in the following streets: Hill Road, Hillmans Road, Hilton Road, Hockmore Drive, Holbeam Close, Hopkins Lane, Howards Way, Howton Lane and Howton Road.

The sick and suffering including: Sheila F, Sally F, Marie G, Martyn, Eve T, David L, Ted P, Cherie G, Ryan H, Orla P, John and Joyce S and their family, Anna C Peter W, Karen H, Adam B, Ann J and any others who are unwell.

Ben, Sarah and family as they care for Noah.

The families and friends of the recently deceased.

Please let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

Readings for 19th July

Abbotsbury and St Paul's Churches: Matthew Chapter 13, verses 24 to 30, and 36 to 43,
and Isaiah Chapter 43, verse 18 to Chapter 44, verse 5

St Bartholomew's and St Mary's Churches: Genesis Chapter 24, verses 1 to 18, and
Matthew Chapter 13, verses 24 to 30, and 36 to 43

Parish Prayer Gatherings

Our next **evening** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 20th July** at St Paul's Church starting at 7 p.m.

Our next **morning** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 27th July** at St Paul's Church starting at 9:15 a.m.

Over August we will be pausing our weekly prayer gatherings, starting again on Monday 7th September at 9:15 a.m.

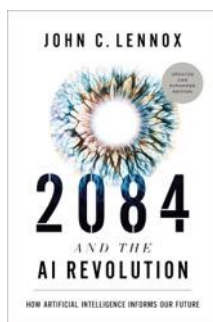
Morning Prayer Service, Coffee, Tea and Cake every Thursday at All Saints' Church, Highweek at 9 a.m. starts on 16th July.

The service will be based on the Book of Common Prayer followed by an opportunity to meet and make friends.



Book of the Week- 2084 and the AI Revolution.

If you want to dive into the world of AI and think through what it is, what it might become and how AI interacts with our Christian faith, then the revised edition of John Lennox's book would be a great place to start. Intertwining science and theology, Lennox gives credible **responses** to the daunting questions that AI poses, and shows that Christianity has some very serious, sensible, evidence-based **things to say** about the nature of our quest for superintelligence.



Copies are available at all the usual places!

Buy a Bible for a School Leaver

Each year the Parish buys one of these Bibles for each of the Year 6 children leaving All Saint's Marsh and Wolborough Church of England Primary Schools. They cost £13 each, meaning the cost is over £600.

If you'd like to sponsor one or more Bibles this year, please make your donation in an envelope marked School Bibles and place it in the offering.

Alternatively, if you use the tap and pay machines at church, make your donation £13:00 and we will see what the gift is for.

Thank you.



Easter Garden Competition for Residential Homes

Kim Martin, our Anna Chaplain, ran a competition with the residential homes around Newton Abbot, to design an Easter Garden, and to describe, paint or write a short piece on what their experience of attending St Paul's for Holy Communion, meant to them.

The winning entry would win £50 book token for their residents.

The competition was eventually won by the residents of Wolborough Residential Home and we were pleased to invite our Mayor, Louise Cook, to present the book token to the winners.

This photo shows a picture of the Easter Garden and the words used by the residents describing their thoughts of their visit to St Paul's.

Left to right: Kim (activities officer at Wolborough), Jean (resident), Mayor, Louise Cook, Anna Chaplain,



Warm thanks to all who took part in this competition and a Big Well Done to Wolborough Residential Home.

Parish Office.

Over the next few weeks, the office opening times will be sporadic. Mel will be mainly working from home.

If you leave a message on the answering machine (01626 211346), or send an email (office@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk), she will respond.



Evensong will be held at **West Ogwell Church** at **5 p.m.** on **26th July**.

Parking is permitted in the grounds of Gaia House, but **please be very quiet within that property**.

Come and experience a traditional evensong in the beautiful West Ogwell Church.

An Invitation to Afternoon Tea at the Rectory for the congregations of:

All Saints' Highweek,
St Bart's Ogwell and
St Mary's Wolborough.

Please RSVP if you would like to come.

AFTERNOON TEAS AT THE RECTORY

DAVE AND JUDY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO COME
FOR AFTERNOON TEA AT THE RECTORY (5 COACH PLACE)

ON FRIDAY 24TH JULY FROM 3PM

OR

ON FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST FROM 3PM

RSVP: 01626 335862

OR EMAIL rector@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk



The All-Saints' Church Holy Communion Service on 26th July

will start at 9 a.m. This will be a slightly shortened service, followed by refreshments at Fairhaven, Highweek Village.

This is because the Romanian Orthodox Church, who normally use All Saints on the first and third Sundays of each month, have asked to use the church on the fourth Sunday of July because their Archbishop is paying a visit.

If you drive to church, I suggest you try to park away from the church, as the Orthodox congregation may be arriving before we leave.

Highweek 100 Club. Following last week's piece about the 100 Club, the numbers available are:

3, 6, 14, 16, 19, 27, 40, 43, 45, 50, 56, 57, 78,
85, 93 and 95

If you would like to take one or more of these for £2 per month each, please contact Reg Cross, email cross580@btinternet.com

COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

Choir 86 Magical Musicals Extravaganza in Forde Park 19th July at 2:30 p.m.

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

Charity Coffee Morning. 25th July from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of Christians Against Poverty.

Evensong 26th July at 5 p.m. at West Ogwell Church.

Parochial Church Council. 27th July at 7 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Youth Group for ages 11 to 17 at **The Avenue Church on 25th July**, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 8th August at 9:30 a.m. at Leisure Lounge Café.

CHURCH SERVICES

19th July

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 July

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Abbotsbury Church, Service of the Word 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.

West Ogwell Church, Evensong at 5 p.m.

2nd August

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.

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.

EVERY THURSDAY 9 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP) followed by refreshments at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

ALL WEEK St Bartholomew's Church in Ogwell is normally open for private prayer during daylight hours.

PARISH CONTACTS

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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
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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

