



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

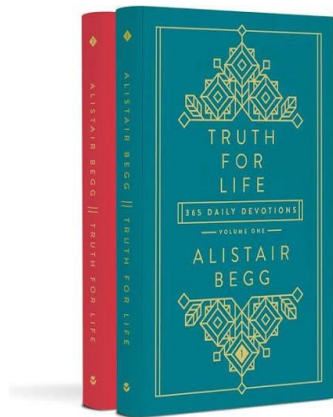
23rd August 2026

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear friends,



This week and next, instead of a column from me, we will be reproducing a daily Bible reading and reflection from one of the excellent range published by the Good Book Company. I hope they will give you a better idea of the options available to help us in our daily devotions and will want to try one or more of them out over the coming months.

Today's excerpt come from the **Truth for Life - a year of daily readings by Alistair Begg**. There are 2 volumes of his readings, today's reading comes from volume 1 and was dated 12th August.

If you want to try them out for yourself, they are available from www.thegoodbook.co.uk, from Choice Words as well as other retailers.

We can't reproduce these readings on the website because of copyright restrictions. Please sign up to receive the newsletter if you wish to read in full.

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 the Province of West Africa.

For the churches of the Coast & Combe Mission Community, their clergy Mark Ruoff, Susan Oldham, Tandy Ruoff, Ann Lewis, LLMs Sally-Ann Molligoda, Dave Richards, Jenni Coats, Theresa Powell, and for all who live and worship in Saint Sabinus, Woolacombe, Saint Matthew, Lee, Mortehoe, Ilfracombe St Philip and St James, Ilfracombe, Combe Martin, Bittadon, and Berrynarbor.

Residents in the following streets: Glebe Close, Manor View, Mapleton Close, Margaret Gardens, Marguerite Close, Market Street, Marlborough Place and Margaret Close.

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 23rd August: Matthew, chapter 16, verses 13 to 20, and Psalm 124, verses 1 to 8.

After School Tea and Toast... The Next Step – DBS checks and date of next meeting.

We had a great meeting last week and have decided to run the after-school drop-in on Wednesday afternoons, starting towards the end of September.

The next step to is to make sure that everyone on the team has a valid DBS check which covers you for working with children and young people. To do that, please contact Rob our Safeguarding Lead on safeguarding@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk

Our next team gathering to discuss practical arrangements will be on Tuesday 1st September at 7pm at St Paul's Church. We will gather in the Middleton Room, so please enter via the REAR (blue door) entrance.

Parish Prayer Gatherings:

Our Parish Prayer Gatherings have paused for the month of August and will restart on *Monday 7th September at 9:15 a.m.* But please do keep praying for the work of the church and for God's blessing and intervention in His world. You can do that on your own, or with some friends, or join with others at the morning prayer service at Highweek each Thursday morning at 9 a.m.



Link of the Week - Alistair Begg Sermons on Truth for Life

I try to listen to sermons from different people a couple of times each week for 2 reasons. It helps me grow as a follower of Christ myself, and it helps me develop as a preacher. One of the best resources I've come across is this link to the preaching of Alistair Begg. Alistair, who grew up in Scotland, has recently retired, but for over 40 years he was the minister at Park Side Church, Cleveland Ohio. Biblically faithful, thought-provoking and engaging, Alistair's ministry has a world-wide audience.

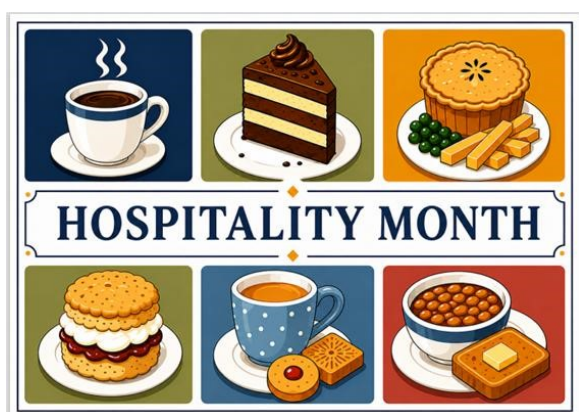
I've recently been listening to his series on Daniel, a book I've be reluctant to preach from (especially chapters 7-12) because of its complexity. If you have questions about the end of the world or how history will unfold, these talks will help you think through the issues with a firmer grip on God's sovereign grace and power.

The link is here: <https://www.truthforlife.org/resources/most-recent-sermons/>

A Month of Hospitality

At our last meeting, the PCC agreed to support September being a Month of Hospitality! Each church community will be looking for a way to eat together, but we are also hoping that as many of us as possible will invite someone from our church community into our homes during that time. It doesn't need to be grand. It could be for a coffee, a sandwich, or beans on toast. The food doesn't matter. The welcome does. So, let's all seek to grow in the gift of hospitality during September. Invitation cards like the ones below are now available for you to use...

Just take as many as you need, fill them in, and hand them out!



PARISH HOSPITALITY MONTH	
Dear _____,	
_____ would like to invite you to join them	
for coffee / lunch / dinner / a BBQ / _____	
On _____	from _____
At _____	
Do let us know if you can come! Tel: _____	
The disciples broke bread in their homes + ate together with glad + sincere hearts, praising God + enjoying the favour of all the people. Acts 2:46-47	

Study Course this September: Discipleship Explored.

Alternate Wednesday afternoons from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting Wednesday 2nd September in the Vicar's lounge at St Paul's. Invitation cards are also available now...

Discipleship Explored has been designed to help followers of Jesus discover the joy, unity, righteousness and love which are theirs in Christ.

This eight-session journey through Paul's letter to the Philippians will help believers young and old to discover the greatest love anyone could ever know, and how to live as disciples of Christ Jesus today. It features documentary-style films and inspiring real-life stories from around the world, Bible studies and weekly reading plans.

More details here: <https://www.christianityexplored.org/courses/discipleship-explored/>



West Ogwell Open Afternoon

Friday 18th Sept 2-4pm

Discover this wonderful rural church with volunteers on hand to tell you more about the local history of this special place.

There are lovely views from the churchyard and a public footpath across the fields.

Refreshments available

All Welcome

Park on the grass outside West Ogwell church with overflow parking and toilets available at Gaia House (please remain silent whilst in their grounds).

West Ogwell Church, West Ogwell, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6EW





Torbay Vue cinema is showing David (PG), a superb animated film based on 1 Samuel, from Fri. 21st August daily at 12.45 p.m.

Tickets booked online* are **from just £5.99 (£4.99 to age 14).**

For the trailer and to book see: myvue.com/cinema/torbay/film/david

[Preview YouTube video DAVID \(2025\) - First 10 Minutes From The Movie | Official](#)

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[Preview YouTube video DAVID is My New Obsession](#)[Preview YouTube video DAVID is My New Obsession](#)



Choice Words has free catalogues: Take Note for adults and Kids Corner for children.



Coffee Morning in aid of Devon Freewheelers – the voluntary group of motorcyclists who deliver urgent supplies (like blood or transplant organs) on behalf of the NHS, especially out of normal working hours.

The coffee morning is in the hall at St Paul's Church on Saturday 29th August from 10 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

Lunch with God. Wednesdays in Courtenay Street 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. Bible teaching.

Charity Coffee Morning. 29th August from 10 a.m. in the Hall at St Paul's Church in aid of Devon Freewheelers.

Joint Parish Communion Service. 30th August, 10:30 a.m. at St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell.

Evensong. 30th August, 6 p.m. at St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell.

Craft Club. 1st and 15th September, 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church. **Summer**

Send-off. 5th September 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. St Paul's Church **Ogwell**

Duck Race. 5th September 2 to 4 p.m. at Holbeam Mill.

Prayer Gathering. 7th September, 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 12th September, 9:30 a.m. at Leisure Lounge Café.

West Ogwell Church. Open Afternoon 18th September 2 to 4 p.m.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 19th September, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

Parochial Church Council. 23rd September, 7 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

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

CHURCH SERVICES

23rd August

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.

30th August

St Bartholemew's Church, **Joint Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.** St Bartholemew's Church, **Evensong at 6 p.m.**

6th September

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 MONDAY 7 p.m. Compline (night prayer) at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

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 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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The office is normally open Monday to Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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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.

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