



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

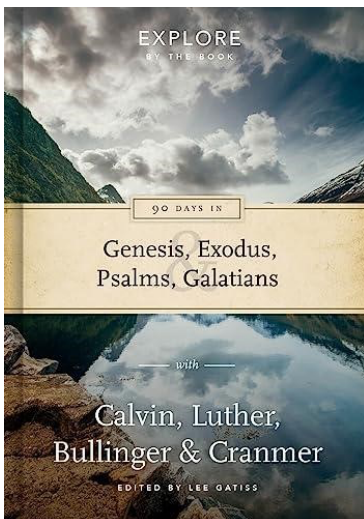
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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends



For one final week, instead of a column from me, we are 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 **Explore by the Book** series of daily readings. This one is entitled **90 Days in Genesis, Exodus, Psalms and Galatians with Calvin, Luther, Bullinger and Cranmer**, and brings commentary from some of the Reformation's greatest minds

If you want to try them out for yourself, they can be ordered 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.

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 in the Province of the West Indies

On National Grief Awareness Day, those who are grieving. We ask that they would be filled with your peace and your comfort as they experience waves of grief. We remember the words of Psalm 34:18, which says, 'The Lord is close to the broken-hearted, he saves those who are crushed in spirit.'

Residents in the following streets: Marsh Road, Mayfield Crescent, Mayflower Avenue, Meadow Halt, Meadow Rise, Meadow Side, Mellons Close, Mellons Walk and Mellows Meadow.

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, 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 30th August: Matthew, chapter 16, verses 21 to 28, and
Psalm 149, verses 1 to 9.

Parish Prayer Gatherings resume on 7th September at St Paul's Church starting at 9:15 a.m.

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.



All Saints' Church Weekday Services.

The recently started services of Compline on Mondays and Morning Prayer on Thursdays have proved to be very popular.

A cup of tea is served from 6:30 p.m. before the 7 p.m. Compline on Mondays with Jon leading.

Coffee or tea is served after the 9 a.m. Morning Prayer service on Thursday with Gareth presiding.

From 1st October, there will be a 'dog walker cafe' each Thursday, with the church remaining open until midday. All are welcome - working name is 'The dog collar cafe'. Volunteers to help on Thursday mornings to welcome visitors and serve refreshments would be hugely welcome.

If you can help from time to time, please speak to Paul Cannock, or email him at allsaintswarden@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk .

Songs of the Week - Songs that remind us of God's Mighty Rescue

Following on from our talks last Sunday, here are 3 great songs that helps us remember and praise God for all that He has done in rescuing us, and how we can now live in his peace.

[Hymn "Be Still My Soul" - Traditional](#)

[Be Still, Be Still, My Soul \(Psalm 46\) • Official Video](#)

[CityAlight – God Is For Us \(Live\)](#)



You can buy a duck at the joint Parish Service this Sunday. Please bring a £1 coin.

Service on 30th August

As it is the 5th Sunday of the month, we have a joint parish service of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. This time, it is the turn of St Bartholomew's Church in Ogwell to host this service. There are no services in the other churches in the parish.

This is your opportunity to meet and worship with members of other congregations in the Parish.

CORRECTION There is no evensong service this Sunday.

St Paul's Refurbishment Project- Update and Sponsored Walk

The PCC have been working on plans for a major refurbishment project for St Paul's for some time and faculty permission for these works was granted in the early summer. Sadly, the tenders received for the works were far in excess of our current finances, and so last month, the PCC submitted reduced plans to the DAC for consideration.

These are expected to be agreed at its meeting in early October with the project now estimated to be somewhere around £200,000. Much of this money has been provided by a large legacy for St Paul's received last year, with the rest hopefully coming from external grants from various charities, internal fundraising and other parish-wide legacies.

So, as part of an appeal for the congregation at St Paul's to play their part and raise something around £30,000 towards these costs, two of the St Paul's Congregation (pictured and both called James!) have offered to do a sponsored walk from St Paul's to Exeter Cathedral.



Sponsorship forms will be available on Sunday at our joint service, should anyone from another one of our worshipping communities wish to support them. A tap-and-give machine will also be available for single donations.

And if anyone would like to walk part or all of the way with them or meet them along the route with some refreshments or encouragement, James and James would be thrilled!

Anna Crocker



After spending the last few years in various nursing homes in the parish and nearby, Anna Crocker, a lifelong, faithful member of the church at Abbotsbury, and more recently St Paul's, sadly died last week.

Anna's funeral will be held at Abbotsbury Church on Friday 4th September at 10:30 a.m. and all who knew her are welcome to come along and give thanks for her life.

If you are coming to the service and would be happy to help serve tea and coffee afterwards, please contact Dave asap. Dave is also looking for someone to put together a pedestal of flowers for the church. If you have those skills, again do let Dave know.

Coffee Morning in aid of Devon Freewheelers

– the voluntary group of motorcyclists who deliver urgent supplies (like blood or transplant organs) for 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.

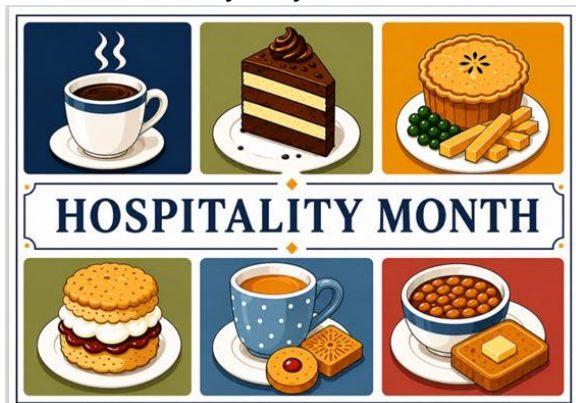
Charity Coffee Mornings at St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell, resume on 25th September. The first one will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The 30th October coffee morning will be in aid of Breast Cancer UK.

A Month of Hospitality

It's been great to see people taking up the challenge and inviting people to share some food or refreshments together.

If that isn't you yet, there's still time to join in: 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. Invite 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. Invite 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



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.

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. 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. 19th September, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

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

Charity Coffee Morning at St Bartholomew's Church on 25th September at 10 a.m. in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

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

CHURCH SERVICES

30th August

St Bartholomew's Church, **Joint Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.**

6th September

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.

13th September

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 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 at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

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

FUNERALS

Sonia Marie Hall 28th August, 10:30 a.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

Anna Crocker 4th September, 10:30 a.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

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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