



# **Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell**

## **WEEKLY NEWS**

**18<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **FROM OUR RECTOR**

Dear Friends

What do you do when things get a little too much, when the pressure builds and you can't think clearly? Perhaps you head to the Moors or go for a walk along the beach. Perhaps you throw yourself into the gardening or the housework. Perhaps you turn on some music or fill up on chocolate or head out to the golf course. For the apostle Peter, his place to think and reset his mind was on the lake fishing.

That's where we find him in John chapter 21. By this point, Jesus had appeared to Peter at least twice, so he knew that his Lord and Master had been raised from the dead. Peter had seen Jesus, touched him, eaten with him, spoken with him. There was no longer any doubt about his resurrection. But there were still some things that had yet to be dealt with. The elephant in the room being Peter's threefold denial on the night Jesus was arrested.

It's interesting, isn't it, that Jesus doesn't take Peter aside straight away to deal with his appalling betrayal. But that shouldn't surprise us. Time and time again in the gospels we find Jesus dealing with people in measured, careful, compassionate ways. So, think of the time he takes to challenge Nicodemus about his need to be born again. Think of the gentle way Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus already knew about her scandalous past, but he doesn't mention it until just the right time, and even then, it was in such a way that she stays and continues to talk. It's the same with Peter. I'm sure his guilt weighed heavily upon him. His conscience would have been pricked every time he saw Jesus. But Jesus doesn't rush in. He waits for exactly the right time and the right place to confront Peter with his failings and to draw him back ever so gently into full fellowship once again.

For Peter, the right place was a place where he felt safe: fishing on the lake. Before starting as a disciple Peter made his living fishing, so he and his friends were obviously very good at it. But on this particular night, they had caught nothing. Someone on the shore enquired as to their catch, and when they told him the bad news, they were instructed to let down their nets on the opposite side of the boat. Perhaps there was a sense of authority in his voice because the disciples did what they were told, only to find that their nets were soon bursting at the seams with fish. It's not long before they recognised who the person was. It had to be him, didn't it! It had to be Jesus. And it was. And in that moment Peter was taken back to the time of original calling-when Jesus had again commanded a miraculous catch (see Luke 5). Being in that familiar place, hearing Jesus' voice, and experiencing Jesus' power was just what Peter needed to be ready to face his past, hear Jesus' words and start again.

Amazingly, Jesus is just as patient with you and me. Just as gentle. And just as in control. And when we are feeling so overwhelmed that we run off to the equivalent of our fishing boats, Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, comes and finds us. And when the time is right, he'll bring us to our knees and then lift us up once more.

So if you are feeling a little overwhelmed with life and a little lost spiritually, perhaps this week would be a good time to head to the garden or coastline or golf course and open yourself up to God and to spend some time waiting on him, talking to him and asking him what he would say to you. He promises draw near to all those who draw near to him. We just have to be ready and willing to listen.

*Dave*

### **Readings for 18<sup>th</sup> May:**

John, chapter 7, verses 25 to 32

Isaiah, chapter 8 verse 1 to chapter 9 verse 7

### **Please pray for:**

**Our Church**, our parish, benefice and diocese, our Rector Dave Brown, Team Vicars Gareth Regan and Fr. Matthew Cashmore, 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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East**

**The Diocese of Thika, in Kenya.**

**Residents in the following Streets:** Chercombe Bridge Road, Chercombe Close, Chercombe Valley Road, Cherrywood Close, Chestnut Drive, Chichester Way, Church Road, Church Way, Cleaveland Rise and Clover Way.

**The sick and suffering** including: 9-month-old Joey Hilton, Noah Maynard, Cherie Glover, Sheila Fletcher, John and Joyce Sutherland, Jackie, Joshua, Anna Crocker, Barbara-Ann, David, Julie, Marion Fishman, Marie Graham, and Martyn, and others who are unwell in residential and nursing homes, their own homes, and in hospital. \*

**Ben**, Sarah and family as they care for Noah.

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.

## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

**Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is TONIGHT at St Paul's Devon Square.** Refreshments from 6:40pm, with the meeting starting at 7pm. Please come along.

**Parish Prayer Gatherings:** The next evening prayer gathering will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at Abbotsbury Church, starting at 7:45 p.m. and will continue our rotation of holding our evening prayer gatherings in all of our churches in turn. We'll take a break for the Bank Holiday and meet to pray in the evening on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 7:45 p.m. to 9.p.m at All Saints Highweek. Do come and join us!

**Parish Weekend at Home** with Rev Dr Paul Gardner at St Paul's Church. Please come to all or some of this programme.

**More details and booking forms** are available from our churches or the parish office.

**Please submit a booking form** even if you are only coming to the Sunday service and lunch.

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

6:30 p.m. Puddings for everyone.

7:30 to 9 p.m. God's amazing kindness.

#### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

10 to 11:45 a.m. God's extraordinary guarantee.

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. God's great love for us.

12:45 to 2 p.m. Lunch.

2 to 3 p.m. Equipped for good works.

3 to 5 p.m. Free time plus afternoon activities (to be confirmed)

5 to 9 p.m. Social at Abbotsbury Church – food, magician and ceilidh.

#### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

10:30 a.m. Joint parish service including Holy Communion and induction of Jonathan Bealey as Deacon

13:30 p.m. Parish lunch.

### **Pentecost Prayer Walk Around the 6 Churches of the Benefice.**

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, the day before Pentecost - we'll be walking around all of the 6 churches in our benefice, pausing to pray in each one and at key points along the way. We'll be starting at **St Luke's at 10am** (*note the change of time*) then walking to St Paul's, St Mary's, St Bart's, All Saints and ending at Abbotsbury around lunchtime. The timetable will come out nearer the time but do get the date in your diary now. And if you can't make the whole trip - that's fine! Just come and join us where you can.

**Bingo.** A session will be held at St Luke's Church on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. £6 entry, cash prizes.

# SUMMER WITH THE FATHER

An invitation for women of the Parish to come together and enjoy a continental breakfast and hear more about the Fatherhood of God.

On Saturdays 7th June, 5th July and 9th August from 8:30am-10am

Venue:

The Rectory: 5 Coach Place, Newton Abbot.

To book your place, please contact Judy on  
01626 335862 or email  
mrsvicar16@gmail.com



## Sunday Afternoon Concerts

Denbury Folk presents

# Mark Waistell

Singer/ Songwriter

*"Beautiful...utterly universal and enthralling...magnificent tales of love...and loss. Mark's voice is soft, clear, smooth and distinctive. His lyrics are evocative of a lives experiences."*

**Folkcast**

*"Striking melodies and charismatic songs delivered by a voice that has substance and richness"* **Folkwords**

[youtube.com/watch?v=fIFCJmdNEBI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIFCJmdNEBI)



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm**  
**St Mary's Church, Denbury**

Tickets £12 from Rachel:  
[rachelbelringer@gmail.com](mailto:rachelbelringer@gmail.com)/ 07751804007  
In aid of Denbury Church

## **CTNA Lent Lunches 2025**

Many thanks to all who contributed to this annual event and attended. Your support has enabled £1000 to be raised to support the ecumenical charity work of "Embrace the Middle East", so much needed at the current time. It was again also an opportunity to provide hospitality and fellowship across our local Christian communities. Thank you.

Peter Farrell

## **Mission Shed Social Justice** (From the Diocesan Roots and Shoots email)

### **'For God So Loved'**

**Saturday 14 June, 10am-3pm, Abbotsbury Church, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2ND**

Our next Mission Shed Gathering will focus on the relationship between Social Justice and Mission, Politics and Mission, and Environmentalism and Mission. The conversation will be led by three main speakers; Rev'd Dr Lucy Larkin who is Principle of SWMTC, Andy Flannagan, Director of Christians in Politics, and Hannah Rich, from Theos Think Tank. Watch this space for more information coming soon! **To book** [Click here](#)

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** (APCM) Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 7 p.m. at **St Paul's Church**.

**Bingo** session 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 p.m. at St Luke's Church.

**Men's Breakfast.** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

**Craft Club.** 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Charity Coffee Morning** at St Bartholemew's Church, on 30<sup>th</sup> May at 10 a.m.

**Charity Coffee Morning** at St Paul's Church on 31<sup>st</sup> May, at 10 a.m. in aid of Teignbridge Talking Newspapers.

**Pentecost Prayer Walk** 7<sup>th</sup> June. Starting at St Luke's Church at **10 a.m.**

**Women's Breakfast.** **Saturday**, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30 a.m. at The Country Table, Bank Street, Newton Abbot.

**Summer with the Father**, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> August, 8:30 to 10 a.m. for women at 5 Coach Place. Contact Judy on 01626 335862 or email [mrsvicar16@gmail.com](mailto:mrsvicar16@gmail.com) .

**Denbury Folk Concert.** 8<sup>th</sup> June at 2 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Denbury. Contact [rachel-belringer@gmail.com](mailto:rachel-belringer@gmail.com) or phone 07751804007.

**Traditional Choral Evensong.** 8<sup>th</sup> June at 6 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Abbotskerswell.

**Mission Shed Social Justice.** Saturday 14 June, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Abbotsbury Church. For details and to book [Click here](#)

**Parish Weekend at Home.** 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June. Details and booking forms available in our churches.

**Induction as Deacon.** Jon Bealey is to be inducted on 29<sup>th</sup> June during the 10:30 a.m. Parish service at St Paul's Church.

**Parish Lunch** on 29<sup>th</sup> June at St Paul's Church. Details and booking arrangements in the Parish Weekend at Home leaflet.

**Evensong** on 6<sup>th</sup> July at 5:30 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

## REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

### 18<sup>th</sup> May

Abbotsbury Church, All Age Service at 9:30 a.m.  
St Bartholomew's Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.  
St Mary's Church, Holy Communion at 11 a.m.  
St Paul's Church, Service of the Word at 11 a.m.  
St Luke's Church, Mass at 11 a.m.

### 25<sup>th</sup> May

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 a.m.

### 1<sup>st</sup> June

Abbotsbury Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.  
St Bartholomew's Church, Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.  
St Mary's Church, Matins at 11 a.m.  
St Paul's Church, Service of the Word at 11 a.m.  
St Luke's Church, Mass at 11 a.m.

If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch services at Abbotsbury Church and St Paul's Church through [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

The links are available at <https://newtonabbotparishes.co.uk/noticeboard/news/>

**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 FRIDAY** 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.



## OTHER SERVICES

Evensongs at 5:30 p.m.		5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.	
6 <sup>th</sup> July	All Saints Highweek	29 <sup>th</sup> June	St Paul's
31 <sup>st</sup> August	West Ogwell	31 <sup>st</sup> August	St Bart's
30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Luke's Milber	30 <sup>th</sup> November	All Saints Highweek

## PRAYER GATHERINGS

19<sup>th</sup> May, 7:45 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

26<sup>th</sup> May, Bank holiday break.

2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7:45 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

## FUNERALS, MEMORIALS and INTERMENTS

**Peggy Elizabeth Garner.** Funeral Service, on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00 a.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

**Ann Josephine Rook.** Funeral Service on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 11:30 a.m. at Torquay Crematorium.

**Jean Pearce.** Funeral Service on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 1:30 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Terence Jordan.** Interment of Ashes. 23<sup>rd</sup> May, at 12 noon.

**Mary Calderwood.** Interment of Ashes. 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11:30 a.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

**Deanna Fox.** Funeral Service on 7<sup>th</sup> June at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

## PARISH CONTACTS

**Team Rector: Rev Dave Brown.** Day off Thursday

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**Team Vicar and Vicar of St Luke's, Milber: Fr. Matthew Cashmore.** Day off Monday

[father@sjsj.co.uk](mailto:father@sjsj.co.uk) 07555 924862

**Team Vicar: Rev Gareth Regan:** Day Off: Friday.

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**Churchwardens:**

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[comms@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](mailto:comms@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)

**Prayer List** Please let us know about anyone in need of prayers. Their name will be kept on the list for a month. Please email [prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](mailto:prayer@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)

**Parish website:** [www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](http://www.newtonabbotparishes.co.uk)

**Parish Office** at St Paul's Church, Devon Square. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:  
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)

**Footnote.** Thank you very much to those of you who have sent me contributions. 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 issue.

If you know of anyone who does not receive this weekly email, but wishes to do so, please ask them to email me or contact the office.

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