



# Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

## WEEKLY NEWS

27<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

### FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

If Abel was a surprise name to find in the Hebrews 11 list of Heroes of faith from the Old Testament, today's topic is even more unknown. His name is Enoch. This is what the writer of Hebrews says about him.

*By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

There are 2 Enoch's in the Bible. One was Cain's first son. The other, the one mentioned in Hebrews 11, was the Adam's great-great-great-great-great grandson through Seth- who was his third son. That is all we know about him, except for these few verses from Genesis 5:

*<sup>21</sup> When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. <sup>22</sup> After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup> Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. <sup>24</sup> Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.*

Put aside for a moment our questions about the longevity of people's lives back then, the thing that makes Enoch unique is the fact that he didn't die. Instead, because of his great faith, God simply *took him away*. This happens to one other person in the Bible... (can you remember who?) and he doesn't even get named on the list!

But to my mind there is something far more amazing than Enoch's translation straight to glory: and that is the fact that he **walked faithfully with God 300 years**. Was it something about the birth of his son that sparked a real faith in Enoch? We're not told. But from that point on his faithfulness was something that made him stand out in his generation.

We may not live for 300 years, but if we are able to withstand the pull and temptations of the world and remain faithful to God our whole lives long, that in itself is cause for a great celebration in Heaven.

The Bible is clear that walking with Jesus isn't always easy, that's why it describes the life of faith as a fight. (See 1 Timothy 6:12) We're told that our enemy the devil prowls around

trying to catch Jesus' followers out, and we know all too well the pressures of conforming that our own society brings to bear on us, let alone those places where persecution is rife.

We're not told what Enoch endured, but the very fact that he finished the race with his faith strong and firm is good enough to make the list of Old Testament heroes. His story doesn't have the enough to make a gripping biography, and ours might not either. But we can at least seek to emulate his enduring faithfulness however long our lives last.

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea**

**For the churches of the Three Rivers Mission Community**, their priest David Sayle, LLM David Stafford, and for all who live and worship in Ugborough, Saint Peter Harbertonford, Moreleigh, Halwell, Ermington, and Diptford with North Huish.

**Residents in the following streets:** Heather Close, Hewett Close, Higher Budleigh Meadow, Higher French Park, Highweek Road, Highweek Street, Highweek Village, Highwood Grange and Hill Park Road.

**The sick and suffering** including: Joey Hilton, Noah Maynard, Cherie Glover, Sheila Fletcher, John and Joyce Sutherland, Jackie, Joshua, Anna Crocker, Barbara-Ann, David, Julie, Sally Fulcher, Marie Graham, Martyn, Eve Taylor, David Littlewood, Max and Sarah, 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.

## **Readings for 27<sup>th</sup> July**

John chapter 8: verses 31 to 47

1 Corinthians chapter 7: verses 1 to 17

# NEWS AND NOTICES

## PCC Report.

The PCC met last week, and after beginning in worship by considering Article 15 of the 39 Articles of Religion - Of Christ Alone Without Sin, and singing a hymn, we were blessed by the presence of the Highweek Bell Tower Captain who talked us through our responsibilities as a PCC towards our bell ringers and presented a plan for moving forward.

We also received reports from the Treasurer, Church Wardens and the Rector, and ended the meeting with a discussion about our recent Church Weekend at Home. We discussed many of the joys of the weekend and how we might encourage more people to come along next time.

If you'd like any more details, do speak to your Church Warden or PCC reps.

**Parish Prayer Gatherings:** Our next evening Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July from 7:45pm-9pm at Abbotsbury Church.**

Our next **morning Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August at St Paul's Church, starting at 9:15am.**

**Next Joint Parish Service:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 10:30am at St Bartholomew's Church Ogwell.

**Next Benefice Evensong:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 5:30pm at West Ogwell Church.

## Next Charity Coffee Mornings.

St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell on 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00 a.m. in aid of Rowcroft Hospice.

St Paul's Church on **2<sup>nd</sup> August**, at 10 a.m. in aid of Riding for the Disabled.

**All welcome!**

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**Afternoon Tea** at The Rectory, 5 Coach Place, at 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For members of the St Paul's congregation on 12<sup>th</sup> August, and

For members of the St Bartholomew's Church congregation on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Please book with Dave or Judy, email [rector@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk](mailto:rector@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk) or phone 01626 335862.

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**THAT Food-bank.** Current most needed items are:

- UHT milk
- Bottles of squash
- Instant coffee
- Bags of sugar
- Shampoo
- Female deodorant
- Nappies (sizes 4, 5 and 6)

**Please give some if you can. You can take donations to:**

St Paul's Church office - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

St Mary's Church Wolborough - when open for services.

THAT at 8 Queensway, Buckland, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4BA - Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tesco (Kingsteignton), ASDA (Newton Abbot), NatWest (Newton Abbot), or The Cwtch Hub (Union Street, Newton Abbot).

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## **God, the Bible and Everything (in 60 minutes)!**

Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 p.m. at the Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury, East Street. Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9EP.

Join BBC comedy writer James Cary for God, the Bible, and Everything, a laugh out loud romp through the entire Bible against the clock!

Get ready for the ultimate one-man comedy show about God, the Bible, and Everything!

BBC sitcom writer James Cary hilariously unpacks the entire Bible in one hour with jokes, props, a big screen, and maybe a song!

From Adam and Eve to Moses, David and Goliath, it's fast, funny, and insightful. With over 20 years writing hit sitcoms like Miranda and Bluestone 42, James Cary delivers unforgettable laughs for all ages, faiths, and none!

Bar will be available in Church room before the show and during the interval.

Tickets available from [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/god-the-bible-and-everything-in-60-minutes-tickets-1499291574459](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/god-the-bible-and-everything-in-60-minutes-tickets-1499291574459)

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## **New Bishop of Crediton Consecrated at St Paul's Cathedral**

It was a cause for celebration when The Right Reverend Moira Astin was consecrated as the new Bishop of Crediton in a service at St Paul's Cathedral. Moira was ordained a bishop by the Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev'd Dame Sarah Mulally, who was herself the first female Bishop of Crediton and first female bishop in Devon. Bishop Moira is the third woman in a row to hold the role, following the retirement of Bishop Jackie in January – something we believe is a first in the Church of England!

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## **COMING EVENTS**

**Lunch with God.** 25th July, 12:30 p.m. Golden Lion Square.

**Charity Coffee Morning.** St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell on 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10 a.m. in aid of **Rowcroft Hospice**.

**Charity Coffee Morning.** St Paul's Church on **2<sup>nd</sup> August**, at 10 a.m. in aid of **Riding for the Disabled**.

**Craft Club.** 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

**Summer with the Father.** 9<sup>th</sup> August, 8:30 to 10 a.m. for women at 5 Coach Place. **Fully booked.** For waiting list contact Judy on 01626 335862 or email [mrsvicar16@gmail.com](mailto:mrsvicar16@gmail.com).

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

**Traditional Choral Evensong.** 10<sup>th</sup> August at 6 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Abbotskerswell.

**Afternoon Tea** at the Rectory for members of the St Paul's congregation on 12<sup>th</sup> August at 3 p.m. RSVP.

**Afternoon Tea** at the Rectory for members of the St Bartholemew's congregation on 15<sup>th</sup> August at 3 p.m. RSVP.

**Men's Breakfast. Saturday** 16<sup>th</sup> August, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

**Evensong Choir Practice:** 21<sup>st</sup> August, 7 p.m. at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey.

**Joint Parish Service** for the fifth Sunday of the month on 31<sup>st</sup> August at 10:30 a.m. at St Bartholemew's Church, Ogwell.

**Evensong at West Ogwell Church** - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 5:30-6:30 p.m. [Evensong at West Ogwell Church - Churches Conservation Trust](#)

**West Ogwell Church Open Afternoon:** Architecture and Mindfulness - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 2 to 4 p.m. [West Ogwell Open Afternoon: Architecture and Mindfulness](#)

**My Mountain Life** – Talk by Simon Yates. 19<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30 p.m. in Abbotsbury Church. Tickets and details from [wegottickets.com/event/666711](https://www.wegottickets.com/event/666711)

**God, the Bible and Everything (in 60 minutes)!** Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 p.m. at the Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury, East Street. Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9EP. Tickets and details from: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/god-the-bible-and-everything-in-60-minutes-tickets-1499291574459](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/god-the-bible-and-everything-in-60-minutes-tickets-1499291574459)

## CHURCH SERVICES

### 27<sup>th</sup> 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 a.m.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> August**

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.

### **10<sup>th</sup> 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 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/).

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**

<b>Evensongs at 5:30 p.m.</b>		<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.</b>	
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**

28<sup>th</sup> July 7:45 at Abbotsbury Church.

4<sup>th</sup> August 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

11<sup>th</sup> August 7:45 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

### **FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS**

**Susan Calvert.** Funeral on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

**Jacqueline Ann Cook.** Funeral on 31<sup>st</sup> July at 2:30 p.m. at Abbotsbury Church.

**Roger Harrill.** Funeral on 5<sup>th</sup> August at 1:30 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

**Mary Veronica Moore.** Funeral on 8<sup>th</sup> August at 2:00 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

## PARISH CONTACTS

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

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**Churchwardens:**

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**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)

**THAT Foodbank.** 8 Queensway House, Queensway, Newton Abbot. TQ12 4BA. Tel: 01626 437310, email: [office@thatfoodbank.com](mailto:office@thatfoodbank.com) Web: [www.thatfoodbank.com](http://www.thatfoodbank.com)

**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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