



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

17th August 2025.

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

We're going to think about 3 of Hebrews 11's Heroes of Faith this week, and when you see how the writer to the Hebrews speaks of them you should be able to see why.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshipped as he leaned on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. (Verses 20-22)

All 3 of these men have long stories (*they cover Genesis chapters 23 to 50!*) but when the writer of Hebrews speaks of them, he only seems interested in their final (or almost final) words. To some extent, then, these are the last wills and testaments of the 3 great Biblical characters. So, what might they have to say to us who are walking behind them on the great journey of faith? Let me suggest three challenges:

Firstly, **don't fear death. It isn't the end.** All three of these men had no fear of death or dying. For them it was something they expected and something they were able to see beyond. They knew life would go on without them, that is clear from their words, but there is also the sense that they knew they would go on as well. Of course, the Old Testament doesn't have a clear explanation of what that life would be like, but when Jacob spoke of being '*gathered to my people*', he was speaking of the hope of eternal life that is explained far more fully after Jesus' resurrection. Knowing that Jesus conquered death and that all those in Christ have eternal life to come should take away our fear of death. These 3 patriarchs didn't fear death, and if we trust in Jesus, we shouldn't either.

Secondly, **remember that God's plans will come to fruition in His time!** It is a constant frustration of mine, and perhaps something that you wrestle with too, that God's timings are not ours. I long for a revival in our land, for churches to be full to overflowing in our land again so much so that those converted into museums and offices and carpet warehouses need to be claimed back. I long for a lasting peace in the Middle East, in Ukraine and dozens of other places. I long for persecution of believers to come to an end, and I would love to see the day when cancer is cured and where everyone, everywhere has access to clean water, enough food, a safe place to live and access to the good news of Jesus in their own language. And I would love to see these things in my lifetime. But that isn't unusual to me. Those feelings have been true across the generations and were true for these 3 patriarchs as well. They looked ahead to the time when more of God's purposes

would come to pass, and although none of them saw the things they were longing for, they did know that God would continue to work, and trusting the future to God helped them die in peace. How is our trust in God's power and sovereignty?

Lastly, **the importance of pointing our family to God**. There are any number of websites which tell of amusing last words of famous people, but sadly very few of them include any mention of God. But when their lives were drawing to an end and all was being stripped away from them, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph all pointed their children to God and his call on their lives. And what could be more important to those we love than to hear our dying words to them pointing them to Jesus and to God's promises to all who believe. What a thing to hear! That at the last, our loved one spoke of God, of his Son Jesus and of the comfort God would bring through his Holy Spirit. What a testimony to our faith it would be to be able, with our last words, to thrust the baton of our faith into the hands of those who live on afterwards and to remind them that despite their grief, God is still God and still at work; that death is not the end because Jesus has risen again; and that the most important thing they can ever do is to trust their lives and, in time, their own deaths, to the God who made them and loves them.

Although they all lived in the shadows of Jesus' final revelation, the hope of God's continued work in the world and the final hope of eternal life blazed brightly in the hearts of these men. That's why they could die with confidence, for they trusted God for what was to come. May their confidence in the promises and power of God, bring that same faith to us.

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 Scottish Episcopal Church

The churches of the Upper Culm Mission Community, LLMs David Major, Piers Langdon and Liz Langdon.

Residents in the following streets: Kiln Orchard, King Street, Kings Cottages, King-skewswell Road, Kingsteignton Road, Knowles Hill Road, Laburnum Road, Landrace Close and Langford Bridge.

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** to let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

A-Level Results Day Thursday 14th August. Please pray for all students who are receiving their exam results. We pray that they would know they are not defined by their results, and would rest in the reassurance of God's plan for them.

Readings for 17th August

John, Chapter 9: Verses 13-34 and Psalm 27

NEWS AND NOTICES

A Wedding and a Baptism in the Same Service.

For the first time in my ministry, on Wednesday 6th August at St Mary's Church, I took a wedding and baptism in the same service. Kristina and Scott, who have been attending St Paul's for the last few months with their son Raphael, made their vows and then brought their son for baptism. It was a joyful service, and a colourful one too, as you'll see from the pictures below. Dave.



Parish Prayer Gatherings: Our next morning Parish Prayer Gathering will be on **Monday 18th August at St Paul's Church, starting at 9:15am.**

Our next **evening** Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 1st September from 7:45pm-9pm at St Paul's Devon Square. As it is a bank holiday we **won't** meet on Monday 25th August.

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

Next Benefice Evensong: Sunday 31st August at 5:30pm at West Ogwell Church.

Next Charity Coffee Mornings.

St Paul's Church on 30th August, at 10 a.m. in aid of Memory Café.

St Bartholemew's Church, Ogwell on 26th **September** at 10:30 a.m.

The Parish Office hours are changing from 1st September, when the office will normally be open Monday to Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Birthday Sunday at St Mary's Sunday 17th August. Following the Communion Service we are having Birthday Cake. sherry and nibbles. We are celebrating the July and August birthdays 🎂 but especially that of Sharon on 24th August. As Sharon does so much for us at St Mary's, I am doing a collection for her (£2-£5). Hopefully we will see you next Sunday. If you feel you would like to add to her gift, would you please let me know and then you can give it to me, Denise, Christine or Glenda when we see you. If you would also like to bring 'a plate' that would be appreciated. Please pass this message on to anyone who often worship at St Mary's, Wolborough.

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Family Fete at St. Luke's Church, Milber, Saturday 16th September at 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Obstacle course, face painting, hook a duck, coconut shy, splat the rat, stocks, BBQ, ice creams and cakes.

ORGAN SPECTACULAR

BY PROFESSOR IAN TRACEY

Liverpool Cathedral and
Liverpool City Organist

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, KINGSTEIGNTON

3rd September 7 p.m. Doors open 6:15 p.m.

Tickets £10 (unreserved) available from

Ian Avery ianwavery@gmail.com or at the door on the night.



COMING EVENTS

Lunch with God. 15th August, 12:30 p.m. Golden Lion Square.

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

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

Family Fete St. Luke's Church, Milber, Saturday 16th September at 2 p.m.

Craft Club. 19th August at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

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

Charity Coffee Morning. St Paul's Church on 30th August, at 10 a.m. in aid of Memory Café.

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

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

Organ Spectacular. Wednesday 3rd September, 7 p.m. St Michael's Church, Kingsteignton.

Women's Breakfast. Saturday, 13th September at 9:30 a.m. at The Clock Tower Coffee Shop, Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot.

Traditional Choral Evensong. 14th September at 6 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Abbotskerswell.

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

My Mountain Life – Talk by Simon Yates. 19th September, 7:30 p.m. in Abbotsbury Church. Tickets and details from wegottickets.com/event/666711

Charity Coffee Morning. St Bartholomew's Church, Ogwell on 26th September at 10:30 a.m.

God, the Bible and Everything (in 60 minutes)! Friday, 3rd October, 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

CHURCH SERVICES

17th August

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.

24th 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.

31st August

St Bartholomew's Church, Parish Communion at 10:30 a.m.

St Luke's Church, Mass at 11 a.m.

West Ogwell Church, Evensong at 5:30 p.m.

If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch services at Abbotsbury Church and St Paul's Church through [YouTube](#).

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

30th November (5th Sunday)

Parish Communion, All Saints' Church, Highweek, at 10:30 a.m.

Evensong, St Luke's Church, Milber, at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER GATHERINGS

18th August 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

1st September 7:45 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

8th September 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

Millicent Jean Ogden. Funeral on 18th August at 1:00 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

Susan Calvert. Interment of Ashes on 21st August at 11 a.m.

Fiona Elizabeth Froom. Funeral on 27th August at 12:00 noon at: St Mary's Church Wolborough.

Valerie Anne Steer. Interment of ashes on 18th September at 10 a.m. at St Mary's Church, Wolborough.

Sheila Margaret Platt. Funeral on 18th September 11 a.m. at All Saints Church, High-week.

PARISH CONTACTS

Team Rector: Rev Dave Brown. Day off Thursday

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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

Parish website: 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. **From 1st September** the office will normally be open Monday to Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Phone 01626 211346 or email office@newtonabbotparishes.co.uk.

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 Web: 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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