



Parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

WEEKLY NEWS

24th August 2025.

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Along with the well-known heroes of faith listed in Hebrews 11, there are some whom we know by who they are related to. Verse 23 is a case in point.

By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Genesis 2, which tells us of Moses conception and birth doesn't give their names either. There they are called 'a man of the house of Levi and a Levite woman.' We have to turn to the genealogical record in Exodus 6 to find out that their names were Amram and Jochebed!

But it isn't their bravery I want to focus on here, but the effect their faith had on their son. For whilst Moses was largely brought up in Pharaoh's court, he always knew his real parents and his roots, and he would have known of their unwavering faith, a faith that led to them taking a huge risk to protect the life of their son from death. If we had interviewed Moses, I sure that his testimony would have been that he learned of God from his parents, and that, despite many false starts, his trust in God never failed- just as his parents' faith had stayed true also.

Sadly, that isn't always the case. As with the godly prophet Samuel in the Bible, not all godly, faithful parents have the joy of seeing their children grow up to know and follow Jesus too. I've known some wonderful Christian parents who have lived out their faith and spoken of their faith and brought their children up to pray and worship and trust in Jesus, only to have their hearts broken as their child walks away from Christ in adulthood.

However, I have known far more Christian parents who have seen their children wander from the truth. Many of those have been so worried about imposing their faith on their children that they have become nervous about speaking about Jesus at home, tentative about bringing their children to church or reluctant to read the Bible to them or to teach them to pray. Such reluctance leaves children thinking that having a faith in Jesus is no more important than choosing a job or a hobby.

So Christian parents (and grandparents!): let me encourage you to do all you can to pass your faith on to your children (and grandchildren). Live out your faith boldly, speak about Jesus openly, and make reading the scriptures and praying and gathering with God's people such a solid part of your week that your children (and grandchildren) cannot help

but see its importance to you. That will speak volumes, even if they are too young to understand why. And pray for them! Just as our children grow up under the heavy and often anti-Christian influence of the media and friends and schools, Moses grew up under the influence of Egyptian royalty! And yet he saw and heard enough from his parents to put his trust in God – with dramatic consequences for his people and for God's great purposes.

And if that time has passed for you, and to your sadness your children have not received the baton of faith from your hands, don't despair and don't give up praying. The father of the Prodigal Son must have had times when he imagined that his son was truly dead, lost or ever, both physically and spiritually. And yet on one glorious day he saw his son walking home. Perhaps you might want to join with other parents in your church family and make an agreement to pray for one another's children that these wandering souls might come home to their Heavenly Father.

We have a God who goes our searching for lost sheep- may he hear our cries for their rescue and bring them home.

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.

Peace in Ukraine and Israel.

The Diocese of Western Newfoundland – The Anglican Church of Canada.

On the Feast Day of Bartholomew the Apostle, remember the faith of your disciples, their willingness to follow, and their courageous witness of your truth. Pray that God would give us boldness in our own witness, and help us to trust in you, Jesus.

Residents in the following streets: Larksmead Way, Larkspur Drive, Laureston Road, Laurie Avenue, Lea Vale Road, Lemon Court, Lemon Mews, Lemon Place and Lemon 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 to let us know about anyone needing our prayers.

Readings for 24th August

John, Chapter 9: Verses 35-41 and Psalm 32

NEWS AND NOTICES



Earlier this week a number of people received an email, supposedly from me, asking them to buy 4 expensive Amazon vouchers and pass on the code. This was to be done in secret.

This was a nasty scam! Please know for certain that neither I nor any of the team, clergy will ever ask for you to spend money like this on behalf of the parish. If you are in any doubt, please call me or whoever it is from. Do not email back. Please ignore any such emails and mark them as spam. If you have a reporting fraud tool, please use that.

Thank you. Dave

Prayer Gatherings. As it is a bank holiday we won't meet on Monday 25th August. 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.

Our next morning Parish Prayer Gathering will be on Monday 8th September 9:15 a.m. at St Paul's Church.

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. Parking is available in the grounds of Gaia House.

Please keep quiet in the grounds of Gaia House.

There is no electricity at West Ogwell Church. You may like to bring a torch.

Next Charity Coffee Mornings.

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

St Bartholomew'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.

The Evensong Choir Practice will not take place in August. The next practice will be on **18th September**.

Birthday Sunday at St Mary's Church. Thanks to Rev David Witchell for a lovely Service on Sunday. We had a very happy birthday celebration at beautiful St Mary's Wolborough, full of fun and friendship. Thanks to all who contributed and Many Happy Returns of the day to the August Birthdays: Diana, Gerry, Sharon and Susan. Flowers and a gift were given to Sharon in appreciation of the enormous amount she does for us all at St Mary's. Jill Blanchard



OGWELL DUCK RACE

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

AT 2 P.M.

AT HOLBEAM MILL, TQ12 6LX



BUY A DUCK FOR £1

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SIDE SHOWS, GAMES AND CREAM TEAS.

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH.

Mission Trip to El Camino De Santiago

Earlier this month, Jonny Pegrum (back right in the group shot), who is part of the St Paul's congregation, used a few weeks of his summer holiday from University to join a

short-term mission trip to Spain. The PCC were pleased to make a donation towards his costs and to commit ourselves to praying for him.

Here's a short report and some pictures to give you a flavour of what he got up to.

Over the last three weeks I have been able to experience what it's like to walk El Camino de Santiago. With a short-term team from the Worldwide Evangelisation Campaign, we set out on the north Camino and walked through Galicia to Santiago and on to the coast, with the intention of growing friendships with pilgrims and sharing our lives and telling them something of the good news of Jesus.



It was amazing to see God use each team member to speak to people in different ways and to see seeds planted in the lives of these other pilgrims.

We then spent time at a Christian hostel called the Hope House and saw what it was like for long term teams serving on a Camino and got to see their goal of uniting Christians from all denominations.

Thank you so much for all your support and prayer as a church!!



COMING EVENTS

Lunch with God. 23rd August, 12:30 p.m. Golden Lion Square.

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 p.m.

Craft Club. 2nd and 16th September at 2 p.m. at St Paul's Church.

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

Ogwell Duck Race. 6th September, 2 p.m. at Holbeam Mill, TQ12 6LX. Ducks £1 from Stella Llewellyn 01626 906814.

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.

Evensong Choir Practice. 18th September, 7 p.m. at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey.

Men's Breakfast. Saturday 20th September, 9:00 a.m. at the Leisure Lounge Café.

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

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.

7th 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, 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](#).

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

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

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

15th September 7:45 at St Bartholemew's Church.

FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

Susan Calvert. Interment of Ashes on 21st August at 11 a.m. at All Saints' Church, Highweek.

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, Highweek.

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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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