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Benefice Bulletin

July 2021



*“The earth is the LORD’S, and everything in it,
The world, and all who live in it”*

Psalm 24

From the Parish Registers



FUNERAL:

9th June - Patricia BELL.

(Black Torrington)

WEDDINGS:

22nd June - Megan GRIFFIN &

Robin VANSTONE (Ashwater)

26th June - Charlotte STACEY &

Samuel GRANGER (Clawton)

26th June - Rebecca PARKER &

Samuel WHITE (Halwill)

ALSO: The funeral of Mike BOLITHO of Patchacott, former treasurer at Beaworthy Church took place 11th June.

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“EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY”

I think that I’ve mentioned in a previous Bulletin Article that I’ve been undertaking a Course called “Exploring Spirituality” through the Diocese of Exeter. The Course commenced in September 2019, but was ‘paused’ because of the covid pandemic. It recommenced in January this year on ‘Zoom’, and ends later in July. I have applied to take part in a second year, which could lead to me qualifying if all goes well as a “Spiritual Director”.

The Course has taken two approaches to the study of Spirituality. One way has been through examination of particular traditions of Spirituality. For example: Franciscan, Ignatian, Celtic or Benedictine, and even Charismatic forms. The other approach has been through topics such as “Mindfulness”, “Prayer”, “The Gift of Tears” and “Pilgrimage”. I have learned a great deal about how people across time have explored their experiences of God, and have tried to live out a particular rule or pattern of living that has helped them draw closer to God.

To take the most recent example: our Bishop of Exeter is a Benedictine Monk, and follows closely their “Rule of Life”. Bishop Robert outlined some of the key features of this Spirituality:

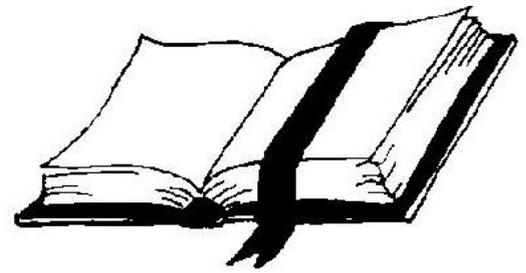
- ~ A Call to regular prayer – especially through the “Daily Office” of Morning and Evening Prayer etc.
- ~ Daily reading of the Scriptures such that they become the ‘language’ that informs our life.

- ~ Faithfully undertaking the work of God ('Opus Dei') so as to do God's will in daily life.
 - ~ Time in silent meditation or contemplation every day, so as to better listen to God's guidance.
 - ~ Living a life of simplicity, unencumbered by too many possessions that might distract.
 - ~ A call to take 'Community' seriously – whether in a physical community or in one that's dispersed.
- I'm sure that as Christians we do take these values seriously, but Benedictines ensure that these are ingredients of our daily life and are held in an intentional balance or harmony.

Personally, I believe that the heart of all true religion is an authentic Spirituality that derives from our Christian beliefs and then proceeds to develop our spirits along a pathway that nurtures our souls. Our spirituality should grow and evolve over the course of our lives, as influenced by our experience of God in the midst of life. It can form the essence of who we truly are, and help us navigate the joys and sorrows, happinesses and crises of our life – especially as we grow older. I wonder what spiritual journey you are travelling, and whether this 'lockdown' period has aided or hindered it? I also wonder whether you have tried sharing stories of your spiritual journey with others? I would love to hear such stories – and maybe some could be 'written up' in our benefice bulletin?

Finally, as I said at the beginning of this piece, I am aspiring to train as a "Spiritual Accompanier" (note change of terminology). If any of you reading this would like to find out more, discuss your 'life in the Spirit' or explore spiritual matters yourself, then please do get in touch and we could arrange a meeting! After all, what could be more important than the nurturing of your spirit or soul?

Lectionary Readings for July 2021



<p>Sunday 4th Trinity 5</p> <p>Ezekiel 2: 1 – 5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12: 2 – 10 Mark 6: 1 – 13</p> <p>Services at Ashwater, Halwill, Black Torrington, Tetcott</p>	<p>Sunday 11th Trinity 6</p> <p>Amos 7: 7 – 15 Psalm 85 Ephesians 1: 3 – 14 Mark 6: 14 – 29</p> <p>Services at Ashwater, Black Torrington, Halwill, Clawton, Beaworthy</p>	<p>Sunday 18th Trinity 7</p> <p>Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2: 11 – end Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53 – end</p> <p>Services at Ashwater, Halwill, Highampton</p>
<p>Sunday 25th St. James</p> <p>Jeremiah 45: 1 – 15 Psalm 126 Acts 11: 27 – 12: 2 Matthew 20: 20 – 28</p> <p>Services at Ashwater, Clawton, Beaworthy, Zoom, Black Torrington</p>		

*To help you prepare for one of our services or to
read at home*

I asked God for a miracle
And God sent you to me
A little baby brother to sit upon my knee
A little baby brother to tickle and to tease
A tiny little playmate to sing to and to please.
But though I love to make you laugh
And hear your happy burble
I'm going to have a word with God
'Cos what I wanted was a GERBIL!



"Due to our failure to secure a holiday-relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune, *Chopsticks*."

Ashwater with Black Torrington Benefice Services for July 2021

Sunday 4th	9:30am	Ashwater	Communion
Trinity 5	11am	Halwill	Communion
	11am	Black Torrington	Café Church
	4pm	Tetcott	BBQ, Music & Service
Sunday 11th	9:30am	Ashwater	Morning Service
Trinity 6	11am	Black Torrington	Communion by Extension
	11am	Halwill	Baptism
	11am	Clawton	Morning Service
	6:30pm	Beaworthy	Evening Service
Sunday 18th	9:30am	Ashwater	Communion
Trinity 7	11am	Halwill	Morning Service
	6:30pm	Highampton	Evening Service
Sunday 25th	9:30am	Ashwater	Family Service
St. James	11am	Clawton	Communion
	11am	Beaworthy	Communion
	11am	Zoom	Morning Service
	6:30pm	Black Torrington	Communion



LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

Revd. Stephen is looking to run this course weekly on a Wednesday

afternoon in September. There will be 5 x 90-minute sessions, looking at important issues such as identity and what makes us who we are, and looks to be a very interesting course.

The course is open to anyone who would like to attend. If you are interested in join, please do let Revd. Stephen know. His details are on the back page of the Bulletin.

St. Leonard's Church, Clawton Coffee Morning

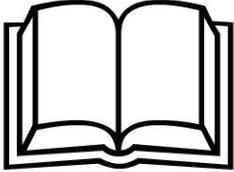
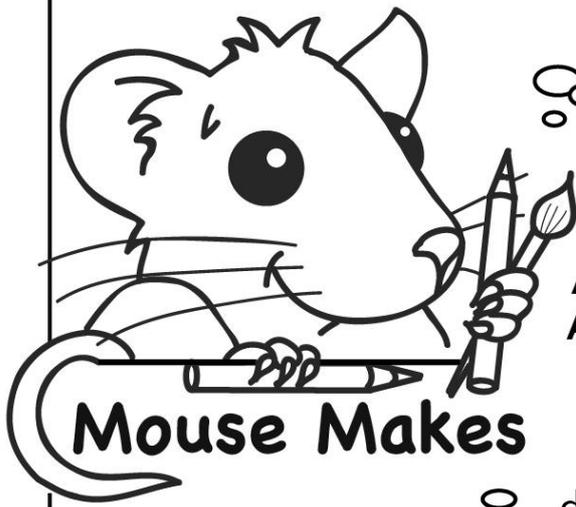
Friday 9th July 2021
From 10am

At the Church

Everyone Welcome

No charge for entry but donations for the Church appreciated.





Read the full story in
Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A man asked Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" and Jesus replied with this parable:

A man was attacked by robbers, they tore his clothes, beat him and left him almost dead. A priest saw him but walked by on the other side. A Levite saw him but walked by on the other side.

A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him, he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.

Which of the three travellers do you think was the neighbour to the man who was attacked?



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“You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.” (Abraham Lincoln.)

“How are you?” is a question often asked by people we bump into and whom we have not seen for some time. It usually elicits the automatic polite response, “I’m fine”. I have even said it myself as I sit in a doctors’ waiting room having bumped into someone I know. Clearly, if “I’m fine” was true, why am I waiting to see the doctor?

It is understandable that we may not wish to share how we are with everyone we meet and there is probably a social expectation that the person who asks the question is doubtless not expecting anything other than the response “I’m fine”.

We are probably not trying to fool anyone by giving our automatic polite responses but being honest about how we are feeling is no bad thing, particularly as we have been through unprecedented times during this pandemic.

We may be fortunate and have a trusted friend with whom you can meet, talk and pray but even if we are very guarded in what we say to others, it is good to be reminded that God knows all about us. (Psalm 139 is an encouraging read). Not only that, but Jesus invites us to be friends with Him (John 15.12-17) and we can share things in prayer and bring before Him how we really feel (1 Peter 5.7). We may be able to fool others, but none of us can fool God. There is nothing wrong with being honest to God. God is always interested to know how we are.

The Venerable Nick Shutt LL.M

Archdeacon of Plymouth



St Mary's Church
Black Torrington

Join us for tea and ring on
Wednesday 28th July
3.00 pm–5.00 pm

Come along and have a go at
ringing hand bells.

All Welcome

Donations for the repair of our hand bells

St Mary's Church
Black Torrington
Welcome you to our Café Style Service

Which will be held on
Sunday 4th July at 11.00 am

All Welcome



Beaworthy Coffee Morning POSTPONED

Beaworthy Church have decided to postpone their planned Coffee Morning on July 17th. We were hoping to have the coffee morning in the new hall in Patchacott for people who haven't seen it, to visit. We have postponed it until sometime in August when we will know what the guidelines are from the government about the Covid situation.

Have your say on the Bulletin!

What do you want to see featured here?

Are there too many pages? Too few?

Too much colour ink to print or is black and white far too dull and you could do with some more pictures?

Whatever your thoughts WE NEED YOU to let us know what you think. Some people print their bulletins, some access them online (and some of you probably ignore them from time to time!)

We want to make sure we are doing the best for YOU.

Please do let Kay know (zena.napier@gmail.com or 01409 221321) or if not Kay, then Revd. Stephen or your church warden or representative so it can be fed back and we can make the Bulletin representative of you, the people of the Benefice.

TETCOTT CHURCH

Picnic in the
2021
park!

*In the
wilderness*

SUNDAY 4TH JULY
2021 FROM 4PM
FOLLOWED BY A SHORT
SERVICE AT 6PM.

BBQ & Drinks available to buy
Kids treasure hunt
Bring & Buy stalls



For the sun's rising

For the sun's rising
and its beams of precious warmth,
Thanks be to you, O God.

For the morning's gleaming promise ... plants awakening,
flowers blooming, trees dancing in soft wind,
Thanks be to you, O God.

For the air, warm and wet with summer's invitation to
play and rest,
Thanks be to you, O God.

For the birds singing their returning song
and the fragile nests that hold new life,
Thanks be to you, O God.

For the noontime heat
and the refreshing lap of water on the shore,
Thanks be to you, O God.

For shoeless feet and toes
that wriggle in sand and grass,
Thanks be to you, O God.

For the long evenings
stretching out like a blanket of restful sleep,
Thanks be to you, O God.

For the brilliant blue-black of night sky,
silent stars dancing in flickering magic,
Thanks be to you, O God.

For the arc of this summer's day, and for all days,
our hearts are full to overflowing
With gratitude to you, Creator God.

Sally Howell Johnson

From **BURGESS, Ruth**, *Summer*, Wild Goose Publications, Glasgow

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This page is reserved for YOU!

Here could be literally ANYTHING. A poem, a prayer, a thought, a short story, a picture, a joke, a poster for a forthcoming event... the sky is the limit.

If don't get it sent through, I can't put it in!

The bulletin is for all in the Benefice to read and also to submit. If you think you have something that could go here, please send it through to Kay Napier at zena.napier@gmail.com

If you don't have access to a computer but still want to contribute something, phone Kay on 01409 221 321 and we can sort something out that way.

The deadline is almost always the 15th of the month – so if you want to get something in for the August bulletin, it needs to be with me by 15th July.

Dear Lord,

As we venture into July and the world opens up more following the coronavirus pandemic, we pray for those who have suffered, and those who we have lost.

We pray for everyone travelling further afield as the restrictions are lessening.

We pray for those who have not ventured out in so long as they take their tentative steps back to normality.

We pray for the visitors to their region, that they are safe and mindful while they are visiting our beautiful home.

We pray for the school leavers who have undertaken a year and a half of bizarre schooling. We trust that they will move on to further education or the workplace with the strength and resilience that the past 18 months have taught them.

We pray for their teachers as they have a well-deserved break following the most challenging academic year they have faced.

We pray for patience as the summer break begins for many, that we can follow a tractor, a caravan, a cyclist or tourist calmly and coolly!

We pray for health, joy and fulfilment for all those competing in the Olympics in Tokyo.

We pray for our families, our homes, our lives, our friends and to anyone who is in need; The ill, the unhappy, the bereaved, the stressed and anxious, the tired, the and the fearful. May they know that you are with them in all they do.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen



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Up Coming Dates for your Diary

July	9th	10am	Coffee Morning	Clawton
	4th	4pm	BBQ and Service	Tetcott
	12th	10.30am	PCC meeting	Beaworthy
	14th	10.30am	PCC meeting	Halwill
	15th		Deadline for Newsletter	
	16th		Northlew Walkers Cream Tea	Beaworthy
	22nd	7.30pm	Visitation	Holsworthy
	27th	10.30am	PCC meeting	Highampton
	27th	2.30pm	Benefice Reps meeting	Halwill
	28th	7pm	PCC meeting	Tetcott
August	1st	11am	Mission Community Service	Holsworthy Park
	6th	2pm—4pm	Tea and Cake	Highampton
	15th		Deadline for Newsletter	
	15th	6.30pm	St Mary's Celebration	Black Torrington
	21st		Outside event	Clawton
September	11th		DHC Ride and Stride	Benefice Sponsored Walk with Picnic
	12th	11am	Harvest Service and Buffet Lunch	Halwill
	15th		Deadline for Newsletter	
	15th	7pm	Installation of New Archdeacon	Bideford
	17th—20th	11am—7pm	Harvest Flower Festival	Black Torrington
	26th	11am	Harvest Service and Lunch	Clawton
	26th	6.30pm	Harvest Service and Auction of produce	Highampton
October	3rd	11am	Harvest Service and lunch	Beaworthy
	3rd	11am	Harvest Service with bring and Share lunch	Ashwater
	10th	12.30pm	Harvest Lunch	Highampton
	15th		Deadline for Newsletter	
	16th	10am	Big Breakfast	Clawton
November	15th		Deadline for Newsletter	
	20th		Wine and Wisdom	Clawton
December	15th		Deadline for the Newsletter	
	19th	7.30pm	Carol Service	Clawton

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD OR VULNERABLE ADULT?

Please speak to your Parish Safeguarding Representative if you have any concerns for the well-being of a child or adult, or about the behaviour of someone towards a child or adult.

Your Parish Safeguarding Representative is:

Name: **Val Letheren**

Contact: **val.letheren@btinternet.com** or **07484880770**

If you cannot reach your Parish Safeguarding Representative, please contact your parish clergy or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

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IMMEDIATE RISK OF HARM?

If you believe somebody is at immediate risk of harm or that a crime has been committed, dial **999**

If you have serious concerns about an individual's well-being, you should contact the relevant agencies:

Concerns about children

Devon Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH): **0345 155 1071**

Please notify your Parish Safeguarding Representative and/or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team after contacting any of these agencies.

Concerns about adults

Devon - Care Direct: **0345 155 1007**

Domestic Abuse

Devon helpline for professionals and individuals: **0345 155 1074**

Rape Crisis

National: **0808 802 9999** Devon & Torbay: **01392 20417**



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