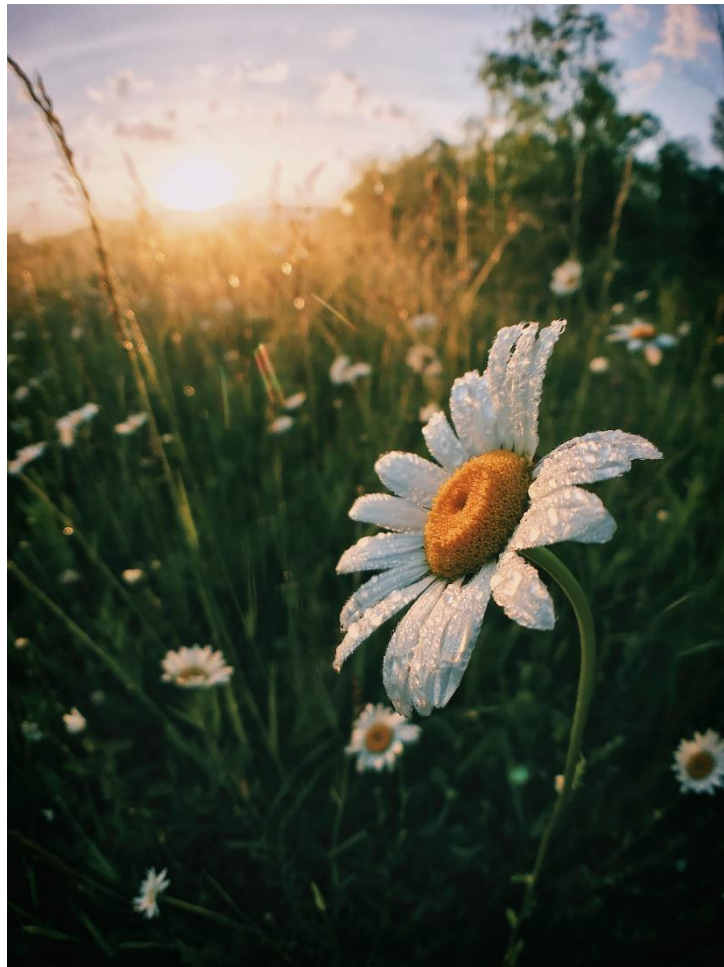


Ruby Country Benefice

The parishes of Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington,
Clawton, Halwill, Highampton & Tetcott

Bulletin July 2023



*The LORD is merciful and compassionate,
Very patient, and full of faithful love.*

Psalm 145: 8



JUNE

3rd Baptism of Alexander Charlie James
MAWTUS (Clawton)

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JULY

Rectors Week

Well two weeks in and I have discovered some lovely people and some wonderful Churches, and my excitement at being the new Rector has only grown. There is a lot to do, but that is entirely to be expected. In the last week, I have had meetings with the Archdeacon, Rural Deans meeting this evening with the Bishop, hosted the Diocesan Children's and Young Families day visit to us and our schools, and the Church Conservation Trust Officer for her visit to St James at Luffincott.

Drawing breath, I thought it might be an appropriate time to share some of my mission plans for us in the days and years ahead. At my interview, and in the Parish Profile, the Parish Representatives set out three distinct priority areas: Children & Schools work, Worship Leaders, and appropriate lay outreach training for congregations, all within an ecumenical setting where possible.

Childrens & Schools: I have been looking at ways to engage with schools and young families positively and have attended training days with the Diocesan Children's team. To be effective, we need to move beyond assemblies and occasional services (important as they are). I have requested funding from the Diocesan Mission fund to enable a high resolution and auto focusing projector to use for light displays on the walls and ceilings of churches to tie in with storytelling. We are in an excellent position to help with understanding bereavement in young people (core curriculum subject) and out churchyards are loaded with wildlife (again a core subject), and this can all be engaged within a faith-based setting.

Worship Leaders: The Benefice Council approved a new Worship Leaders Group to work together and share resources, training, ideas and coffee with cake. This

will be a separate Benefice Group which I would like to get off the ground in August and is open to all denominations.

Outreach: I am minded to develop a rural chaplaincy team (Anna Chaplains would be part of this), to equip church members to work outside our buildings in pastoral and faith situations. Often churches try to do mission by finding ways to attract people into church services. Rural Chaplaincy takes faith out of church, to meet people where they are, and is an essential first step. This last priority will take a little time to establish but, unlike complex Deanery 'Mission Action Plans', this has the benefit of being simple, effective and workable.

Finally, I will be working with each PCC separately; focused on what you are all already doing. Every Parish I have visited has work ongoing and a plan to do more. Of course, fabric, numbers and vacancies in some church positions, needs addressing, but the work of Christ is alive in Ruby Country; the rest will follow.

Paul.



You are invited !

Please join us for a Farewell Service for

Rev'd Richard Freeman

On Sunday 2nd July at 6.30pm in St John the Baptist Church, Bradworthy

And afterwards for refreshment in

Bradworthy Memorial Hall

R.S.V.P. (for catering)

Richard Boughton

richardboughton@btconnect.com

Ruby Country Benefice Services for July 2023

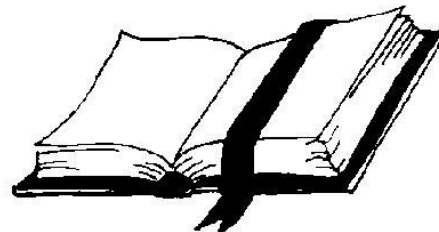
Sunday 2nd	9.30am	Ashwater	Morning Service
4 th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Black Torrington	Holy Communion
	11am	Halwill	Morning Service
	6:30pm	St. John the Baptist, Bradworthy	Revd. Richard Freeman's last service
Sunday 9th	11am	Black Torrington	Café Church
5 th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Clawton	Holy Communion
	6pm	Luffincott	Evening Service
	6:30pm	Beaworthy	BCP Evensong
Sunday 16th	9:30am	Ashwater	Holy Communion
6 th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Black Torrington	Morning Prayer
	11am	Halwill	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	11am	Beaworthy	Holy Communion
7 th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Clawton	United Service
	6:30pm	Highampton	Evening Service
Sunday 30th 8 th Sunday after Trinity	11am	Beaworthy	Benefice Holy Communion



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Lectionary Readings for July 2023



<p>Sunday 2nd (4th Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>Jeremiah 28: 5 – 9 Psalm 89: 1 – 4, 15 - 18 Romans 6: 12 – end Matthew 10: 40 – end</p> <p>Services at Ashwater, Black Torrington, Halwill</p>	<p>Sunday 9th (5th Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>Zechariah 9: 9 – 12 Psalm 145: 8 – 15 Romans 7: 15 – 25a Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 – end</p> <p>Services at Beaworthy, Black Torrington, Clawton, Luffincott</p>	<p>Sunday 16th (6th Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>Isaiah 55: 10 – 13 Psalm 65 Romans 8: 1 – 11 Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 – 23</p> <p>Services at Ashwater, Halwill, Black Torrington</p>
<p>Sunday 23rd (7th Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>Isaiah 44: 6 – 9 Psalm 86: 11 – end Romans 8: 12 – 25 Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 – 43</p> <p>Services at Beaworthy, Clawton, Highampton</p>	<p>Sunday 30th (8th Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>1 Kings 3: 5 – 12 Psalm 119: 129 - 136 Romans 8: 26 – end Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 – 52</p> <p>Service at Beaworthy</p>	

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

Tetcott Church



Please Note!

There is **no service at Tetcott** on 2nd July.

instead

There will be a service at Luffincott on Sunday 9th July – 5:30 cup of tea, 6pm Service.



Highampton Pet Service

Was held on the 28th May. It was such a beautiful sunny day to be able to hold the service outside in the Church yard.

It was well attended by 30 people and 9 dogs. 1 cat that came from Bridgerule with its owner and the organist Ruth brought a beautiful picture of her 2 cats.

Rev Paul Fitzpatrick led the service greeting everyone as they arrived with their pets and thanked Alma Knight for organising the service.

Tea, Coffee, biscuits and a chat followed the service







Celebrating St Mary's Black Torrington

You are warmly invited to St Mary's Church on
Tuesday 15th August
at 7.00 pm

for a short informal service
followed by Cheese and Wine

We are grateful to the many people who contribute in so many different ways to the life and work of our church and community. We would like to use this opportunity to say thank you.

We hope that you can join us for this special occasion!

*Revd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick - Rector
Sheila Grabham and Val Letheren – Churchwardens*

Saturday 8th July

St Mary's Church, Black Torrington are having a cake stall at the Fun Day on the playing field.

If anyone would like to donate a cake or savouries, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please leave in the Church on the Friday or bring to the playing field on Saturday.

Many thanks

AUGUST BULLETIN DEADLINE: 15TH JULY

Please send any details of services, events, or fundraisers you want publicised, or any contributions – articles, images, poems etc. to Kay
by this date,

**ANYTHING NOT RECEIVED BY THE 15TH WILL NOT BE IN NEXT
MONTH'S BULLETIN**

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HIGH FIELD FEST

SATURDAY
29TH
JULY
2023

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HEADLINE ACT

The Wurzels

£35 MIDDAY to MIDNIGHT

£30 6PM to MIDNIGHT

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BIG AL AND
THE WILD STRAWBERRIES

TOM CORNEILL

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ALL DAY

Contact us

Message on our Facebook page or
call Lauren on 07572263129
or Jenny on 07854989597

Camping will be available on Saturday night.
Campervans and tents are welcome, just let us
know when you book your tickets.

Dogs MUST be on leads
NO ALCOHOL to be brought in



Senior Clergy Reflection from Ven. Douglas Dettmer, Archdeacon of Totnes

The Gift of Commitment

For the archdeacons of the diocese, among the most important events of the busy summer months are our annual Visitations, which this year will focus on our diocesan commitment to the care of God's creation and our diocesan commitment to the Net Zero Carbon goal. As always, at the heart of the annual Visitation Court will be the admission to office of those chosen by their fellow parishioners as churchwardens, with thanksgiving for their crucially important ministry in every parish of the diocese. Churchwardens are among the unsung heroes of every English community, from rural to urban and all points between. Their responsibilities include sharing in the oversight of the life of the church in their parish, the care of the church building and its contents, and ensuring that the work of the local church is carried out to the high standards worthy of the calling of any Christian community and indeed any public institution. Exercising the duties of this ancient office involves hard work, patience, and often considerable diplomatic skill.

All these are gifts which churchwardens offer freely in the service of others. But among the most important of those offerings, over and above particular skills, is the gift of commitment. Churchwardens are people who not only volunteer to help, but who commit themselves to ensuring that the work is done. When communities undertaking any worthy enterprise function as they should, many will step forward willingly and joyfully to share the load; but so much depends on those who take personal responsibility for seeing it through to the end.

The gift of commitment is among the most precious we can offer in any walk of life. The making and keeping of promises reflects no less than the nature of God himself, who freely gives himself for his creation and keeps the promises he makes to his people; this truth is at the heart of the story told by Holy Scripture from beginning to end.

Making promises and sticking to them is not always difficult (after all, we are taught that well developed virtues are habitual, and commitments within loving relationships can seem as natural as life itself); but sometimes commitments involve significant effort and conversion of the will, helped by the grace of God for which we pray. That is true not only of the individual commitments we make in our lives *within* communities, but the corporate commitments we make *as* communities—for example, the Church of England's commitment to Net Zero carbon use, which asks of us short-term inconveniences for the long-term good of future generations.

Thanks be to God for his gift of the grace we need to make and keep promises for the sake of others, and thanks be too for those whose example of self-giving service in their own calling—whatever form that takes—helps to guide us the way of true commitment.

Ven. Douglas Dettmer, Archdeacon of Totnes



Museum of
Dartmoor Life



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Halwill Churches Together. 21/6/23.

Dear Friends,

As we will not be meeting before mid July, there are a couple of things to point out.

On the 9th. We have a HCT service at the Baptist Chapel lead by John Hill and Dean James. At 11 am, everyone is very welcome.

In the afternoon of the 9th. Friends at Boasley Chapel are holding a cream tea and presentation of their future plans and vision for the Chapel. Beginning at 3pm. All are welcome. Although they are a little outside of our catchment area, I trust no one minds this post and I'm sure we wish them well in their ventures.

As of now I'm awaiting confirmation of whether Gala is being organised for the weekend 15/16. But!

The Baptist Chapel have a long arranged commitment with an overseas missionary couple returning home, and touring with their experiences, so they are already busy and unable to join in with a village event on the 15th. This was arranged before Gala dates were announced. However !

Sarah Balsdon has kindly offered to put up a tent or two if the Saturday event goes ahead. She will organise suitable children's and all age crafts and games on our behalf; so be prepared to help on the day if this goes ahead. She has also organised Kree8, which is in the village hall on the Sunday evening, as a family friendly event, open to all.

Our next HCT meeting is on 17th July. Halwill Baptist Hall at 7.30pm. Please come along to discuss future services and events.

Every blessing on a beautiful showery morning.
Angela.

Please share this information with your congregations.

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:

Val Letheren – [rubycountry.beneficeadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:rubbycountry.beneficeadmin@btinternet.com) – 07484 880 770

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

Costa Nassaris - Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser – 01392 294969 – 07809 339502
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Rebecca.lane@exeter.anglican.org

For general enquiries – SafeguardingEnquiry@exeter.anglican.org

IMMEDIATE RISK OF HARM

If you believe someone 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**

Concerns about Adults

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

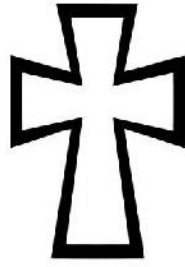
Domestic Abuse

Devon Help Line for professionals and individuals: **0345 155 1074**

Rape Crisis

National: **0808 802 9999** Devon and Torbay: **01392 204174**

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



St. Peter Ad Vincula, Ashwater EX21 5EY

St. Alban, Beaworthy EX21 5AB

St. Mary, Black Torrington EX21 5PU

St Leonard, Clawton EX22 6PS

St. Peter & St. James, Halwill EX21 5UH

Holy Cross, Highampton EX21 5LE

Holy Cross, Tetcott EX22 6QZ

