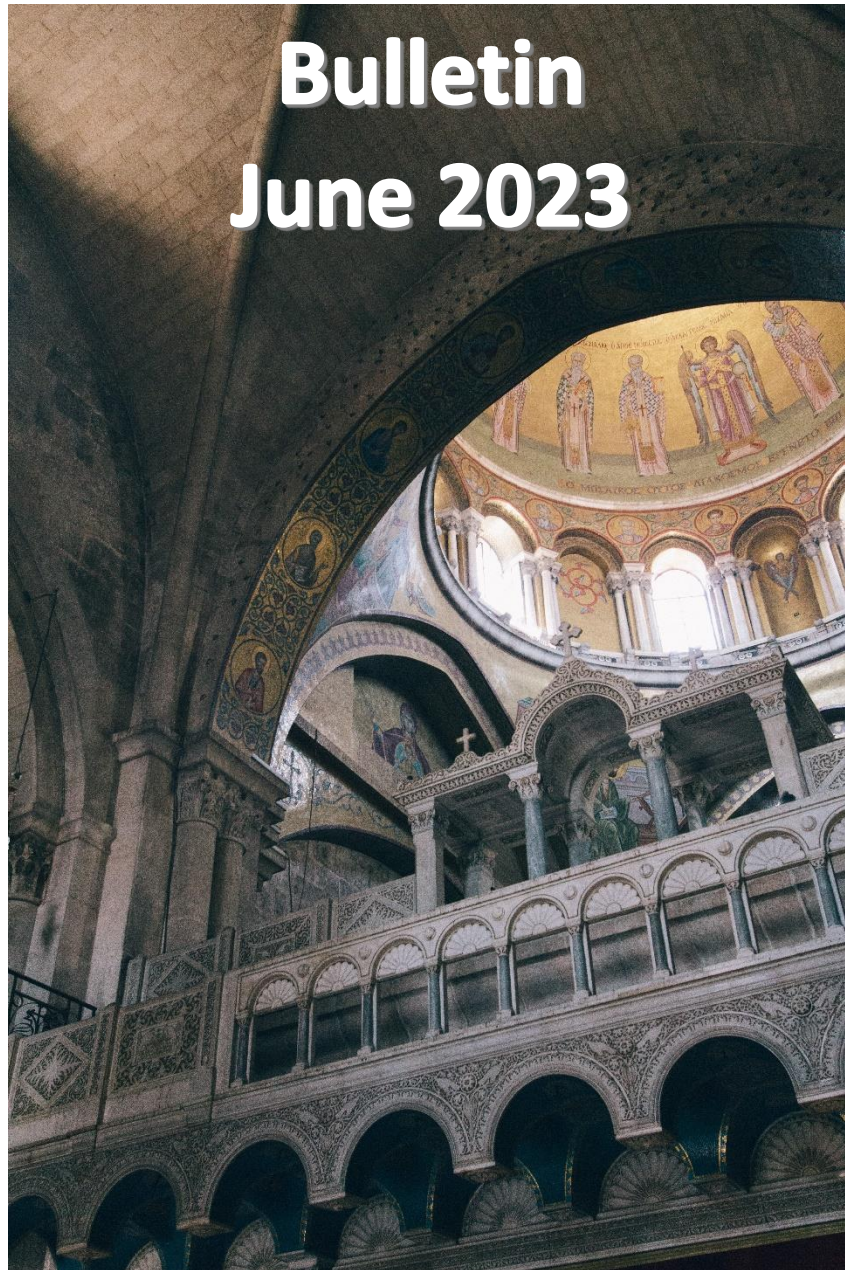


# Ruby Country Benefice

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



## Bulletin June 2023

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*Let us acknowledge the LORD;  
let us press on to acknowledge him.  
As surely as the sun rises,  
he will appear;  
he will come to us like the winter rains,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.'*  
**Hosea 6:3**

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MAY

27<sup>th</sup>

The Wedding of Katie WESTAWAY  
and Richard GILLIAM  
(Ashwater)

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A photo from the Bring and Share lunch from Revd. Stephen Skinner's  
Benefice Farewell at Black Torrington.  
Thanks to Sheila Graham for sending the photo, and to all who  
attended and brought food.



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**RINGING FOR THE CORONATION OF  
KING CHARLES III & QUEEN CAMILLA**

On Saturday, 6th May 2023  
**Highampton, Devon**  
Holy Cross

**Chiming**

Marcus Vergette  
Sally Vergette  
Lucy Barnes

A short peal for the Coronation, using a hammer system as the tower structure is unsafe for ringing.



Several children enjoyed going to the church to chime the bells for the King's coronation which was organised by Marcus & Sally Vergette as part of Highampton's coronation celebrations.

## Ruby Country Benefice Services for June 2023

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Ashwater	Communion
Trinity Sunday	11am	Black Torrington	Morning Service
	11am	Halwill	Communion
	6pm	Tetcott	Evening Service
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	11am	Black Torrington	Café Church
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11am	Clawton	Communion
	6:30pm	Beaworthy	Evensong
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am	Ashwater	Morning Service
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11am	Black Torrington	Communion
	11am	Halwill	Morning Service
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	11am	Clawton	United Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	6:30pm	Beaworthy	Patronal Service
	6:30pm	Highampton	Evening Service



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# The Licensing of our new Rector

The Reverend Dr Paul Fitzpatrick was licenced by The Right Reverend Jackie Searle, Bishop of Crediton at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

The service was very well attended and included the hymns, Tell Out my Soul, The Servant King, As a Deer Pants for Water, I the Lord of Sea & Sky and Thine be the Glory.

All churches were well represented and had specific roles in the service. In addition, the churches of the benefices provided a floral display for each of the windows in the Church.

Following the service, there was a buffet at Black Torrington Village Hall.

Thanks to all who were involved in the service, and a huge welcome to Paul (and his wife Sarah)!





The Venerable Verena Breed, Archdeacon of Barnstaple, Revd. Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick, rector of the Ruby Country Benefice, The Right Reverend Jackie Searle, Bishop of Crediton and Rev'd Richard Freeman, rector of Bradworthy Benefice and Rural Dean.







O God, as we are entering this time in the life of The Ruby Country Benefice, refresh us with a new vision and help us to meet well all duties and responsibilities that come to us.

May we show hospitality to our new rector, Paul Fitzpatrick, and welcome him with our support and prayers. Fill him, O Lord, with the knowledge of your will in all wisdom and understanding.

We beseech you for the touch of your Spirit, that his heart may yield to you in obedience, reverence and confidence.

Endue our hearts with gratitude and love for the blessings of this new ministry that will not only give joy and comfort but also by example and influence will lead others to love and serve you.

Impel us constantly through this new ministry to gracious acts of kindness done to others in the Lord's name, and for his sake, that we become strength to the weak, hope to the despondent, joy to the sorrowing, power to the tempted, so that we may so live that through us your will more fully be done among all people.

Grant that your servant, Paul, may find his strength and dedication from the leading of your Holy Spirit.

We thank you for the new opportunities that are ours. Help us to meet them with courage and trust in you. May we be filled with the gratitude of the saviour, Jesus, who lifts us from the burden of sin and anxiety, and gather this family about yourself and protect us.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Amen.

# *Liturgical*

## **White**

is the colour for the festal periods from Christmas Day to the Presentation and from Easter Day to the Eve of Pentecost, for Trinity Sunday, for Festivals of Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary, for All Saints' Day, and for the Festivals of those saints not venerated as martyrs, for the Feast of Dedication of a church, at Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and in thanksgiving for Holy Communion and Holy Baptism.

It is used for Marriages, and is suitable for Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination, though red may be preferred.

It may be used in preference to purple or black for Funerals, and should be used at the Funeral of a child.

Where a church has two sets of white, one may be kept for great Festivals indicated as 'gold or white'.

## **Red**

is used during Holy Week (except at Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday), on the Feast of Pentecost, may be used between All Saints' Day and the First Sunday of Advent (except where other provision is made) and is used for the Feasts of those saints venerated as martyrs.

It is appropriate for any services which focus



# Colours

on the gift of the Holy Spirit, and is therefore suitable for Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination. Coloured hangings are traditionally removed for Good Friday and Easter Eve, but red is the colour for the liturgy on Good Friday.

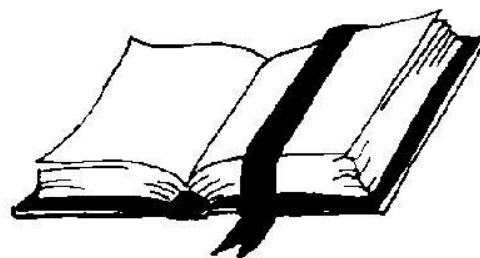
## Purple

(which may vary from 'Roman purple' to violet, with blue as an alternative) is the colour for Advent and from Ash Wednesday until the day before Palm Sunday. It is recommended for Funerals and for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, although either black or white may be preferred. A Lent array of unbleached linen is sometimes used as an alternative to purple, but only from Ash Wednesday until the day before Palm Sunday. Rose-colour is sometimes used as an alternative on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

## Green

is used from the day after the Presentation until Shrove Tuesday, and from the day after Pentecost until the eve of All Saints' Day, except when other provision is made. It may also be used, rather than red, between All Saints' Day and the First Sunday of Advent.

# Lectionary Readings for June 2023



<p><b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> (Trinity Sunday)</p> <p>Isaiah 40: 20 – 17, 27 – end 2 Corinthians 13: 11 – end Matthew 28: 16 – end</p> <p><b>Services at Ashwater, Black Torrington, Halwill, Tetcott</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b> (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>Hosea 5: 15 – 6: 6 Romans 4: 13 – end Matthew 9: 9 – 13, 18 – 26</p> <p><b>Services at Beaworthy, Black Torrington, Clawton</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b> (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>Exodus 19: 2 – 8a Romans 5: 1 – 9 Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8</p> <p><b>Services at Ashwater, Halwill, Black Torrington</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>Jeremiah 20: 7 – 13 Romans 6: 1b – 11 Matthew 10: 24 – 39</p> <p><b>Services at Beaworthy, Clawton, Highampton</b></p>		

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





# HIGH FIELD FEST

SATURDAY  
29TH  
JULY  
2023

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE RENAL UNIT RD&E AND HIGHAMPTON CHURCH

HIGHAMPTON EX21 5LF

## HEADLINE ACT

# The Wurzels

£35 MIDDAY to MIDNIGHT

£30 6PM to MIDNIGHT

UNDER 14s FREE

## OTHER ACTS

EAT THE RICH

TRANSPORTERS

BIG AL AND  
THE WILD STRAWBERRIES

TOM CORNEILL

THE STEREO PROBLEMS

BAR and FOOD  
AVAILABLE  
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**  
**Rev'd. Tanya Hockley-Still, UKME (UK Minority Ethnic)**  
**Champion and Priest-in-Charge of St. Marks Church, Exeter**

Being the parent of a 19-month-old, I often find myself thinking about busyness and trying to find the optimal work/life balance. The story of Mary and Martha from the Bible (Luke 10:38-42) offers an interesting perspective on the topic of busyness. In the story, Jesus visits the home of two sisters, Mary and Martha. Martha is busy with preparations for the meal, while Mary sits at Jesus' feet, listening to his teachings. Martha becomes frustrated with Mary and asks Jesus to tell her sister to help with the work. Jesus responds by saying that Mary has chosen the better thing, which will not be taken away from her.

This story highlights the tension between busyness and spiritual contemplation. As someone who often struggles with busyness, this story reminds me of the importance of prioritising spiritual practices, such as prayer, meditation, and contemplation. It's easy to get caught up in the demands of daily life and to neglect our spiritual needs. But ultimately, these practices are what sustain us and give us the strength to face life's challenges.

At the same time, I don't think this story is meant to suggest that we should abandon our worldly responsibilities in favour of spiritual pursuits. Both Mary and Martha have important roles to play - Martha in providing hospitality and Mary in receiving spiritual teachings. The key is to find a balance between these two aspects of life, to recognise the value of both busyness and contemplation.

Ultimately, I think the story of Mary and Martha offers a powerful reminder of the importance of finding balance in our lives, and of prioritising those things that truly matter.



## 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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### 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

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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

