

PPT: the Parish Church of St Peter, St Paul & St Thomas of Canterbury, Bovey Tracey and St Mary's, Hennock



# Church Bulletin

## May 2017



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# Who's Who at PPT

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## Reader:

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## Men's Group:

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Old Orchard, 833916

## Captain of the Ringers

Mr Robert Brown 834461

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Mr M Totterdell	833084
Mr J Waldron	830879
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Mrs M Steele	832137

others as elected on Sat 29 April

## P.C.C. Hon. Treasurer:

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Mrs Kate Martin

## P.C.C. Secretary:

Mrs Alison Jones

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## Deanery Synod Reps:

Mr Charlie Beauchamp

Mr Kevin Jones

Mr Roy White

## Diocesan Synod Rep:

Mrs Dawn Hamilton

# Letter from the Vicar: *Your Kingdom come!*

Dear Friends,

Between 25th May and 4th June (Pentecost), communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ, in answer to an appeal by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

The early church spent the 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus praying in the upper room, until the Spirit came in power on Pentecost and the church was born in fire. Churches are planning events of all shapes and sizes to take place across the 10 days, including 24-7 prayer rooms, prayer days, prayer walks and half nights of prayer. In Bovey Tracey we are planning to focus our activities around the Methodist Church- details will be confirmed later this month.

During this month we will be learning afresh to pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, and taking time to consider each phrase closely. It is easy to rush through familiar words without considering their weight. We may be tempted to think that the Lord's Prayer is simple, basic, mild and inoffensive. It is worth remembering that in November 2015 an advert showing people praying it was banned from British cinemas. This prayer is a cry for revolution. It is deeply subversive, and offensive to the principalities and powers who hold the world in their sway.

Do you pray? YouGov did a survey on British people's prayer habits: 10% say their prayers every day, 14% pray regularly, 31% rarely and 43% claim they never pray. I believe that prayer is a universal human instinct, especially in

times of crisis, but we all find prayer difficult, especially if we do not know to whom we pray, or if our prayers are acceptable. How should we approach God, and what can we ask him for?

Jesus teaches to pray with confidence that God is our Father and able to provide all that we need. But Jesus also subverts our self-centred prayers by teaching us first to seek the glory of God's name and the advance of his kingdom. Is that how you pray?

The Bishop of Exeter has called us to make growing in prayer our first priority. The Archbishops are calling us to pray for our friends to come to know Jesus.

If our prayers are irregular, or too mild and modest, then we need help to grow in prayer. The Monthly Prayer meeting on the second Wednesday is our most important monthly meeting: we meet together to encourage one another to pray for the world and the church, and for God's kingdom. We will be reshaping our small groups over the summer: why not find a group to help deepen your faith and vision of God, and help you to learn to pray with more faith and confidence?

Let's not be satisfied with 'saying our prayers'. Let us learn to pray together "Your Kingdom come!" so that God's name is exalted, and our friends and neighbours find the joy of Jesus Christ in their lives.

yours in Christ  
Graham

# Mission Focus - Open Doors

## *Church Representative - Ann Power*

We sent over 200 signatures to our government in response to the Open Doors World Watch list 2016. Thank you. They asked for a million voices of supporters and over 122,000 have so far signed the petition. Open doors have over 50 countries they give aid to in the form of water, food and shelter to Christians forced to flee their homes, refugees, mostly women and children whose husbands have been killed, whose churches, homes and schools are burnt down leaving them destitute. Their pastors are imprisoned. Petr Jasek a Czech graduate aid worker was sentenced to 23 years imprisonment for allegedly spying and undertaking NGO work without a permit and his two disciple helpers 12 years each. We are asked to pray for them and many others and their families in desperate fear and need that God will give them strength and courage.

We have heard so much of the war and devastation in Iran, Syria and the Middle East and we hold all who are suffering so much in our hearts and our prayers.

The devastation in sub-saharan Africa is also beyond our comprehension. There are 18.4 million displaced people - 30% of the global total, 'hosting' 26% of the world refugees.

Christians have been displaced by violent persecution in Somalia, Sudan, Eritrea, Nigeria, Kenya, Central African Republic and Cameroon. Over 2 million people (1.3

million Christians) have fled their homes in Nigeria - their villages attacked and burnt by Boko Haram. The UN reported 14 million people needing humanitarian aid and hundreds of thousands in danger from starvation.

Open Doors also gives us messages of hope. Individuals are working miracles through their faith. Rebecca, with support from a friend who lived abroad began distributing food and medical care to some widows she knew. Her work grew and Open Doors now provide her with financial support. Today she and her team of volunteers care for 2000 widows, build simple houses and provide school fees for their children. Rebecca says "God is hearing us. I can help because of the support I get from others."

Around the world Christians are responding. In Switzerland thousands took part in marches across the country to show solidarity with brave believers, in Geneva petitions were read out in English, French and Arabic in front of leading UK representatives. Joint days of prayer go beyond geographical and cultural barriers, uniting our hearts and minds with Christ in order to seek the Lord for peace in our lands. Please pray and support our persecuted brothers and sisters to survive.

You can order the World Watch list 2017 with prayers for 50 countries where Christians face the worst persecution by visiting the Open Doors website or calling 01993 460015

# Engage with God

The “Thy Kingdom Come” prayer initiative encourages us to pray for others

## Pray for five friends

**Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives.**

Consistently praying for others takes discipline, and there are many ways that we can build up habits that will help us to pray for our friends and family.

Choose five people you would regularly like to pray for and write their names down onto a list. If you’re not sure who to pray for, ask God to guide you as you choose. Once you have settled on 5 names, commit to praying for them regularly by praying the following:

**Loving Father,  
in the face of Jesus Christ  
your light and glory have blazed forth.  
Send your Holy Spirit that I may share  
with my friends .....the life of  
your Son and your love for all.  
Strengthen me as a witness to that love  
as I pledge to pray for them, for your  
name’s sake. Amen.**

Here are five easy ways to pray for five people regularly.

### 1. PIECE OF STRING

Take a piece of string or cord, and tie five knots in it to represent each of the five people you have committed to pray for. You could carry the knotted string in your pocket, tie it round your wrist or place it somewhere that you’ll see it regularly. Use the knots to remind you to pray for each person on your list of five.

### 2. SMALL STONES

Find five small stones (light coloured ones are best) and write each of the people on your list onto each of the stones. Place them on your desk, bedside table or fireplace as a reminder to pray. Or, you

could place each stone in a different room of your home and pray for each person as you enter or leave the room.

### 3. BUSINESS PRAYER CARD OR BOOKMARK

Grab a piece of card that will easily fit inside your wallet, purse or book. Write your list of five names onto the card before putting it in your wallet or book. Use this card as a daily reminder to pray for them.

### 4. PRAYER ALERTS

Add your list of five people to the alerts section of your phone and set reminders to pray for them. You could choose one name per day, or pray for all five across your day. Remember to set alerts for a suitable time where you can stop to pray.

### 5. POST-IT NOTES

Use five post-it notes and write one name onto each. Stick them onto your mirror, or somewhere that you’ll see them regularly and will be reminded to pray.

*You might like to use the following prayer:*

Loving Lord,  
Please work in me so I can share your love, life and message with.....  
Reveal your love to them, that they might know, follow and witness to you,  
for Your glory.  
Amen.

Loving Father,  
Send your Holy Spirit so I can share your love, life and message with...  
Reveal Jesus to them, that they might know, follow and love him,  
for Your glory.  
Amen.

You build your church through the power of your Spirit.

By the same Spirit enable me to witness to..... your love, beauty and grace, that they may come to the fellowship of the faithful for Your glory.

Amen.

<b>May</b>		
1 Mon		Bank holiday: no Morning Prayer
3 Wed	10am	Holy Communion in the Church
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
4 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps Toddler Group in the Church Room
	1pm	Little Stars Lunch and Service
5 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps Toddler Group in the Church Room
<b>7 Sun</b>		
		<b>Your Kingdom Come</b>
		Readings: 1 Timothy 6.6-19, Matthew 6.19-24
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): Rev Graham Hamilton
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Eleanor Oelmann
	11am	Morning Worship: Eleanor Oelmann
	5pm	Celebration: Eleanor Oelmann
8 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
9 Tue	5.30pm	Installation of Preb Becky Totterdell at Exeter Cathedral
10 Wed	10am	Holy Communion in the church
	12 noon	Funeral of Mrs Anne Cosh in church
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
	5pm	Wise Guys for 10-14's in the Church Room
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Monthly Prayer Meeting</b> in the Church Room followed by meeting for House group leaders
11 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps Toddler Group in the Church Room
12 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps Toddler Group in the Church Room
<b>14 Sun</b>		
		<b>Our Daily Bread</b>
		Readings: Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-34
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5pm	Celebration: Rev Graham Hamilton
15 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
16 Tue	2pm	Mother's Union in the Church Room
17 Wed	10am	Holy Communion in the church
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Parochial Church Council meeting in the Church Room
18 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps Toddler Group in the Church Room
19 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps Toddler Group in the Church Room

**21 Sun****Forgiving and Forgiven**

Readings: Matthew 18.15-22, Matthew 7.1-6

9.30am Sunday Praise with Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton  
 11am Morning Worship with baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton  
 5pm Lord's Supper Rev Graham Hamilton

22 Mon

9.10am Morning Prayer

24 Wed

10am Holy Communion in the church

2pm Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room

5pm Wise Guys for 10-14's in the Church Room

25 Thur

7am Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room

9.45am First Steps Toddler Group in the Church Room

7-9.30pm Sexuality Conference at Emmanuel Plymouth-see note

26 Fri

9.10am Morning Prayer

9.45am First Steps Toddler Group in the Church Room

**28 Sun****Deliver us from evil**

Readings: 1 John 3.1-10, Matthew 7.7-12

9.30am Sunday Praise with baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton

11am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

5pm Celebration: Rev Graham Hamilton

29 Mon

9.10am Morning prayer at the Methodist Church

31 Wed

10am Holy Communion at the Methodist Church

2pm Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room

5pm Wise Guys for 10-14's in the Church Room

**June**

1 Thur

7am Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room

9.45am First Steps Toddler Group in the Church Room

1pm Little Stars Lunch and Service

2 Fri

9.10am Morning Prayer at the Methodist Church

9.45am First Steps Toddler Group in the Church Room

7pm Girls Night Italian Evening

**4 Sun****Time to decide**

Readings: Acts 2.29-41, Matthew 7.13-28

8am Holy Communion (BCP): Rev Graham Hamilton

9.30am Sunday Praise: Eleanor Oelmann

11am Morning Worship: Eleanor Oelmann

5pm Celebration: Eleanor Oelmann

# Notes & Events

## Peninsula Women's Conference

Hebrews: running the race to the end  
St Leonards Church, Exeter 13 May  
9.30am - 4.30pm, Cost £12  
booking closes 30 April  
More information and booking forms  
available at the back of church

## Wise Guys

Wise Guys is our new club for young  
people aged 10-14. We meet again on  
Wednesday 10 May and 24 May from  
5-7pm in the church room. Come and eat  
pizza, play games and learn wisdom from  
the bible. Our theme this month: Praying  
for the Kingdom

## Thank You

We received a thank you letter earlier  
in the year from Christians Against  
Poverty as a result of our Harvest Gift  
Day offering which was sent to them.  
They write: "Every year over 1000  
people accept Jesus as their personal  
saviour through our work. Thank you  
for joining us in our vision."

**Saturday 6th May 10am at Bovey  
Baptist Church** there will be a public  
consultation event on the proposal for  
a new community hall and sports  
centre for Bovey Tracey. All are  
welcome.  
Hosted by Bovey Futures

## Dates in May

1st - 500th anniversary of Evil may day  
riots in London against foreigners.  
3rd - World Press Freedom Day  
24th - 1956 - 1st Eurovision Song  
contest

## Feeding our Future

Day conference on food justice  
being held at Exeter on Thursday  
4th May 10.30am-4pm  
£15 including lunch and drinks.  
To book email:  
joanie.harris@exeter.anglican.org  
or phone: 01392 294940

## Cake-ophony! presents

### A singing Sensation

Saturday June 10th at PPT  
10.30am for coffee / tea and cake  
11am for music  
Tickets £5 on the door in aid of the  
Youth Cafe and PPT

## Ladies - Date for your Diary

Saturday June 17th 8.30am - 10am  
there will be a ladies breakfast with  
guest speaker Wendy Meredith.  
Subject TBA

## Obituary

Iris Smith, a long-time member of this  
church died in Parkland House, Exeter  
on 19 March, aged 92. Her funeral  
took place on Thu 6 April at Leusdon  
Memorial Hall, Poundsgate.

# Report from St Mary's APCM

St Mary's Hennock held its Annual Church meeting on Sunday 2 April.

The electoral roll now stands at 27. Mr Christopher Ward was thanked for his service as Church Warden for the last two years, and Mr Derek Baker was re-elected for a third year, and Mr Miles Pomfrett also elected, with effect from the Archdeacon's Visitation on Monday 15 May.

The church accounts were approved, and our thanks to June Brown our treasurer and Alec Jacob the independent examiner. The accounts show an improving reserve, but we will face a new quinquennial inspection soon, so we must not be complacent.

The meeting considered and approved a change to the rules of the

PCC, setting a three year limit to the tenure of elected PCC members, after which they must have a fallow year before standing for re-election.

Four members of the PCC have stood down. Mr Brian Marnham has been on the PCC for (we think) about 20 years, and has served as Deanery Synod representative for at least 6 years. Mr John Butcher is standing down as minutes secretary after 5 years. Mrs Joan Wonnacott is standing down after 25 years service, and Mr Harold Joll after 22 years on the PCC, and 11 as Churchwarden. In their place we elected Andy Marchant as Deanery Synod representative and Mrs Frances Swan. Mr Chris Ward continues on the PCC as an elected member.

## General Election 8 June

In the light of the recent announcement to hold a general election on 8th June this year we will be planning to host a hustings at the church in the next month. Date to be confirmed when responses have been received from the candidates. In the mean time here's a prayer taken from Billy Graham's prayers at the presidential inauguration for us to use in preparation for the election.

*We pray for all those in authority, for every leader of our nation, that you would give them your wisdom and*

*discernment as they lead. We pray that their hearts would be directed first to you, that they would recognise where their true help and strength come from. We ask that you would guard their coming and going, that you would be their refuge and their peace. We pray that you would surround every leader with wise counsel, that they would be humble and kind, patient and loving through their actions and words. We pray that their faith in you would be unwavering, strong, resolute, and firm.*

## Sketches from Church History (5)

The church in England made gentle progress in the decades following the Synod of Whitby. The final pagan kingdom, Sussex, was converted by Wilfred. Soon minster churches sent monks and priests to the surrounding villages. Villages like Hennock were reached by the monks of Torre Abbey in Torquay. Ornate stone crosses were erected across the landscape, and gradually local parish churches were built and funded by local thegns or landlords. The parish priest looked to his landlord for his living, and to his Bishop for his orders. This curious system has worked rather well for centuries!

Many monasteries were also founded, and schools established first by Bishops, and then monasteries like Malmesbury and Jarrow. In many ways the Eighth century was a golden age for the Church. England began to produce great scholars like Bede, Alcuin and Aldhelm, and treasures like the Lindisfarne Gospels and the first English poetry. England even sent missionaries to Europe. Wynfrith, or Boniface of Crediton, reached the Saxons still living in Germany. But this golden age was to end in flames as a new enemy came across the sea from Scandinavia.

The Vikings turned the world upside down in less than a hundred years, conquering not only most of England, but also Brittany, parts of Spain, Italy, Iceland and Russia. They began around 800 as raiders, looting remote islands like Lindisfarne and Iona, but by 850 they began systematic conquest. By 870 only the English Christian Kingdom of Wessex remained, thanks to the courage and perseverance of Alfred the

Great, who is commemorated in one of the south windows at PPT. He eventually defeated the Viking Guthrum, and persuaded him to be baptised in 878. The restoration of the Christian faith across England, and the reconciliation of the new invaders was remarkably rapid. Alfred was not only a warrior, but a king with a vision to rebuild in peace, with restored religion and learning. He built new abbeys and founded many schools, to educate the laity as well as the clergy, and he himself translated Christian classics of theology and history from Latin into English. He died in 899, and we have a biography of him, written by Bishop Asser in 909.



Alfred the Great's statue at Winchester. Hamo Thornycroft's bronze statue erected in 1899.

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# What's on and who's who at St Mary's

## May

1 Mon 12pm Wedding of Elaine Whittle and Peter Heale

2 Tues 10.30am Community Coffee Morning

## 7 Sun

### Playing to an audience of one

Readings: Ephesians 1.3-14, Matthew 6.1-18

10am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

4 Tues 10.30am Community Coffee Morning

## 14 Sun

### Your Kingdom come

Readings: 1 Timothy 6.6-19, Matthew 6.19-24

10am Morning Worship: Eleanor Oelmann

## 21 Sun

### Rogation Sunday: Our daily bread

Readings: Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-34

10am Morning Worship: Keith Butler

Followed by a walk to Warmhill farm for a bring and share lunch

## 28 Sun

### Forgiving and forgiven

Readings: Matthew 18.21-35, Matthew 7.1-6

10am Morning Worship: Mrs Tessa Amies

24 Wed 10am Stitch and Knit at the Village Hall

## June

## 4 Sun

### Deliver us from evil

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, Matthew 7.7-12

10am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

Dedication of new bell ropes.

**Churchwardens:** Mr Derek Baker 835355, Mr Miles Pomfrett 331062

**Minutes Secretary:** Lyn Russell 832176

**P.C.C. Treasurer:** Mrs June Brown, West Hele, Hennock Road, 832108

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**Deanery Synod Rep:** Mr Andy Marchant, 833661

**Churchyard:** Hennock Volunteers

## Rota

Date	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessor	Flowers
7th	Miles Pomfrett	Frances Swan	Service Leader	Avril
14th	Ken Swan	Ken Swan	Andy Marchant	Avril
21st	Miles Pomfrett	Miles Pomfrett	Brian Marnham	Avril
28th	Pat Savage-Jones	Anne English	Joan Wonnacott	Lyn
June				
4th	Harold Joll	Libby Marnham	Service Leader	Lyn

# The Back Page:

## Friends First

It is not good for man to be alone (Gen 2.18)

Are you lonely and not particularly enjoying facing life on your own?

Do you wish God would answer your prayers for a soul mate like he did for Adam in the Garden of Eden?

Then you should contact Friends1st, the off line Christian friendship and

introduction agency that has been helping like minded Christians 'on their own' meet each other since 1999. For an informal chat about their service call 0121 4050417 or investigate further at [www.friends1st.co.uk](http://www.friends1st.co.uk) There are Christian singles in Devon and the surrounding area who are already registered and might be looking for someone just like you.

## Thika Update

This was a visit by Bishop Julius Wanyoike on 17th March to Thungururu Parish in the lower part of the Diocese, with the ADS (Anglican Development Services) Chania Zone committee members to launch the water harvesting project. They also visited a number of homes of Christians and residents to witness the impact of farming God's Way as well as their preparedness in water conservation before the onset of the long rains season.

The area is currently witnessing severe drought and an estimate of more than 1,000 families are in dire need of food and water assistance. The worst affected are the elderly and those without a regular source of income.

They also donated a water tank to the elderly woman, Mrs. Florence Wairimu, who accompanied us during the occasion.



Bishop Julius blesses the water tanks farmers saved up for.



An offering of crops grown by 'Farming God's Way'