

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



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Who's Who at PPT

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Letter from the Vicar: *Psalms to soothe the soul*

Dear Friends,

During the summer we are studying a selection of psalms. They lie at the centre of our bibles- a mixture of hymns of praise, prayers, and cries of lament. Many are attributed to King David, the sweet psalmist of Israel, and they became the hymnbook of Israel, so they are at least 2500 years old. Christian churches have always used them in worship, sometimes exclusively, but they pose some challenges.

- How should we sing them?
- What about the difficult bits-curses etc?
- What if my feelings, today or ever, don't match the moods of the psalms?

These difficulties tempt us to choose a few easy favourites with good tunes like "The Lord's my shepherd" (Psalm 23)
"As the deer pants for the water" (42)
"Praise my soul the king of heaven" (103)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer courageously commended these Jewish hymns to his German congregation under Nazi rule. Christians use the psalms as their prayerbook because Jesus did, and he is teaching us how to pray. When we pray the psalms we are praying with Jesus, as a child prays with a parent. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray because they needed help. Prayer is more than pouring out one's heart - it is finding the way to speak with God. We can't do that on our own: we need Jesus' help.

Jesus prayed the psalms because David who wrote them was the prototype of Jesus. It helps to pay proper attention to those who originally wrote, sang and prayed them and in what circumstances.

If we discover that we are taking a message from the psalm that is not in keeping with its original meaning, we have probably distorted it.

But we also need to pray every psalm through the work of Christ, because we are not Israelites living in a kingdom, worshipping in a Temple or lamenting its ruins and our exile. We are not ruled by a king, or longing for a king like David to be restored.

The key to praying the psalms, says Bonhoeffer, is knowing that we do not pray alone. Jesus, still human, "to whom no affliction, illness, suffering is unknown, and who yet was the wholly innocent and righteous one, is praying in the Psalter through the mouth of his congregation.. these prayers belong not to the individual member, but to the whole body of Christ." (*Life Together*)

We have been included in God's Kingdom through great David's greater son, Jesus. He prayed these psalms and taught his disciples to see his full humanity, in them - suffering with and for us and praying for us. The psalms can only make full sense to us as prayers of Jesus with us and for us.

The psalms belong in our worship, because we have access to God the Father only through Jesus, and he provides us with these words. They will widen our hearts and help us to share in the experience of the saints who have faced triumph and disaster, tasted joy and despair, in the company of our Lord. May they enrich our prayers, widen our heart and soothe our souls, to His glory.

yours in Him,
Graham

Mission Focus - Falcon Camps

Church Representative - Peter Francis

As I write this article the camps are about to start and will provide a really exciting week for youngsters who would not normally have a holiday. Sixteen camps are to take place this year and this includes the one at Lee Abbey with whom we have a very special relationship. Lee Abbey provides an opportunity for youngsters between the ages of 8 to 11 to have a holiday. Over the past few years they have taken children from Families for Children Adoption Agency many of whom are now at the camp at Perrot Hill which takes an older group.

The Camp at Lee Abbey starts on 13th August and ends on 18th August. The leader John Fryer and his team greatly values the support that our church gives both financially and in prayer. Prayer cards are available in the church for each child and I do encourage you to take one and pray that the week will be very special to him or her and that they will see something of God's love for them. I will be visiting the camp during the week and will be happy to take cakes or sweets etc to them.

Thika Update

Message from Rev Mary:

My family and I are well, resting and experiencing the love and grace of God. We and the intercessor team took your request as their prayer item and I believe the hand of Almighty Jehovah has been experienced. May you all receive Christ peace that surpasses all understanding and love keep you all.

We as Kame and Kabungi Churches will live to proclaim the wonders and doings of the Almighty Jehovah. Pray for church leadership, Christians and my family for strength and willingness to continue serving.

Personal prayers for my husband who is not working now but has started a community organisation to improve the livelihoods of children, women and youths from resource limited households. There are constraints on resources but huge number of beneficiaries expecting from them. You can visit the organisation on Facebook - Wachoro Karaba community organisation. Pass our regards to your family, Christians and anyone else we may have interacted with or met.

Engage with God - Meditation on the word

The Bible instructs us to meditate on the Word but how are we supposed to do that and what does it mean to meditate?

A Secular Definition of Meditation

Most dictionaries define meditation as: Intentional contemplation on the author's work with the express purpose of reflecting upon it, contemplative thinking, the revolving of a subject in the mind or a self-directed practice of calming the mind and body.

Other definitions are a clearing of the mind, an emptying of thoughts, having a mind that is open. The thing that I don't like about this kind of meditation is that a clear, open mind is one that is subject to spiritual attack or evil influence from demons or wicked spirits. This is not what the Bible means by meditating on the Word of God.

Meditating on the Word

Meditating on the Word of God is a lost art in the church today. We lose out on so much when we simply read over the Word and don't meditate on it. Part of what the Psalmist says where we are to "hide your Word" in our heart is simply meditating on it. Memorising scripture may be part of this hiding the Word, but there is so much power even in one verse...in one word... that we don't tap that power when we read right past it. You can never meditate on it if you are not reading it.

Benefits of Meditating on the Word

Here are a few verses that tell us that we should meditate on the Word of God, why we should meditate on it and what the benefits are:

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way

prosperous, and then you will have good success." Joshua 1:8

If we meditate on God's Law, then we will "be careful to do all that is written in it."

You can't obey what you do not know. And God promises to "make your way prosperous" and you'll have "good success" if you meditate on it. Meditating and memorising Scripture is like "hiding His Word" in your heart. When you are tempted, you can more easily resist sinning because you already know the precepts, statutes, and Laws of God.

"My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding." Psalm 49:3

Here is a cause and effect verse. Our mouth can speak wisdom only because the meditation of our hearts on His Word gives us understanding. This is not a subjective, human wisdom but the wisdom of God Himself because when our hearts mediate on *His* truth, what we say will be wise because it is the wisdom of God. The seat of the intellect in the Jewish idiom is the "heart" and so when you read the word heart, you can understand that it is talking about the mind.

"My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise." Psalm 119:148

This verse speaks of meditating on the Word late at night, perhaps before bedtime. They are meditating on God's promises and that helps to keep a believer's hope strong. His promises are all revealed in Scripture and what better thing to meditate on than those promises which are sure, true, and can not be broken.

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Bovey Calendar

August

1 Tues	9.45am	Holiday Club at Scout HQ
2 Wed	9.45am	Holiday Club at Scout HQ
	10am	Holy Communion in the Church
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
3 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	Holiday Club at Scout HQ
4 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	Holiday Club at Scout HQ
	7.30pm	Codelife group for men in the Church Room
6 Sun		Rejected For ever?
		Readings: Psalm 74, John 2.12-22
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): Rev Graham Hamilton
	9.30am	Sunday Praise with Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11am	Morning Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5pm	Lord's Supper: Rev Graham Hamilton
7 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
9 Wed	10am	Holy Communion in the church
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting in the Church Room
10 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
11 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
13 Sun		Betrayal
		Readings (am): Psalm 55, Matthew 26.20-25
		Reading: (pm): Psalm 32
	9.30am	Sunday Praise : Canon Michael Sansom
	11am	Holy Communion: Canon Michael Sansom
	5pm	Celebration: Mr David Barlow
14 Mon	9.10am	Morning Prayer
15 Tue	2pm	Mother's Union Cream Tea in the Church Room
16 Wed	10am	No midweek communion
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
17 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
18 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Codelife group for men in the Church Room
19 Sat	2pm	Wedding of Molly Bowser and Tom Harrill

20 Sun		Christians Together: That the world may believe Reading: John 17.1-24 10.30am United service in the marquee on Parke View Meadow: Rev Graham Hamilton
21 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
23 Wed	10am	No midweek communion
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
24 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
25 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	5pm	Choir Practice
27 Sun		Where does my help come from? Readings: Psalm 121, Luke 21.10-28 9.30am Sunday Praise: Eleanor Oelmann 11am Morning Worship: Eleanor Oelmann 5pm Celebration: Eleanor Oelmann
28 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
30 Wed	10am	Holy Communion in the Church
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
31 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
September		
1 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Nourish Festival concert in Church- see article
2 Sat	7.30pm	Nourish Festival concert in Church- see article
3 Sun		Remember God's great deeds Readings: Psalm 78, Matthew 13.31-35 8am Holy Communion (BCP): Rev Graham Hamilton 9.30am Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton 11am Morning Worship with Baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton 5pm Celebration: Rev Graham Hamilton

Children's activities at Sunday Praise this month

There will be activities for Children at the Sunday Praise services this August.

Notes & Events

Nourish Festival

PPT is once again hosting concerts on Friday 1 September 7.30pm for 'cellist Steven Isserlis and on Saturday 2nd September 7.30pm for pianist Noriko Ogawa

Tickets can be booked via the Nourish website or volunteer to warden the event for free entry: <http://www.nourishfestival.org/music>

Wise Guys

Wise Guys is our new monthly club for young people aged 10-14. We meet again on Wednesday 13 September from 5-7pm in the church room. Come and eat pizza, play games and learn wisdom from the bible.

Little Stars is changing

Little stars is now for 0-7 year olds with their parents/carers. Older siblings welcome too. First Thursday of the month. Starting at 3.30pm with a snack in the church hall, followed by stories and songs in church and a craft activity. Starts again on 5th October. For more details contact **Carolyn Laycock 01626 832335**

Dates in August

1st 1834 - Slavery abolished in the UK
4th 1914 - Britain declares war on Germany
15th - VJ Day

Children's activities at Sunday Praise this month

There will be activities for Children at the Sunday Praise services this August.

Mother's Union Cream tea

15th August 2-4pm
in the Church Room
All are welcome

Public Exhibition of Community Centre plans at Bovey Library. Tuesday 1st August from 4-6pm

Contact Mark Wells on 01626 834217 for more information

The baptism that changed our lives



Until Leanne and Darren Bell had their youngest child baptised eight years ago, they had rarely been to church. But it was a moment which would change their lives. Now both have been ordained together.

The baptism took place at St James Shilbottle, outside Alnwick in Northumberland. At the time, there was a vacancy at the church and the Reader and the Ordained Local Minister prepared them for baptism with members of the congregation welcoming them to the church.

Leanne describes this group as “brilliant” including the congregation members who visited them at home. “These were women who had worshipped in the church for decades who had this faithful ministry that they exercised year after year. They were fantastic, so open, welcoming and non-judgemental,” she said. A former solicitor and law lecturer, Leanne recalls her feelings at the baptism: ‘I remember feeling very emotional, it felt like I had been away somewhere unfamiliar and I had come back home.’ She added: “We were walking down the path out of the church and I cannot remember which one of us said: ‘I think I would like go back next week’ and the other said ‘yes, so would I’.”

The couple had been baptised as babies but had not been churchgoers up until this key moment in their lives. They started to attend church regularly and were confirmed in 2010. “Darren always used to joke that had he not gone into the police (as he did) he would have been a chaplain in the Army,” Leanne said. “A few people at St James Shilbottle had a word with him and he started exploring his vocation. I had a sense of calling almost immediately but I was adamant that I was not going down that path. It was two and a half years before I gave in and went to see the Diocesan Director of Ordinands. I had not been able to imagine ever being the person who wore the robes who stood at the front of a church.

However over that time God made it clear that first, it’s not about being at the front, it’s about being alongside people, and second, He’s calling me to do it. Looking back, I can see God was working in my life all the way through, whether I was aware of it or not.’

Leanne and Darren Bell trained for the priesthood at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire and were among 14 men and women ordained as deacons at the weekend at Newcastle Cathedral. Leanne has started work as an assistant curate in the parish of St Peter, Monkseaton and Darren to serve as assistant curate at Holy Trinity, Seghill and St Mary Holywell.

Sketches from Church History (8)

The Friars: Dominic and Francis

The great lesson of church history is that Jesus is our Living Lord, and he always finds a way of bringing new life to his church, whenever its fallible human members manage to corrupt it. We have noted in recent months the great good done by the Monastic orders in renewing the church and advancing the gospel in times of darkness, and the good work of reform undertaken by some Popes like Gregory and Bishops like Anselm. By the high middle ages the Church in the West held great power and wealth. Popes could command kings to wage war and start crusades. The Church was therefore particularly susceptible to corruption: men who wanted wealth and power wanted to be part of it! Monasteries had become large landowners and the monks became absorbed in their administration. The Popes of the early 13th century were striving to reform the church in the face of strange new ideas brought back from the Crusades, which the regular clergy were not equipped to tackle. In 1215 Dominic of Spain founded an order of preachers and with the support of the Pope was authorised in 1219 to travel widely, live simply and preach, challenging heresy and unbelief. Dominic's brothers in the order, frères or friars, first reached England in 1221 and were soon established at Oxford and rapidly raised the standards of education with the full support of the Archbishop and King. (This date means that 'Friar Tuck' could not have been a companion of Robin Hood in the reign of Richard Lionheart :1189-1199).

At the same time a young soldier from Assisi called Francis had a spiritual crisis and renounced his wealth and status for a life of poverty and preaching. He too quickly gathered followers, sought permission from the Pope and his order was authorised by Pope Innocent III in 1210. Francis founded a sister order of the Poor Clares for women who wished to follow his rule.

Francis had a passion to proclaim the gospel, and tried to reach Jerusalem in 1212 and Morocco, but was thwarted by shipwreck and disease. In 1219 he reached Egypt and met with the Sultan during a truce with a crusading army. His order spread across Europe, and was widely welcomed by Bishops and kings, for the sincerity of the poor friars was evident to all, and they suffered great hardships for the gospel. Like the Dominicans, the Franciscans valued education and established themselves in University towns, but they were first of all a preaching order. Most village churches never had a sermon (the clergy were not educated to preach) and the friars brought a new spiritual hope and strength to the nation.

Yet in turn they too succumbed to human fallibility. Their dependence on begging led to a business model of farming out begging rights, and as they gained houses and properties, friars became fatter. They found themselves in competition with the regular clergy for the fees for funerals and confessions, and by 1300 the Pope intervened with a system for licensing friars to restore the peace.

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

August

1 Tues 10.30am Community Coffee Morning

6 Sun

8th after Trinity

Readings: Romans 9.1-5 and Matthew 14.13-21

10am Morning Worship: Edward Goodman

13 Sun

9th after Trinity

Readings: Romans 10.5-15, Matthew 14.22-33

10am Holy Communion: Rev G Percy

20 Sun

10.30am United service in Mill Marsh marquee in Bovey Tracey

27 Sun

11th after Trinity

Readings: Romans 12.1-8, Matthew 16.13-20

10am Holy Communion: Rev G Percy

23 Wed 10am Stitch and Knit at the Village Hall

September

3 Sun

Where does my help come from? - 12th after Trinity

Readings: Psalm 121, Luke 21.10-28

10am Morning Worship: Eleanor Oelmann

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Date	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessor	Flowers
6th	Harold Joll	Frances Swan	Service Leader	Avril
13th	Ken Swan	June Brown	Ellena Jamie	Avril
20th	Pat Savage-Jones	Ken Swan	Andy Marchant	Lyn
27th	Frances Swan	Miles Pomfrett	Christine and Richard	Lyn
Sept				
3rd	Harold Joll	Anne English	Service Leader	Lyn

The Back Page:

An Atheist's view on life

I will live my life according to these beliefs
God does not exist
it is just foolish to think
there is a God with a cosmic plan
That an all-powerful God brings redemption and healing
is a comforting thought, however
it
is only wishful thinking
people can do as they please without eternal consequences
the idea that
I am deserving of hell
because of sin
is a lie meant to make me a slave to those in power
"The more you have the happier you will be"
Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose
in a world with no God
there is freedom to be who I want to be
but with God
everything is fine
it is ridiculous to think
I am lost and in need of saving

(A Christian view on life)

Now read the poem again from the bottom to the top. Could this help you share your faith with anyone who says that they are an atheist?