

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: *Clash of Kingdoms*

Dear Friends,

Our cover photo shows a rugby scrum- the point of impact when two teams clash to possess the ball. Many football and rugby teams start a fresh fight for the trophy in this new sporting season.

September is a busy month - the start of a new school year, and it feels like a fresh start for us as a church as well. I am delighted to welcome Mark

Alexander as our new ministry assistant, and I hope that you will welcome him back to Bovey. Carolyn our family worker also begins a new stage in her reader training as she preaches once a month. But a church cannot rely on a few willing workers: we all have a part to play as volunteers, and we begin this term with a necessary focus on safely recruiting and training our volunteers. Please help us to meet our legal obligations for safeguarding everyone by engaging with the training that will be offered to you.

After a summer season in the psalms, we return in our Sunday preaching to the gospel of Matthew, and we find Jesus preaching the kingdom, and encountering resistance on every side- it begins to feel a bit of a scrum! The Pharisees start by objecting to Jesus' repeated infringement of the Sabbath law, and end up accusing him of being in league with Beelzebub, the prince of demons. The crowds are amazed at his signs, but most do not respond with the repentance and faith that is required for salvation. John the Baptist is languishing in the dungeon of king Herod, and begins to wonder if Jesus really is the promised Messiah. Even Jesus' family

worry about his mental health, and try to take him home. Behind each of these painful clashes, a deeper level of conflict emerges- a spiritual battle, a clash of kingdoms.

Jesus is clear: he will not quarrel or protest on the street, break a bruised reed or use violence. He is humble and meek, yet his Kingdom is coming as the word is preached, and it is advancing!

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. (Matthew 11.12)

This term we are also offering a course in the key ideas and leaders of the Reformation which began 500 years ago when Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church Wittenberg on 31 October 1517. The turbulent years of the Reformation saw much strife and bloodshed, but Luther always advocated peaceful preaching and obedience to the ruling authorities. We need to learn from church history if we want to preserve the truth of the gospel and maintain true gospel unity, especially as the consequences of the events at General Synod in July are considered. We are in a spiritual battle, and such battles can only be fought and won with spiritual weapons - prayer, the word of God, and courageous suffering.

yours in Him,
Graham

Mission Focus - Youth Cafe

Church Representative - John Midgley

We have had a year of steady progress, however, Maz Johnson our Manager, has decided to go back to college and study as an equine sports therapist. She will continue to manage the evening sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Robbie Donovan. Mark Sugden, our Trustee, will look after the role of Cafe Manager and a smooth transition will take place as Mark and Maz have regularly worked together on Cafe matters. Maz is a great spokesman and leader of our Charities work in the Town with young people and we are very grateful for all she has done to secure the Cafe's future.

This year we were asked to present a financial report to the Town Council outlining our income and expenditure over the last five years and there-by assisting councillors to commit to the

monthly payment the Town makes to our work. Likewise at the Annual Town meeting Maz reported on the activities and remit of the Cafe and this was very well received.

We are anxious to welcome in the Cafe young people regardless of conditions they may have. Happily, a young boy with Downs Syndrome comes regularly with his parents to take an active part in Cafe life and there are several young people with Attention Deficit Disorder who are able to mix in and enjoy themselves.



Jackie Marks is another key session worker who is truly enthusiastic about her role with the young people and recently Claire Stickley who works for Careers S.W has returned to us as she uses the Cafe to meet with young people experiencing problems. Sam Bovey, who has attended the Cafe for four years has now been volunteering for a year and is a great help to staff. Further, Finn Webb, active in the Cafe for years and now 14, is giving his time to the young people as is Carey French. Tom Colliety completed his Duke of Edinburgh Awards volunteering at the Cafe for a year and was very popular with staff and the young, who much enjoyed his games.

We had hoped by now to have replaced our windows and main entrance door on the street. The Almshouse Trust has generously promised funding. However, delays, experienced with Teignbridge Council and changes to the specification requiring us to have wooden windows

made incorporating the necessary strengthened glass, have held us up. As always we are so grateful to all our staff and volunteers, to our very generous Patron, Ros Smalley and to our Trustees. We also wish to thank those individuals and organisation who keep us afloat financially, including of course P.P.T.

We ask for your continuing prayers for the future of the young people of our Town and our small contribution to their wellbeing.

Engage with God

Following on from last month's article about meditating on the word, here are the World's top 10 most encouraging bible verses for you to practice with.

10: Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

9: And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

8: Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

7: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalms 23:4

6: But they that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they will run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

5: But Jesus looked at them and said, With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.

Mark 10:27

4: For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

3: The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Proverbs 18:10

2: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

1: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Bovey Calendar

September

1 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Nourish Festival concert in Church- see notes and events
2 Sat	7.30pm	Nourish Festival concert in Church- see notes and events
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 with Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11am	Morning Worship with Baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5pm	Celebration: Rev Graham Hamilton
4 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
6 Wed	10am	No Holy Communion this week
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
7 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
8 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
10 Sun		Disappointed Prophet
		Readings: Matthew 11.1-15
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Carolyn Laycock
	11am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5pm	Celebration: Rev Graham Hamilton
	6.30pm	Reformation 500: Luther - in the Church Room
11 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
13 Wed	10am	Holy Communion in the church
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
	5pm	Wise Guys in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting in the Church Room
14 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
15 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Codelife group for men in the Church Room

17 Sun**Still on offer**

Readings: Matthew 11.16-30
 9.30am Sunday Praise: Eleanor Oelmann
 11am Morning Worship: Eleanor Oelmann
 5pm Lord's Supper:
 Eleanor Oelmann and Rev Graham Hamilton

18 Mon

9.10am Morning Prayer

19 Tue

2pm Mother's Union in the Church Room

20 Wed

10am Holy Communion in the church

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

21 Thur

7am Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room

9.45am First Steps in the Church Room

22 Fri

9.10am Morning Prayer

9.45am First Steps in the Church Room

24 Sun**Liberty or legalism?**

Reading: Isaiah 42.1-13, Matthew 12.1-21
 9.30am Sunday Praise with Baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton
 11am Holy Communion:
 Mark Alexander and Rev Graham Hamilton
 5pm Celebration: Mark Alexander

25 Mon

9.10am Morning prayer

27 Wed

10am Holy Communion in the church

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

28 Thur

7am Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room

9.45am First Steps in the Church Room

29 Fri

9.10am Morning Prayer

9.45am First Steps in the Church Room

5pm Choir Practice

7.30pm Harvest Supper at St Michael's Devonport - see note

October**1 Sun****Telling good from evil**

Readings: Isaiah 42.18-43.7, Matthew 12.22-37
 8am Holy Communion (BCP): Rev Graham Hamilton
 9.30am Sunday Praise with Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
 11am Morning Worship with Baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton
 5pm Celebration: Rev Graham Hamilton

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

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**

Harvest Supper at Devonport

St Michael's invites friends from PPT to join their harvest supper on Friday 29 September - contact Graham if interested.

Equipped to Care

Saturday 30th September from 10am - 3pm at Belmont Chapel - see porch notice for more details.

Dates in September

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

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.

Harvest at PPT

Advance notice that our Harvest service will be a united service at 10.30am on Sunday 15th October. Our guest preacher is Mr Richard Fisher from Tearfund, and there will be a Bring & Share Lunch afterwards in the church room. Put the date in your diary now. This will also be our annual Outward Giving Day.

Open Doors

Fundraising event. 3rd Sept at Gabwell Mill, Stokeinteignhead. Walk at 2pm and tea and cake at 3pm. rachelg@opendoorsuk.org

Reformation 500

Ideas that Changed the World

Christians Together will be marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a series of study evenings on the people whose ideas formed our modern world by returning to the core teachings of the bible.

Sun 10 Sep 6.30pm at PPT: Faith Alone (Luther) led by Graham Hamilton

Sun 8 Oct 6.30pm at Methodist: Grace alone (Calvin) led by Kevin Hooke

Sun 12 Nov 6.30pm at Baptist: Bible alone (Tyndale) led by Mark Styants

Sun 10 Dec 6.30pm at Ilstington: Christ alone (Cranmer) led by David Harris

Introducing Mark Alexander

I would like to begin by thanking PPT for this opportunity to serve. I know that some may know who I am but I would like to refresh you on how I became a Christian and what I have been doing over the past two years.

I became a Christian after I was invited to a Bible study group run by PPT. It was as though I knew who Jesus was in my head but not in my heart. But after meeting the Christians at the Bible study group I remember thinking whatever they have I want it. I woke up the next morning and it was like someone had turned a light on in my heart and I finally understood who Jesus was and what he had done for me.

The following two years gave way to much growth in who God was. However I still lacked the understanding of scripture. After encountering difficult circumstances I began to think about what I should be doing in service of the Lord, working in Engineering (which is what I studied at University) or go into some form of full time Christian ministry. In many ways my decision was made for me by a friend and a curate at PPT. He encouraged me to pursue full time ministry in the form of a Cornhill college which ran courses on a part time basis while serving a church in the London area.



After visiting several churches without much success, I visited Christ Church Leyton located in East London. I was overwhelmed by the warmth of the church family at Christ Church and wanted to stay there. For the next two years I served at Christ Church. During this time I lived with the Vicar Mark and his wife Christina.

During these two years I have grown in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. I cannot thank Mark and Christina enough for their kindness. Coupled to that I cannot thank the Lord enough for sending me to a college like Cornhill which teaches Christians what it really means to follow Christ and helping students to know how all of scripture is God breathed and suitable for salvation and how to teach this to others.

I have learnt many lessons over the past two years, but I know there are many lessons still to learn and many trials and temptations on the horizon. My prayer is that Christ would keep me to the very end. I would like the church family to remember that I am not perfect, but I endeavour to serve with all my heart, soul, mind and strength.

Mark Alexander
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Sketches from Church History (9)

Last month we noted how Dominic and Francis were able to bring reforms to the church, with the support of the Pope and many bishops. The fourteenth century was much more difficult. By the end of the next century, the wealth and power in the church had corrupted it deeply. Clergy owned much land and often absent from their parishes. Friars were now fat and rich, as the poem “Piers Plowman” described around 1370. England suffered from a weak king and excessive demands from the pope, and the Black Death of 1348 killed perhaps half of the population. The wages of the surviving workers rose, followed by prices and taxation. In 1381 there was a Peasants’ Revolt, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, who was also the Chancellor of England, was murdered.

John Wycliff was born around 1328, and was a rising scholar in Oxford when the Black Death struck. It left him with a gloomy sense of the end of things, and he became a fierce critic first of the political corruption of the church. He believed that the clergy should be poor, and advised the King not to pay tribute to the Pope. This gained him many allies among the English nobility, who protected him when the Pope tried to excommunicate Wycliff. The Papacy was in chaos at this time. Pope Urban VI was so violent that the Cardinals moved to France and elected an Anti-Pope, based in Avignon, and this ‘Western Schism’ lasted for over 50 years: at one point there were three popes! The crisis was only resolved in 1415 at the Council of Constance.

So Wycliff was not alone in crying for reform, and his works were circulated in Latin and English. But his criticism went beyond politics into theology. He became convinced that the supreme authority in Christianity lay in the bible, and he and his supporters laboured long and hard to translate the Latin Vulgate into (middle) English. 150 copies survive.

By 1380 he was teaching that there was no such thing as purgatory, and saying that Scripture was superior to the teaching of Pope(s), that the true church is the invisible number of saints chosen by God. When he denied the doctrine of transubstantiation (that the bread and wine at communion are actually changed into the body and blood of Christ) he lost support, and was brought to trial first in London and then in Oxford. He retired to parish life and continued his work of translation and writing. He died in 1384, but many were inspired to spread his message, and the Lollards, or ‘poor preachers’ continued to teach around England for many years. His ideas also took root in other parts of Europe, such as Bohemia. Wycliff was later seen as the Morning Star of the Reformation, but when the Council of Constance finally settled the issue of too many popes, it declared Wycliff a heretic. His body was exhumed and thrown into a river, and his writings ordered to be burnt.

But his idea of the Bible in English would not be forgotten, and today the Wycliffe Bible Translators continue his work so that every people can read the scriptures in their own language.

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

September

3 Sun **Where does my help come from? - 12th after Trinity**
Readings: Psalm 121, Luke 21.10-28
10am Morning Worship: Eleanor Oelmann

5 Tues 10.30am Community Coffee Morning

10 Sun **13th after Trinity**
Romans 14.1-12, Matthew 18.21-35
10am Holy Communion: Rev D Witchell

11 Mon 7.30pm PCC Meeting at Warmhill Farm

17 Sun **Disappointed Prophet. 14th after Trinity**
Readings: Psalm 78.1-Matthew 11.1-15
10am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

21 Thur 12pm Soup and Pud lunch

24 Sun **15th after Trinity**
Psalm 78.1-31, Matthew 13.31-35
4pm Harvest: Rev Graham Hamilton
Followed by sale of produce for Farm Africa

27 Wed 10am Stitch and Knit at the Village Hall

October

1 Sun **Still on offer - 16th after Trinity**
Readings: Psalm 78.32-55, Matthew 11.16-30
10am Morning Worship: Eleanor Oelmann

Churchwardens: Mr Derek Baker 835355, Mr Miles Pomfrett 331062

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Churchyard: Hennock Volunteers

Rota

Date	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessor	Flowers
3rd	Harold Joll	Anne English	Service Leader	Lyn
10th	Pat Savage-Jones	Frances Swan	Andy Marchant	Lorraine
17th	Ken Swan	Libby Marnham	Ellena Jamie	Lorraine
24th	Harold Joll	June Brown	Brian Marnham	Lorraine
Oct				
1st	Pat Savage-Jones	Miles Pomfrett	Service Leader	Christine

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Guardians of Ancora - Treasure Seekers.

Churches Together in Bovey Tracey have completed their annual Holiday club. This year's theme was seeking the treasure that is in the Bible: "God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die." John 3:16.

We started by seeing how God sent a message via the angels and how the shepherds came to meet God's special saviour. We looked at how Jesus taught

us to talk to God through prayer. We concluded the week with how God's plan doesn't always fit with our ideas - what looked like defeat - Jesus's death, was part of the plan. This culminated in the glorious victory when Jesus conquered death - he has saved the people of the world!



The children enjoyed an action packed time of games, quizzes, Bible discovery, crafts, drama, action songs and some more messy challenges.

Once again the week was sponsored by Bovey Alms House Trust.



A big thank you to all the volunteers who enabled the children to have such a fun filled week.