

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: *Wheat and Tares*

Dear Friends,

St Mary's Hennock had a splendid Harvest Festival and school service last month: our cover photo shows one of the many lovely window displays. A sale of produce raised £500 for Farm Africa!



*“For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore”*

Harvest at PPT comes this month. The Primary school are coming for a special Harvest Experience in the week, and there will be a united Harvest service followed by a bring and share lunch on Sunday 15th October. This will also be our annual gift day, when we support the different mission agencies and partners. Please read the leaflet so that you are more aware of the steady progress made by our mission partners in places far from the headlines, and plan to give generously to the work of the gospel.

The vagaries of English weather make every harvest different: some years are good for grain and bad for roots. This year the grass has been rich, but cereal farmers have struggled. In our garden the fruit has been abundant, and so have the slugs!

Matthew chapter 13 presents a collection of Jesus' parables on Harvest. Jesus explains that the seed of the word, the gospel of the Kingdom produces very different results in different people, whom he compares to types of soil. He also warns us that bad seed (tares or weeds) are sown by our spiritual enemy as well as the good seed of the gospel, and the fields of this world will never be free of weeds, destructive errors and heresies, until Christ returns in glory to reap the final Harvest. Our great harvest hymns are full of this parable's images:

October 2017 is the centenary of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. The radical ideas of Karl Marx were finally put into practice, and the naive hopes of the Russian people turned to dismay as a brutal and violent tyranny far worse than the Tzars was established, and brought half of Europe and Asia under its boot. We must thank God that the iron curtain has gone, but we must remain vigilant against the seductive seeds of the enemy, and keep on proclaiming the unchanging gospel.

Jesus' parables encourage us that his word, though it seems so small and insignificant has power to change the world, like mustard seed, or leaven in flour and quietly bring the Kingdom of justice and peace with God. The Church in Russia endured the Red Winter of persecution, and is now resurgent. We now face different ideological challenges in the West, but the eternal gospel of Jesus still has its power.

This month we launch 'Life Explored', a course to explore the best gift that God can give. If you know someone who is searching for happiness or fulfilment, why not bring them along?

yours in Christ,
Graham

Mission Focus - Tearfund

Church Representative - Laurance Druiff

DEVELOPING NEW WAYS TO WORK ALONGSIDE COMMUNITIES

Over time, the nature of community in Kenya has been changing. The Church and Community Mobilisation process (CCMP) was designed to mobilise churches and then communities to bring whole-life, lasting change enabling people to break free from cycles of poverty. A change was needed.

It's design called for large community meetings to discuss issues. But community dynamics in Kenya have been changing, and the former model has become increasingly difficult to implement in a way that will bring the best support for each community. A change was needed.

Those implementing the process in Kenya developed an alternative way of working, integrating the original model with an aspect of reaching and/or entering the community through small, Self Help Groups.

SELF HELP GROUPS

This new way of working, first targets the poorest in a community by organising them into groups. The group then journeys together to learn the skills that will allow them to bring a respond to the issues they face. As each small group takes their own journey, and begins to see successes from working together in this way, they will reach out to the rest of the community.

Involving stakeholders (for example, the process's technical support staff of the Diocese), two comprehensive Manuals were created to help people implement self-help groups across the diocese. One was about bringing socio-economic transformation, and the second on building firm foundations in Christ. The involvement of technical staff in the process means that Thika Diocese has the capacity to integrate this new way of working in many new places.

PLEASE PRAY

Please continue playing for peace in our country Kenya. In August 2017 the country held a general election. The campaign period and the Election Day were very peaceful. However, the process of counting the votes and tarrying of the presidential was disputed. This brought demonstrations in some parts of Kenya. After being taken to the supreme court of Kenya, the election results have been annulled and new elections planned for 17th October. Kindly pray for a peaceful conclusion and the avoidance of the destruction of property and loss of life, like was seen in previously disputed elections. In some areas of Kenya there was moderate rainfall last season. This has brought forth a reasonable harvest compared with last season, when it failed. Please pray that there is sufficient rainfall to support crops between October and December.

Engage with God - encouragement in prayer

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - **Max Lucado**

"She (my mother) became a warrior far superior to any epic hero. She became a giant on her knees. With a sword in one hand she battled the enemies of death and disease, and with her other hand stretched toward heaven she kept beseeching God's help and His mercy." - **Bishop T.D. Jakes**

"There are parts of our calling, works of the Holy Spirit, and defeats of the darkness that will come no other way than through furious, fervent, faith-filled, unceasing prayer." - **Beth Moore**

"The reality is, my prayers don't change God. But, I am convinced prayer changes me. Praying boldly boots me out of that stale place of religious habit into authentic connection with God Himself." - **Lysa TerKeurst**

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" - **Corrie ten Boom**

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." - **Martin Luther**

"The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.'" - **Billy Graham**

"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that - it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth." - **Charles Spurgeon**

"If you believe in prayer at all, expect God to hear you. If you do not expect, you will not have. God will not hear you unless you believe He will hear you; but if you believe He will, He will be as good as your faith." - **Charles Spurgeon**

"Let no one profess to trust in God, and yet lay up for future wants, otherwise the Lord will first send him to the hoard he has amassed, before He can answer the prayer for more." - **George Muller**

"I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right; but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation may be on the Lord's side." - **Abraham Lincoln**

"Prayer is simply talking to God like a friend and should be the easiest thing we do each day." - **Joyce Meyer**

"God is looking for people to use, and if you can get usable, he will wear you out. The most dangerous prayer you can pray is this: 'Use me.'" - **Rick Warren**

"Rather than set aside daily time for prayer, I pray constantly and spontaneously about everything I encounter on a daily basis. When someone shares something with me, I'll often simply say, 'let's pray about this right now.'" - **Thomas Kinkade**

"Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden." - **Corrie Ten Boom**

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts." - **Mother Teresa**

Bovey Calendar

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
2 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
4 Wed	10am	Holy Communion
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
5 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	3.30pm	Little Stars service
6 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	2pm	Wedding Blessing: Kit Bayles and Alex Lawry
	7.30pm	Life Explored course begins - see note
8 Sun		Responding to Jesus Readings: Isaiah 43.8-13, Matthew 12.38-50 5pm Reading Psalm 19 9.30am Sunday Praise: Mark Alexander Featuring Tearfund's Big Bake 11am Holy Communion: Carolyn Laycock with Canon Michael Sansom 5pm Creation Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton 6.30pm Reformation 500: Calvin- Methodist Church
9 Mon	9.30am	Harvest Experience visits to church by Primary School
10 Tues	12.30pm	Friendship Lunch at the Edgemoor Hotel
11 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
12 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Safeguarding training: church room
14 Sat	9.30am	Devon Bible Conference at St Leonard's Exeter
	1.30pm	Wedding of Sandra Jones and Oliver Wilson
15 Sun		Harvest - Good soil and bad Readings: Isaiah 43.14-21, Matthew 13.1-23 10.30am United Service - Guest Tearfund speaker Richard Fisher followed by Bring & Share lunch in the church room

16 Mon	9.10am	Morning Prayer
17 Tue	2pm	Mother's Union in the Church Room
18 Wed	10am	Holy Communion in the church
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
19 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
20 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Codelife group for men in the Church Room
22 Sun		Present and Future
		Reading: Isaiah 43.22-44.5, Matthew 13.24-43
	9.30am	Sunday Praise with Baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5pm	Celebration: Rev Graham Hamilton
23 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
25 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: Film Night tbc
26 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
27 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	5pm	Choir Practice
29 Sun		Solid joy, lasting treasure
		am Readings: Isaiah 44.6-23, Matthew 13.44-53
		pm Reading: Psalm 139, Luke 1.39-45
	9.30am	Sunday Praise with Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11am	Morning Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5pm	Service of Commemoration: Rev Graham Hamilton
30 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
November		
1 Wed	10am	Holy Communion in the church
	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
2 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	3.30pm	Little Stars Service
3 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
5 Sun		Growth of the gospel
		Readings: Daniel 4, Matthew 13.31-35
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP): Rev Graham Hamilton
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Preacher to be confirmed
	11am	Morning Worship: Carolyn Laycock
	5pm	Celebration: the Vicar

Notes & Events

Devon Bible Conference

Saturday 14th October
St Leonard's Church, Exeter
"Psalms and Creation"
with Christopher Ash
9.30-3.30 - book online at
www.exeterdef.org.uk

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**

"Science and Christianity: Bridging the Imaginary Divide"

Thursday, 23rd November (1.30 pm – 4.30 pm) aimed at clergy and church leaders, (4 pm – 6 pm) is for science and RE teachers.

Professor Sir Colin Humphreys is a notable speaker and will enable us to engage in the science/religion debate in a way that will inform our apologetics and deepen our understanding of the issues.

Friendship Lunch

Restarts on October 10th. To enjoy a lovely two course lunch, good company and an encouraging message, come and join us each month during winter at the Edgemoor Hotel. For information contact Sylvia Francis on 01626 835041

Wise Guys

Wise Guys is our fortnight club for young people aged 10-14. We meet again on Wednesday 11 and 25 October from 5-7pm in the church room. Come and eat pizza, play games and learn wisdom from the bible.

Harvest at PPT

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. This will also be our annual Outward Giving Day.

Parenting Teenagers

From Care for the Family
Wednesday 8 November at Belmont Chapel and Thursday 9 November at Hope Baptist Church Plymouth.
See church porch for full details

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 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 IIsington: Christ alone (Cranmer) led by David Harris

Abortion Anniversary

In 1967 Parliament passed the Abortion Act, legalising abortion if there was a risk to the life or health of the pregnant woman. The Act has however been badly abused, and established a de facto right to abortion on demand.

The Church of England has consistently opposed this attitude. In successive statements and debates in the General Synod it has affirmed that "All human life, including life developing in the womb, is created by God in his own image, and is therefore to be nurtured, supported and protected" while recognising that there can be strictly limited conditions under which abortion may be morally preferable to the available alternative. On Sunday 29 October at 5pm we will be holding a quiet service to commemorate and lament the 50th anniversary of the Act, and to pray for all who have been affected by this issue.



Refresh and reignite your prayer life The Prayer Course

At PPT Church

Six Tuesdays from 24th October to 5th December
inclusive
(excluding 31st October)

7 - 8pm prompt.

For further information please contact: Carolyn Laycock
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or Eleanor Oelmann at
eleanoroelmann@gmail.com

Please sign up via the website www.pptbovey.org.uk or
on the sheet at the back of church.

Sketches from Church History (10)

Martin Luther

We began to mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation last month with our four-part course on “Ideas that changed the World”. It was really encouraging to see 73 people crowd into the church room for the first session on Martin Luther, who is our focus this month.

Martin was the son of German miners. They had high hopes of a lucrative legal career for their son, but after swearing an oath to God in a terrifying thunderstorm, Martin became an Augustinian monk. He was dedicated, and rose quickly to become a professor of Theology at Wittenberg university, but he could find no peace of mind, despite days of fasting and rigorous confession.

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” (Romans 1.17)

But after studying the original text of the bible, with the aid of Erasmus’ new Greek edition, and the Church Fathers like Augustine, Luther became convinced that the medieval church had forgotten the gospel message that our sin is dealt with by God’s action in Christ, so that we are



forgiven and accepted by him, or ‘counted righteous’ when we trust in Christ - ‘faith from first to last’, not by any human effort, works, prayers or indulgences. This Luther called **Faith Alone**,

The corruption of the Medieval church reached to the very top, and the Pope was trying to finance crusades to stop Turkish attacks, and a lavish rebuilding of St Peter’s in Rome, by the sale of indulgences, by which people hoped to escape years of painful suffering in Purgatory paying for their sins. Luther was infuriated by

this abuse, convinced that faith alone saves, and questioning if purgatory even existed. On 31 October 1517 Luther nailed 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg.

He expected to start an academic debate, and hoped to reform church practice, but with the aid of printing, his teaching quickly started a theological Reformation. Rather than answer his objections the Pope tried to suppress them, and turned a theological debate into a political dispute, which gave German cities and princes opportunity to make a break from the heavy hand of Papal control.

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

October

1 Sun

Still on offer - 16th after Trinity

Readings: Psalm 78.32-55, Matthew 11.16-30

10am Morning Worship: Eleanor Oelmann
(Hennock Apple Day at West Hele Barn)

3 Tues 10.30am Community Coffee Morning

8 Sun

Telling Good from Evil - 17th after Trinity

Isaiah 42.18-43.7, Matthew 12.22-37

10am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

15 Sun

18th after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 43.8-13, Matthew 12.38-50

10am Morning Worship: Rev David Witchell

19 Thur 12pm Soup and Pudding lunch in the Village hall

22 Sun

Responding to Jesus 19th after Trinity

Isaiah 43.14-21, Matthew 13.1-23

10am Holy Communion: Canon Michael Sansom

25 Wed 10am Stitch and Knit at the Village Hall

29 Sun

Good soil and bad: 20th after Trinity

Daniel 4, Matthew 13.31-35

10am Morning Worship: Veronica Dell

November

5 Sun

Present and Future - 4th before Advent

Readings: Isaiah 43.22-44.5, Matthew 13.24-43

10am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton and Mark Alexander

Churchwardens: Mr Derek Baker 835355, Mr Miles Pomfrett 331062

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Churchyard: Hennock Volunteers

Rota

Date	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessor	Flowers
1st	Pat Savage-Jones	Miles Pomfrett	Service Leader	Christine
8th	Ken Swan	Anne English	Andy Marchant	Christine
15th	Harold Joll	Frances Swan	Ellena Jaime	Christine
22nd	Pat Savage-Jones	Libby Marnham	Brian Marnham	June
29th	Ken Swan	June Brown	Andy Marchant	June
5th	Harold Joll	Miles Pomfrett	Service Leader	June

The Back Page:



Psalm 65 Creation and the Redemption of the Created Order
Psalm 74 Creation and Hope for the Church
Psalm 148 Creation and the Glory of God

with **Christopher Ash** (Tyndale House, Cambridge)

+ workshops on... using Psalms in Sunday worship, the place of lament in Psalms

Saturday 14th October St Leonard's Church, Exeter
9.30am - 3.30pm £5 Book online at www.exeterdef.org.uk

Devon Bible Conference



Noriko Ogawa and Steven Isserlis performing in PPT for the Nourish Festival