



# Church Bulletin

## March 2018



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# Who's Who at PPT

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# Letter from the Vicar: *The shadow of the Cross*

Dear Friends,

Oxfam has been in the news recently for all the wrong reasons- accusations of abuse in the field, and in their charity shops. There has been outrage around the world: some have cancelled their regular donations. The accusations are serious and need to be addressed, but it would be a tragedy if an organisation such as Oxfam were to collapse. When disaster strikes a nation, Oxfam has the skills and resources to bring relief more quickly than any government agency.

As we continue through Lent towards Easter, the shadow of the cross looms large. Jesus warns his disciples repeatedly that he must be betrayed and killed before he can be raised to life, but they are not willing or able to hear it. Yet as our readings from Isaiah show, the Old Testament scriptures clearly warn that the Lord's servant would suffer:

When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and through the rivers,  
they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire  
you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you. (Isa 41)

I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.  
But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced (Isa 50.6)

The servant in Isaiah seems to describe both the people of Israel suffering in exile for their disobedience and a mysterious figure - a prophet, a saviour?- who will rescue them and save the world.

At General Synod in February we received a presentation about safeguarding- protecting against abuse. The Church of England has made many mistakes, sometimes trying to cover up past sins to protect its reputation, sometimes trying too hard to find someone to blame. The National Enquiry into Child Abuse, which has exposed the failings of the BBC and other national institutions, will soon turn its attention to the Church of England, and it will not be comfortable. Bishops and vicars have been convicted of dreadful crimes. We, like Oxfam, must accept responsibility for the past, bear the disgrace and learn to do better in future.

Some may reject the gospel because of the conduct of the church which is supposed to proclaim and embody its message, but even if we feel that some of what is said and done is unfair, we must follow the example of the perfect Servant of the Lord, our saviour:

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2.23-24)

We too are imperfect servants, but we have a patient saviour. He wants his church to stand and proclaim his gospel. If we are prepared to share the shame, live under the shadow of His cross, then we will find healing and forgiveness.

yours in Christ,  
Graham

# Mission Focus - Tom Harrison

## *Church Representative - Tom Harrison*

My name Tom Harrison, and PPT has long been my home church.

I am currently engrossed in Bible study in Canada, six out of nine months in to my School of Biblical Studies with Youth With A Mission (YWAM). YWAM runs schools to train and send young people to mission fields all over the world.

I am undertaking this school because I believe God has called me to cement my life's theological foundations.

Having grown up in some amazing churches, I had experienced God in many contexts, and knew many of the Bible's stories and lessons, but knew there was so much more to be discovered. In this school, I have been using the inductive study method to study every book of the Bible. Through my study, I have been reminded these books were written by real people, in real situations, to real people. In knowing a little of their context, God's messages have naturally become even more powerful to me. I've come to realise more of the richness of God's character and His redemption plan from Genesis to Revelation.

To say I have learnt a lot would be true, but only half of the story. My relationship with God has grown tremendously, as has my whole-hearted desire to live His way. The phrase I keep coming back to is "God's way is the better way". Having seen God's righteous guidance all throughout the New Testament, we are currently studying in the Old Testament books of the Law. Far from seeing them as dry or unapproachable, I have found myself inspired by the justice, love, and investment displayed in God's commandments to His people.



If I was passionate about the Bible before, this school has only heightened by excitement! So much so, in fact, that I have committed to staff the SBS for at least the next two years. I shall be teaching the inductive method, unpacking book's themes and historical context, and mentoring young people as they unpack God's Word for themselves.

I truly couldn't think of a more worthwhile pursuit than helping people know God through the Bible, and am honoured to be accepted as staff here at YWAM Turner Valley. I will actually be staffing alongside my soon-to be-wife, Christine, but that's

another story ...

I can't thank you enough for the support PPT has offered me - through prayer, encouragement, and finances! Monthly financial support is something I would be honoured if you would consider, particularly as Christine and I are unpaid, as are all staff roles in YWAM. To find out more email

[tomsywamadventure@gmail.com](mailto:tomsywamadventure@gmail.com).

P.S. All are invited to Christine and my wedding celebration service at PPT on the 14th July, time to be confirmed!

Prayer Points:

- Opportunities to share some of what God has been teaching us students and doing in our lives
- Active attention given to putting all we are learning in to practice
- A blessing of the relationship of Christine and me in the midst of an incredibly time intensive school
- God will reveal even more of Himself through the books we study, that we will be enriched and bettered by His Word
- That good attitudes, practices, and energy levels will be maintained on this incredibly intensive school

# Engage with God

*As part of our mission statement we 'Engage with God, through the Bible, prayer and sacrament.'*

## Prayer - Martin Luther Style

“The fewer the words, the better the prayer.” — Martin Luther

How reassuring to hear that prayers need not be long or eloquent. Whatever words we use and however long we have to spend God still listens and understands.

“All teachers of Scripture conclude that the essence of prayer is simply the lifting up of the heart to God.”

So all actions that lift the heart to God, whether singing, talking, reading, waiting or doing are the essence of prayer.

“God wants us to pray, and he wants to hear our prayers—not because we are worthy, but because he is merciful.” — Martin Luther, *Faith Alone: A Daily Devotional*

Give thanks for the mercy of God to us. Let's not fail to rely on the mercy of the creator and sustainer of the universe.

“Pray, and let God worry.” — Martin Luther

Easier to say than to do sometimes. Perhaps a prayer to enable us to do this could be the start of a new era.

“You must learn to call on the Lord. Don't sit all alone or lie on the couch, shaking your head and letting your thoughts torture you. Don't worry about how to get out of your situation or brood about your terrible life, how miserable you feel, and what a bad person you are. Instead, say, “Get a grip on yourself, you lazy bum! Fall on your knees, and raise your hands and eyes toward heaven. Read a psalm.

Say the Lord's Prayer, and tearfully tell God what you need.” — Martin Luther, *Faith Alone: A Daily Devotional*

Praise God that we can tell him what we need. While we wait for his provision he will sustain us and grant us endurance through difficult circumstances just like he did for Christ at the crucifixion. We are not always spared troubles, but Christ walks with us in them. Talking to him is like holding out your hand and asking him to hold it.

# Bovey Calendar

## March

1 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	12.15pm	Lent Lunch at the Methodist Church
	3.30pm	Little Stars service
2 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	2.30pm	Women's World Day of prayer: Roman Catholic church
	7.30pm	'Just For Starters' course at Ridgeway

## 4 Sun

### Key to the Kingdom

am Readings: Isaiah 41.8-16, Matthew 16.13-28

pm reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-16

8am	Holy Communion: Mr Mark Alexander & the Vicar
9.30pm	Sunday Praise with baptism: Mr Mark Alexander & the Vicar
11am	Morning Worship & baptism: Mr Mark Alexander & the Vicar
5pm	Word & Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton

5 Mon 9.10am Morning prayer

6 Tues 7.00pm Lenten Meditation & Compline in church

7 Wed 10am Holy Communion

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

8 Thur 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room

9.45am First Steps in the Church Room

12.15pm Lent Lunch at the Methodist Church - Hosted by PPT

9 Fri 9.10am Morning Prayer

9.45am First Steps in the Church Room

7.30pm Codelife group for men in the Church Room

7.30pm 'Just For Starters' course at Ridgeway

## 11 Sun

### Mothering Sunday

am Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9, 2 Tim 1.3-14

pm Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.1-17

9.30am Sunday Praise in church : Rev Graham Hamilton

11am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

5pm Word and Worship: Mr Mark Alexander

7.30pm 14-18s group at Southbrook Lodge

12 Mon 9.10am Morning prayer

13 Tues 12.30pm Friendship Lunch at the Edgemoor Hotel

7.00pm Lenten Meditation & Compline in church

14 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

15 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	12.15pm	Lent Lunch at the Methodist Church
16 Fri	9.10am	Morning prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	7.30pm	'Just For Starters' course at Ridgeway
18 Sun		<b>Passion Sunday</b>
		am Readings: Isaiah 43.1-13, Matthew 17.14-23
		pm Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.18-4.17
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Eleanor Oelmann
	11am	Morning Worship: Eleanor Oelmann
	5pm	Lord's Supper: Rev Graham Hamilton
	9.30-3pm	Easter Experience: Bovey Primary school in church
20 Tue	7.00pm	Lenten Meditation & Compline in church
21 Wed	2pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
	12.15pm	Lent Lunch at the Methodist Church
	7.15pm	Parochial Church Council meeting in the Church Room
22 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	12.15pm	Lent Lunch at the Methodist Church
23 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	5pm	Choir Practice
	7.30pm	'Just For Starters' course at Ridgeway
25 Sun		<b>Palm Sunday</b>
		am reading: Isaiah 50.4-9, Matthew 27 (dramatised)
		pm Readings: 1 Corinthians 4.7-21
	10.30am	United Service & Shared Lunch: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5pm	Word and Worship: Mr Simon Wilkes
27 Tue	7.00pm	Lenten Meditation & Compline in church
28 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
29 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	12.15pm	Lent Lunch at the Methodist Church
	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
30 Fri	10am	Lift High the Cross: prayer walk through Bovey-see note
	4pm	TGI Good Friday & meal in the church room
<b>April 1 Sun</b>		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
		Readings: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, John 20.1-18
	8am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	9.30pm	Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5pm	Word & Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton

# Notes & Events

## Lent Meditation

Every Tuesday in Lent from 20th February there will be a reflection and meditation followed by a service of Compline in the church. Led by Eleanor Oelmann and Carolyn Laycock

## TGI Good Friday

Friday 30th March 4-6pm  
To volunteer to help contact Carolyn

## Palm Sunday

25th March. There will be a united service again this year on Palm Sunday. The service will be at 10.30 and there will be a shared lunch afterwards. Please put the date in your diary now. More details to follow.

## Wise Guys

Wise Guys is our fortnight club for young people aged 10-14. We meet again on Wednesday 14 and 28 March from 5-7pm in the church room for the CY course. Come and eat pizza, play games and learn wisdom from the bible.

## Lift high the Cross

Join us on a walk of prayer and witness through the town on Good Friday, starting at PPT at 10am, finishing with tea and buns at the Methodist Church about 11.30am

## Lent lunches

are held every Thursday at the Methodist church. PPT will be hosting the lunch on Thu 8 March, if we can muster the volunteers!

## Mothering Sunday

Sunday 11th March. Sunday Praise will be holding their service at 9.30am in the church. Posies will be given out to all ladies.

## Host: Lent Appeal

As we approach a time of joyful celebration in the Church calendar we ask if you might consider doing something for international relations...making a small but significant contribution towards greater understanding worldwide.

HOST's mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Our volunteer hosts can offer hospitality for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend.

We operate all year round and would very much welcome more volunteer hosts to join us. More information can be found on our website: [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org)

Or email us on: [info@hostuk.org](mailto:info@hostuk.org) Or telephone us on: **020 7739 6292**

# A Twenty-First Century Similitude of a Dream? Further Thoughts.

There seems to be no way to cross the stream. It is deep and fast flowing and what is more, I have never learned to swim. However, I am aware, that were it my time, there would be an easy way.

I cannot cross, but I can see. The people are now walking up through the dwellings, on the soft grass, wending their way by various routes ever upward to the open space beyond the village.

The slight golden haze in the gently warm air clears, and there is the shape of a cross, tall and stark, angular and dark. It casts a shadow over my soul. I see Him with the tears running down His tortured face, tears not for Himself, but for us, His lost siblings, whom He died in agony for, taking on our multitude of sins, serving our sentence of death, Death that He has defeated.

Do we need to be constantly reminded of His and His Father's sacrifice until the end of days? Are we so hopeless and unrepentant, so lacking in simple understanding and

humility that otherwise **we** refuse **Him**?

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Then my eye strays further up the hill – the pilgrims have walked to the cross and stood around it, looking up and contemplating our Lord in silence, when, as if in answer to a call, they turn their heads as one and looking up, proceed up the slope, slowly and quietly until they stand at the foot of God's throne.

There sits that, upon which my eyes cannot focus – a power, an awful presence, beyond my, mere human, understanding.

At His right hand sits His Son, now His face no longer is in tortured pain, He looks upon His lost lambs that He has found with a joy beyond measure or expression.

And what joy we have to know that we are saved, not by ourselves, but by the Grace of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Roy White

# Sketches from Church History: (14)

## No Bishop, no King!

Elizabeth died in 1603 without an heir, so the throne of England passed to the the King of Scotland, James VI, who was the son of Mary, Queen of Scots. James became James I, and England and Scotland became Great Britain, the United Kingdom.

James sought to unite the factions of his new realm. He initially tried to show kindness to the Roman Catholic recusants, and repeatedly tried to arrange a Catholic dynastic marriage for his son Charles, but the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 enraged the nation, and all Catholics were required to make an Oath of Allegiance which violated their consciences.

In Scotland James had faced a strongly Protestant church, and the same independent spirit was found in England among the Puritans. They hoped that the new king would support their objections to the Book of Common Prayer and various practices which smacked of popery, but James, who had been king of Scotland since the age of 13 months, believed in the divine right of Kings, and at the Hampton Court Conference of 1604 chose to side with the increasingly High Church Anglicans; “No Bishop, No King” was his slogan.

The king authorized a magnificent new English translation of the Bible in 1611 - the ‘King James version’. Some Puritans despaired of reforming England and emigrated to Holland, or the New World: the Pilgrim Fathers left Plymouth in 1620.

The leaders of the Anglican Church regarded themselves as Catholic AND reformed, looked to the early church fathers for inspiration, and sought to improve preaching, liturgy and buildings.

There were great scholars among them and faithful pastors like George Herbert, but they sought to impose their view by force of law, through the Court of High Commission. The new Archbishop of Canterbury, William Laud, was especially vigorous in this.

King Charles I succeeded to the throne in 1625. He too believed that he ruled by divine right and put his theory in practice. In Europe the Thirty years War was setting cities against kings, Catholics against protestants. Charles’ attempts to control Parliament failed, so he dissolved parliament in 1629 and ruled by royal prerogative. Scotland was the first to revolt, when he sought to impose a Prayer Book on the Presbyterians in 1637. The Scots formed a Covenant, rejected the prayer book and bishops and in 1639 civil war between Scotland and England began. Charles sought help from Parliament and Convocation (the equivalent of General Synod). The Church stood with the King and tried to tighten his control with the “etcetera oath” which caused further offence. When Charles tried again to get Parliament to help his war, they demanded religious concessions against the high-handed bishops imposing what many suspected were popish practices. Charles entered parliament in person, and tried to arrest five MPs, but his attempted coup failed. He fled to Nottingham and raised his army standard in 1642. The Parliamentarians, shaped by protestant and puritan thinking, had reached the conclusion that the only way to be free of bishops was to be free of the king: No King, no Bishops! The civil war had begun.

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

## March

4 Sun

### 3rd of Lent

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22  
Holy Communion: Prebendary Philip Darby

10am

6 Tues 10.30am Community Coffee Morning

11 Sun

### Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)

Readings: Isaiah 41.8-16, Matthew 16.13-28  
Morning Worship: Mr Mark Alexander

10am

12 Mon 7.30pm Parochial Church Council at Warmhill Farm

18 Sun

### Lent 5: Passion Sunday

Reading: 2 Pet 1.16-21, Matthew 17.1-13  
Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

10am

11.30am

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - in church - all welcome

25 Sun

### Palm Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-11, Mt 17.14-23  
Morning Worship: Mrs Eleanor Oelmann

10am

29 Thu 9.30am Hennock Primary School Easter Service in church

30 Fri

### Good Friday

Bible readings: Isaiah 52.13-53 end, John 18-19  
Meditation at the Cross: Rev Graham Hamilton  
Followed by Hot Cross Buns

2pm

## April

1 Sun

### Easter Day

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, John 20.1-18  
Holy Communion: Canon Gordon Percy

10am

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

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## Rota

**Date Sidesman**

4th Ken Swan

11th Harold Joll

18th Pat Savage-Jones

25th Ken Swan

## April

1st Harold Joll

**Reader**

Anne English

Libby Marnham

Miles Pomfrett

Frances Swan

Anne English

**Intercessor**

Service Leader

Brian Marnham

Brian Marnham

Ellena Jaime

Service Leader

**Flowers**

Lent

Mothers day

Lent

Lent

June

# The Back Page

# Chatnow

## Mission on your doorstep

Could you give an hour a week to chat online and encourage someone who is lonely or facing difficulties?

Many people are facing trials in life whether they are following Jesus or not. Worry, illness, addiction, abuse, relationship problems or loneliness, these problems can affect any of us at any time.

So where do you turn? Many of us may choose to talk to a close friend about our difficulties but sometimes that is either not possible or not comfortable.

Now there is a 24 hr 365 day Christian service available to chat to anyone suffering any kind of problem.

Chatnow is a UK charity that has a team of trained, caring Christian volunteers ready to reach out and encourage those who are hurting or lost.

Linked up via the internet, an army of worldwide missionaries are able to accept live one-to-one chats via the [www.chatnow.org](http://www.chatnow.org) online chatline.

It is not a professional counselling service. The pastoral care that is offered is focussed on showing the love of Jesus and guiding people along the next part of their journey.

Volunteering for Chatnow is one of the most flexible ways to go on mission. It doesn't require leaving families and can fit in with any schedule.

In 2017 32,200 people chose to talk to one of the team via the live chat facility. An average of 37 people commit to following Jesus for the first time every month and are encouraged to become involved in the body of Christ wherever they are.

Full details of the service provided and how to volunteer are available on the website [www.chatnow.org](http://www.chatnow.org).

They ask for a minimum of one hour each week. They have the same statement of faith as the Evangelical Alliance and require you to complete a short application form and provide a reference from your local minister. They provide regular training and ongoing support and accountability via a team leader.

To find out more or get involved visit [www.chatnow.org.uk](http://www.chatnow.org.uk)