

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



# Church Bulletin

## April 2018



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# Who's Who at PPT

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# Door to Door Visiting

Mark Alexander writes:

Evangelism means sharing the good news. Does PPT do evangelism? We welcome anyone who comes to church- for a funeral, wedding or baptism- and try to tell them the good news of Christ. That is evangelism, but it is not enough for us to wait for them to come to us: we must go to them.

**Why** should we do this?

Jesus told us to!

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

*(Matthew 28:16-20 ESV)*

Throughout the whole of Matthew's gospel Jesus has been preparing his disciples to make disciples. That is the role of the church; we are to be disciples while making disciples, that is telling people the good news of the gospel, Christ's life, death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. Our bible readings from Acts this month describe how Paul went from town to town evangelising.

**What** is the plan?

We are forming a team to visit people door to door. My last church did this, so I cannot take any credit for the idea. As the parish church we have a responsibility to tell the good news of Christ to everyone in our parish, for their spiritual health. PPT is “their” church, even if they do not attend.

**How** will it work?

Each pair of visitors is given a road to visit. The week before they visit they post a letter from the Vicar explaining what is happening and when they are coming. Then on the evening the pair goes out and knock on the doors, *unless the residents have told us they don't want a visit.*

Introducing themselves the pair will ask what the person(s) think is wrong with the world, how would they fix it, and what they think of Jesus Christ. The visitors will explain how their hope for the world rests in Jesus.

While this is happening, another group of Church members are praying in the church room for those visiting. Even if you may not want to visit, you can help and support this in prayer. The visiting will be done on three evenings:-19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> of April and the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May.

**How** can I help?

I hope that you see that there are very many people in Bovey who do not yet know the good news.

Please come along to the training evening on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April after the prayer meeting, to find out more and get involved.

yours in Christ,

Mark

# Engage with God

As you may have spotted on our weekly notice sheet there are many in and associated with our congregations who are unwell. This may be for a short period with some hope of a natural recovery or a medical cure. Alternatively it may be a long term, chronic illness or condition where hope of a recovery is only by direct divine intervention. In this issue of the Bulletin are several stories of sickness, hope, courage and divine intervention which I hope will encourage you to continue in prayer even when the sick list seems so long and unchanging.

## ***Sylvia Francis, co-ordinator of prayer ministry at PPT***

I firmly believe that prayer is powerful and that when we pray to God our Father through Jesus Christ our prayers will be answered. Answers may not be immediate or indeed obvious and sometimes we have to accept God's will knowing that He loves and cares for us and knows our every need. Prayer has to be positive, persistent and in faith.

Prayer for healing can unify us as we pray together in church or as a group or comfort us when we pray on our own.

I can think of no better person to share her experience of answered prayer than Jill Hosford.

Jill writes:

"When William our grandson was ten weeks old he was diagnosed with a serious heart problem which would require surgery at six months of age. The prognosis was not good. From that time people within the church and my house group prayed that his life would be saved and that the operation would be a success. William will be seven in April and is living a happy and active normal life. He will have to have further surgery in due course and we continue to pray and trust in the Lord that this will be successful.

As many of you know I developed a brain tumour and was seriously ill a couple of years ago. The tumour was operable and I underwent surgery lasting fourteen hours and then spent three months recovering in Derriford Hospital. All that time you continuously supported me with prayer .

At my lowest point when I was in darkness both physically and mentally I suddenly realised that God was with me. From that moment on I had what I can only describe as a feeling of inner peace.

One day a wonderful Kenyan cleaning lady called Marie appeared at my bedside held my hand and told me not to give up as God was with me and that he would heal me. She visited me almost every day and was there to say goodbye when I left the ward to be transferred to Newton Abbot Hospital. Gradually I recovered enough to be able to return home and here I am living a happy and fulfilled life again.

I am a firm believer in the power of healing prayer and know that we have to have patience to wait for God's timing."

Praise the Lord for Jill's healing.

For anyone who would like prayer there is a team of people who are willing to offer prayer ministry during and after the services.

# Where's the Happy Ending?

*Tracey Dalby - Child of God, MS sufferer and close friend of Ruth Flynn*

I've been asked to write something about healing, but to some extent I feel a bit of a fraud. What do I know about healing if I am currently living with a chronic illness?

By way of an introduction, I have always seemed to have known Jesus having been brought up in a Christian family. I was one of those very earnest Christian teenagers who thought they had everything sorted and knew exactly what God had planned for me. I was convinced that God had called me to be a dentist and as doors opened and I found myself studying at Guy's Hospital Dental School I was pretty convinced I was right! However, during my first summer break I started to experience strange tingling sensations in my feet when I bent my head forward. This led to me being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). MS is the most common neurological disease in young people, most commonly diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40 and more common in women than men. The immune system sees the covering of the nerves in the central nervous system as foreign bodies and attacks it causing inflammation and scarring. This leads to disrupted nerve signals which can cause a variety of symptoms including altered sensations, weakness and mobility issues. There is currently no cure and they are unable to predict what symptoms you will develop or how severe they will be. At the time there were no real treatments to slow the progression of the disease so my consultant told me to go away and

forget that I had MS but to give up my degree as it was unlikely that I would be able to practise dentistry.



The diagnosis hit me for six and for a long time I was angry with God. How could He have let this happen? Being a stubborn nineteen-year-old I ignored my consultant's advice and continued with my degree and subsequently qualified. I carried on as usual, going to church and through the usual motions but not really connecting with God. I found that lots of people were keen to pray for my healing but it always ended up with me feeling rejected by God when nothing changed. I started to try and avoid healing services like the plague so that I didn't have to go through it.

Up until this point I had been going along to the church I had been in since I was a child, but I decided that I would change churches. I think my idea was that as God went to the church I was going to that He wouldn't be at my new church. It turned out I was wrong, and that He was there too! However, at this new church I had the chance to work things through with God without anyone knowing me. I gradually came to the realisation that God still loved me and that the fact that I was ill wasn't some punishment for something I had done.

I was still working as a dentist, but my symptoms were gradually worsening. I was having to use crutches now to help me walk and work was gradually

# Bovey Calendar

**April 1 Sun**

8am  
9.30pm  
11am  
5pm

**Easter Sunday: history or hoax?**

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, John 20.1-18  
Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton  
Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton  
Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton  
Word & Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton

4 Wed

2pm

Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room

5 Thur

7am

Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room

6 Fri

9.10am

Morning Prayer

**8 Sun**

9.30am  
11am  
5pm

**Acts & Reactions: spiritual evil**

am Reading: Acts 13.1-12, Luke 4.1-13  
pm Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12-34  
Sunday Praise: Mr Mark Alexander  
Morning Worship: Mr Mark Alexander  
Word and Worship: Mrs Eleanor Oelmann

9 Mon

9.10am

Morning prayer

10 Tues

12.30pm

Friendship Lunch at the Edgemoor Hotel

3pm

Funeral of Dorothy Bourne in church

11 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

8.30pm

Door to door evangelism training - Church Room

12 Thur

7am

Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room

13 Fri

9.10am

Morning prayer

**15 Sun**

9.30am  
11am  
5pm

**Acts & Reactions: religious resistance**

am Readings: Acts 13.13-44, Luke 4.13-30  
pm Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.35-58  
Sunday Praise: Mark Styants  
Morning Worship: Mark Styants  
Lord's Supper: Rev Graham Hamilton

6 Mon

9.10am

Morning prayer

18 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

19 Thur

7am

Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room

9.45am

First Steps in the Church Room

7pm

Door to door visiting

20 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Codelife in the Church Room
21 Sat	4pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the church
<b>22 Sun</b>		<b>Acts &amp; Reactions: jealous division</b>
		am reading: Acts 13.45-14.7, Luke 4.31-41
		pm Reading: tbc
	9.30am	Sunday Praise with Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5pm	Word and Worship: Rev Simon Hughes
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
26 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	7pm	Door to door visiting
27 Fri	9.10am	Morning prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	5pm	Choir Practice
28 Sat	3pm	Wedding of Chris Murphy and Verity Leach
<b>29 Sun</b>		<b>Acts &amp; Reactions: physical persecution</b>
		am readings: Acts 14.8-28, Luke 5.17-26
		pm reading: 1 Corinthians 5.1-13
	9.30pm	Sunday Praise: Carolyn Laycock
	11am	Morning Worship: Carolyn Laycock
	5pm	Word & Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton
30 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
<b>May</b>		
2 Wed	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	First Steps in the Church Room
	3.30pm	Little Stars in Church and Church Room
	7pm	Door to door visiting
4 Fri	9.10am	Morning prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
<b>6 Sun</b>		<b>Praying for the Spirit</b>
		am readings: Ezekiel 47.1-12
		pm reading: 1 Corinthians 6.12-20
	9.30pm	Sunday Praise with Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5pm	Word & Worship: Mark Alexander

# Notes & Events

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

is held on Saturday 21 April at 4pm in church. Come to hear reports on the life of the church, and vote for new PCC members and churchwardens.

## Wise Guys

Wise Guys is our fortnight club for young people aged 10-14. We meet again on Wednesday 18 April from 5-7pm in the church room for the CY course. Come for food, games and wisdom from the bible.

## Brodsky Quartet

Sat 9 June

Elgar, Shostakovich and other pieces. Tickets available from the Nourish Festival website

Hosted by PPT

## Baby Loss support event

### Saying Goodbye

1pm 14 April at Exeter Cathedral.

For anyone affected by loss of a baby at any stage of pregnancy or as an infant. Families are welcome.

## Open Doors Conference at Lee Abbey

### *Be Inspired – and Challenged by the Persecuted Church*

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For information on Lee Abbey or to book call 01598 752621

Or go online at [www.leeabbeydevon.org.uk](http://www.leeabbeydevon.org.uk)

For further information e-mail Rachel at [rachelg@opendoorsuk.org](mailto:rachelg@opendoorsuk.org)

## Where's the happy ending? .....Continued

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becoming a bit of a struggle. I decided to study for a master's degree in dental public health (DPH), which would give me the ability to pursue a non-clinical dental career rather than staying in practice.

I was studying by distance learning while working in practice during the day. All was going swimmingly until one morning I tripped while pulling my bedroom curtains and broke my ankle. I needed surgery and was unable to work for a while and during that time my boss decided to let me go. This was a somewhat abrupt conclusion to my clinical career but studying for my masters kept me busy.

Once I had completed my studies I did some voluntary work alongside the local consultant in DPH, waiting for a vacancy for consultancy training. Eventually an opportunity came up and I applied. I was essentially applying for the role I had been doing on a voluntary basis. I went for an interview but didn't get the job. Unfortunately, the stress of applying and the interview process caused an MS relapse which meant that I was unable to get out of bed and walk at all.

I was admitted to my local hospital for treatment. As I lay in bed on that ward I felt that I had lost everything. Not only my perfectly planned career, but also my independence, my ability to walk. As I was lying there I realised that the only thing I had to rely on was Jesus who was still with me and hadn't let me go. I was then transferred to a Neuro rehabilitation

unit where they helped me to walk again. While I was in the unit, I made the decision along with my consultant and family that the time had come to walk away from dentistry completely.

One of my friends gave me a miniature rose tree while I was staying in the unit and it reminded me of a word I had been given some years previously. The picture was of a pink rosebud gradually opening and blooming and was about blooming where you are. It was a challenge to start flowering where I was and not wait for God to heal me before I stepped out for Him.

I called this article "Where's the happy ending?" because there is a temptation to wait for our idea of how things should work out and tell God how things should end. In my mind the correct ending to my story would be that God would have healed me and I would merrily still be taking out teeth. Instead I am not working and now can't get around without using my wheelchair but there are so many good things too. I have a loving and supportive family and friends. I have been given ill health retirement from the NHS so don't need to work at all – retired in my forties is surely living the dream? All my symptoms are below the waist so I can still do lots of things and retain some independence. It's not easy sometimes and I am very often grumpy and fed up, but I do know that God is in control. I don't know if God will heal me or not, but one thing I've come to understand is that no matter what, He is with me and He will work it all out in the end.

# Mission Focus - The Christian Institute

## *Church Representative - Charlie Beauchamp*

It has been a very busy year in the life of the Christian Institute - I guess not unsurprisingly much focus and resource has gone towards protecting free speech and religious liberty as it becomes more and more difficult to live out a life as a christian in the UK today.

PPT have been supporting the Christian Institute for a number of years now so I thought it worthwhile just re-flagging *what* the focus and remit of the organisation is:

*The Christian Institute exists for the furtherance and promotion of the Christian religion in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.*

*The Christian Institute is a nondenominational Christian charity committed to upholding the truths of the Bible. We are supported by*

*individuals and churches throughout the UK.*

*We believe that the Bible is the supreme authority for all of life and we hold to the inerrancy of Scripture. We are committed to upholding the sanctity of life from conception.*

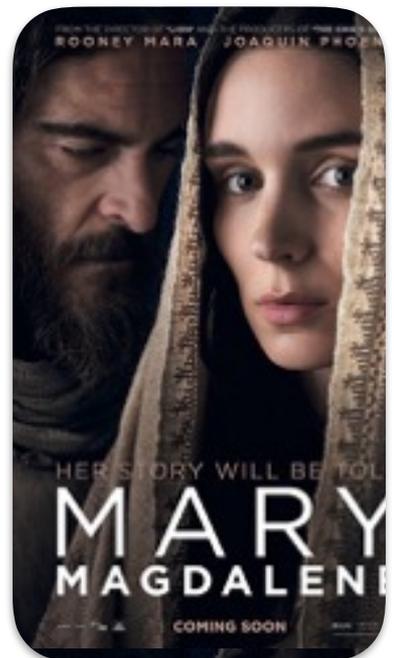
Herewith a short synopsis of some of the projects that the Christian Institute have been involved with this year:

- protecting and upholding the foundations of **traditional marriage**
- as the Government tries to take greater control of **parenting** CI has worked tirelessly to protect the parent having the primary role
- **religious freedom** e.g. Ashers (the Bakers in Northern Ireland)

Excellent resources exist on the Christian Institute website - <http://www.christian.org.uk>

## FAITH ON FILM: Mary Magdalene

I have seen this film so you don't have to. It bears little resemblance to the eyewitness accounts of what happened 2000 years ago. Joaquin Phoenix plays a troubled Jewish preacher who goes around making mystic pronouncements about "faith" and performing angst-ridden miracles (ie this is not Jesus of the gospels). Thankfully, he has got Mary of Magdala, who is the only one who really "gets" his message. His disciples (of whom he seems to have lost 4 along the way) have completely misunderstood him, and just want to bring in their own version of the Kingdom of God. And if it wasn't for Mary, the church wouldn't now exist (tho' frankly, how her movement ever survived a year, let alone 2000, is a mystery to me.) And it's dull. Lots of long, drawn-out meaningful and silent stares.  
Rev Corinne Brixton (friend of Graham's)



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

## April

**1 Sun**

### **Easter Day**

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, John 20.1-18

10am Holy Communion: Canon Gordon Percy

3 Tues 10.30am Community Coffee Morning

**8 Sun**

### **2nd of Easter**

Readings: 1 Pet 1.3-9, John 20.19-31

10am Morning Worship: Mr Andrew Marchant

**15 Sun**

### **3rd of Easter - Acts & reactions: spiritual evil**

Reading: Acts 13.1-12, Luke 4.1-13

10am Morning Worship: Mr Mark Alexander

11.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting - in church - all welcome

**22 Sun**

### **4th of Easter -Acts & Reactions: religious resistance**

Readings: Acts 13.13-44, Luke 4.13-30

10am Morning Worship:Mr Arnold Cade

**29 Sun**

### **5th of Easter-Acts & Reactions: jealous division**

Readings: Acts13.45-14.7, Luke 4.31-41

10am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

11.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (postponed from March)

## May

**6 Sun**

### **6th of Easter- Acts & Reactions: physical persecution**

Readings: Acts 14.8-28, Luke 5.17-26

10am Morning Worship: Carolyn Laycock

followed by Rogation lunch at Warmhill Farm

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

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**Churchyard:** Hennock Volunteers

## Rota

Date	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessor	Flowers
1st	Harold Joll	Anne English	Service Leader	June
8th	Lyn Russell	Libby Marnham	Brian Marnham	June
15th	Pat Savage-Jones	Frances Swan	Ellena Jaime	Christine
22nd	Ken Swan	Miles Pomfrett	Christine & Richard	Christine
29th	Harold Joll	June Brown	Brian Marnham	Christine
<b>May</b>				
6th	Lyn Russell	Anne English	Service Leader	Christine

# The Back Page

Dear Church Family

Oliver, myself and all the family are eternally grateful for all your prayers and kind wishes.

A year ago Oli fell three stories on to a concrete floor whilst at university. It was touch and go whether he would survive but the surgeons were marvellous. They removed part of his skull to accommodate the swelling of the brain. He was in a coma for 6-8 weeks then gradually brought out of it.

But now he is back at university. His cognitive powers and faculties appear to be fine - time will tell.



The power of prayer is wonderful  
Christ listens to us.

So my prayers and thanks are with  
you all.

God Bless      Theresa

## Pray for Schools

A partnership between CARE, the Association of Christian Teachers, Churches Together in England, Open the Book, Prayer Spaces in Schools, Scripture Union and Youth for Christ has a vision for every school in the UK to be prayed for.

If you are interested in making your child's school a prayed for school you can find more information on the website: [prayforschools.org](http://prayforschools.org)

If there is no existing prayer group you can set one up by following the advice and guidelines on the pray for schools website.

Anyone can pray, parents, grandparents, teachers and other staff, governors, churches, youth workers and students.

Ideas for prayer can be found in the pray for schools resources.

**“Pray for Schools is a frontline strategy... We're 100% behind them”** 24-7 Prayer