



Church Bulletin

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Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?

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Who's Who at PPT

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Letter from the Vicar

The Community of the Kingdom

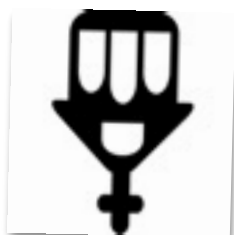
Dear Friends,

Sadly there are many churches in the world, divided from one another. How can we tell which of them are 'true churches'? Do they need to recognise the Pope, or the Archbishop of Canterbury? To have liturgy, or buildings?

Some people wonder if Jesus even meant to start the church, or just to shake up the establishment of his day. He preached about the Kingdom of Heaven, but his disciples ended up leading a movement which became an institution!

We have just celebrated Pentecost, the birthday of the church, and now on Sunday mornings we return to the study of the gospel of Matthew. In chapters 18-20 Jesus tells his disciples how they are to relate to one another. It certainly isn't a description of church hierarchy (bishops, priests, deacons) or instructions on how to run a PCC, but Jesus expects his disciples to be a community marked by some very unusual qualities. Their life together is meant to point to the nature of the Kingdom that is to come. They are

the Community of the Upside Down Kingdom.



In this community the least are the greatest, the first are last, and servants of all. Mercy triumphs over justice. Truth is spoken in love. Humble children have the highest place! None of these qualities come naturally to us.

As Jesus continues to teach his disciples in chapter 19, we encounter some hard sayings about marriage, divorce and money. But Jesus insists that this is the way to gain eternal life and to be part of his Kingdom 'at the renewal of all things.' It turns out that Jesus did mean to start a community of disciples to continue after his death and resurrection: he even called it 'the church':

"I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build **my church**, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16.18)

"If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to **the church**" (Matthew 18.17).

Jesus' teaching is radical and uncomfortable listening. It astonished the first disciples, and it still challenges us today, but we have no authority to correct or improve on his teaching.

This month I will be attending the Global Anglican Fellowship conference (GAFCON) with 2000 other delegates from around the globe. We seek to proclaim Christ faithfully to the nations and to call the Anglican Communion back to its roots in the gospel. Please pray for all who are attending, that we may be shaped by the values of Jesus' upside-down Kingdom.

yours in Christ,
Graham

NEWCASTLE SINGERS

presents

Musical Director - Wyn Turner
Accompanist - Anna Koprowska

ALL THINGS BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL

16TH JUNE
BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR CHURCH
7.30PM START

19TH JUNE
P.P.T. PARISH CHURCH, BOVEY TRACEY
7.30PM START



Tickets for this concert will be £6 if they are brought on the door.
Book in advance through any Choir member and you can buy them for only £5.
Refreshments included in the ticket price



Mission Focus - Bethany Soper

Church Representative - Vacant

I am now enrolled on 'Acts 29' which is a part-time theological training course. This year we are studying Dynamics in Pastoral Care, New Testament, Doctrine of God, Humanity and Christ, and Evangelism and Apologetics. The course consists of recorded lectures, online discussions, assignments, seminars and residentials. We have recently finished the module on Pastoral Care. It was helpful to look at issues people might face, how we can use the Bible to understand people's hearts, and how Scripture speaks into these issues. Our weekly meetings with fellow apprentices on the course has been very useful for consolidating our learning.

Thursday toddler group

In January we welcomed our new children's worker. Lindo is heading up the work amongst the primary school age children. I lead the under 5's ministry which includes a Thursday toddler group and Sunday school groups. The new Thursday toddler group has now begun, which is very exciting! We begin with free play and snacks. Then we have songs and a short bible story followed by some more songs. This term we have been going through 'Amazing things Jesus did' and asking the question (both for the kids and the parents/ carers) 'What does this true story from the Bible mean - what does it tell us about Jesus?' We finish with an activity related to the bible story and encourage people to think about their personal response to Jesus.

We have split our under 5's on Sunday mornings into a group for babies (0-24 months) and a group for pre-school children (aged 2-5). By splitting the under 5s, we hope we can teach the children better. With the babies, we're introducing singing and basic teaching. With the pre-school children, we're going through the

Old Testament using 'The Big Picture Story Bible' and seeing how God keeps His promises. When a child was asked by his parents what he had learnt, he said 'Jesus died on the cross to make us friends with God because He is the King' - what a profound and amazing truth to know! It has been encouraging getting to know the kids better and seeing them remember and understand God's word for themselves. God really is at work in the hearts of these little ones!

Kids' work at the Easter convention

We had a special weekend celebrating Easter at the Easter convention where we had talks on Jesus' death and resurrection, fun games, socialising over food, live music and much more. I was busy with the kids' programme leading the pre-school group. We had a wonderful time going through the book 'The Garden, the Temple and the Cross' and seeing how God brings about his salvation plan. We also had a lot of fun singing, learning memory verses and playing with balloons, bubbles and a bouncy castle!

Prayer points

- Give thanks for the Acts 29 training course and the opportunity to study God's word in more depth. Please pray for discipline in study and growth in my knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus.
- Give thanks for the new toddler group and the under 5's ministry and all that the children are learning. Please pray for wisdom as I teach them and for the children to love Jesus. Please pray too for good relationships amongst the team and with the children and parents.
- I would also love to start a bible study group for teenage girls, and to meet up with them one-to-one. Please pray God would give me wisdom to know where to invest time and energy, and where not to.

Bovey Calendar

June		
1 Fri	9.10am	Morning prayer
3 Sun		True Church: walking humbly am readings: Micah 6.1-8, Matthew 18.1-14 pm reading: 1 Corinthians 7.25-40 8am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton 9.30pm Sunday Praise with Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton 11am Morning Worship with Baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton 5pm Word & Worship: Mark Alexander
5 Tue	12 noon	Faith films at the Edgemoor Hotel-
6 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 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
8 Fri	9.10am	Morning prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
9 Sat	11am	Guided Tour of the Church with Canon Michael Sansom
	12 noon	Guided Tour of the Church with Canon Michael Sansom
	7.30pm	Brodsky Quartet Concert in church
10 Sun		True Church: doing justly am readings: 1 Corinthians 5.1-13, Matthew 18.15-20 pm reading: Genesis 2: <i>Gender in Question?</i> 9.30pm Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton 11am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton 5pm Word & Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton 7pm Youth Group at Southbrook Farm
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
	7.30pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting in the Church
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

17 Sun		True Church: loving mercy am Reading: Exodus 14.19-31, Matthew 18.21-35 pm Reading: Genesis 19 People in prayer- Abraham Sunday Praise: Mrs Carolyn Laycock 9.30am 11am Morning Worship: Mrs Carolyn Laycock 5pm Word and Worship: Mrs Eleanor Oelmann
18 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
19 Tue	2.00pm	Mothers Union in the Church Room
20 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
21 Thur	7am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
22 Fri	7.30pm	David Jaggs Classical Guitar Concert in church
24 Sun		<i>Hard sayings of Jesus: marriage & divorce</i> am reading: Malachi 2.11-16, Matthew 19.1-15 pm reading: Isaiah 40.1-26 <i>Good tidings for Zion</i> 9.30am Sunday Praise: Rev David Witchell 11am Holy Communion: Rev David Witchell 5pm Word and Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton 7pm Youth Group at Southbrook Farm
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
July		
1 Sun		Three Saints Festival: <i>Keys of the Kingdom</i> readings: Isaiah 22.20-24, Matthew 16.13-28 8am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton 10.30am United Service: Rev Graham Hamilton followed by BBQ, games and activities

Notes & Events

David Jaggs in Concert

Friday 22 June

A programme of classical guitar pieces

7.30pm

Wise Guys

Wise Guys is our fortnight club for young people aged 10-14. We meet in June on Wednesday 2nd and 16th from 5-7pm in the church room for the CY course. Come for food, games and wisdom from the bible.

Toddle on

Saturday June 23rd 10am - 4pm at St Pauls, Tiverton

To encourage and equip anyone working in ministry with the under 5's

£12 per person including lunch

Contact:

katherine.lyddon@exeter.anglican.org

Brodsky Quartet

Sat 9 June

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

Hosted by PPT

Church Guided Tours

On Saturday 9 June, at 11am and 12 noon during the Contemporary Craft Fair weekend and the street market, Canon Michael Sansom will be offering guided tours of the church, to explain the history and meaning of some of the features of our ancient building.

Christians Together in Bovey Tracey

Advance notice that on Sunday 19 August all the churches in Bovey Tracey will be uniting to worship in the Garden Club marquee in Mill Marsh Meadow at 10.30am.

Our preacher will be Rev Barry Dugmore, the Diocesan Mission Enabler

Three Saints Festival

On Sunday 1 July the three regular congregations at PPT will gather for a united service to celebrate the three saints (Peter, Paul & Thomas) to whom our church is dedicated. There will be a service at 10.30am, followed by a BBQ in the church room garden, and we hope lots of games, activities and time for social interaction.

(There will be an 8am communion that Sunday, but no 5pm service)

Sketches from Church History (15)

“That bloody Parliament!”

The tragedy of the English Civil War lasted almost ten years. Good and faithful men were pitted against one another. One side fought for order against anarchy: the other for liberty against tyranny. The King claimed a divine right to rule and the Church of England with its Bishops stood with him, and fell with him. The Parliamentarians opposed prelacy, and suspected popery. Parliament established the Westminster Assembly to unite and reform the national church, and 2000 Anglican ministers were forced to resign. Then Parliament itself became divided between those who supported a reformed system of national church government like the Scottish Presbyterians, and those who favoured more freedom and toleration - the Independents, led by the New Model Army and its general Oliver Cromwell. King Charles was captured, but continued to plot intrigue, until Cromwell decided that the tyrant, ‘the man of blood’ must die. Charles was executed on 30 January 1649, and his courageous end transformed him in the eyes of many from tyrant to martyr. Cromwell eventually overthrew the ineffective Long Parliament and became Lord Protector of England, which was now a republic or Commonwealth, until his death in 1658. Cromwell continued to suppress Roman Catholics, especially in Ireland with terrible consequences, but in England created a unique window of religious tolerance. Jews returned to England and independent churches - Baptists, Congregationalists flourished. Many strange sects also emerged - the Ranters Quakers, Socinians and Muggletonians. But the national mood was dour and joyless: Christmas was

banned, and it became clear that Cromwell’s son could not succeed. In 1660 Charles II was invited to return to England and was crowned King. The Church of England was restored in 1660 John Forbes Vicar of Bovey was one of the Anglican clergy restored, and left the plaque in church which describes the civil war period as ‘That Bloody Parliament’. But the Bishops were no less ruthless, and sought to reimpose the Church of England as the sole church for the nation. 700 Puritan clergy were ejected from their churches. At the Savoy Conference of 1661 Puritan scholars failed to limit the restoration, and the Book of Common Prayer was reimposed in 1662, with minor changes from 1552, and an Act of Uniformity in 1662 demanded that all clergy use the prayer book and swear an oath of allegiance to the King. Another 1000 clergy were forced from their livings. The Bishops through the new Parliament tried to suppress all those who failed to conform (non-conformists). The Five mile act meant that non-conformists could not gather to worship within 5 miles of any settlement- and there are still tiny chapels in the middle of the country for this reason. The Test Acts prevented Roman Catholic and non-conformists from holding public office or serving in the forces. If the Commonwealth had been joyless, the Restored Monarchy was deeply immoral. Charles II secretly longed to become Roman Catholic, like his wife, so he managed to pass a Declaration of Indulgence in 1672 giving Roman Catholics and Independents some freedom.

FAITH ON FILM: Imam & The Pastor *and* Faith Like Potatoes

As part of the celebration of 60 years of potting at Lowerdown, Mr Jeremy Leach is organising an afternoon of films and discussion at the Edgemoor Hotel, on Tuesday 5 June

2.30pm Assemble

2.45pm Society of Sacred Study

3.15pm Imam & the Pastor film

4pm Discussion

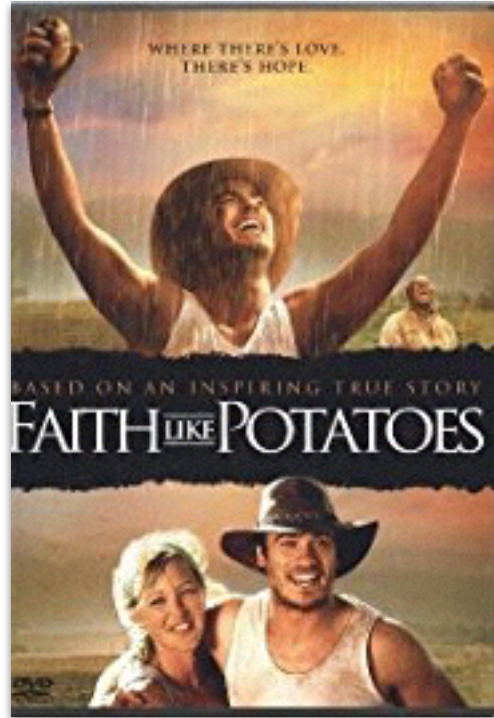
5pm Faith like Potatoes film

6.45pm Croquet on the lawn

Jeremy is also celebrating the launch of a book. Admission is FREE!

If you are hoping to come, please contact Jeremy on 832589

If you would like to stay for supper, please contact the hotel on 832466



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

June

3 Sun

1st after Trinity

Readings: Acts 2.21-47, John 16.12-15

10am Morning Worship: Mr Mark Alexander

10 Sun

2nd after Trinity

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1, Mark 3.20-end

10am Morning Worship: Mr Keith Butler

11 Mon 7.30pm

Parochial Church Council at Warmhill Farm

17 Sun

3rd after Trinity

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.6-17, Mark 4.26-34

10am Morning Worship: Mr Edward Goodman

Thu 21 12 noon

Soup & Pud lunch at the Village Hall

24 Sun

4th after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 40.1-26, Mark 4.35-end

10am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

Wed 27 11am

Stitch & Knit group at the Village Hall

Sat 30 12 noon

Wedding of Kate Palmer and Stephen Harvey

July

1 Sun

5th after Trinity

Readings: Matthew 16.13-28

4pm Songs of Praise (in church): Rev Graham Hamilton

Churchwardens: Mr Derek Baker 835355, Mr Miles Pomfrett 331062

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Churchyard: Hennock Volunteers

Rota

Date	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessor	Flowers
6th	Lyn Russell	Anne English	Service Leader	Avril
13th	Pat Savage-Jones	Libby Marnham	Richard Partridge	Avril
20th	Ken Swan	Frances Swan	Ellena Jamie	Avril
27th	Harold Joll	Miles Pomfrett	Brian Marnham	Lyn
June				
3rd	Lyn Russell	June Brown	Service Leader	Lyn

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Ask Alexa to Pray?

Do you have an Amazon Echo in your home that you can activate with your voice, by saying "Hey Alexa - what's the news or weather?" The Church of England has announced that you can now ask Alexa to read you the Lord's Prayer, recite the Ten Commandments, say Grace for your meal, explain who God is, or find your nearest church. The Archbishop of Canterbury has said: "We're thrilled to be launching the Alexa skill today, to enable regular churchgoers and those exploring faith to connect with God in another way and a time that's right for them. A quarter of UK households now own a smart home device and, after transforming our national websites last year, this fast-growing area was identified as a priority for development."

The new 'skill' will come to Apple and Google Play soon.

