



Church Bulletin

September 2018



The Fournier Trio, playing at the Nourish Festival this month

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Who's Who at PPT

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Letter from the Vicar

Changing Seasons

Dear Friends,

after a long, hot and humid summer, some of us may be glad to see cooler weather and rains return- not least the gardeners and farmers among us.

The Autumn season marks a new start for many children and students. Our regular Sunday and midweek groups for children, youth and adults will resume their programmes. All these activities depend on a small army of willing volunteers, who deserve our thanks.

September also brings some changes in our staff team. After 13 years of faithful and energetic service Mrs Carolyn Laycock steps down as our Family worker, only to begin a new ministry as a Reader. Carolyn will be licensed on Sat 6 October at Exeter Cathedral and will preach at the united Harvest service on Sunday 7 October. I also want to thank all those who have supported Carolyn's ministry and the many different groups she has led.

We also welcome our new Family Worker, Mrs Rosie Stephens. Rosie will be training through the Peninsular Gospel Partnership (as Carolyn also did). New groups will be likely to start over the next few months, so please pray for them both at this time of change and transition.

We continue to face some challenges with our buildings. Our churchwardens had to struggle with water leaks over the summer, now fixed, and we have been trying to replace the ageing oil tank since January, against complex bureaucracy. We will not be able to heat the main church building until this tank is



replaced, so please pray for quick progress. We face similar challenges in trying to replace the sound system in the church which regularly causes problems.

It would be easy for these changes and challenges to dominate our attention, but we are not here just to maintain either buildings or familiar patterns and traditions. Our task, our great commission, is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Or to use a different image, we are here to grow vines, not build trellises. To that end a small group begins a project of reflection on our life and mission, the 'Vine Project' to help us see how our church life needs to be pruned and shaped to bear the fruit that Jesus commands. It may be some months before any fruit is visible, but please pray for us.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. Jn 15.8

Finally, let me encourage you that the best way for everyone to engage in the life and growth of Jesus' church is to pray. Please use the daily prayer diary, come to one of the daily prayer meetings, and please join us at the monthly prayer meeting when the latest news is shared for thanksgiving and prayer.

yours in Christ,
Graham

Mission Focus - St Barnacles Devonport

St Michael's will be celebrating 175 years since the foundation of the first St Michael's church was laid.

On **Saturday 29th September** we will have tea at **4pm** and an act of worship at **5pm**. The following day Bishop Robert will come and confirm two of our church members. But why are anniversaries so important?

First of all, it is good to be reminded how God has led and kept His people over so many years. St Michael's is a remarkable tale of survival. It survived complete destruction during WW2. It has undergone complete demolition and redevelopment. The church community continues to stand as a testimony to the goodness and the grace of God through our Lord Jesus. That is surely worth celebrating!

Secondly, it is good to remember the original vision from the late 1830s of a "poor man's church" to serve the growing population of Devonport - a church where all could come and worship the Lord, no matter their background. That vision still is at the heart of the church all those years later, and we need to honour it not just through our celebrations but by developing our welcome so that all can come and worship.

Thirdly it is worth noting how St Michael's has related to the local community. At first the vicar and other members were responsible for founding many local schools, still standing today. During the First World War, the church offered comfort to the many who lost loved ones. During the Second World War, St Michael's itself was destroyed by bombing. Times have changed, and there is a danger that we imagine some golden period where everyone went to church

and St Michael's was at the centre of the local community. So while it is right that we celebrate our past, we must not be held captive by it, or imagine that if we turned back the clock everyone will come flooding through our doors. Nor must we hold on the way things were done in the past, as if holding on to our traditions was being faithful to the original vision of our forbears. Building a new church was a radical decision in 1843, and those behind the project certainly didn't intend to create a museum!

So our anniversary forces us to look forward. Because if we are to survive and indeed thrive for another 175 years we need to renew our vision and see what the Lord is calling us to do now. We are being called to pass the faith to the next generation in a way that speaks to life in Stoke and Devonport in the 21st century.

That doesn't mean abandoning or changing the good news we have ourselves received from those who have gone before us. Instead if we are truly to honour the faith we ourselves have received, we need to hold it afresh and show the real difference that Jesus makes, in the lives of ordinary people going about what may seem like very ordinary business throughout the week. Rev Tim Buckley



News from Thika Diocese

Before Tearfund approached our church, you could say we were pretty content. Our small congregation at Gatanga Parish in Thika did what we thought we were supposed to do. We came to church, we listened to the preacher, we went home. And the cycle continued, without much thought. Everything changed when we learned about the Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP). A team met with our leaders and talked about how CCMP could transform lives in ways we couldn't even picture at the time.

It began with a time of introspection - holding a mirror up to ourselves as a church and truly seeing what we were, and what we weren't.

We saw an undesirable church. Poor time management, long-term debts, home groups that were long-dead without any concern or attempt at revival. We realised that we had been living as a sleeping giant - God had given us strength and power to transform the community, calling us to serve, but we were asleep, ignoring the call. After this insightful process, we knew we had to do something. We were determined to see a new church and community develop, using our God-given resources and His word. We were fired up and excited to start a new chapter of ACK Giatutu.

Knowing that our long-running debts were a barrier to our transformation, we knew this was our first port of call for change. One of our members, Samuel, approached the vicar and suggested we plan a big fundraiser for the church.

The vicar was delighted with the idea, so pleased that we were taking the initiative. Together they mobilised the whole church for this project. The fundraising drive was planned for March 2018 and the day raised 277,000 Kshs (almost £2,100) to pay off debts and contribute to new community projects.

Before CCMP, we always believed all we had to do when we came to church was listen. Not question or give an opinion, no discussion of any kind about what we thought the Bible had to tell us. Just that the preacher would interpret the passages and give us direction.

But now, we understand a new way of doing things. We were shocked at first, when the vicar (who was also our CCMP facilitator) started to ask us questions. Not just about the Bible reading on a Sunday, but about what we wanted our church and community to look like. What did we think? What did we want to see?

Ministering to the Sick and Elderly

We soon discovered that God has placed us here to holistically minister to all, without discrimination, to be with our community members in times of need. The husband of a member of our congregation had suffered terrible injuries after a car accident. We planned for several of our group to pay her family a visit and bring food and money. *(continues on p.9)*

Bovey Calendar

Sep		
2 Sun		Nourish: food for the soul am reading: Psalm 63, John 6.25-40 pm reading: 1 Corinthians 8 <i>Food fight!</i> 8.00am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton 9.30am Sunday Praise & Lord's Supper: Rev Graham Hamilton 11.00am Morning Worship & Baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton 5.00pm Word and Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton
3 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
5 Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion in the church
	2.00pm	Jack in a box Baby Group in the Church Room
	5.00pm	Wise Guys in the Church Room
6 Thur	7.00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Simply Christianity Course starts at Cafe 3Sixty
7 Fri	9.10am	Morning prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
9 Sun		Return of the King am readings: Psalm 118, Matthew 21.1-17 pm reading: 1 Corinthians 9 <i>Rights and Responsibilities</i> 9.30pm Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton 11.00am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton 5.00pm Word & Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton 7.00pm Youth Group at Southbrook Farm
10 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
11 Tue	7.30pm	Deanery Synod at St Andrew's Ashburton
12 Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion in the church
	5.00pm	Wise Guys in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting in the Church
13 Thur	7.00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
14 Fri	9.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
16 Sun		By what authority? am reading: Psalm 2, Matthew 21.18-27 pm reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 9.30am Sunday Praise: Mrs Eleanor Oelmann 11.00am Morning Worship: Mrs Eleanor Oelmann 5.00pm Word and Worship: Mr Mark Alexander

17 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
18 Tue	2.00pm	Mothers' Union in the Church Room
19 Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion in the church
	7.15pm	Parochial Church Council in the Church Room
20 Thur	7.00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	9.45am	First Steps in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Simply Christianity Course at Cafe 360
21 Fri	7.30pm	Codelife group in the Church Room

23 Sun

Workers in the Vineyard

		am reading: Isaiah 5.1-7, Matthew 21.28-end
		pm reading: 1 Corinthians 10.14-11.1
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11.00am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5.00pm	Word and Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton

24 Mon	9.10am	Morning prayer
26 Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion: Canon Michael Sansom
	5.00pm	Wise Guys in the Church Room
27 Thur	7.00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
28 Fri	9.10am	Morning prayer
	5.00pm	Choir Practice
29 Sat	9-12	Church Working Party- see note

30 Sun

A wedding invitation

		am reading: Psalm 445, Matthew 22.1-14
		pm reading: Revelation 12.7-12 <i>Spiritual Warfare</i>
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Mr Mark Alexander
	11.00am	Morning Worship: Mr Mark Alexander
	5.00pm	Lord's Supper: Rev Graham Hamilton

October

3 Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion
4 Thu	7.30pm	Simply Christianity Course at Cafe 360
6 Sat	2.00pm	Licensing of Carolyn Laycock as Reader at Exeter Cathedral

7 Sun

Harvest Generosity

		am readings: Deuteronomy 15.1-16, Mathew 22.15-22
		pm reading: Habakkuk 1
	8.00am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	10.30am	United Harvest Service: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
	5.00pm	Word and Worship: Mr Mark Alexander

Notes & Events

Licensing of Carolyn Laycock

On Saturday 6 October at 2pm Mrs Carolyn Laycock will be licensed as a Reader at Exeter Cathedral. We will be aiming to co-ordinate lifts so as many as possible can attend. Please contact Mark in the office if you can offer seats in a car.

Simply Christianity

The goal of this five-week course is to provide you with a clear, albeit brief, explanation of 'real or normal' Christianity by reading together through the gospel of Luke.

In a vaguely Christianised culture like ours it is all too easy to assume that our acceptance or rejection (or perhaps simply avoidance) of the Christian faith is based on a reasonable working knowledge of the topic.

John Dickson writes, 'I for one grew up supposing that the few bits and pieces I'd accidentally picked up at school, through friends and in the media were enough to arrive at the opinion that Christianity was nice for other people. I decided this without once having gone inside a church or read anything of the Bible, let alone attended a course such as this one.'

Graham will lead this course on alternate Thursday evenings, from 7.30-9pm at Café 3Sixty (Ashburton Road), starting on Thursday 6 September. Why not plan to come, and bring a friend?

Wise Guys

Wise Guys is our fortnight club for young people aged 10-14. We resume with a Murder Mystery on Wed 12 September from 5.30pm (note the new time) in the church room. Come for food, fun and games and wisdom from the bible.

Love your Church

We are having a working party for people of all ages on Saturday 29 September from 9am to tackle the cleaning and repair jobs that the Monday working group doesn't have time for. Tea and cake will be provided!

Devon Bible Conference



God's Letter to a Worldly Church:
lessons on the Lordship of Christ,
spirituality and authentic Christian living

with Dr Paul Gardner

Pastor, theologian and
author of the recently published
Zondervan commentary on 1 Corinthians

Saturday 17th November 2018

10am - 3.30pm

St Leonard's Church, Exeter

Booking information:

www.exeterdef.org.uk

News from Thika (continued from p.5)

They were so grateful for this act that it encouraged us to do more. The Mother's Union members decided to focus on the sick and elderly women in the church. They sought out women who were not able to attend church regularly because of their age or condition, and brought each one food and money, and spent time with them reading the Bible.

Involving the Youth

Through special youth-focused CCMP groups during the school holidays, we've seen the young people in our church become enthusiastic and determined to be involved which is so exciting to see.

After discussion amongst them and reflection on the needs of the community, their focus became environmental conservation. They planted 25 new trees in the church gardens, in the hopes of seeing our community become greener.

Please Pray

- Join with us in thanking God for the breakthrough in CCMP for our church, for us to sustain the enthusiasm we have found for this process.
- Pray for the team of three facilitators and our vicar, for continued passion and good leadership as we continue down this road.

Brian & Jane Inwood
(bjinwood@btinternet.com)

Note from the Vicar:

A group from Exeter will be going to Thika in October. Any group that wants to send greetings, pictures or cards to our link parish needs to do by Sun 23 September.

We have had a link with Thika Diocese since 2011, but we now need a new link representative to take over from Kathleen Ennor. Would you be willing to email or phone our link parish in Kame, to write short updates for the Bulletin and share prayer requests for one month of the year? Perhaps even to visit Kenya to strengthen our link? Please contact Graham if you think this is something the Lord wants you to do.



members of Giatutu church
tree-planting in the community

David Barlow

Dave Barlow writes:

From September 2018, I will be moving to Nottingham to work at St Nic's, a large city-centre Anglican church of around 450 people, who are passionately committed to seeing transformation in individuals and communities through the good news of Jesus.

I've been hired by the diocese of Southwell and Nottingham on a one-year contract of which my primary focus will be student ministry. There are two universities within Nottingham, both within 3 miles of St Nic's and I will be working with these populations to encourage and equip students to develop as disciples of Jesus in their University context. I will do this by and preparing our student specific programmes and activities, enabling students to take planning part in the wider life of the church and developing relationships with students and the student team.

Aside from St Nic's, I will spend a day each week working on a diocesan project called Real LIFE. This is a discipleship course designed to envision, empower and equip God's people in making the life-long journey of following-after Christ. The course looks at ten aspects of discipleship that emerge from the teaching and example of Jesus in Luke 9.

In addition to practical ministry experience

In addition to practical ministry experience I will spend a day a week gathered with other assistants from across the diocese for teaching and training which is focused on theology, practical leadership development and personal discipleship

My aim going forward from this, is to increase my own personal faith, receive practical ministry experience and improve my theological reflection skills as I look to discern whether God is calling to ordination in the Church of England and if so begin the process of selection.

Graham writes: it is exciting to see young people like Dave who have grown up at PPT exploring ministry. We will be praying for Dave.



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

September

2 Sun

14th after Trinity

Readings: Ruth 2, Colossians 3.1-4

10.00am
4 Tue 10.00am

Morning Worship: Mr Mark Alexander
Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall

9 Sun

15th after Trinity:

Readings: Psalm 118, Matthew 21.1-17

10.00am
10 Mon 7.30pm

Morning Worship: Mr Edward Goodman
Parochial Church Council at Warmhill Farm

16 Sun

Harvest Festival

Readings: Psalm 63, John 6.25-40

4.00pm
Thu 20 12noon

Harvest Festival: Rev Graham Hamilton
Soup & Pud lunch at the Village Hall

23 Sun

17th after Trinity

Reading: Psalm 2, Matthew 21.18-27

10.00am

Morning Worship: Mrs Eleanor Oelmann

30 Sun

18th after Trinity:

Readings: Isaiah 5.1-7, Matthew 21.33-end

10.00am

Baptism of Katie & Jessica Ball: Rev Graham Hamilton

October

7 Sun

19th after Trinity:

Readings: Psalm 44, Matthew 22.1-14

10.00am

Morning Worship: Mr Mark Alexander

Churchwardens: Mr Derek Baker 835355, Mr Miles Pomfrett 331062

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Sept Rota	Sidesman	Reader	Intercessor	Flowers
2nd	Pat Savage-Jones	Libby Marnham	Service Leader	Lyn
9th	Lyn Russell	Miles Pomfret	Brian Marnham	Lorraine
16th	Harold Joll	June Brown	Ken Swan	Lorraine
<i>Harvest Festival at 4pm with tea and sale of produce, proceeds for Farm Africa.</i>				
23rd	Ken Swann	Anne English	Ellena Jamie	Lorraine
30th	Pat Savage-Jones	Frances Swann	Richard & Christine	Christine
2nd	Lyn Russell	Libby Marnham	Service Leader	Christine

The Back Page:



Above: Everyone got to play during the sermon at the United Service 19 August

Below: Carolyn and the team from 'Jack in a Box' at a farewell tea on 20 August

