Thought of the Month

Moral pollution is not caused by inadequate religious practice but by our own nature. God wants hearts that love him with all our soul, mind and strength. It’s not the detail of external rituals that should concern us, but the condition of our hearts.

Gethen Russell-Jones (WordLive—Scripture Union)
The summer for many of us marks holiday season and the opportunity to get away and have a change of scenery. I love hearing of people’s travel stories, tales of adventure and what they have enjoyed often accompanied by an encouragement ‘you should go, you’ll love it’. Those giving that suggestion have no idea as to whether I’ll be able to follow through on that invitation but freely give it.

This reminds me of someone who I think may be one of the bible’s hidden heroes, Andrew. Andrew encounters Jesus and goes to tell his brother Simon Peter ‘we have found the Messiah’ and takes him to Jesus (John 1:35-42). We remember Peter but often forget the importance of Andrew’s role in issuing the invitation. Andrew can have had no idea of where it would lead his brother, he simply gave the invitation.

I think this acts as a powerful reminder of our role. We are called to pass on that invitation. Andrew was faithful because he passed on the invitation not because of how Peter responded.

In the coming months we will have the opportunity to pass on an invitation to others for various things. Over the summer there is of course holiday club and Praise on the Prom as well as our normal services as we welcome people from near and far to Sidmouth. In early October we are planning a magic evening - come and be wowed! - and a bit later in October we are hoping to start an autumn Alpha course, which is a great opportunity to think about some of life’s big questions and faith. Do keep your eyes peeled for further details of both these events in due course and how to be involved. In each case maybe God is prompting us to follow Andrew’s example, not to worry about the response but remember that we are being faithful in simply passing on the invitation.

Enjoy the summer!

**To pray for over the summer**

Over the summer do please pray for our children and young people as they have holidays, enjoy holiday club, get exam results and think about their futures!
Our Mission: We exist to see lives transformed by Christ.

Our Vision is that All Saints’ should be increasingly:

- God honouring, Christ following, Spirit-led and Bible-based
- Welcoming, open hearted, outward looking and relevant
- A people who are humble, gracious, generous and servant hearted.

Our service times are scheduled on page 14 of the magazine. The 8am Holy Communion follows the Book of Common Prayer. The 9.30 Service offers informal contemporary worship during which there’s seekers@saints, separate age related activities in five different groups for those aged 3 to teens. There are creche facilities for the under 3s. The 11.15 am Service follows Common Worship.

We hope you will always find a warm welcome here, and worship which is both reverent and meaningful.

For disabled people we have level access into the Church by all doors, and a ramp to the hall and toilets (including adapted toilet); we also provide baby changing facilities. There is an efficient loudspeaker system for those who find listening difficult. A hearing loop, covering most of the church and hall, serves those with hearing aids switched to the ‘T’ position. The car park is available free for those attending services and meetings. Permits for parking at other times are available for church members.

All Saints’ Church is part of the Sid Valley Mission Community in the Devon Anglican Diocese.

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Thoughts from Salcombe Regis – July/August 2018

Two months for the price of one magazine as July and August are a joint contribution during the summer holiday period. July and August are the only two months that follow each other with 31 days.

Months were originally based on the movement of the moon (the words moon and month are related) but this did not work out perfectly to one year. So the powers that be changed how many days in some months to make them all add up to one year of 365 days except in a Leap year when there are 366 days.

Summer conjures up warm sunny days with a backing track of humming bees and other insects. But it is also summer thunderstorms and torrential rain, and all kinds of weather from droughts to floods.

The weather forecast for the day of Salcombe Regis Country Fair was to expect torrential rain, thunder, lightning and flash flooding from 4.00pm. The rain arrived early at about 2.00pm and lasted roughly an hour but with no thunder, lightning or flash floods. However it did not deter our many supporters who came to peruse, enjoy and buy from the many stalls, listen to the Gittisham Hall Jazz Band, who were great, and savour the many other attractions that were available on the afternoon.

The church looked lovely all decked out in beautiful arrangements in so many colours and varieties of flowers - thank you ladies. All in all over £8,000 was raised and after expenses are paid will realise a profit of over £6,000. Thank you to everyone who supported our Country Fair and now we look forward to the year 2019 when the Fair date is Thursday 30th May.

At the beginning of May this year Sidmouth Trefoil Group joined with members of our congregation to watch, listen and enjoy a presentation by Duncan and Rosalind Watt on their work with TEAMS in Uganda. We live in a big wide world; we appreciated its diversity as together we learned more about this world during the afternoon. Unfortunately, we are not all born with the same opportunities, however God gave us the chance to help others less fortunate than ourselves. We must thank Duncan and Rosalind for the fantastic work they carry out on their visits to Uganda. The afternoon started with a poem entitled “Diversity” written by a Girl Guide and read by a Trefoil member. I thought it would be good to share this poem with you all.

DIVERSITY

To be diverse is a wonderful thing
To all sound in the way we sing
To see all things in our own special way
Is what creates an interesting day.

Continues on page 5
We are diverse, you and I
I am loud while you are shy
You have brown eyes, mine are blue
We are good friends, me and you.
The reason we are such good friends
Is because our differences tend to blend
When I am sad, you make me smile
And then we’ll sit and laugh awhile.
But if we all were exactly the same
Both in colour and from whence we came
There would be no culture to teach each other
For we’d all be just like one another.
What fun it would be to meet someone new
If the person you met was exactly like you
Be happy with all the difference you bring
For to be diverse is a wonderful thing.

As we near the end of July schools will be breaking up for the summer holidays. Hopefully it will be good weather for the duration, with perhaps rain overnight to keep the gardens and gardeners happy.

In August the GCSE and A level results are due and many students will be going off to pastures new either to university, starting work or off on their travels for a “gap year”. Whatever or however you are spending your summer holidays enjoy them, whether going away, welcoming family and friends to stay or just having days out, travel safely, keep healthy and have a good relax.

To end with something to make you smile!

A reception class teacher was watching her classroom of four and five year olds whilst they were drawing. As she got to one little girl, who was working very diligently, she asked her what the drawing was. The little girl replied, “I’m drawing God”. The teacher paused and said, “But no one knows what God looks like”. Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the little girl replied, “They will in a minute”.

Annette Newman

Wedding:
15th June 2018 – Joanne Elisabeth Norton to John Edward Tucker Wilson
We wish Jo and Jack every happiness in their future life together.
REGULAR ACTIVITIES @ ALL SAINTS’

Prayer Groups

♦ **Weekly** Prayer, Friday 9.00 - 9.30 am in Church
♦ **Saturday Prayers** 9.00-10.00 am first Saturday of the month
♦ **Monthly** Prayer and Praise, 10am & 7.30 pm, third Tuesday of each month in Church
♦ **Men’s Prayer** group, 7am each Friday morning in church. Contact Phil Cranch.

♦ **Monthly** Prayer for the Nation each fourth Monday at 2pm -Church Lounge. **Contact Reg Ball—01395 515458.**

House Groups  There are many groups which meet at various places in the valley on different days and times. Please **contact Brenda Richards— 01395 577130** for information.

Pastoral Team  Anyone who would like to discuss potential visits or prayer needs may **contact Roy & Olivia Milner — 01404 46177.**

Happy Feet  babies and toddler group for pre-schoolers and their families Tuesday mornings 10-11.30am (term-time) for play, craft, story time and songs for children and chat, support and home-made refreshments for adults. **Contact Jen Taylor— 01395 512899.**

My Dad and Me. A twice monthly group for fathers and their children 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month 8.30 am. **Contact Ben Ray - 07940 364387**

Men's Breakfast is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8.15am. All ages welcome for fellowship and friendship in an informal atmosphere. **contact Chas Heil— 01395 512583.**

Sight Impairment Group — held 1st Tuesday at 2.30pm in All Saints’ lounge. Informal fellowship and refreshments. **Contact Reg & Dot 01395 515458**

Messy Church is a fun packed session for children of all ages, accompanied by a parent, with games, craft, storytelling, songs, short bible talk and supper.  3.30pm - 5.pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. **Contact Kirsty Hammond—01395 515405.**

Café Church - 7.30pm, third Friday of the month at the Mustard Seed. **Contact Susi Sparks - 01395 513569 or Sally Wilshaw 01395 512219**

See page 16 for full contact details.
Dear Friends,

In March 2014 I came to Sidmouth to be Rector of Sidmouth Parish Church (St Giles and St Nicholas) and Team Rector for the Sid Valley Mission Community. When I tolled the ancient medieval bell as part of the Installation ritual, I was unaware of the tradition that the number of times the bell rang indicated the number of years the new incumbent might be likely to stay. I rang the bell just three times. So I guess that means that, for some, I stayed around a year a bit too long!

For others, of course, four year and four months in post has not been long enough. At Sidmouth Parish Church in particular we have done some great things together. God has blessed our life and ministry together, along with our Christian stewardship and some of the steps forward that we have made. There is much more to be done, but the congregation is a great place for a new incumbent to come along and take things on from here. There are some who may feel that the Rector didn’t do enough for the other churches in the group, especially those who have not had an easy time in recent years – but the Team Rector’s job is enormous, given the size of the congregation at Sidmouth Parish Church, the large number of civic responsibilities, and the unseen pastoral and spiritual work that is demanded in all parts of the valley and beyond. I hope you will all pray hard for two new clergy who will be able to manage their own particular responsibilities as well as understand and take forward the joint work of the Mission Community.

I have enjoyed my time in this beautiful part of the country and in this delightful little town – but earlier this year I reached a crossroads in terms of age and opportunity, and God seemed to open the door that led to my return to the Diocese in Europe. From 1994 to 2006 I served the Church of St James near The Hague in The Netherlands – and it is to another Church of St James that I go in Portugal this August. There I will find a congregation of just 50 people, and together we will work to develop and grow the chaplaincy as we serve the international English-speaking community that is scattered across an urban area of almost three million people. We also hope to tap in to the increasing number of visitors to Porto, which is now rated by Trip Adviser as being among the top ten destinations in Europe. (If you wish to find out more about the church, simply google St James Anglican Church, Porto.)

I shall be accompanied by my good friend and priest companion, Robert Chavner – but before we leave we would like to invite you to drop by at the Rectory anytime between 11am and 4pm on Saturday 21st July for a drink. Thereafter my last Sunday will be August 5th, when I shall lead services in Sidmouth Parish Church at 8am, 10am and 6pm.

I leave with gratitude for your friendship and fellowship and for all that we have achieved together in a relatively short period of time. Please pray for me, as I shall pray for you – and do come and visit me in Porto.

With my very best wishes, Rev. Philip Bourne
July/August Intercessions for the Mission Community

Pray for the witness of Christians within local organisations and for those who come to Sidmouth on holiday and our outreach among them.

✦ For our Sidmouth Town Council
✦ For local businesses and hoteliers, especially those dependent on the Tourist trade
✦ For voluntary organisations and associations – SVS, SVA, Probus, Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce among others
✦ For those who administer the Keith Owen Fund, the Sidmouth Consolidated Charities and other Trusts
✦ For ‘Sea Sunday’ on July 8th and all who live and work at sea
✦ For the Folk Festival concerts, events and church services August 3rd-10th
✦ For our Children’s & Youth Minister, Kirsty Hammond, and the ‘Mega Makers’ summer holiday club, August 14th-17th
✦ For school leavers and families on holiday together in this period
✦ For those awaiting news of school and university exam results or job applications following graduation
✦ For the ‘Food for the Soul’ town event on August 18th and for churches offering a spiritual connection with this
✦ For visitors who come to our church services, concerts and other events, or who just come into the buildings to look around
✦ For Sidmouth Inshore Rescue Service and those who administer and crew it
✦ For those involved in the process of appointing a new Team Rector and Team Vicar
### All Saints’ Church Daily Prayer List for July

| 1.       | Gareth and Jenny Smith               | 17.      | Paul Tunnicliffe       |
| 2.       | Jill Smith                           | 18.      | Penny and Steve Tupper |
| 3.       | Bob and Joy Snelgrove                | 19.      | Luc and June Vandamme  |
| 4.       | Kieth and Susi Sparks                | 20.      | Hannah and Mark Vicarage |
| 5.       | Rosalind Jan Speers                  | 21.      | Tony and Gill Vosper   |
| 6.       | Jackie Stephens                      | 22.      | Roger and Margaret Waddell |
| 8.       | Ivy Stoneman                         | 24.      | Daphne Ward            |
| 10.      | Martin Symons                        | 26.      | Michael and Silke Welch|
| 11.      | Bev Tarry                            | 27.      | Lena Welch             |
| 14.      | Diana Terry                          | 30.      | Sally Wilshaw          |
| 15.      | Chris and Andrea Thomas              | 31.      | Jo and Peter Wilson    |
| 16.      | Myra Townsend                        |          |                       |

### All Saints’ Church Daily Prayer List for August

| 1.       | Tony and Eileen Wiltshire            | 16.      | Alastair and Sharon Bates |
| 2.       | Maureen Woodley                      | 17.      | David and Mary Beale     |
|          | -Westlake                            | 19.      | David Bedford            |
| 4.       | Nick and Katrina Young               | 20.      | Liz Bedford              |
| 5.       | Iris Young                           | 21.      | Patrick and Jan Beesley  |
| 6.       | Tony and Iris Adams                  | 22.      | Ismay Bell               |
| 7.       | Martin and Barbara Allen             | 23.      | John and Pauline Belton  |
| 8.       | Les and Jen Aldridge                 | 24.      | Handel and Joan Bennett  |
| 10.      | Fanny and David Balcombe             | 26.      | Liz Bennett              |
| 11.      | Len Baldwin                          | 27.      | Frances Bigland          |
| 12.      | Reg and Dot Ball                     | 28.      | Brian and Alison Black   |
| 13.      | Hilary Ballard                       | 29.      | Trevor and Ann Blackburn |
| 14.      | Dennis Barrington                    | 30.      | Jacquie and Peter Blackmore |
| 15.      | Marcia Bastin                        | 31.      | Joyce Blackwell          |
| 16.      | Fanny and Christine Armstrong        |          |                       |
Wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus
That’s what we are going to be singing at the top of our voices this August.

Yes, it’s holiday club time and this year it’s MEGA MAKERS!
The church will be turned into an inventor’s workshop with a huge Mega Machine, where things go in one end, and well we will have to wait and see what shoots out of the other.

This year the daily themes from Matthew’s gospel are

Day 1 – Wider and wider
Jesus started to invite a few to follow him, but this spread wider and wider, even to unpopular people.

Day 2: Deeper and deeper
The disciples follow Jesus into the boat, into the storm and discover more about Jesus and what it means to trust him.

Day 3: Greater and greater
Jesus’ death on the cross is not the end. He chose to die because he loved us - his love is greater than we can ever think. We can love him in return and become followers of Jesus for ever.

Day 4: For ever and ever
The amazing story of how Jesus came back to life. He is alive today and we can be his followers for ever. He wants us to go and tell others that Jesus is alive for ever.
It is running August 14-17th finishing on Sunday 19th at a fun, lively 11 o'clock service where we will share about the week and sing the songs for one last time. This is followed by a free lunch. The leaders have been brilliant at planning exciting and engaging activities, preparing scripts, creating the props and Mega Machine, sorting out the tec... It is a big team that is needed to run it.

And even if you can't be involved please could you pray for the week. There is so much to pray for with the club:

- team leaders – creativity, patience and energy, fellowship
- parents and carers – gives them a break in the long holiday period

Notice

Please note the changes to our services on Sunday 19 August. We are planning two services that morning. The first at 9:00 am will be our more traditional Morning Service. At 11:00 am we are planning an All-Age Holiday Club service to which we will invite Holiday Club families. This service will be followed at 12:00 noon by lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend one or both services.
**ALL SAINTS’ SERVICES JULY 2018**

**1st July 5th Sunday after Trinity**
8:00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
Rev. Tony Adams
9:30am **Morning Service**  
John Dunster
11:15am **Morning Service**  
Phil Cranch
  
**Readings:** Lamentations 3:22-33 & Mark 5:21-43
  
**Title:** A deeper challenge

**8th July 6th Sunday after Trinity**
10:30am **EPIC Service at Salcombe Regis Scout Field**
11:15am **Morning Service & Holy Communion**  
Rev. Dennis Gurney
  
**Readings:** Ezekiel 2: 1-5 & Mark 6: 1-13

**15th July 7th Sunday after Trinity**
8:00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
Rev. David Caporn
9:30am **Morning Service**  
Rev. David Caporn
11:15am **Morning Service**  
Rev. David Caporn
  
**Readings:** Amos 7:7-15 & Mark 6:14-29
  
**Title:** True Priorities

**22nd July 8th Sunday after Trinity**
9:30am **Morning Service & Holy Communion**  
Rev. David Lewis
11:15am **Morning Service**  
Rev. David Lewis
  
**Readings:** Jeremiah 23:1-6 & Mark 6:30-34
  
**Title:** A Good Shepherd

**29th July 9th Sunday after Trinity**
8:00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
Rev. Tony Adams
9:30am **Morning Service**  
Carole Hawkins
11:15am **Morning Service**  
Carole Hawkins
  
**Readings:** 2 Kings 4:42-44 & John 6:1-21
  
**Title:** The God who provides

**NOTICE**

**Saturday Prayers.** Saturday 7 July is both EPIC and our Saturday Prayer Morning. Please join us for prayers at the Scout Field at 9:00 am until 9:45 am. We won’t hold prayer sessions in church on that morning.
Premier Christian Radio News Wed 20 Jun 2018—By Alex Williams

The Prime Minister encouraged believers attending a prayer meeting at the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday to engage in public life "for the common good of all".

Theresa May, who is the third PM to attend the annual National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast, also said Christianity had "transformed the United Kingdom".

In a written message to guests, she described the event as "an excellent opportunity both to celebrate Christians' ongoing contribution to this country and to reflect on the role Christianity can play in contemporary public life."

Mrs May joined 470 politicians - including almost 170 Members of Parliament and peers - and church leaders in singing hymns and reciting the Lord's prayer in Westminster Hall. A keynote speech was delivered by the American and Presbyterian pastor Tim Keller.

Emphasising how Christianity has helped shaped the nation, she went on to say: "Over the past two millennia, the Christian gospel has transformed the United Kingdom, with its values and teachings helping to shape the laws, customs and society of the country in which we live."

Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, Tim Farron MP, Rt Hon Ian Blackford MP and Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP were among public figures who also attended the event - which included seminars on topics including tackling modern-day slavery and the centenary year of women gaining the right to vote.

In her note to attendees, the PM also said: "Whether you are a Parliamentarian or constituent, I encourage all of you to continue your engagement as Christians in public life for the common good of all."
ALL SAINTS’ SERVICES AUGUST 2018

5th August 10th Sunday after Trinity
10:30am Folk Festival Service in Connaught Gardens
11:15am Morning Service
Reading: Psalm 1

12th August 11th Sunday after Trinity
9:45am All-Age Service
11:15am Morning Service & Holy Communion
Reading: Psalm 2

19th August 12th Sunday after Trinity
9:00am Morning Service
Reading: Psalm 3
11:00am All-Age Holiday Club Service

26th August 13th Sunday after Trinity
9:45am All-Age Service & Holy Communion
11:15am Morning Service
Reading: Psalm 4

SALCOME REGIS SERVICES AUGUST 2018

5th August Trinity 10
9:15 am Family Communion
Preacher: Rev. Stephen Knight
11:00 am Matins
Preacher: Rev. Stephen Knight

12th August Trinity 11
8.00 am Holy Communion
Preacher: Rev. David Caporn
9.15 am Family Communion
Preacher: Rev. David Caporn

19th August Trinity 12
9.15 am Family Communion
Preacher: Rev. Stephen Knight
11.00 am Matins
Preacher: Rev. Stephen Knight

26nd August Trinity 13
8.00 am Holy Communion
Preacher: Rev. Tony Adams
9.15 am Family Communion
Preacher: Rev. Tony Adams
**MAF assisting in fight against latest Ebola outbreak**

As a church we at All Saints’ understand the importance of mission work, of sharing the love of Jesus and the message of salvation with the world. We have a partnership with Crosslinks through which we support Andrew and Eunice Moody in Uganda/South Sudan. All Saints’ is now making preparations to enter also into an exciting partnership with MAF later this year.

Nineteen people have died and 39 more are infected from the latest Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), according to the World Health Organization (WHO). News outlets report that 393 people identified as contacts of Ebola patients are being followed up with, yet information about the outbreak in Bikoro, Iboko, and Wanga-ta health zones in Equateur province is still limited. (Source: Reuters / May 2018)

In response to the outbreak, Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), a global agency that has been operating in the DRC since 1961, is flying for a major non-profit medical organisation and the Congolese Ministry of Health to the affected area from the capital city of Kinshasa. A MAF Caravan and PC12 aircraft have both been used to fly medical personnel to the airport at Mbandaka, which is 315 nautical miles (NM) northeast of Kinshasa.

The MAF Disaster Response Team is monitoring events closely to determine if they need to move additional staff or aircraft into place for a larger response.

Please pray for the Congolese people who have lost loved ones, and for others who might be affected by this most recent outbreak of this deadly disease.

To make the partnership with MAF work well, we are looking for a link person within the church. We are very grateful to Emily Rose who has already agreed to be the link person for the young people within the church and we now urgently need another person to help as a link for the adult groups.

The role is a communication channel between MAF and the church, receiving information such as prayer opportunities from MAF and making it available in the church, coordinating opportunities for groups to learn more about MAF and support the work and occasionally meeting as the church representative with Luc Vandamme, the MAF representative, to review the way the partnership progresses. This role is exciting and vital to making the partnership work for All Saints’, but is not an onerous one.

Please contact the Church Office or Luc (Luc.Vandamme@maf-uk.org) if you have an interest in becoming this crucial link person.

MAF is also very grateful to the Sidmouth Gospel Choir, which has kindly decided to use its next concert on the 6 July at All Saints’ at 7:30 PM to raise support and awareness of MAF. Please join us that evening and support both the Gospel Choir and MAF.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers and for continuing to collect postcards…
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Rev. David Caporn - Thursday

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The minutes of PCC meetings are published on the website and in a folder in the church lounge.

The PCC normally meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Find out more information from our monthly magazine and at www.allsaintssidmouth.org.uk

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BRIGHT FUTURE FOR RURAL CHURCH

This month as we mark Rural Mission Sunday (15 July), we hear about one of the first projects of our Diocese’s Growing the Rural Church (GtRC) initiative.

Huntshaw church in north Devon is showing new signs of life following a community consultation led by GtRC.

As a result, a new Friends Group (see pic) has been set-up to raise funds and keep St Mary Magdalene Church at the heart of community life. Events so far have included a book launch with cream teas and children’s treasure hunt, and a flower festival. A new all-age worship service with craft activity has been well supported.

Local family the Hoopers have been involved in both the Friends Group and new service, and said: “Wow! How uplifting it was to have the church lively and full of music and people. We are all working together as a team and moving forward positively”.

PCC Treasurer Peter Denard said: “With the help of Marian Carson from GtRC, we organised a community consultation on the future of Huntshaw Church. To our surprise we learnt that we would increase attendance if a more modern service was available. The Friends enhance the profile of the church and are also bringing the community together. The future is now very bright!”

The GtRC project hopes other good news will emerge as it engages with rural churches across the Diocese. Project Manager Marian Carson said: “We’ve now been working with rural mission communities across Devon for 18 months. It has been wonderful to journey with some of our rural congregations and help them develop the use of their building. This month we are encouraging all our mission communities to celebrate Rural Mission Sunday, and we look forward to hearing back.”

For more about the GtRC project visit the diocesan website.

For ideas and resources for Rural Mission Sunday, visit: www.germinate.net.

GtRC want to showcase Devon’s rural churches. Send them a short video clip (20 seconds max) for their Rural Mission Sunday film.
BIBLE SOCIETY ROADSHOW HITS EXETER

Comedian Paul Kerensa and The Bible Course creator, Dr Andrew Ollerton, will be in Exeter on 13 July to deliver a night of laughter and learning, as the big story of the Bible is unfolded in The Greatest Story Ever Touried.

Diocesan Mission Enabler Barry Dugmore said: “We are so excited about hosting one of the Bible Course roadshows in Exeter Cathedral. Given that 65% of Anglicans struggle to read the Bible and many people who come to faith today have very little knowledge of the Bible, this course could be just the things to help us grow as followers and help others who are on a journey towards God.”

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CHANGES IN THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Rebecca Paveley, Director of Communications and Bishop’s Press Officer is leaving our diocese after nine years in the role. She is going to work for the National Trust, but will continue to support Exeter Cathedral’s communications.

Nicky Davies, Publications Officer, is also moving on, after four years. Nicky, who was ordained priest in 2015, will be focusing on her ministry in the team of seven churches where she is based in the New Forest.

Both are sad to leave the diocese and wish to thank many people who have offered their encouragement over the years.

HUNDREDS PRAY AT THY KINGDOM COME CATHEDRAL EVENT

Churches and communities around our Diocese were busy praying in all sorts of creative and inspiring ways as part of this year’s Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) global wave of prayer.

Launch events took place with Bishop Robert in Sidmouth and in Plymstock with Bishop Nick.

TKC culminated in our Diocese with a beacon celebration on Pentecost Sunday in Exeter Cathedral.

To see a video of the service, go to the news pages of the diocesan website.

Diocesan Mission Enabler Barry Dugmore and wife Suzanne, along with a local children’s choir perform River of Life, a song written especially by Barry for this year’s TKC.
When the refugee crisis hit the headlines in 2015 Anna Roderick began to ask God what she could do in response? Three years later Anna is Project Manager of Abide and helping to settle a refugee family in Devon....

Learning to listen to God

Prayer that leads to action is one of the best sorts of prayer, says Anna Roderick of Ottery St Mary.

Anna is Project Manager of Abide, a community project to resettle a refugee family into the local area through the government’s Community Sponsorship scheme. Last September a Syrian family of four arrived, having fled their home when it came under attack. The family had spent five unsettled years living as refugees in Jordan. They are now settling into Devon life and the father has started work experience.

Anna is passionate about responding when there is a need. She said: “Sometimes it is not enough just to give money.”

When Anna saw the refugee crisis hit the headlines in 2015 she began to pray and ask God what she could do? She said: “I didn’t want to pursue the idea of Community Sponsorship unless it’s what God wanted... I felt that God was clear and in it!”

Growing up Anna explains that she started going to church aged five. She said: “As a child I had faith in God. It was as a teenager that I began to question.”

Aged 18 she had the opportunity to live for a while in a Christian School in India. She describes this experience as a ‘profound turning point’ in her faith.

“I was away from home and surrounded by people who were passionate about their faith.” This experience helped Anna to settle into life at university, before she went on to do year’s course at Navigators UK in Birmingham, a worldwide mission partnership.

She then got married and the couple lived on an inner-city estate in Birmingham where Anna honestly recalls “I struggled in that time. It brought me face to face with many of my limitations!” Having had two children, the family moved to Devon 11 years ago and had a third child. The family love their life here.

Anna finishes: “I am quite an activist but I’m gradually learning to listen and wait and see God doing it in his way.... surrendering things to God’s will and timing” 

“Letting go and surrendering things to God’s will and timing.”
THERE’S POWER IN LOVE

The Ven Douglas Dettmer
Archdeacon of Totnes

This magazine has a long lead time for publication! So it is that I am writing in May, just after the marriage of Prince Henry of Wales and Meghan Markle at Windsor.

As a child of the USA myself, I watched the broadcast of the wedding of a British prince to an American citizen with particular interest. The clear desire of this highly motivated couple to serve the community and to help make the world a better place was reflected in the beautifully crafted liturgy, which was inspiring in its inclusiveness and left me feeling hopeful for the future.

With millions around the world listening in, the sermon was delivered by the Presiding Bishop of the American Episcopal Church, Bishop Michael Curry—the first African-American to hold that position—who lived up to his reputation as a superb preacher. His words are worth taking to heart.

“The late Dr Martin Luther King Jr once said... ‘We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will make of this old world a new world, for love is the only way.

‘There’s power in love. Don’t underestimate it. Don’t even over-sentimentalise it... The reason has to do with the source. We were made by a power of love, and our lives were meant—and are meant—to be lived in that love.”

Any church wedding is an opportunity to proclaim the gospel. The good news of self-giving, sacrificial love and its redemptive power is a word the world needs to hear. It is a word which first summons those who profess and call themselves Christians, to which we all need to listen again and again.

For when our church life is marked by anything less than other-regarding, generous love, we fail to proclaim God as he is, and we waste the greatest power for good the world has ever known. But where such love is at the heart of a local church, in the words of Dr King, ‘We will make of this old world a new world.’ That is because, in the words of the old Christian hymn quoted later in Bishop Curry’s sermon, “Where love and charity are, God is there.”

By God’s grace, may this be true of every church community in Devon as we seek to pray, grow and serve with joy in him.
Sun 1st – Sat 7th July

This week, give thanks to God for the gift of life. Pray for those you know who are trying to have a baby or who have recently given birth. Remember those who long for but are unable to have children. Pray that all may know the presence of God in their situation.

1. For the Hartland Team Mission Community, their clergy Madeline Bray, Jane Hayes, Reader Margaret Rickard and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy West, Welcombe, Parkham, Lundy, Hartland, Clovelly, Bucks Mills, Buckland Brewer and Alwington.

2. For the Heavitree Mission Community, their clergy Robin Eastoe, Jolyon Seward, Andrew Johnson, Alexander Hobbs and for all who live and worship in Saint Mary Steps, Heavitree with St Paul Exeter.

3. For the Holiday Coast Mission Community, their clergy Dallas Ayling, Nicholas Hawkins, Chris Curd, John Teed, Readers Will Halse, Margaret Noel and for all who live and worship in Starcross, Dawlish and Colton.

4. Pray for those attending and leading the safeguarding training today in Plymouth, tomorrow in Exeter and 11th in Exeter.

5. For the Holyford Mission Community, their clergy Hilary Dawson, John Lees, Shuna George, Anne Futch, Readers Emma Laughton, Jan Lees, Charles Hill, Neil White, Victoria Chester and for all who live and worship in Southleigh, Musbury, Colyton and Branscombe.

6. In our link with Melanesia we pray for the Bishop of Ysabel, the Rt Rev Ellison Quity and for the new church secondary school being built in the diocese. We also give thanks for the Rural Training Centres across Melanesia providing vocational training to young men and women.

7. For the Honiton Mission Community, their priest Sue Roberts and for all who live and worship in Honiton with Monkton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Buckerell and Awliscombe. Pray also for all those assisting during the vacancy of a Team Vicar.
Sun 8th – Sat 14th July

This week pray for all those whose livelihoods depends on the sea. If you can, visit a sea town and support the local shops.

8. On Sea Sunday we pray for all those whose lives are affected by the sea. For those whose work takes them to sea and for those who rescue those in difficulties on the sea. We also pray for those who work to keep the sea clean and ask that you will help us to play our part in caring for it, so that everyone may have their lives enriched by all that it can offer.

9. Pray for the work of all our Higher Education Chaplains particularly Andy Bowden at All Saints Academy in Plymouth.

10. For the Holsworthy Mission Community, their clergy Kathy Roberts, Jane Lucas, Richard Freeman, Elizabeth Burke, Readers Jim Williams, Mary Aicheler and for all who live and worship in Highampton, Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington, Bradford with Cookbury, Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Bulkworthy, Abbots Bickington, Halwill, Thornbury, Hollacombe, Holsworthy, Milton Damerel, Putford, Pyworthy with Pancrasweek, Sutcombe, Tetcott with Luffincott and Clawton.

11. Pray for all our hospital chaplains and in particular for the work of chaplain Nigel Mason at Hospicecare in Exeter.

12. For the Hukeley Mission Community, their priest Kevin Chandra and for all who live and worship in Petton, Morebath, Huntsham, Clayhanger and Brampton.

13. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for microfinance projects. For the setting up of savings and loans groups for hundreds of people who cannot access formal banking and for finance and business training.

14. Pray for the work of our Bishops and team across our diocese: for Bishop Robert and staff team Justine, Clare and Graham in Exeter and for Bishop Nick and PA Helen. Pray for the appointment of the next Bishop of Crediton.

Information included in this prayer diary is taken from the diocesan database, where people have given us permission to do so, and was accurate at the time of publication.

If there are any changes please email database@exeter.anglican.org
Sun 15th – Sat 21st July

Pray for families as they approach the summer holidays – some with relief and anticipation of a summer holiday break and others with distress as they wonder how they will cope during the long period. Pray that all may be sustained and ready to return afresh to school life.

15. On Rural Mission Sunday we pray: Creator God, who sustains all you have made by the power of your Spirit, help us to rejoice in your bounty, to rely on your providence and to ensure the fertility of the land, as we work together with you to produce food for the body and delight for the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

16. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for Bahrain. For St Christopher’s Cathedral in Central Manama with a church in Awali. This small but international community host many other congregations of varying traditions.

17. For the Kingsbridge Mission Community, their clergy Jackie Taylor, David Bond, Clive Rogers, Reader Amanda Sarjeant and for all who live and worship in West Alvington, Kingsbridge and Dodbrooke.

18. Pray for the meeting of Bishop’s Diocesan Council today in Exeter. For vision and the guiding of the Holy Spirit as they discuss the life of our diocese.

19. For the Kingsteignton Mission Community, their clergy Mark Smith, Sandra Gill and for all who live and worship in Teigngrace and Kingsteignton.

20. For the Little Dart Team Mission Community, their clergy Tony Rockey, Clive Jobbins, Adrian Wells, Readers Yvonne Childs, Christine Chandler and for all who live and worship in Witheridge with Creacombe, West Worlington, Wembworthy with Eggesford, Thelbridge, Romansleigh, Meshaw, East Worlington, Chulmleigh, Cheldon, Chawleigh and Burrington.

21. For the Littleham cum Exmouth with Lympstone Mission Community, their clergy James Hutchings, Benedict Cambridge, Huw Ryden, Lesley Holman, Readers Elizabeth Burren, Demelza Henderson and for all who live and worship in Lympstone and Littleham Cum Exmouth.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach and it will be given him.” James 1:5
Sun 22nd – Sat 28th July
This week pray for rest and refreshment for all schools teachers and staff as they begin their much-needed summer break. Pray for your local school.

22. On the feast of Mary Magdalene today we pray: Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
23. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France we pray for the new priests and their parishes and for seminarians. For parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Douvres-la-Delivrande.
24. For the Lyn Valley Mission Community, their clergy Jean Loveday, Samatha Stayte and for all who live and worship in Trentishoe, Parracombe, Martinhoe, Lynton, Countisbury and Brendon.
25. For the Malborough Mission Community, their clergy Daniel French, Ruth Frampton, Stephen Ball and for all who live and worship in Salcombe and Malborough with South Huish.
26. For the Modbury Mission Community, their priest Matt Rowland and for all who live and worship in Ringmore, Modbury, Kingston, Bigbury and Aveton Gifford.
27. For the Netherexe Parishes Mission Community, their clergy Katie Cross, Sue Sheppard and for all who live and worship in Upton Pyne, Thorverton, Stoke Canon, Rewe with Netherexe, Poltimore with Huxham, Newton St Cyres, Cadbury and Bramford Speke.

Sun 29th – Tue 31st July
29. For the North Creedy (East) Mission Community, their priest Kingsley Cross and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy East, Washford Pyne, Stockleigh Pomeroy, Stockleigh English, Puddington, Poughill, Kennerleigh and Cheriton Fitzpaine.
30. For the North Creedy (West) Mission Community, their priest Lindsey Stairs and for all who live and worship in Zeal Monachorum, Nymet Rowland, Morchard Bishop, Lapford, Down St Mary, Colebrooke, Coldridge, Clannaborough and Bow.
31. For the North Kenn Team Mission Community, their priest Martin Wood and for all who live and worship in Whitestone with Oldridge, Tedburn St Mary, Holcombe Burnell and Cheriton Bishop.
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**Sun. 8th July 3.30-4:30pm**
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**Rose Lawn Dates July/August 2018**

**Sunday 8 July** - 4.30pm Informal Service—led by Robin Laird

**Tuesday 10 July** - 11am Holy Communion

**Sunday 22 July** - 4.30pm Informal Service

**Tuesday 5 August** - 4.30pm Informal Service—led by Peter & Ann Halse

**Tuesday 14 August** - 11am Holy Communion

**Tuesday 19 August** - 4.30pm Informal Service

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Devotional

I’ll never forget the time I had the privilege of sitting next to Billy Graham at a dinner. I was honored but also somewhat nervous about what would be appropriate to say. I thought it would be an interesting conversation starter to ask what he loved most about his years of ministry. Then I awkwardly started to suggest possible answers. Was it knowing presidents, kings, and queens? Or preaching the gospel to millions of people around the world?

Before I had finished offering suggestions, Rev. Graham stopped me. Without hesitation he said, “It has been my fellowship with Jesus. To sense His presence, to glean His wisdom, to have Him guide and direct me—that has been my greatest joy.” I was instantly convicted and challenged. Convicted because I’m not sure that his answer would have been my answer, and challenged because I wanted it to be.

That’s what Paul had in mind when he counted his greatest achievements to be of no worth compared to the “surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (Philippians 3:8). Think of how rich life would be if Jesus and our fellowship with Him was our highest pursuit.

Bible Verse

I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Philippians 3:8

Lord, forgive me for chasing after things that matter far less than my fellowship with You. Thank You that You stand ready to enrich my life with Your presence and power.

To remain faithful where God has placed you, give Christ first place in your heart.

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