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As well as the Circuit Facebook page – **Torrige Methodist Circuit**, we have a private Facebook Group where we care share thoughts, prayers & other material on **Torrige Methodist Circuit Group**. If you wish to join please push the Join button & I can add you.

Please pray for our Ministers, Rob Blackhall & Andrew Vidamour, for Frank Watson & Sarah Richards and all involved in the varied life of the Circuit; for those connected to the various Chapels & the communities in which they live & work.

CIRCUIT ZOOM SERVICES

The Circuit Services continue to take place ON VARIOUS Sunday's on Zoom using the Services that are printed in the Circuit Newsletter. The Services are on Sunday Evenings starting at 6.30pm – but the 'doors will be open' at about 6.15pm. The contact/entry details will be send out during the preceding week & the Service can be accessed via a computer/laptop with camera/microphone, I Pad/Phone or using a 'normal' phone. Even if you have a device with camera/microphone & do not wish to be seen – you can join in without the camera on. If you do not receive an email or want further information – please contact Sarah Richards, Circuit Administrator on 01237 472649 or sarahrichards185@gmail.com

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROB BLACKHALL'S SABBATICAL

Superintendent: Andrew Vidamour will be acting Superintendent of the Torrige Circuit

Pastoral: There are good pastoral networks in all the Chapels; but in emergency Andrew Vidamour and Frank Watson can be contacted.

Administrator: Day to day management and support of the Administrator falls to the support group and the Leadership group.

Lay Pastoral Ass: Day to day management and support of the Administrator falls to the Leadership group.

Safeguarding: All enquires to Jacqui Watson and to the acting Superintendent

Complaints: To acting superintendent

Invitation Comm: RB will chair

TIME FOR GOD

We all spend too much time dashing around – too much time doing the endless jobs that need doing. But when do we take time to be with God? Isn't there a time for just stopping and taking time to "be"?

As a staff we are concerned that there is always things to do in our Chapels and for our Chapels – property to be checked and forms to be filled, money to be counted. All that is part of our stewardship and the responsibility we take on, even if it seems a bit onerous at times.

But time to stop and stare, time to reflect, time to be with God?

Of course, there is, but this will not happen unless we are intentional about it.

So, we are suggesting that once a month at least one of us will go to a particular Chapel and spend the morning/afternoon there. There will be no set agenda, no formal part, but just an opportunity to take time. Maybe read a book (and it does not have to be a Christian book), maybe pray, maybe talk, maybe sit in silence – whatever is helpful and appropriate.

And if people want to join us, then please feel free, but there is no compulsion.

What do you think?

Rob Blackhall

FROM REVD ANDREW VIDAMOUR

Dear Friends,

What is reality? We now have 'virtual reality' in the internet and cyberspace generally, with the scope of Artificial Intelligence also rapidly increasing. 'Reality television' is popular, showing people exchanging situations in life for a time, for example, or (one of my favourites) where a family experiences life recreated from several decades of recent history.

In literature, too, there is often now increasingly a blurring between fact and fiction, with historical and imaginary characters blending together in stories. And we live in an age of political spin where events and facts are the subject of endless claim and counterclaim and the reality is often hard to place.

In all these trends, there is one argument that we live merely in a world of 'signs', signals in the form of words or pictures or happenings, with no substance behind them, no deeper meaning or connecting purpose. What does Christian faith (especially the Bible) have to say to this charge – that life is just superficial and random, and that we each create our own self-enclosed realities (according to how we see things), with the possibility of a general, shared Reality having been exploded beyond rescue or repair?

Like Pilate's 'What is truth?', the question 'What is reality?' is hard to answer, even in the Bible, because there are so many angles on it even from within the Christian faith.

However, if we start from the claim that 'God is Love', that may begin to strike a chord in our personal experience, and we may begin to see in Jesus Christ that the deepest (and most permanent) reality is the kind of love that is willing to give of itself sacrificially, and is also willing to stay faithful to the task of loving, with patience and kindness.

That is the kind of reality which runs at depth in our hearts and minds, battling often with fear and hatred, but joining us together in the most lasting ways and always waiting to be tapped through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Many of the 'signs' within and around us, the TV programmes and books, the stories and events, the technology and ways of living, these will change and fade as aspects of reality, but the true Reality we see in the parable of the Good Samaritan and the death and Resurrection of Jesus – these will never disappear.

'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever' (Hebrews 13: 8).

May God bless you with that assurance.
Andrew Vidamour

FROM FRANK WATSON – LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Throughout the year the Methodist Church has 'Special Sundays' for different charities/causes. Three of these Sundays, occur in July this year and I want to this month give you a little information about them and how we can support and help them.

Sunday 10 July, marks two of them on the same day. These are...

Action for Children Sunday

Supports the work of Action for Children (formerly National Children's Home (NCH)), which was founded in 1869 by The Revd Thomas Bowman Stephenson. The charity today works closely with children and families to spot problems early, and offer extra help when it's needed. They do this in a variety of ways, from childcare to mental health programmes as well as parenting support.

So how can we help support this important work? Well, you could join one of their campaigns by signing an online petition, speak with your MP, or share the different campaigns with your friends and family. Why not take a look at the campaigns page of their website, <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-us/campaign-with-us/>.

Of course, you could always fundraise by holding a special service on 10 July, or consider holding an event such as a coffee morning and donating the money raised. I can remember my Nana in Buckland having a NCH money box which she would put all of her loose change into, it was remarkable how much it added up to when the box was finally full! I don't see many around these days, so why not bring them back? See how much you can raise as a church.

Sea Sunday

Raises awareness of and supports seafarers all around the world. The Mission to Seafarers is an Anglican charity but very much at the forefront of mission to this unique and often forgotten about group of the world's work for and community. They have one mission, that being to provide compassion, care and support to Seafarers around the world when they need it most. This mission which they have been fulfilling for more than 150 years.

You may not be aware but The Methodist Church also has its own mission to Seafarers. Established in 1843 as the Seamen's Mission of the Methodist Church, the Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest has a long history of providing accommodation and welfare support for retired seafarers, veterans of the armed forces and other homeless men with low support needs.

There are a number of ways you could support this work, like Action for Children, you could raise funds. You could give a direct donation to Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest, following this link, <https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3182445>

But also one of the most important things we can do for the Missions and for all charities is to pray. The Mission to Seafarers publishes an annual prayer diary <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/at-church/prayer-diary> which you could use as part of your daily prayers.

Then on Sunday 17 July we have...

Rural Mission Sunday

This is an annual celebration of the life and work of rural churches, giving an opportunity to remember all the things they do well, and challenge themselves to do one new thing.

It was established by The Arthur Rank Centre, which is an ecumenical national charity. Who resource, train, and advocates for rural Christians, rural churches and the communities they serve. Their vision is of confident rural Christians, encouraged to engage in effective mission and ministry.

Resources can be found at <https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/mission/rural-mission-sunday/>

I hope you find some or all of the information here helpful. Please do go and explore more about these different charities, organisations and missions. Just these three alone, show the breath of different causes which our Church strives to support. Will you do so locally?

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Online Training Programme 2022

For all face-face dates please contact your District Safeguarding Officer or in the case of the Foundation course the Circuit Safeguarding Officer (Jacqui Watson)

Jacqui would like to know if anyone books onto the Foundation Courses & when you have completed it – please let her have sight of your certificate for her records. Please book via Eventbrite – Follow the online instructions

ONLINE: Foundation Module – Creating Safer Space

This will be run at regular intervals.

CIRCUIT IN-PERSON FOUNDATION TRAINING will take place when necessary

Advanced Module

The Advanced course is being delivered Online and Onsite across the region.

If you wish to undertake the Course Online, please contact Jacqui Watson.

Online Advanced is to be booked through your Circuit Safeguarding Officer, the course is an e:learning exercise through an online platform which delegates progress through at their own speed. On registration, delegates will be given the booking link to sign off your learning journey at the relevant gathered session.

After registering, the Gathered Session date will be given - **note you cannot attend a gathered session until you have completed all of the online modules;**

WEEKLY SERVICES TO USE ON ITS OWN OR WITH THE ZOOM SERVICE **There is only one Zoom Service during July & two in August**

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR CIRCUIT ZOOM SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 24TH JULY 2022

Call to Worship

Jesus said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'
So come and worship this evening.
Come; because it is Jesus who calls us

StF 24 Come Now is the Time to Worship

Prayers

Loving God, we come together as your people to worship you and to pray for one another; to rejoice that we are your family, to acknowledge our need of each other and to reaffirm our faith in you.

*We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour. **Amen.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*God our strength, we give thanks that you walk through the water of our fear to bring peace; that you walk through the water of our dis-ease to bring healing; that you walk through the water of our confusion to bring clarity; that you walk through the water of our divisions to bring reconciliation; and that through the water of baptism you make us one with you. **Amen.***

A prayer of Confession

Forgive us, challenging and gracious God, when we are quick to judge and slow to change our minds; when we are quick to speak up for ourselves but slow to speak out for others; when we confine you to churches and don't meet you in our communities; when we give only crumbs of our time, our attention and our resources. Forgive us, heal us, and use us to your glory.

*When we confess our sin we can be assured that God is ready to forgive and restore. **Amen***

StF 439 Abba Father Let Me Be

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer (BB page 1100)

Psalm 130

Genesis 3 vv 8 – 15

StF 481 The Lord's My Shepherd. (And I will trust in You)

Mark 3 vv 20 – 35

Sermon - Doing the Will of God

StF 489 All I Once Held Dear

Prayers of Intercession

*Merciful God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ:
we pray for those that we and others are tempted to send away...
Lord, in your mercy.*

Hear Our Prayer

*We pray for those who have to make do with crumbs from other people's tables...
Lord, in your mercy.*

Hear Our Prayer.

*We pray for those judged harshly and unfairly,
those who are discriminated against...
Lord, in your mercy.*

Hear Our Prayer

*We pray for those with the courage to stand up and speak for the voiceless, for those whose lives
are endangered by their actions...*

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

*We pray for those who feel alone in their situations,
who feel that no one cares enough to speak out for them,
to visit them, to pray for them...*

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer

*We pray for those we know who are ill or in trouble
and we bring them now to the feet of Jesus...*

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer

*Jesus said to the woman,
'Great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.'* **Amen.**

MP 382 Jesus Take me as I Am

Closing

*May facing our fears make us wiser.
May knowing that we need one another make us stronger.
And may God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless us with courage, trust and peace of mind
as we journey through this week. **Amen.***

CIRCUIT ZOOM SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 14th AUGUST 2022

Call to Worship:

God, our Creator and Companion, God our other, you have known and sought us always. We come to be in your presence. Forgive us, cleanse us, restore us, and fill us with yourself, we pray, through your Holy Spirit, that we might worship you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: 'Praise, my soul, the King of heaven' (13 HAP / 83 STF)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession:

*Great you are, eternal God, deserving of all praise. Let all the peoples praise you, God: **Let all the peoples praise you.***

*Great is your glory, eternal God; you dwell in splendour and light. Let all the peoples praise you, O God: **Let all the peoples praise you.***

*Great is your power, eternal God, creator of the universe. Let all the peoples praise you, God: **Let all the peoples praise you.***

*Great is your love, eternal God; you are merciful to all. Let all the peoples praise you, God: **Let all the peoples praise you.***
*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Almighty God, our Maker and Judge, we have been born into a sinful world and we ourselves are sinners. We have sinned against you and against our neighbours and fallen short of what you meant us to be.

We have thought too much of ourselves and too little of you. We have turned aside from the needy and ignored the weak and destitute.

*Have mercy upon us and renew us by your Spirit, that we may depart from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it, and serve you with our whole being; for the sake of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

Psalm 82

Hymn: 'Great is thy faithfulness' (66 HAP / 51 STF)

Bible Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Bible Reading: Luke 12: 49-56

Hymn: 'Not far beyond the sea' (477 HAP / 159 STF)

Sermon:

Our Gospel reading is not an easy one. Some of the pictures of Jesus we perhaps grew up with show him in a kind of fuzzy glow, with small children and animals around him, the 'Gentle Jesus, meek and mild' of the hymn.

And for much of the time, as far as we can understand from the Gospel record, Jesus seems to have been very patient and self-controlled, whatever is going on around him, though he does get

frustrated when his disciples are slow to understand, for example, and of course he weeps at the death of Lazarus and later overturns the moneychangers' tables in the Temple.

But these signs of strong emotion in Jesus seem fairly rare, so when they do come we sit up and take notice as they remind us of the humanity of Jesus, and they are generally there for a purpose.

In our passage today, Jesus the realist emerges, aware of the differences of opinion his teaching was creating and would continue to create: 'Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me, scatters', as he says elsewhere (Luke 11:23). His vision and his mission are not easy to understand or to accept or to practise, and there will always be differing views on how to share the Gospel and be the Church, as Christians were already finding at the time Luke's Gospel was being written: the parties of Peter and James developed, with diverse understandings of how Jewish ritual food practices and circumcision were to be seen by Christians (as the Council of Jerusalem demonstrates: Acts 15).

So Luke was writing out of his real present experience of at least two sorts of difference: between Christians and other people, and between Christians themselves. Not surprisingly, maybe, Jesus' tone here seems both angry and sad.

And, of course, the same is true today. So why keep going in the steps of Jesus? How do we live with different opinions within and outside the Church?

I think that Jesus may be saying here (and elsewhere): 'live according to the lights you have been given', by the Spirit: we need to value and respect each other, while recognising possible and actual disagreements.

But our reading from Hebrews may remind us that we also need to take the longer view. The heroes of faith here, named and unnamed, also faced challenges (including disagreements) as they tried to live with integrity in God's ways. And, crucially, they are united in their support and encouragement of us now, as a 'cloud of witnesses', as a crowd roars on the athletes in a race. Whatever different views they may have held are now forgotten in their unity in the peace of Christ and the fulfilment they find in his love in eternity. This mystical, mysterious picture may help us to see at least some conflicts and disagreements in a wider perspective, as we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. **Amen.**

Silence

Hymn: 'The King of love my shepherd is' (69 HAP / 479 STF) / 'The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want' (Townend) (481 STF)

Prayers of Intercession:

Loving God, we bring to you our world of so much pain, so much need and sorrow; a world you care for and about so deeply that you willingly gave your all for it, living and dying among us through your Son, Jesus Christ.

*Reach out again in mercy, **and heal our wounds.***

We bring to you the causes of so much suffering:

The sin of greed, denying the many their share of this earth's riches to the benefit of the few;

The sin of waste, wantonly squandering the resources you have given with no thought for future generations;

The sin of intolerance, dividing families, communities and nations through a refusal to engage in dialogue;

The sin of pride, thinking too highly of ourselves and too poorly of others.

(Pause)

*Reach out again in mercy, **and heal our wounds.***

We pray for those who pay the price of human folly: the poor and the hungry, the homeless and dispossessed, victims of war and violence, crime and cruelty; the distressed, isolated, crushed and forgotten, all who are deprived of love and denied hope.

(Pause)

*Reach out again in mercy, **and heal our wounds.***

We bring before God those people and situations especially on our hearts and minds at this time, where there is pain and suffering of whatever kind and for whatever reason.

(Pause)

*Reach out again in mercy, **and heal our wounds.***

And we bring our own needs and fears before God.

(Pause)

*Reach out again in mercy, **and heal our wounds.***

*In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.***

Hymn: 'What a friend we have in Jesus' (559 HAP / 531 STF) / 'Colours of day' (167 STF)

The Blessing:

Take our gifts, most loving God, that they may be used for your glory. Take our hearts, most loving God, that they may be filled with love.

Take our wills, most loving God, that they may be obedient to your call. Take our actions, most loving God, that they may bring you praise.

*And to that end, the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest and remain with you and all people, now and always. **Amen.***

HAP: 'Hymns and Psalms' - STF: 'Singing the Faith'

CIRCUIT ZOOM SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 28 AUGUST 2022 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Call to Worship:

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. (Psalm 81:1)

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power.

Hymn: When morning gilds the skies (H&P 276) (StF 368)

Prayer of Adoration:

Lord of our lives, God of our world, we gather to celebrate you. You rule the universe, its heights and depths, from the top of the mountain to the ocean floor, from the furthest planet to the hairs on our head.

Lord of our lives, God of our world, we gather to worship you.

You are in the dripping of the rain and the drumming of beats and bar-lines, everything has its music and sings your praise! We come to a cosmic party, a universal celebration of our Creator! Guest of honour, you put us in our place, and ask us to throw our doors wide open to whoever wants to join in!

Lord of our lives, God of our world, we gather to worship you.

Prayer of Confession:

*Gracious God, forgive us that our deeds so often fail to match our words. We honour you with our lips but our hearts are far from you. We profess to follow Jesus but we do not live as he taught us to live. We call him the Pearl of Great Price but we harbour the love of money. We claim to care for others but we hurt them by actions and negligence. In compassion and grace, forgive us. Renew us by your Spirit and make us doers of your word, for the sake of him who is the same, yesterday, today and for ever, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father (H&P 66) (StF 51)

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalm: Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Prayer of Petition:

*Lord, give us the mutual love that binds us together, but let us never become a clique that keeps people away from you. Give us the hospitality to make a welcome for strangers and then may they become friends, bound in that mutual love. Give us the grace to entertain unsuspected angels and the grace to share all we have for your sake. **Amen.***

Hymn: Come down, O Love divine (H&P 281) (StF 372)

The Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon:

Hymn: Thy hand, O God, has guided (H&P 784) (StF 692)

Prayer of Intercession:

Loving God, gracious host, you invite humankind to partake of the banquet of life.

We pray for the guests with wealth and power who have secured for themselves places of honour in our world. Open their eyes to see the faces of your other guests. Open their ears to hear their requests. Open their hands to give.

We pray for the followers of Christ, that we might come to your table eagerly and in humility. May we be truly thankful for your many gifts to us. May we serve one another with sensitivity and love. May we give of what we have without expecting any return.

We pray for those finding it difficult to enjoy the riches of the banquet: those who are ill . . . those who are sorrowful . . . those who have passed up the invitation. Gracious host, give them what

they need to sustain them. Give them healing and hope, comfort and love, that they may feed on you in their hearts.

Loving God, gracious host, may we partake of the heavenly banquet you have prepared for all humankind.

*In the name of him who came to invite us to the feast, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour. **Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! (H&P 86) (StF 186)

The Blessing:

Let us not neglect to do good and share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

CLOVELLY METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Friends,

A small group recently discussed the work and witness in and from Clovelly Chapel. One topic considered was the prayer card ministry. It was suggested that the prayer cards could be collected monthly from April-October and 2-monthly from November-March, for prayer either in public worship or in personal devotions. Once prayers have been offered, the cards are destroyed.

The number of volunteers able and willing to collect the prayer cards has sadly grown quite small. If you would be interested in helping in this way, I would be pleased to hear from you.

The group also considered, among other matters, possible future uses of the Chapel, updating of the video there, and renewal of the local history mural towards the back of the building.

Again, please let me know if you have any ideas as to how we can take forward our Christian worship and mission in Clovelly.

Andrew Vidamour

REQUEST FROM FRANK WATSON – LAY PASTORAL WORKER

"We are looking for a lockable box to use for the Prayer Card Ministry at Clovelly Methodist Church. Ideally, the box needs to lock and have an opening on the top, big enough to insert an A5 card.

Please could you look around your Churches to see if there is anything not in use that could be donated to Clovelly for this important ministry. Any further details or contact required, please call me direct (07446 157329)"

God bless, Frank

BIDEFORD AND NORTHAM NEW YEAR BIBLE STUDY

These start again on Tuesday 13th September at 2pm & will take place at the home of Diana Yendall 01237 477836. They will be led by Julia Spencer 01237 425361

We will be Studying Pauls letter to the Romans alongside the Circuit Study so you could do BOTH! All are welcome even if you cannot manage every week

ISRAEL 2022

Peter Whatton will be leading a **tour of the Holy Land** from 17th to 25th October. Peter and his late wife, Ann, lived in Jerusalem and worked at the Garden Tomb for a number of spells. So, Peter knows the country well, and his local knowledge makes the tour all the more special. To visit places where Jesus lived and taught, and where some of the Old Testament stories played out is an indescribable experience. Guests can be assured of excellent accommodation, exciting cuisine catering for all tastes, and comfortable, air-conditioned coach travel through this fascinating country.

Contact Peter direct, or Judy Ross (01237 477 710) if you are interested.

BUCKLAND BREWER

We Live Stream Services on the Buckland Brewer Methodist Church You-Tube Channel on the 3rd & 4th Sunday in the Month & the 5th Sunday if there is one.

The Weekly '**Time Together**' **Toddler Group** continues at **Buckland Brewer Methodist Church** with both Methodist & Anglican volunteers being present. We meet on Monday's from 9.30am to about 12noon, The cost is £1.50 per family & the numbers have been steadily increasing – families do not just come from Buckland but from neighbouring communities – they often come as friendship groups – so if anyone is aware of any Babies & Toddlers, who with their parents, grandparents or carers are looking for a 'chilled out' session of play & chat with tea/coffee/biscuits – just point them in the direction of Buckland Chapel – Dave Watson 07484 223515 or bucklanddave1953@btinternet.com

The **Wednesday Weekly Coffee Morning** also continues at **Buckland Brewer Methodist Church** from 10am-12noon – this is for **ALL** but especially for those who have moved into the parish/village since lockdown or anyone who would like to meet others in the community over a mug of tea/coffee with Tradecraft Biscuits & possibly Cake!! – details from Dave Watson (see above)

The **Monthly 'Mini Market'** has resumed, raising funds for Community Groups in Buckland – the Next One is on Saturday 16th July at the **Methodist Chapel** from 10am-1pm – Refreshments are available for Chapel Funds

On Thursday 7th July there is another Session of **TODDLERS' TUNE TIME** at **Buckland Brewer Methodist Church** from 9.30am-10.15am – We are planning to have a regular session of Music Makers, initially monthly during – the cost will be £2 per family – This is for ALL 0-5 year olds. These sessions are being run by Bekah Tanton, who is doing some work on Children & Families work around the Circuit – many thanks to Bekah for her experience & help.

On Saturday 9th July from 2pm the **ANNUAL BUCKLAND FETE** returns at **Buckland Hall & Amenity Field** – Proceeds to be split between the Methodist & Parish Churches, Buckland Hall & the Churchyard. There will be stalls & 'things to do'.

The **Fete Service of 'Songs of Praise'** will take place at 4pm on Sunday 10th July at **Buckland Brewer Parish Church**.

ALVERDISCOTT CHAPEL

Come and Join the Celebration

You are all invited to join Elsie and David in celebrating Elsie's eightieth birthday and their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

We will be at Alverdiscott Community Hall on Saturday 8 October from 2pm until 6pm. There will be a running buffet, come and go as you please.

Services planned at Alverdiscott Chapel for June July & August

3 July	11am	Roy Harris Holy Communion
17 July	11am	Margaret Price
31 July	11am	At Parish Church
7 August	11am	Vivienne Sheriff
21 August	11am	Julia Spencer T
28 August	5pm	Rev Rob Blackhall Holy Communion

Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Morning on Thursday 2 June, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, raised £100. This will be donated to the Queen's Green Canopy which is a fund to provide trees to be planted around the country.

The meeting on Thursday 7 July is for the Over and Above Cancer Care Unit at North Devon District Hospital.

On Thursday 4 August we will be supporting the MWiB Buranpur Hospital Appeal, and on Thursday 1 September our charity will be Action for Children.

Please do come along and enjoy a coffee, or tea, and a good old chat. All are welcome, hope to see you there.

Gardening Club

Garden Club meetings are on the last Monday of each month (except Bank Holidays when it will normally be the Monday before) at 2.30pm in the chapel schoolroom. Our next meetings will be on 25 July, 22 August, and 26 September. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

Arts and Crafts Club

Meetings are now in full swing. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the chapel schoolroom from 10.00am until 1.00pm. Tea, Coffee and light refreshments are provided. All are welcome, so why not bring along your craft/hobby and enjoy a pleasant morning with friends. The cost is just £1.00. Our next meetings will be on 12 July, 9 August, and 13 September.

FREEDOM COMMUNITY ALLIANCE – OPEN EVENING

This has been sent to the Circuit & is for anyone interested to finding more out about this project in Barnstaple.

The Freedom Community Alliance is a well established Christian centre in Barnstaple which does some tremendous work with drug addicts, alcoholics and with the homeless. They are non-denominational and have about six paid staff and around fifteen volunteers. The main building is near to Grosvenor Church and is modern and spacious. They also operate a therapeutic centre on the edge of Exmoor for about 10 men. They rent or own houses in Barnstaple offering accommodation to those in need.

Should anyone be interested in attending the Opening Evening or finding out more, please see below the details from Roger Bartlett from the Freedom Community Alliance including contact details for your reference.

We have not given up and will not give up because we really want you all to join with us and be part of what God has called us to at Freedom! J So, having had to cancel the above event a couple of times for covid-related issues, we finally feel the time is right to set a new date for you and other local Christians to join us for an evening together at the Freedom Centre.

The new date will be, God willing, Wednesday 6th July 2022.

As was the initial plan, we will begin with drinks and nibbles from 7pm before the more formal programme at 7.30pm when all will have the opportunity to find out more about our work and meet with members of the staff team and board of trustees. There will be a time for you to ask any questions you may have and, most importantly, we would love for us all to spend time in prayer together.

Our heart is to share some of what God has been doing and to encourage you to journey with us going forward both in prayer and in other ways as you sense the Lord leads you.

Please do share this invite with your church membership and any other individuals who have a heart for the poor and marginalised in our local community and who you think might like to come.

Once again, it would be helpful to have an idea of the numbers who may come, so please do drop me an email (at this email address) if it is your intention to join us.

Bless you and we look forward to welcoming many of you on 6th July.
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Langtree Methodist Chapel News

Bible Study

We are continuing to meet on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm for Bible Study. We usually either follow a study guide, DVD or look at the lectionary readings for the following week. In June we have been looking at Isaiah using the 30 days with Isaiah Bible Month Toolkit and I think this may continue beyond June! Please feel free to join us.



June has been busy within the Parish with Platinum Jubilee celebrations taking place. This included a craft and flower festival at the Parish Church, lighting of a beacon, barbecue, Songs of Praise, Parish photo and afternoon tea all to celebrate and give thanks for the Queen's 70 years of service and dedication. Our thanks go to Bridget Biggs who did an amazing floral display on behalf of the chapel at the flower festival, all from flowers picked from her garden.

We are continuing to support the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal as in previous years. This year we are hoping to be able to meet for a packing party which will probably be on a Saturday in October (more details to follow) but shoeboxes can still be packed at home by individuals or groups. I will be ordering some flat-pack boxes and leaflets with packing

instructions and ideas although you can cover any old shoeboxes to pack if you wish. If you would like a box/leaflet please let me know and I will make sure you get one (01805 601247).

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
Cathy

NORTHAM CHOIR CONCERT

Northam Choir and extras held a concert to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a theme centred roughly around the 1950s. The audience sang along with old favourites - most of us know those songs well, you see! Some highlights were: Rock Around the Clock with Zimmer frame props..., Stately as a Galleon, Pam Ayres' Battery Hen, Anything you can do I can do Better, Underneath the Arches, Ernie the Fastest Milkman in the West and, can you believe it, Seven Little Girls sitting in the Back Seat... It was a lot of fun. Donations raised £255 for the Children's Holiday Foundation, North Devon.



LATE SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Advanced Safeguarding Module on Tuesday 16th August at **South Molton Methodist Church** from 10am to 4pm with Revd Julian Albrow. – Please Arrive from 9.30am & please take a pack lunch or you will be able to buy something in the town.

BIBLICAL JUSTICE BY REV KEN HOWCROFT.

What is justice? What is a just person, and what does it mean for that person to live and act justly? What is a just society or community, and what does it mean for it to organise itself justly? People have argued about these things from ancient times to now. Yet somehow the answers to the questions remain elusive.

Interestingly, Aristotle thought that it was easier for us to recognise injustice than justice. So we could say that we need to pay attention to our rage. If we think about what sort of things cause us to rage we shall start to get an idea of what injustice is, and if we flip that on its head we shall start to see what justice is.

The Old Testament prophets, amongst other things, are good at rage. Since they present themselves as mouthpieces of God, it could be said that God is as well, and so, by extension is Jesus. [Let us be honest and call it 'rage' not 'righteous indignation'!]

So what can the Bible tell us about justice? The answer may be 'not much' unless we are clear about what we are asking. 'Justice' in English has become a very wide portmanteau term which carries all sorts of things in it. To get more precision we add all sorts of adjectives to the term. So, for example, we talk of 'social justice', 'economic justice', 'tax justice', 'racial justice', 'gender justice', 'political justice', and 'legal justice' – to mention just(!) a few. All these things are justifiable(!) concerns for followers of Jesus to have. Yet we must beware of reading back into biblical texts modern understandings which are foreign to them, and of missing some prompts or clues in those texts as a result.

Prophetic rage is a prominent theme throughout the Old Testament book called 'Isaiah'. The opening chapters in particular set up the theme. As the scholar John Goldingay has summarised, they claim that

God's people are living as if they can ignore God's demands on their life, collectively and individually;

God will therefore take action against God's people; but

God will restore and turn the community into what it should be.

The parable in Isaiah 5:1-7 then describes how God's people are not producing the 'fruit' for God that God is expecting. The second half of Isaiah 5:7 succinctly explains that idea. God is looking for *mišpāṭ* and finds only *mišpāḥ*; for *šedāqâ*, and finds only *šē'āqâ*. The first of each of those pairs of terms are often translated 'justice' and 'righteousness' respectively. Yet *mišpāṭ* more narrowly applies to government and the discernment needed in the exercising of authority and the making of decisions; whereas *šedāqâ* refers to being upright and faithful and doing the right thing in relation to God and your community. Taken together the two terms point towards a faithful exercise of power in the community.

The second term in each pair describes the reality of what God finds. *mišpāḥ* points to vicious oppression that results in bloodshed, and *šē'āqâ* to the cries of indignation and pain that arise when people are treated unfairly and oppressively. There is a very thin dividing line between the two terms in each pair. The former almost too easily becomes the latter, a fact re-enforced by the close wordplay between them.

The first term in Isaiah 5:7, *mišpāṭ*, also occurs in Micah 6:8 where it has the same sense of discernment in exercising authority and making decisions, although it is often translated as 'doing justice'. The ancient Greek translation of the Old Testament perhaps began this trend. It uses the word *krima* which means a formal, often legal, discernment and judgement. The same version uses a related word *krisis* for *mišpāṭ* in Isaiah 5:7 and then *dikaiousune* for *šedāqâ*.

dikaiousune is a major term in the discussions about 'justice' in Greek and Roman philosophy. Jewish and later Christian discussions began to be influenced by those traditions, and the term and related words became important in the New Testament and later, where it is often translated as 'righteousness'. Unfortunately, translation of it into the Latin term *justificatio* ('justification' in

English) has often skewed our understanding of it in the direction of quasi-legal judgements of whether an individual is to be 'saved' or not. That loses the emphasis on the communal and societal aspects of 'justice' in the Old Testament and also in the New.

The Gospels and Paul in particular are concerned with how the community of God's people is organised and behaves in a godly way, and then how individuals behave within it. They are rooted in an Old Testament understanding that 'what God is, God does'. So, for example, because God is holy, God seeks to make things holy. Because God is love, everything God does is an expression of love. When Paul writes of the 'righteousness of God' he means both that God is '(up)right' and that God also seeks to put everyone right in relationship to themselves, to others and to God's own self.

That takes us back to the opening chapters of Isaiah, and the idea that God seeks to restore the community of God's people, and to turn it into what it should be: in other words, 'redemption'. Rage and redemption are two signs of the same coin. That is true of God, of Jesus and of the community of God's people, the body of Christ. The point of raging against injustice is to redeem. The passion to redeem and create 'justice' necessarily involves identifying and raging against injustice. Jesus shows that that is what God is like, and we perhaps learn more from the stories about him than from sayings and statements.

The Methodist Church is currently undertaking a two year exploration of what it means to be a justice-seeking church through the Walking with Micah project. Theology Everywhere is working in partnership with the project to host a series of articles about justice. For more information visit www.methodist.org.uk/walking-with-micah/

This article is this past week's theological offering from 'Theology Everywhere'

Every Monday, a short article is posted which brings some theology to bear on an issue or topic. This offers some theological reflection people can read quickly to start their week, ponder on and contribute to as the week goes on. It is a way of flexing and using our theological muscles to keep them fit, as well as an opportunity for those contributing to offer new ways of thinking about a topic or looking at an issue theologically perhaps for the first time.

Ken Howcroft is a Methodist presbyter, now living in retirement as a supernumerary in Lichfield but still kept busy in the life of the Church. As a former President of the Methodist Conference he has chaired a number of bodies including the Task group on Marriage and Relationships which produced the report God in Love Unites Us. He is the President of the Governing Body of the Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, Birmingham. He serves as a member of the Walking with Micah Reference Group. He has a passion for biblical theology.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION OFFICERS

Each district and circuit is asked to appoint an EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) Officer.

This is something that the Torridge Circuit will look at over the next couple of years.

This work is part of the **Justice, Dignity & Solidarity Strategy** which was adopted by Methodist Conference in 2021.

Methodists believe that all people are equal in God's eyes, that all people are made, unique and precious, in the image of God, and that all people are included within the gracious love of God, because of we are all children of God.

This strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity asks us all to become aware of the history of how people have been treated, the attitudes and behaviours which cause harm every day for some people, and to do all we can to change this so that all people are equally welcome to participate fully in the life of the Church.

Whilst the Bible contains stories of discrimination against people (stories of enslavement, sexual violence, and the equating of disability with sin) there are broader and deeper golden threads throughout Scripture, which challenge these stories and point towards a God whose love is universal (Genesis 1:26-27, Isaiah 2:1-4, Luke 10:25-37).

Jesus showed God's love by his openness to all people, including reaching out to those who were marginalised in his day, and he was often criticised for keeping company with people others thought he should keep away from. Yet, in Jesus Christ, strangers became friends (Acts 2:42-47).

The early Christians understood that God's Holy Spirit was breaking down old boundaries and divisions (Acts 10). They shared a new-found understanding of the diversity of God's gifts in their lives and this variety was seen to be crucial in the building up of the early Christian community – the Body of Christ in which each part of the body was dependent upon the other parts (1 Corinthians 12:12-31).

Many of the letters written by Paul and others to the Early Church speak of the importance of good and healthy relationships within the Christian community (Romans 12). If Christians were to be a sign of God's kingdom and a reflection of God's unconditional love, then they must be living examples of Christ's new commandment in which Jesus told his followers that they were to "love one another ... as I have loved you." (John 13:34).

Why does the Methodist Church need this strategy?

"It was several years after being told I wasn't suitable for the position – and doing considerable self- searching to understand why – that I was brave enough to discuss it with others. That's when I realised my rejection was actually systemic. No one 'like me' was deemed suitable."

"There is always that sideways glance, that extra eye roving taking in what I am wearing or how I look, and no matter how hard I try, I feel that if I ever offer anything in church council or at any church meeting, there is always a downward glance, an intake of breath, a benign smile at the corner of the lips, a lip- service tolerance of 'allowing' me to speak. But my words are not heard... I wish I didn't have to stay silent for fear of rocking the boat. I wish I didn't feel so alone in church."

Our Calling as Methodists has always included a calling to social justice, but we have often failed to live that out because we have excluded people based on prejudices. These might be people who live with a disability, or a different ethnicity, sexuality, age, gender, or life experience from ourselves. Sometimes we might deliberately exclude someone for one of these reasons because of a prejudice that we hold. Sometimes our biases are unconscious, and we do not realise the negative impact of our words and behaviours on another person. Yet the belief that all human beings are loved by and created in the image of God is fundamental to who we are as Christians. Our behaviour needs to witness to our beliefs.

Today the Methodist Church still sees this culture of care, inclusivity and connectedness as always centred in God. It is the vital discipleship that we are called to, as we respond to the love of God in Jesus Christ.

The Methodist Church celebrates the varied range of human life and experience by the way it is organised. We all depend on one another and the relationships we have are mutual, placing belonging, and inter-dependence, at the heart of church life. This is what we call connexionalism – a way of organising the Church nationally which emphasises that no local church is, or can exist, on its own. We make decisions together, sharing responsibility, in a spirit of conferring and relationship, making sure that we talk with, and listen to one another.

At the heart of Methodist belief is the idea that God's grace is offered freely to all people. Hospitality, openness and welcome for all are crucial to Methodism and are key to demonstrating God's grace and love for all. This welcome, though, is for each one of us and needs to include the opportunities for each person to participate fully as ourselves in partnership with each other. John Wesley's idea of perfect love leads us to seek relationships that include a deeper appreciation of one another, as we discover how God is working in and through us all.

It is also important to say that there has never been a perfect Christian community. Broken relationships, discrimination, and exclusivity have all been part of the life of the Church up to and including today. Tragically, there have been incidents of discrimination, coercive control and abuse of power which have not been challenged. Some of the stories in the full report show a Church which falls a long way short of Christ's new commandment and is not the interdependent Body of Christ which God intends the Church to be. We recognise that, within the Church, some people are not accepted, respected, and treated as equals.

So, this report gives a challenge for the Church to acknowledge and to repent of the ways in which we have failed to live up to Our Calling. This must inevitably lead to change.

The Methodist Church is called to engage positively with wider society and with the local communities around us. For many of us, work and voluntary experiences beyond our local churches will help us to help each other with relating respectfully within the Church.

As we live out positive relationships across difference within the Church we will also learn more about the world around us. This learning will equip us for engaging well with one another in our neighbourhoods, workplaces and UK society.

A COMMITMENT PRAYER

God of all goodness, grace and love, transform us by your Holy Spirit.

As the Methodist Church may we value the uniqueness of all people, each made in your image.

And may I commit, again, today to follow in the way of Jesus Christ:

Help me as I try to live in a justice-seeking way.

Help me to treat other people with dignity in my encounters, conversations and relationships.

Help me to stand in solidarity with Methodists different from myself, including those on the 'edges' or the 'margins', so that we may work together well.

Help me to learn as I listen.

May the Methodist Church show your kindness of heart in our life together.

May we take courage as we are transformed into a community of justice.

May we reflect the Spirit of Christ in our love for all your people.

*Give us your goodness, grace and love we pray, **Amen.***

Bible study exercise: A different point of view

Often we look at things from only one particular point of view, especially if we have seen things that way for a long time. This spiritual and emotional 'short-sightedness' closes our eyes to how God might be working in the lives of other people and it prevents us from celebrating the love of God in all its fullness of life.

When you are studying the Bible, alone or with others, try praying for God to give you a different perspective, to enjoy seeing things from another point of view. It's an exercise that can be used with many different passages of Scripture, and some that might be a good place to start are suggested here:

Matthew 12:9-14 Jesus heals someone with a withered hand

Matthew 18:1-7 Jesus welcoming a child

Mark 2:1-12 Jesus heals someone who is paralysed

Luke 6:1-5 Jesus' disciples break the Sabbath Law

Luke 7:2-10 Jesus heals the centurion's slave

Luke 7:11-17 Jesus raises the widow's son

Luke 7:36-50 Jesus is anointed by a woman

Imagine if you were somebody who everybody rejects, except Jesus. How might you hear what is said? How might you respond to the things Jesus does and says? By looking at things from a different point of view we sometimes find that we understand more, perhaps something we'd missed before.

We learn more of how God transforms different lives. We understand more about one another and how and why we each respond as we do, whether we agree with each other or not. Through this God opens our eyes and helps us to learn

Perhaps you could try this exercise in your own church or circuit, by reading a Bible passage and asking people to share their responses. Sharing together in this way is likely to highlight how the same passage can affect each of us differently.

What life experience does this passage connect with?

What feelings does it provoke?

Why do you respond as you do?

What might this help the whole church/circuit to hear?

METHODIST CONFERENCE 2022

The Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world. This year the Conference will meet at Telford FROM 23 June – 30 June.

Please pray for the work of the Conference & for the Ministers & Deacons being Ordained this year & for Rev Graham Thompson, who will take over as the President of Conference for this forthcoming year & for Alison, his wife.

GIVING THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF THE REVD ELIZABETH CLARK

We are very sad to announce the unexpected death of the Reverend Elizabeth Clark, Methodist presbyter and National Rural Officer for both the United Reformed Church and the Methodist Church, 2014-2021.

The Revd Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism and Growth for the Methodist Church, said:

"Elizabeth was a wonderful colleague, a passionate advocate for rural contexts and people, and just an altogether warm and generous human being.

"We will remember her open-hearted faith, her deep kindness and pastoral heart, her unswerving commitment to justice, and her love of baking – especially her delicious Bara Brith."

During her time as National Rural Officer Elizabeth worked closely with ecumenical colleagues at the Arthur Rank Centre, a charity equipping rural Christians, churches and communities for mission and ministry. Prior to this role, Elizabeth served as a minister in Yorkshire: in the Ripon Circuit from 1999-2006, the Thirsk and Northallerton Circuit (2006-2011), the Sherburne Circuit (2011-2014), and also as a Rural Officer in the (then) York and Hull District.

Since her retirement in the summer of 2021, Elizabeth was a much-loved and respected supernumerary in the Airedale Circuit.

Before offering for presbyteral ministry, Elizabeth trained and served as a nurse.

The Revd Dr Richard Teal, President of the Methodist Conference in 2020-2021, said:

"I knew Elizabeth Clark throughout her ministry. I had the privilege to preach at her Ordinand's Testimony service. Elizabeth came from the city into rural Methodism and was captivated by it, became an advocate for it and indeed never left it.

"Throughout her ministry she countered the myths about the countryside revealed in the paintings of Constable and Reynolds and by poets such as Tennyson: a beautiful landscape with unchanging villages and hamlets and a few farmers. A place where nothing much happens and communities are close-knit and united. This rural idyll has never existed and it certainly doesn't today. Elizabeth immersed herself in the reality of rural life and acknowledged the challenges particularly of isolation and poverty. This invaluable insight and her deep understanding of the rural scene is more fully expressed in the rural workbook, 'A Discipling Presence', which she instigated and a number of us were privileged to form a team with Elizabeth to compile.

"Her role as the Rural Officer for both the Methodist and URC Churches gave her a strong rural voice into the two denominations, but her influence was even wider. When I was President of the Conference and used the rural church and community as a major theme, Elizabeth alongside her colleagues at the Arthur Rank Centre, played a very supportive role for me for which I am extremely thankful.

"Elizabeth's sudden passing away is a huge shock and the Church has lost a very valued supporter of the countryside and many other people have lost a very dear friend and supportive colleague."

Sarah Hulme, Rural Mission and Ministries Officer for the Methodist Church, said: "I truly appreciated Elizabeth's wisdom and pastoral care as she generously mentored me into a new role, passing on her passion for all things rural."

We hold in our prayers Elizabeth's husband, daughter, sons, friends, and all who love her and mourn her death. We join them in giving thanks to God for Elizabeth's life and ministry. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

The following is the Plan for July & August

HC= Holy Communion
MC= Methodist Church
Café= Café Worship
T = Transport

PC= At Parish Church
C& F= Coffee and Fellowship
SB=Sunday Breakfast

Post codes of Chapels

Alverdiscott – EX31 3PT
Bideford (High Street) – EX39 2AN
Buckland Brewer – EX39 5LP
Littleham – EX39 5HW
Northam – EX39 1BS
Shebbear – EX21 5SJ
Thornhillhead – EX39 5NT

Alwington – EX39 5BU
Black Torrington – EX21 5QF
Langtree – EX38 8NF
Milton Damerel – EX22 7DJ
Parkham – EX39 5PG
Sheepwash – EX21 5NA
Torrington – EX38 8AL

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY & AUGUST

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3 July

2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30, Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 July

Amos 7:7-17, Psalm 82, Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 July

Amos 8:1-12, Psalm 52, Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 July

Hosea 1:2-10, Psalm 85, Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 31 July

Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9, 43, Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7 August

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 August

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19, Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 August

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Twenty-second in Ordinary Time 28 August

Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 81:1, 10-16, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
	Ordinary 14	Ordinary 15	Ordinary 16	Ordinary 17	Ordinary 18
Circuit Zoom	X	X	X	6.30pm Potter	X
Alverdiscott 11am 5pm	Harris HC	X	Price	X Local Arrangement	Parish Church
Alwington	Vidamour HC @3pm	X	X	X	X
Bideford 10.30am	Vidamour	Bate	Spencer T	Ley	Vidamour HC
Black Torrington Friday 3pm	X	F Watson on 8 th	X	Vidamour on 22 nd	X
Buckland Brewer 10am (PC) 10am (MC)	HC (9.30am)	D Watson at 4pm – Fete Service	Anglican preacher	Withall	D Watson
Clovelly					
Langtree 11am	Dawe	Parish Church	Withall	X	Local Arrangement
Littleham 10.30am	Hall-Tomkin	X	Vidamour HC	X	X
Milton Damerel 11am	X	Withall AAW	Café Worship	X	X
Northam 10.30am 4pm	Macbeth	Vidamour HC CA	Harris Vidamour @4pm	Bate	Burgon
Parkham 11am	Potter	Sunday Breakfast	Hall-Tomkin	Vidamour	Alternative Worship @10.30am
Shebbear 10.30am	Parish Church	C&F	Ley HC	Dawe	Price
Sheepwash 11am	Burgon HC	@Baptist Church	@Parish Church	@Village Hall	X
Thornhillhead 11am	X	Price	X	X	X
Torrington 10.30pm	Samples	F Watson	Macbeth HC	Harris	Hall-Tomkin

	Aug 7	Aug 14	Aug 21	Aug 28
	Ordinary 19	Ordinary 20	Ordinary 21	Ordinary 28
Circuit Zoom	X	6.30pm Vidamour	X	6.30pm F Watson
Alverdiscott 11am 5pm	?	X	Spencer T	X Blackhall HC
Alwington	Vidamour @11am at Parish Church	X	X	X
Bideford 10.30am	Harris	Mcbeth	Price	Burgon HC
Black Torrington Friday 3pm	X	Bate on 12th	X	Blackhall HC on 26th
Buckland Brewer 10am (PC) 10am (MC)	HC (9.30am)	Harris	Anglican preacher	Blackhall HC
Clovelly				
Langtree 11am	Bate	Parish Church	Blackhall HC	X
Littleham 10.30am	Potter HC	X	Bate	X
Milton Damerel 11am	X	Ley HC AAW	Café Worship	X
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Sheepwash 11am	F Watson	@Baptist Church	@Parish Church	@Village Hall
Thornhillhead 11am	X	D Watson	X	X
Torrington 10.30pm	D Watson	Burgon HC	Withall	Ley