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Trusting in God - There is always hope

Looking around at the riots breaking out in different towns this summer we can feel fearful. It squashes us, our communities feel hemmed in and we feel a bit smaller, a bit more insecure, perhaps demoralised and frustrated. Maybe we're even moved to cry out to God in prayer, asking God - 'Why is it that bad people seem to be allowed to do bad things in this world'?

It's often genuinely confusing to try and make out where God is at work in His rebel human race. We can wrestle with it, chewing it over as we try and make sense of it all. Looking for hope, we try to perceive how any good could possibly come from these horrors...

In the bible, there's a wonderful verse at the end of Joseph's story in Genesis 50 where Joseph tells his brothers who'd sold him into slavery, "you intended it for evil, but God intended it for good". Joseph reframes the situation, and he turns his attitude from revenge to forgiveness and reconciliation. With discipline, perseverance and God's help, he recognises God's higher purpose that's in his suffering. Of course this is also what Jesus did, transforming the great injustice done to him into monumental, eternal, foundational, forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus refers to his death by crucifixion and his resurrection when he says, "when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself". Bit by bit we catch a little glimpse of understanding, divinity at work, battle and blessing intertwined as the resurrection completes God's purposes for His life.

More recently, 56 years ago, Martin Luther King Jr., an American Minister and Civil Rights leader, made a speech the night before he was killed by an assassin's bullet: "We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter to me now because I've been to the mountaintop. I won't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life ...but I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land. So, I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. 'Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord'."

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What an amazing calm in the face of hatred and violence! What an amazing sense of God's presence and conviction that God will work his purpose out, no matter what evil powers try to do.

In times of turmoil and unrest, our challenge is to look for an opportunity to reframe our own situation, to understand even just a little more of God's intention for good that might arise from some of the pain we're experiencing or witnessing. We've got to trust in God that as one door seems to close on us, there will be a window that is opening. We can be encouraged that as we follow Christ and trust Him for the journey, we will live our best lives, because he will be with us wherever we go. (Joshua 1:9)

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1. **14th Sunday after Trinity** Help us, Lord, to be 'doers' of the word and not merely 'hearers'.
2. **Martyrs of Papua New Guinea** Give thanks for priests and evangelists who die for their faith.
3. Ask God's blessing on all children and students at the start of the new academic year.
4. Give thanks for farmers and pray that there has been a good harvest this year.
5. **International Day of Charity** – pray for those who need our generosity and love.
6. National Food Bank Day – give thanks for all who support the needy, especially CHAT.
7. Pray for grandparents who have special responsibility for their grandchildren.
8. **15th Sunday after Trinity** – Ask God to show us how to put our faith into action.
9. **Fairtrade Fortnight** – pray that growers and workers obtain fair prices for their products.
10. Give thanks for late summer days as the daylight lessens and we look towards autumn.
11. Pray for all those affected by climate change and the resulting natural disasters.
12. Ask God's healing hand on all those we know who are sick or facing surgery.
13. Give thanks for the joy that domestic pets afford us.
14. **Holy Cross** – "If any of you suffer as a Christian do not consider it a disgrace but glorify God"
15. **16th Sunday after Trinity** – as Jesus' followers we must deny ourselves, and take up our cross.
16. Pray for families under stress, especially for innocent children and vulnerable adults.
17. **Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen** – Thank God for visionaries, that our eyes, too, may be opened.
18. Give thanks for all in the medical profession, for their care and expertise.
19. As the colder weather approaches pray for the homeless that they may find shelter at night.
20. Pray for peace in our world, that all may live in safety without fear.
21. **St Matthew, Apostle** – Help us, Lord, to follow you, change our ways and lead better lives.
22. **17th Sunday after Trinity** – Ask God to help us to become like little children, and trust in Him.
23. Day of Sign Languages – pray for the human rights of deaf people.
24. Help us, Lord, to make use of every opportunity to be good neighbours.
25. May God guide the UK government into ways of wisdom and fair practice, honesty and integrity.
26. Pray for the vulnerable and those unable to help themselves who are dependent on others.
27. Give thanks for the bravery and dedication of the police force, that we may feel safe and secure.
28. Pray for the sad, the bereaved, the lonely and the marginalised.
29. **18th Sunday after Trinity – St Michael and all angels** – ask God to help us to fight all that is evil.
30. World Maritime Day – pray for the safe and fair treatment of maritime workers worldwide

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The Mid Devon Messenger can help to keep people who are print disabled connected with their local community via weekly local audio news, information, entertainment ... and audio books – all free of charge!

A new listener recently wrote: “Thank you for ... making it possible for people like my brother to keep in touch with the outside world.” Other listeners tell us they feel that the Messenger gives them a sense of being part of a community.

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Yvonne & Nigel, MDM Visitor and Technician

Tiverton Mothers' Union

Wednesday September 25th 2pm
Baptist church rooms our speaker will be Janet Jones talking to us about AFIA Janet writes –“AFIA has always been a very important part of M U engaging with the public and groups have been very good fund raising for our summer holidays for families who could not afford a break often due to family illness of children or their parents. The AFIA group have been discussing ways they can support more families through out the county.

The holidays have supported families in south Devon for several years and last year we support North Devon families with holidays at a site in Croyde. But these holidays became very expensive so the group looked at other ways of supporting the families to spend time together in a relaxing way. The talk will look at the changes and the way forward within the MU” So please come and hear the up to date news and support Janet who is coming from Buckfastleigh and afterwards share tea /Coffee cake, fellowship and friendship getting to know each other better. All are welcome.

At our July meeting Rev. Christian Hill was warmly welcomed as our speaker by Nickie, in St Peters church. First there was a short service

to welcome Megan Bunce into the Mothers Union. We all renewed our promised with her and Christian continued by saying --- Membership of the worldwide Mother's Union is open to all who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and who support the mission and objectives of the Mothers' Union. I ask both Megan and present members to join in affirming their commitment to Mother's Union “We finished the service with the MU prayer and a Blessing by Christian, Megan was warmly welcomed and given her badge & membership card by Nickie. Christian then told us how he became ordained having been called by God with Pippa by his side, how he attended different styles of worship, traditional Anglican, especially Sung Evensong, Methodist & New Wine Meeting, talking to other Christians and attending and running an Alpha course. He was always asking God to show him the way through prayer and worship, and told us we should always remember the church is the people and prayer is at the heart of everything we do. Family is very important to him as to all of us. Nickie thanked Christian for giving us such an honest talk on his pathway to the ministry and to this Team Ministry. Tea, cake & chat was enjoyed by all.

Betty Thrall

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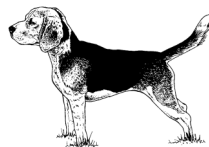


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	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:00am	Morning Prayer Chevithorne
	10:15am	Holy Communion
Fri 6 Sept	4:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat 7 Sept	1:00pm	Wedding
Sun 8 Sept	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:15am	Holy Communion
Sun 15 Sep	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:00am	Harvest Festival Holy Communion Chevithorne
	10:15am	Holy Communion
Sat 21 Sep	7:30pm	Devon Baroque Orchestra
Sun 22 Sep	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:15am	Holy Communion
Wed 25 Sep	1:30pm	Mothers' Union Meeting
Sat 28 Sep	11:00am	Renewal of Marriage Vows
Sun 29 Sep	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:15am	Holy Communion
	3:00pm	Church Library Reopening
Mon 30 Sep	7:30pm	Deanery Synod
Sat 5 Oct	6:00pm	Harvest Supper
Sun 6 Oct	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:00am	Morning Prayer Chevithorne
	10:15am	Harvest Festival Holy Communion
Sun 13 Oct	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online
	10:15am	Civic Service
	6:00pm	Choral Evensong

Tiverton Pannier Market – 2024 events schedule

September

Sunday 1 September (times TBC) – Devon General bus event in town centre
 Thursday 5 September (midday to 2pm) – Midweek Car Boot Sale
 Saturday 7 September (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Farmers Market
 Friday 27 September (10am to 1pm) – World's Biggest Coffee Morning
 Sunday 29 September (10am to 4pm) – Market Fest (alongside eat:Festival in town centre)

October

Saturday 5 October (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Farmers Market (Oktober Feast)
 Saturday 12 October (times TBC) – Apple Day
 Saturday 26 October (10am to 2pm) – Halloween Pumpkin Hunt, A Chance to Shine and family event
 Sunday 27 October (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Salvage Fair

November

Saturday 2 November (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Farmers Market (Ready for Christmas Market)
 Saturday 9 November (8.30am to 4pm) – Ready for Christmas Market
 Saturday 16 November (8.30am to 4pm) – Ready for Christmas Market
 Saturday 23 November (5pm to 9pm) – Electric Nights (Christmas lights switch-on)
 Saturday 30 November (8.30am to 4pm) – Ready for Christmas Market

December

Sunday 1 December (10am to 4pm) – Tiverton Christmas Craft and Gift Fair
 Saturday 7 December (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Farmers Market (Christmas Special)
 Saturday 14 December (8.30am to 4pm) – Christmas Market (including Santa's Lost Presents and family event)
 Saturday 21 December (8.30am to 4pm) – Christmas Party

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More Scouts have Joined the Adventure!

Due to the increased demand for fun, skills for life and adventure in Tiverton, a new Scout Troop has launched. 2nd Tiverton Scout Group is excited to offer more opportunities for Scouting for children aged 10 to 14 with the support of the local community and volunteers.

After a successful trial period, 2nd Tiverton Scouts have launched their second Scout section welcoming 14 brand new Scouts and 3 brand new volunteers...with even more young people from within the group moving into the section to join their new friends.

Through fun, activities and adventures, Scouts offers a youth provision that is known worldwide, but the benefits aren't just for the young people. As the opportunity for children to get involved in Scouting opens, so too does the opportunity for adults to volunteer.

Vicky, a new Scout Leader said ***"I have lived in the area for 5 years and not met anyone, I thought this would be a good opportunity to meet new people and get involved in my new community"***.

Did you know that 79% of adult volunteers in Scouting volunteer because they enjoy it and 70% feel like they have a positive impact?

Jon, Scout Volunteer agrees ***"I wanted to give back to Scouts as they gave so much to me when I was a youngster. I also have a lot of transferable skills I picked up during my time in the Army."***

After enjoying activities such as fire lighting and fire safety, cooking on the campfire, cricket and tower building – the new Scouts couldn't get enough, their enthusiasm is palpable and are excited for the section to restart after the well deserved summer break.

One of the new Scouts was keen to share ***"popcorn tastes much better on a campfire because I'm enjoying it with new friends"***.

Chief Scout, Bear Grylls passed on his advice for the new Scouts, ***"Look forward to the great adventures yet to come. Never forget your promise and help other people. Shine bright, you're the best."***

For more information, or if you are interested in becoming part of this growing group, please contact Jeremy Hilderley on

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This month is definitely Apple Time, and this year seems to be a very good year for them, whether this is down to a wet spring or not, I'm not sure, but let's enjoy what nature has given us.

Apart from the usual Apple Crumble, our favourite is Apple & Almond Cake, or you could class it as a sponge.

So start by making your usual Victoria Sandwich :-

4 ozs Caster Sugar

4 ozs Margarine (or I use Butter)

4 ozs SR Flour. (or you can add another oz if you like a denser cake)

2 eggs

A few drops of Almond essence.

3 med cooking apples sliced.

A few Flaked almonds for the top.



Beat Sugar and Marge together until fluffy, slowly add eggs with a little flour, then add the rest & the few drop of almond essence. Fold in the sliced apples and tip it all into a greased and bottom lined sponge tin. Sprinkle the flaked almonds on top and bake 25/30 mins 165 c.

Serve warm with custard & cream, or cold with a coffee, if there is any left!

Sally

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Chevithorne News

We welcomed Beatrice Margaret at her recent baptism at St. Thomas's, daughter of Alice and Mathew and granddaughter of Richard Rabjohns.

Sadly, John Ewins, the church treasurer for many years, has passed away after a long illness we send sympathy to Faye and all the family. Sympathy also to the family of Anne Knight who has recently passed away.

HARVEST CELEBRATION

Sunday 15th September 10-00 Morning Prayer

HARVEST SUPPER

Monday 16th September 7-00 for 7-30 in the Village Hall.
Tiverton Hospital League of Friends is the charity.

Book your tickets through PCC members or Margaret on 01884 252569.
Do come and join in this enjoyable evening.

Thanks Margaret

This photo was taken before Chevithorne's Patronal festival, when St.Peter's congregation joined them for the service.



If you would like to be visited by the Pastoral Care Team, or know someone who has agreed to be visited, please email:

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The lovely flowers arranged for Aileen Stenlake's funeral 1st August in St. Peter's



"A couple of the congregation enjoying
the new sofa in the children's corner"



Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'. John 8:12 (NIV)

It's hard to believe but summer is almost over and autumn is, officially, only a few weeks away. One of the lovely things about summer at Lighthouse is the out-of-town visitors. It's always such a joy to meet new people, and to see their pleasure at finding us. One family, visiting Minehead from Ireland, had visited three towns in search of a Christian bookshop before eventually finding us, and another family, camping in the area, were so pleased to find us they came back twice and will visit again next year.

It's easy to underestimate the value of something like Lighthouse, and previously New Creation, when it's been part of the furniture for thirty-five years. It's only when you encounter people who don't have the blessing of a local Christian bookshop that you appreciate what a treasure we have.

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than just the local towns and villages, thanks to your support.

Don't forget that from sometime in September there will be some changes to our menu and a minor change in our Saturday opening hours. Starting from 7th Saturday the cafe will close at midday and the shop at 12.30pm. We will also be introducing some different cakes, alongside our popular chocolate, and coffee and walnut sponges, for you to enjoy with our range of teas, coffees and cold drinks.

On Wednesday, 25th September we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning between 10:00 am and midday when we will be giving away coffee and tray-bake cakes for a donation to Macmillan. Can you exceed last year's donations of £226! Please come along and support this great cause.

And finally, don't forget we can order any new Christian books and CDs you might be interested in. Just ask and we'll see what we can do.

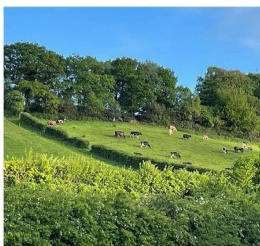


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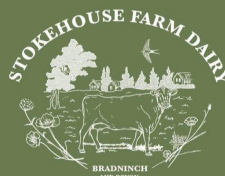


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Saturday 21st September 7:30pm

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Sunday 29th September 3-5pm

LIBRARY REOPENING

Monday 30th September 7:30pm

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Difficult issues facing farmers today

(Calverleigh Village Hall, EX16 8BB)

Saturday 5th October 6pm

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Sunday 13th October 6pm

ST JAMES'S CHOIR CHORAL EVENSONG

Saturday 19th October 7:30pm

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SERVICES

For services please refer to the Diary

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ORGANISATIONS ATTACHED TO SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

YOUNG CHURCH

We welcome all children and young people of whatever age, and like to have them in the congregation with us. Our policy is to enjoy our children – to see and hear them. Supervised activities tailored to the needs of individual children are provided during the 10.15 service.

ALTAR TEAMS

Sacristans care for the altar, and with Servers assist at Holy Communion on Sundays. (Contact Susan Beale 252619)

CHOIR

New members always welcome.
(Contact: Gill Heard
music@stpeterstiverton.org.uk)

BELL RINGERS

Bells are rung on Sundays and for Weddings. Practice on Tuesday 7.30.
(Contact Sheila Scofield, email–
ringers@stpeterstiverton.org.uk)

MOTHERS' UNION

MU is a worldwide Christian organisation, concerned with the family, for women and men, married or single. At present we meet on 4th Wednesday in the month from 2.00 to 4.00 in the Baptist Church Lounge, and we welcome visitors and potential members! Contact Nickie Johnson 07957 198388.

PRAYER CHAIN

For those in need of some supportive prayer. Offered in total confidence.
(Contact Jean Jenner 256597)

FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM.

A team who decorate the church at festivals and throughout the year.
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(Contact Sally Mundy 254378)

SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS

If you are unwell and would like to be included by name in the prayers at Parish Communion, or if you would like the name of a friend to be included (having first got their permission) please contact Jean Jenner 256597.

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SUNDAY	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP) (1st Sunday only)
	9.30	Morning Prayer online - joint with The Exe Valley Mission Community
	10.15	Holy Communion (CW)
THURSDAY	10.00	Holy Communion at St Paul's
(Other Services as on Notice Board in Porch)		

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