

Ruby Country Benefice

The parishes of Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington,
Clawton, Halwill, Highampton & Tetcott

Bulletin October 2024



*Fill us full every morning with your faithful love
so we can rejoice and celebrate our whole life long.*

Psalm 90: 14 (CEB)

September



22nd

BAPTISM of Samuel John HUTCHINGS
(Ashwater)

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Quiz from John Lawlor

Thanks to Revd. Paul Fitzpatrick, Janet Fisher, John Lawlor, Val Letheren, Nikki Mitchell, Sandra Ward for their contributions.

OCTOBER

From the Rector's Desk

Autumn brings its welcome fruit and harvest, together is earlier evenings and a chill at night. Appropriate then, that we find a dusty corner of one of our churchyards holding the unmarked and unnoticed graves from the Holsworthy Workhouse, the Navvies who built the railway, Smallpox victims and other waifs and strays, all held in 'pauper's corner'.

On 1st November we will be holding a service in the churchyard at St Peter & James at 4pm, half-light, to mark and remember these lost souls. This is a Benefice event, as they were drawn from across our villages, Parishes, remote cottages and institutions. They were truly unwanted.

On a brighter note, St Peter (in chains) had a wonderful mission weekend with a really expert church photographic exhibition from the village, with a historical display, period dress and headwear, Big Bells and handbells, a bookshop, coffee and lots of cake.

The numbers of adults and children was superb with well over a third of the parish population attending.

St Leonard's church has never looked so good after sustained congregational work and they look forward to the upcoming Halloween event.

Major building work including a new boiler was undertaken at St Mary together with incredible numbers for our most popular Benefice service

'café church', and Holy Cross Tetcott has a new floor, plans to build an outside loo and a successful Outdoor BBQ and evening prayer event. The Ecumenical Bible study continues apace with Harvest coming up at Highampton and St Alban's has plans afoot for building and renovation as well.

Finally, the new Joint group is taking shape which is incredibly exciting! (more of that next issue), our bereavement training course has had 142 attendees across the whole of England (in person and on-line) and our new Adult Evangelism course (telling our stories) is close to completion (watch this space).

I will close with a massive 'thank you'. The amount of work and development done in our benefice in the last year has been formidable and has been happily commented on at Diocesan level. This has little to do with me; most of this work is yours – God's kingdom is built this way. Again, thank you.

Paul.



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Ruby Country Benefice Services for October 2024

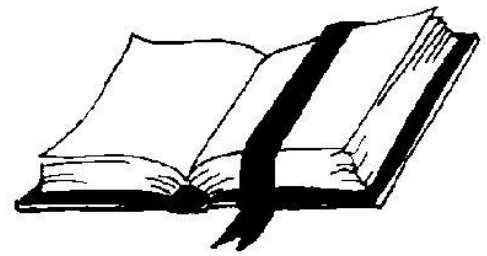
Sunday 6th 19 th after Trinity (Proper 22)	9:30am	Ashwater	Morning Service
	11am	Black Torrington	Holy Communion
	11am	Halwill	Morning Service
	5:30pm	Arscott Hall, Tetcott	Harvest Service
Sunday 13th 20 th after Trinity (Proper 23)	11am	Black Torrington	Café Church
	11am	Clawton	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Beaworthy	Harvest Service
Sunday 20th 21 st after Trinity (Proper 24)	9:30am	Ashwater	Holy Communion
	11am	Halwill	Holy Communion
	11am	Black Torrington	Morning Prayer
Sunday 27th Last Sunday after Trinity (Proper 25)	11am	Clawton	United Service
	11am	Beaworthy	Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Highampton	Bible Study

Weekly - all welcome from the benefice

Wednesday	10am	Black Torrington	Morning Prayer
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* Highampton's Bible Study will take place at the Village Hall.
Highampton's church building and churchyard are still closed to
all for your own safety.

Lectionary Readings for October 2024



<p>Sunday 6th (19th Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>Genesis 2: 18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2:5-6 Mark 10: 2-16</p> <p>Services at Ashwater, Black Torrington, Halwill, Tetcott</p>	<p>Sunday 13th (20th Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90: 12-17 Hebrews 4: 12-16 Mark 10: 17-31</p> <p>Services at Beaworthy, Black Torrington, Clawton</p>	<p>Sunday 20th (21st Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>Isaiah 53: 4-12 Psalm 91: 9-16 Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45</p> <p>Services at Ashwater, Black Torrington, Halwill</p>
<p>Sunday 27th (Last Sunday after Trinity)</p> <p>Jeremiah 31: 7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7: 23-28 Mark 10: 46-52</p> <p>Services at Beaworthy, Clawton, Highampton</p>		

*To help you prepare for one of our services or to
read at home*



I am happy to announce that the Diocese of Exeter has had an offer accepted for a new five-bedroom detached house at Halwill Junction to be the new Rectory. Building will be completed next year. This is fantastic news and is a vote of confidence in our benefice and deanery.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Richard and John in particular for their persistence and work to help make this happen.

Paul.

Revd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick.

Rector: Ruby Country Benefice

Acting Rural Dean: Holsworthy



Bishop Jackie Announces Her Retirement

The Bishop of Crediton, the Rt. Rev'd Jackie Searle, has announced she plans to retire at the end of January 2025.

Bishop Jackie has served as Bishop of Crediton for six years, after being consecrated a bishop in 2018.

For the last year she has been, in addition, the Acting Bishop of Exeter, overseeing the Diocese of Exeter since the retirement of Bishop Robert last September.

Bishop Jackie said: "It has been the privilege of my life to be the Bishop of Crediton for the last six years, and to have been appointed Acting Diocesan Bishop for the last year. From the time of my interview onwards I fell in love with the Diocese of Exeter and its wonderful people.

“We are blessed with fantastic church communities and congregations, schools, chaplaincies, clergy and laity; followers of Jesus who live out day by day the diocesan vision to pray, grow and serve the people of Devon with joy.

“This vision grabbed me from the start and has been my personal priority throughout. I have found great joy in the people of God here, and in my own ministry. There has been particular joy in working with such a gifted staff team, Old Deanery colleagues, and support staff – where relationships are strong and supportive. And the greatest joy of seeing God at work in people’s lives and communities. I will miss everyone here deeply. I am incredibly thankful for God’s calling and faithfulness and for all who have been, in any way, a part of this journey.”

Bishop Jackie’s retirement will come three months after the enthronement of the new Bishop of Exeter, the Rt. Rev’d Mike Harrison, at Exeter Cathedral on 2 November.

Bishop Mike said “I am already aware how Bishop Jackie is held in great affection across the Diocese of Exeter so it’s no doubt with a mixture of deep appreciation and sadness that the news of her impending retirement will be greeted.

“I am personally very grateful for Bishop Jackie’s role as Acting Diocesan Bishop and her helping me to prepare for my future role and I will be sorry not to have her as an episcopal colleague for much longer. She and David leave with much love and prayer accompanying them as they move into a new phase of life and ministry.”

Bishop Jackie has been ordained over 32 years. She celebrated the 30th anniversary of her ordination as priest this year – along with others who were among the first women to be ordained priest in the Church of England in 1994.

Her ministry has been hugely varied, with seasons as a curate in London, in theological education in Bristol, as Vicar of Littleover, Derby, as Dean of Women's Ministry for Derby Diocese, on General Synod for both Derby and Gloucester, as Archdeacon of Gloucester and Residentiary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral, before being made Bishop of Crediton in 2018.

She set up the [Devon Church Weddings](#) project to encourage more couples to consider having a church wedding, she was also integral to setting-up the Diocese of Exeter Wellbeing Panel, championing the wellbeing of clergy and their families. She also led the Diocese of Exeter church planting strategy.

Nationally, as a member of the College of Bishops and as a participant observer in the House of Bishops, she has been involved with the 'Living in Love and Faith' process and Chairs the Episcopal Wellbeing Group.

She and her husband, the Revd David Runcorn, were married soon after her ordination as a deacon in 1992, and they have two children – both of whom have married in the last two years.

She said of her decision to retire: "Ministry in the Church of England has been extremely varied, fulfilling, joyful, challenging and more than I could have ever imagined. It is though time now for a different rhythm of life with David and our family, recognising that everything has a time and a season. We look forward to seeing where and how God leads us.

"I am looking forward to welcoming Bishop Mike to his new role in November, and to working with him during his first few months. I will be watching on with a sense of hope once I leave, knowing that the diocese is in excellent hands."

There will be a farewell service for Bishop Jackie at Exeter Cathedral in January.

Correct Church Names Usage

There is a deeply traditional name usage for Anglican churches in Devon which I remember my father correcting when I was a boy.

Rather than a shorthand version of a name, he taught me to respect the past and the sacredness of place.

Henceforth I want to get away from simple, territorial name usages and revert to ancient church names deeply associated with communities, people, and places.

I want us to be earthed into our singular, but also our joint Benefice history: Therefore, moving forward in all Benefice paperwork we will be using:

Ashwater St Peter
Beaworthy St Alban
Black Torrington St Mary
Clawton St Leonard
Halwill St Peter & James
Tetcott Holy Cross

Thanks all, Paul.

WARNING: This article contains descriptions of murder, legal proceedings and maternal mental illness and therefore may be distressing. The article continues for 4 pages if you wish to skip this section.

Richard HOCKIN

12th July 1860 – 27 March 1862

Back to my usual delve into the life of someone interred in one of our churchyards – this time, young Richard is interred at Holy Cross, Tetcott.

This, though, is with a bit of a twist. I didn't find Richard's gravestone, but instead I found his name in the burial record – under the entry for 19th March 1862 was a sentence which caught my attention: "wilfully drowned in Lana Lake by his mother."

A search of the local newspaper archives revealed his unmarried mother to be Martha HOCKIN, and from there I was able to access the reports of the inquest.

Martha was born in Hollacombe in 1840 to Priscilla and James HOCKIN, and was one of several children. By 1860, Martha was pregnant to an unknown man, and her son Richard was born at the Union Workhouse in Holsworthy in July 1860. Unable to write, she registered her son's birth by marking her X.

Richard HOCKIN had lived with his aunt in the six months preceding, but this arrangement was unsustainable and shortly before his death, his mother had come to collect him. Martha had been staying in Clawton with a Mrs. BUMBY but once the child was returned to her, she could not return. She had intimated that she had nowhere to go and that she would lie by the hedge. When countered, she said that she might drown herself, but was

Twelfth July 1860 Union House Holsworthy	Richard	Boy	—	Martha Hockin	—	The mark of Martha Hockin Mother Union House Holsworthy
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From the birth record of Richard HOCKIN 1860

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reminded of her “dear little child,” who she maintained was the reason she was still alive.

According to witness testimony, on the evening of 26th March, Martha and her son Richard visited the house of James and Ann OXENHAM, looking for their neighbour William HEADON. At the time, Martha was pregnant with the child of William. Around 10pm, William and Martha talked in the kitchen of the OXENHAMS where he promised to pay maintenance for her unborn baby but that he would not marry her, nor continue their relationship. Presumably, she was hopeful that Mr. HEADON would take her and Richard in. William left about an hour later. At around midnight, Martha requested a stool from Ann OXENHAM to sit on the porch until daylight.

At around 7am on the 27th, several people heard her screaming. She had young Richard in her arms with wet clothes, and he was dead. She was screaming that she had drowned her child and was pleading with passers-by to kill her too.

The postmortem was conducted by surgeon Thomas PEARCE of Holsworthy, who had also delivered Richard two years previously. It was found that his stomach contained no food, but 4oz of water and that his cause of death was undoubtedly drowning and suffocation.

Martha was very distressed during the hearing at Holsworthy on the 28th March, and needed to be carried from the room. A verdict was returned of “wilful murder” and she was committed to gaol for trial at the next Exeter Assizes.

The following day – Saturday 29th March – Richard HOCKIN was buried at Tetcott.

The next assizes were the Lammass Assizes, which were reported in the 2nd August edition of The Western Times. The witnesses told the jury that they did not think she was in her right mind, and several expressed concern at her having threatened to drown herself.

The jury heard that she made a statement to the police at the time, saying:

“Trouble made me do it. I will tell the truth. I wish I had drowned myself as well as the child. I tried to do it. There was not much water.

It was down at the bottom of Stone-hill. [...] I put the child in the water as the clock struck two. I then left it.

I returned again to take it up; it was not dead; the child breathed once after I took it out of the water at Stonehill. I then took the child and carried it to Fern-hill Green, beside the place where I sat down.”

Medical testimony confirmed Martha was suffering with *delirium tremens*, where “it was common for pregnant persons to become deranged in mind at times.” As such, the jury found that “the prisoner committed the act during temporary insanity.” She had been answering to a murder charge, and the official verdict is that she was insane and needed imprisonment to keep her safe.

Martha delivered a daughter at Exeter Gaol – Jessie HOCKIN – in the September. She was baptised by the chaplain on 19th September 1862 and recorded in the baptism record for the parish of St David, Exeter.

On 4th October 1862, a letter was written to a Dr. FINCH in Salisbury asking whether Martha could be taken as a prisoner into his asylum. She was transferred to Laverstock in Wiltshire on 19th January 1863 until 7th August 1867 when she was discharged due to having recovered.

The next time we see Martha and Jessie is in the 1871 census. They are listed as living at Wester Down Cottage, Clawton, living alongside her older brother James HOCKEN and his wife Elizabeth. By this time, Martha is 27, with her 8-year-old daughter.

By the 1891 census, James and Elizabeth HOCKEN have moved to farm at South Petherwin. It does not appear that they took Martha and Jessie with them.

I have been unable to definitively find Martha, her daughter Jessie or Jessie’s father William HEADON in any censuses going forward, and Richard’s resting place unknown and unmarked at Holy Cross, Tetcott.

The purpose of this article was to remember Richard and his short life, some 160 years since it ended, not to criticise or demonize his mother. We live in a very different world now where mental health support for expectant mothers and social housing do exist, and what we hear in the news nowadays are exceptional cases.

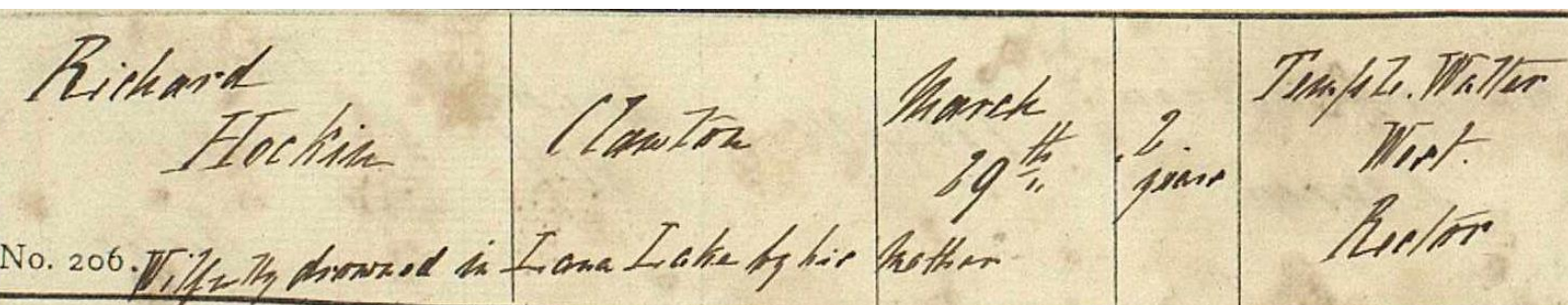
This case was a tragic mix of unfortunate circumstances. But how many people back then suffered similarly? Left pregnant and single? Or left without a husband? Unexpectedly homeless? Suffering from illness with no hope of a cure?

How many people do we know who, 150 years ago, might be in that same desperate position. It makes you truly appreciate how lucky we are sometimes. May we remember Richard and Martha, now safe in God's care, with peace and love.

Kay Napier
September 2024

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- Western Times 2nd Aug 1862 (pg 3)



New Rural Church Officer Appointed to Help Our Rural Churches Grow

The Diocese of Exeter is building on its [Growing the Rural Church](#) project by appointing the county's first Rural Church Officer and setting-up a new Rural Hub. The Rev'd Preb Rosie Austin will be working with churches in North Devon to help them find new ways to minister to the countryside communities they are called to serve. She will also work with them to address some of the challenges they face around the care of church buildings, fundraising, governance and volunteer engagement.

Rosie, who will also continue to work in her existing role as Rector of the [Shirwell Mission Community](#), says her vision is for the Diocese of Exeter to become a Centre of Excellence for the training and growth of rural mission and ministry. She said, 'I am excited to have been appointed as Rural Church Officer for the Diocese, beginning in September. I look forward to getting to know rural churches, which have so much potential to grow and to flourish.'

Rosie said she had been inspired for her new role by the Bible story of the feeding of the 5000, which can be found in John 6. She said, 'First, Jesus spotted and named the presenting issue, he sees the crowd following and sees that they are hungry. We too need to name the 'hunger' and the difficulties which face rural communities and churches.' "In the passage the disciples looked around and saw the small boy who was willing to offer his packed lunch.

"We too have resources, both within our churches and communities. My role will allow me to identify what resources are needed to help us thrive and what is already on offer."

Continuing to draw from the Feeding of the 5000, Rosie said "God worked on the hillside and enough food was gathered and there was even plenty left over to share.

"We already have so many good news stories of God at work which can be shared. Stories of generosity and kindness, and people living out their faith in even the remotest community.

"Having seen first-hand some of the difficulties that rural churches are now dealing with, I never fail to be inspired by their desire to grow in faith and witness to Christ."

'We want to provide targeted help for Rural Mission Communities, specialised training for people engaged in rural ministry, and to set up a Rural Hub dedicated to supporting the rural church in Devon.'

Initially the Rural Church Officer will be working with churches in North Devon, but the Archdeacon of Barnstaple, the Venerable Verena Breed, wants Mission Communities across the county to benefit as well. Verena said, 'once the Rural Hub is up and running, we'll be seeking to put support networks in place for rural churches throughout Devon.

'There are many different schemes already underway to support rural ministry in Devon and the new Rural Church Officer will work alongside those, and build connections with other groups and organisations that want the church in rural areas to grow and thrive.'

Rosie will be commissioned to start work in her new role in September.

The Licensing of
Revd. Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick
as Rural Dean
by the Archdeacon of Barnstaple



Thursday 17th October 2024

7pm

St. Peter & St. Paul, Holsworthy

Followed by tea/coffee

The licensing precedes the Deanery Synod meeting, all are welcome to stay after the licensing for the open meeting.

The background of the poster is a watercolor illustration of autumn-themed elements. It features various pumpkins in shades of yellow, orange, and green, along with branches of leaves in red, purple, yellow, and green. The overall style is soft and artistic.

HARVEST

Service and supper
at the Arscott hall
Tetcott

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER
5.30PM SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY SUPPER
ADULTS £10
CHILDREN OVER 5 £5

Worship Leaders' Training

There will be a fourth Worship Leaders' Training Session on Saturday 5th October at Bradford and Cookbury Village Hall, from 9.30-12.30. The Revd Alison Hardy will be leading this session on 'Special Services' such as Remembrance Sunday, Harvest, Carol Services, Rogation etc.

Please would you let me know at the email address below if you would like to attend. All are welcome – you do not have to attended before!

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07970831510

**A REMINDER: Please send anything for
the Bulletin through to
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On occasion (like in the Summer Holidays when I have children to juggle, on top of my usual responsibilities!) I find it difficult to pull the bulletin together in time, and need a "failsafe" – if I can't get it done in time, I need to be able to hand over access to the Benefice Bulletin email to someone else to compile it, and if everything is in my personal email account, that will obviously get missed! Kay

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Bereavement, Grief & Loss

Limited Numbers for this course.

To book email:

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training.

Evidenced-based course to explain what happens to us when we lose someone we love and to help us help others who travel the same

Tuesday 8th October
10am - 3pm

Book by 1st October

The menu for the Bickford Arms will be emailed to confirm your booking.

Bickford Arms
Brandis Corner



St Alban's Church, Beaworthy Harvest Festival Service



**6.30 pm, Sunday 13th October
2024**

**Evensong conducted by the
Reverend Dr Paul Fitzpatrick to
give thanks for the Harvest**

**The service will be followed by drinks and
light refreshments in the church
All (preferably) non – perishable food
brought to decorate the Church will be
donated to local Food Banks and can be left in
the church porch from Friday.**

HALLOWEEN QUIZ NIGHT



BRING
YOUR OWN
DRINKS &
SNACKS

**BEST DRESSED
TABLE PRIZE**

AT THE
ARSCOTT
HALL

PRIZE QUIZ

FUNDRAISER FOR
TETCOTT CHURCH
LOOOOO!



SATURDAY 26
OCTOBER

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

QUIZ STARTS
AT 7PM

TEAMS OF 6 £30 PER TABLE



TO BOOK CALL
ANDREA ON
07963084156





Friday 1st November 2024, 4:00pm
St. Peter & St. James, Halwill

BLESSING OF THE LOST SOULS:

Dedicating the workhouse graves that have no markers, and know no names at Halwill churchyard; and remembering our own loved and lost.

all welcome

Movie Quotes Quiz

- 1) "It's too bad she won't live. But then again, who does?"
- 2) "Never rat on your friends and always keep your mouth shut."
- 3) "You must cut down the mightiest tree in the forest with... a herring!"
- 4) "We'll always have Paris."
- 5) "When you realise you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible."
- 6) "The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist."
- 7) "Show me the money."
- 8) "I am serious, and don't call me Shirley."
- 9) "There's no place like home,"
- 10) "You're tearing me apart!"
- 11) "Pizza time."
- 12) "I love the smell of napalm in the morning."
- 13) "You either die a hero or live long enough to see yourself become the villain."
- 14) "You shall not pass."
- 15) "I'm going to make him an offer he can't refuse."
- 16) "Go ahead, make my day."
- 17) "You've got to ask yourself one question. Do you feel lucky?"
- 18) "Hasta la vista, baby."
- 19) "You're gonna need a bigger boat."
- 20) "To infinity and beyond."

The answers will be in next month's Bulletin.

Answers to September Quiz

1 Canadian. 2 73. 3 A Few Good Men. 4 Serena Williams. 5 Oklahoma.
6 James P. Sullivan. 7 44. 8 9. 9 1955. 10 Captain Pike. 11 Molly and
Arthur Weasley. 12 Gunther (151 episodes). 13 The Shining. 14 118.
15 Irn-Bru. 16 1997. 17 Books. 18 Doc, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Bashful,
Sneezy and Dopey. 19 Swedish Krona. 20 Four (extra point for:
Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas.)



Morning Prayer

Every Wednesday

St Mary's Church, Black Torrington

10am

All welcome



DEADLINE



Please get your posters, news, pictures, articles,
details of services, fundraisers or any other
submissions in **by the 15th of each month** to
feature in the next month's Bulletin

email rubbybulletin@gmail.com or call 01409 221 321

Monthly Reflection from the Rt. Rev'd James Grier, the Bishop of Plymouth

People say that feeling that time is passing more and more quickly is a sign of getting older. It feels like summer came and went before I even noticed. The lack of summer weather may also have been a factor too, or is that just another sign of my getting old?

This summer, actually saw some big milestones in my life. In August I had my 50th birthday and at the start of September our son got married. Weddings and big birthdays aren't things which simply pass us by. We take time to celebrate them, and the people associated.

We can't slow time down, but we can appreciate time more. In the Old Testament, time and again, people placed a 'stone of remembrance', an Ebenezer, or a pile of 12 stones to remember significant events. They did this so that when they passed that place in the future it would remind them of what had gone before, and so important events would not be forgotten. Today's equivalent could be said to be taking a selfie. But it was more than a selfie, it was something more tangible. It also pointed to something else. It reminded people that God had been there with them. That God had helped them in a moment of challenge.

I don't want to let life pass me by and I certainly don't to miss what God is doing in my life. I don't want to simply mark the big moments, but also to make sure that I appreciate the little moments too. I'm not great at journalling but maybe I can pause and make a note of things I want to remember. Or maybe actually a photo or selfie isn't a bad idea after all. I can certainly take a moment to pray, notice God's activity and make more space for him in my life. What about you?

Rt. Rev'd James Grier, The Bishop of Plymouth

Worried about a Child or Vulnerable Adult?

Please speak to your Parish Safeguarding Representative if you have any concerns for the well-being of a child or adult, or about the behaviour of someone towards a child or adult.

Your Parish Safeguarding Representative is:

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If you cannot reach your Parish Safeguarding Representative, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

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For general enquiries – SafeguardingEnquiry@exeter.anglican.org

IMMEDIATE RISK OF HARM

If you believe someone is at immediate risk of harm or that a crime has been committed, dial **999**

If you have serious concerns about an individual's well-being, you should contact the relevant agencies:

Concerns about Children

Devon Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH): **0345 155 1071**

Concerns about Adults

Devon – Care Direct: **0345 155 1007**

Domestic Abuse

Devon Help Line for professionals and individuals: **0345 155 1074**

Rape Crisis

National: **0808 802 9999** Devon and Torbay: **01392 204174**

Please notify your safeguarding Representative and/or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team after contacting any of these agencies.

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RUBY PEOPLE WORSHIPPING IN GOD'S COUNTRY

St. Peter Ad Vincula, Ashwater EX21 5EY

St. Alban, Beaworthy EX21 5AB

St. Mary's, Black Torrington EX21 5PU

St. Leonard, Clawton EX22 6PS

St. Peter & St. James, Halwill EX21 5UH

Holy Cross, Highampton EX21 5LE

Holy Cross, Tetcott EX22 6QZ

