

Ruby Country Benefice

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

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*You teach me the way of life.
In your presence is total celebration.
Beautiful things are always in your right hand.*

Psalm 16: 1 (CEB)

October



10 th	Funeral of Kenneth MUDLE (Halwill)
14 th	Committal of Barbara CARSON (Halwill)
28 th	Funeral of Philip BEARE (Ashwater)

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Quiz from John Lawlor

Thanks to Revd. Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Sheila Grabham, John Lawlor, Val Letheren, and Nikki Mitchell for their contributions.

NOVEMBER

From the Rector's Desk

I was licensed last night as Rural Dean. It affected me more than I thought it would have, given that I have been doing it for 18 months in an 'Acting Role'. The Archdeacon reminded us at the service that when I began, I was the only full-time priest in the Deanery, but now I have two really special colleagues who together have formed a tight and positive group identity.

18 months seems to have passed in a flash, but on reflection, I fell so much has happened. I am now passed my second batch of APCMs, my second set of Harvest Services (all 13 of them!), and my second year of remembrance and Christmas services all falling due: My first visitation to all 22 churches done and the next booked for Nov. One really large training package on bereavement now complete and the adult evangelism course planned for New Year.

I have sat with people whilst they died, and have mourned alongside friends and family. I have celebrated the most exceptional weddings and incredible Baptisms. Children from four schools say hello now when they meet me out with their parents. Buildings are being saved and new church relationships worked on.

There have also been moments of intense sadness as well; sometimes listening to people who are hurt, or lost in darkness, supporting a child whose rabbit has died taking her world down with it, planning for a church

warden to leave who has become a friend, or watching a much-loved church close and knowing there is nothing I can do about it.

What stays with me on a Sunday night, when I traditionally have a small glass of Whisky at my desk, is the sense of privilege that I feel. In the intensity of living and working in a deeply rural set of parishes where centuries of history are alive, vibrant and real. We face very real change and challenges. Faith here is growing; we are strong, and Christ is with us and in us, but like the communities around us and those whose faith we share from down the years, we are going to need to change quickly, adapt, and find new ways to preach and live the Gospel, but this is a road we will travel together.

Last thought: What I value here in Ruby are the friendships, those who tell hard truths, supportive groups with no-nonsense approaches, small kind emails in the night; the range of different people and different traditions and different approaches, all in community. Every church here is genuinely special and different, like the people who worship in them – I am intensely aware how fortunate I am.

Paul.



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Ruby Country Benefice Services for November 2024

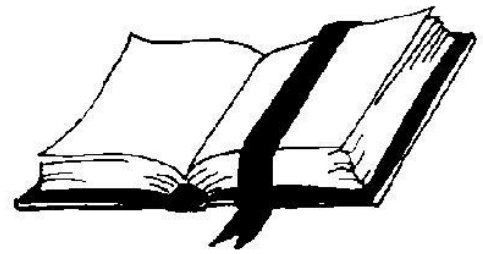
Sunday 3rd All Saints Day	9:30am	Ashwater	Morning Service
	11am	Black Torrington	Holy Communion
	11am	Halwill	Morning Service
	10:45am	Ashwater	Remembrance Sunday Service
Sunday 10th Remembrance Sunday	10:45am	Black Torrington	Remembrance Sunday Service
	10:45am	Clawton	Remembrance Sunday Service
	10:45am	Halwill Junction War Memorial	Remembrance Sunday Service
	10:45am	Tetcott	Remembrance Sunday Service
	6.30pm	Beaworthy	Remembrance Sunday Service
Sunday 17th 2 nd Sunday Before Advent	9:30am	Ashwater	Holy Communion
	11am	Halwill	Holy Communion
	11am	Black Torrington	Café Church
Sunday 24th Christ the King	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 November 2024



<p>Sunday 3rd (All Saints Day)</p> <p>Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24:1-6 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44</p> <p>Services at Ashwater, Black Torrington, Halwill, Tetcott</p>	<p>Sunday 10th (Remembrance Sunday)</p> <p>Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 1:14-20</p> <p>Services at Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington, Clawton, Halwill, Tetcott</p>	<p>Sunday 17th (2nd Sunday before Advent)</p> <p>Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8</p> <p>Services at Ashwater, Black Torrington, Halwill</p>
<p>Sunday 24th (Christ the King)</p> <p>Daniel 7:9-10, 13,14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37</p> <p>Services at Beaworthy, Clawton, Highampton</p>		

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



Road Trip!

During the last month, Cathie from Ashwater, Kay from Halwill and Shirley from Black Torrington went for a visit to the Records Office at Exeter for a day of research. All had a lovely day out, and learned a great deal about our respective parishes. Hopefully something to be repeated soon!



Morning Prayer

Every Wednesday

St Mary's Church, Black Torrington

10am

All welcome



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



Christmas

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS

*Come make decorations for your home and help
decorate the church*

November 30th

10am until 12pm

At Tetcott church

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



One Letter Quiz

- 1) Which letter denotes the roman numeral for 100?
- 2) Which tile has a value of 5 points in Scrabble?
- 3) In 'The Simpsons', Homer Simpson has a middle initial – what is it?
- 4) In Morse Code what letter is represented by three dashes?
- 5) The head of MI6, the Secret Intelligence Service, is known by what one-letter code name?
- 6) Which letter was invented in 1524 by an Italian and was the last letter to be added to the English alphabet?
- 7) What is the only letter that does not appear in the name of any US State?
- 8) What is the chemical symbol of tungsten?
- 9) Which letter was the British pound sign derived from?
- 10) Which two letters of the alphabet have tittles?
- 11) Which 1980s American science fiction TV mini series written and directed by Kenneth Johnson was about an invading reptilian alien race?
- 12) Most worldwide capital cities begin with which letter?
- 13) Which letter is the most used letter in the English alphabet?
- 14) Which colonel is the head of the Secret Service in 'Dangermouse'?
- 15) According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, which is the only letter in the English language that is never silent?

The answers will be in next month's Bulletin.

Answers to October's Movie Quotes Quiz

1 Blade Runner. 2 Goodfellas. 3 Monty Python and the Holy Grail.
4 Casablanca. 5 When Harry Met Sally. 6 The Usual Suspects. 7 Jerry Maguire. 8 Airplane. 9 The Wizard of Oz. 10 Rebel Without a Cause.
11 Spiderman 2. 12 Apocalypse Now. 13 The Dark Knight. 14 Lord of the Rings. 15 The Godfather. 16 Sudden Impact. 17 Dirty Harry. 18 The Terminator. 19 Jaws. 20 Toy Story.

Next month's bulletin will be a joint December/January edition so please send anything for the Bulletin through to rubbycbulletin@gmail.com



DEADLINE



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Monthly Reflection from the Ven. Jane Bakker, **Archdeacon of Plymouth**

As November approaches, we move into a time of remembrance. The month starts with All Saints' Day when we remember, with gratitude, those who have inspired us on our Christian journey. They may be people who are universally acknowledged as saints, but they could equally be just ordinary 'saints' – people living out their Christian faith in simple ways. I imagine that you will immediately know who those people have been for you.

All Souls', in turn, is a chance for us to remember all those who have gone before. All the people we have known and loved (or not) throughout our life; the countless people who have impacted our lives and shaped us into the people we are today.

Inevitably, thinking about those I have lost over the years causes me to think about my own mortality. I approach this in a pragmatic, rather than sentimental, way. What needs to be done? It is always easier to focus on the practical things, like updating a will or arranging a power of attorney. These things are an inevitable part of growing older; they are important and mustn't be put off, but are they really the most significant?

A few years ago, a relative died after a long and difficult illness. When her husband was clearing out her things, he found a letter that started "If you are reading this, I guess I didn't make it..." She went on to tell him about how much she had valued their relationship, coming as it did later in life. Her husband was so upset! He felt he had been robbed of the chance to reply. There were things that he wanted to say to her but had never found the right moment. They had got caught up in a spiral of optimism that wouldn't allow them to admit the inevitable. They had never actually discussed the possibility that she would die. The most important thing for us all to do, whatever our age or health, is to have those conversations. We need to tell those around us what they mean to us and to let them tell us in return. This may be uncomfortable; it may be difficult to find the right time, but it is important and mustn't be put off.

As Christians, we can approach the end of our life with hope and gratitude, knowing that God will welcome us home. In this remembrance season, as we look back with thanksgiving at the Saints and Souls that have gone before, let us also look around us and tell those near what they mean to us. And I pray that God will give us grace to listen when they tell us what we mean to them.

Ven. Jane Bakker, Archdeacon 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:

Val Letheren – [rubycountry.beneficeadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:rubbycountry.beneficeadmin@btinternet.com) – 07484 880 770

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

Costa Nassaris - Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser – 01392 294969 – 07809 339502
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James May – Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser – 01392 345910 – 07889 543646
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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



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