



Sunday 28 November 2021  
@ PPT Bovey Tracey & St Mary's Hennock



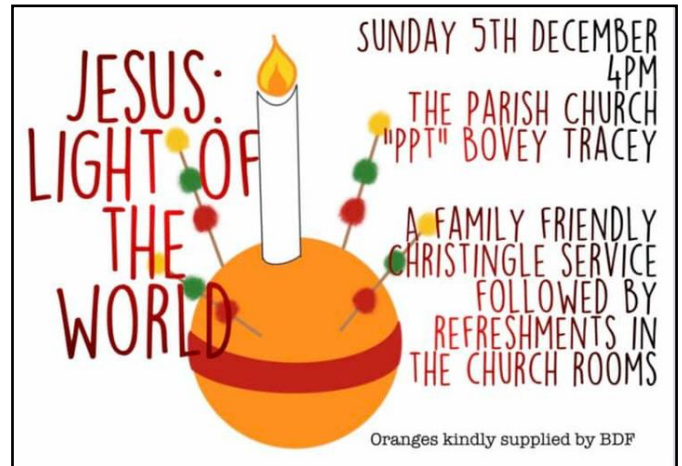
*The Vicar writes*

There is a lot to consider this week, so please read this carefully.

The PCCs of PPT and St Mary's Hennock both met this week, and agreed the plans for Christmas, which you will find on p.6.

We are holding some events outside (weather permitting) this year, so there are options for those who are nervous of crowds inside.

Christingle will be held at PPT on Sun 5 December at 4pm, and there will be no 9.30am service that day.



We reviewed our COVID risk assessment in the light of the latest advice from the Church of England. Infection rates in the South-West are rising, but hospital cases are falling. There is renewed anxiety about a new variant but this has not yet reached the United Kingdom. The PCCs agreed that we would maintain our current practice around Holy Communion. Please continue to sanitise your hands on arriving at church, and feel to wear a face covering or keep a social distance if you wish.

Because of the cold weather we will be keeping doors and windows at PPT closed during services. and rely on the natural ventilation of the building. We will be re-instating the one-way system of entry and exit at PPT: please arrive by the south porch, and leave through the west (tower) door.

You can find the full risk assessment at the [Resources section](#) of the website.

The PCC at PPT Bovey has agreed a new policy around car parking. We appreciate that towns like Bovey do not have enough parking space anywhere- for the school, or surgery, outside homes and for our churches. We are restricting the church car park to users of the church and church room, and access will be closed by a chain at other times. Parking by the church tower will be restricted to those who are disabled. Please respect our neighbours opposite the church and do not park outside their homes.

The Office Pod is now complete, and we are moving equipment out of the old church office space. Thank you to those who donated toward the cost: we raised £6,300, more than we had hoped. We are looking for a small desk or bookcase, and will be refurbishing the previous office space in the weeks to come.

Finally, amid the secular shopping season of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, let's remember that our Advent hope is focussed on Christ and his promised return. Let us encourage one another to live by a different standard, and walk in His light.

yours in Christ,  
Graham

### What's on this week:

28 Sun

PPT Readings

#### Advent Sunday:

am: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-5.11, Ps 47,  
Matthew 24.29-44

pm: tbc

9.30am

Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton

11.00am

Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

5.00pm

Prayer & Praise: Mr Mathew Percy

7.00pm

14-18s in the Church Room

**St Mary's**

3.00pm

Light up a Life: Rev Graham Hamilton

Hennock Readings:

1 Thess 4.13-end

29 Mon

9.00am

Morning prayer on Zoom

30 Tue

9.30am

Mums' bible study in the church room

1 Wed

10.00am

Communion service: Rev Graham Hamilton

7.00pm

Midweek Prayer Group (on Zoom- see notes)

2 Thu

7.00am

Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room

3 Fri

9.00am

Morning prayer on Zoom

9.45am

First Steps in the Church Room

10.45am

Funeral of John Foulkes

**5 Sun**

PPT Readings

#### Second Sunday of Advent : *Living in Love*

am: 1 Thess 5.12-end, Luke 3.1-6

9.30am

NO Sunday Praise

11.00am

Holy Communion: Mrs Carolyn Laycock

(Rev Graham Hamilton presiding)

4.00pm

Christingle: Rev Graham Hamilton

7.00pm

14-18s in the Church Room

**St Mary's**

11.00am

Holy Communion: Rev David Harris

Hennock Readings: Ezekiel 36.22-26, Psalm 94, 1 Thess 4.1-12

### Notices:

#### Christmas Fair

Many thanks to Helen Barlow and her team for organising the Christmas fair last Saturday. It was a very enjoyable occasion, and we raised £285

## **Men's Curry Night**

Sat 11 December at Church Room, from 7.30pm. £7.50 on the door.

You can book on [Eventbrite on this link](#). A warm friendly environment with a short time of sharing a personal story of faith. Lots of Indian food on offer. All food and soft drink provided. Bring your own alcoholic drinks. Vegetarian and non curry option available.

## **Daily Prayer Meetings**

Some are held in person on Wednesday at 10am and Thursday at 7am, and on Zoom at 9am on Monday, Friday and Saturday and Sunday at 9.30am.

The Zoom code for all services at PPT is:-

<https://zoom.us/j/98621308247pwd=RGRoR2RXK3hac1IWQnJKL0gwbmxmdz09>

Meeting ID: 986 2130 8247 Passcode: 102020

## **Sunday recordings:**

The 9.30am service is currently being streamed on Zoom (see above) and recorded. The recording can be accessed from our PPTV Youtube site:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQsEU-cx-04ZRzMTAspQEXQ>

## **Prayer List:**

Juliet Borowiec, Ann Goulden, Ester Weeks, Hans Hodes, Pat savage-Jones, Ann English, Michelle Sadd, Mary Bambridge, Paula Steer, Veronica Laurie, Wendy Harrison, David Elliott, Paul Monaghan, Lucy McIlhenney, Theresa Samuels

In memory: John Foulkes, Oscar Jans

## **Collect for First Sunday of Advent:**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **Monthly Prayer Focus: Bovey Tracey Youth**

**Action- Pixie Corner Youth Café.**

It is timely that November happens to be the month when PPT generously reflects on the work

of our Youth Café. October has seen us return to normal again and welcome our young people back. We are now opening on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Maz Johnson, Robbie Donovan and Jackie Marks had, during the year, done all that they could to keep in touch and open up when possible.

Other very good news is that Jeremy Butcher, who led the work of the Café for many years, has re-joined our team with great enthusiasm as he is now working only part-time for local youth services. Also, just when we needed to make up staff numbers with Jeremy and Mark Sugden for our second evening Angie Blanche sought this opportunity to become a member of our team, also bringing with her very wide professional experience.

We are now as well placed as we could wish to offer the guidance and care that our young people look forward to when they join together for evenings of fun and enjoyment at Pixie Corner.

We have not been able to have our usual fund raising activities this year and we are very grateful to those who have continued to offer financial assistance, particularly our Town Council. Our Trustees met in September, when we held our AGM, and our thanks go to them for their constant input and encouragement. At this time when there are so many pressures on our young people the understanding and sense of togetherness which the Café offers is more vital than ever and we thank you for your support and prayers.

### **Prayers.**

- Pray for the young people of our Town in these testing times when there are so many opportunities to become involved in unfortunate thoughts and activities.
- Pray for the future of our endeavour through BTYA to provide a safe place for the young to gather with their friends where they are known and cared for by our experienced and dedicated staff.
- Pray for our team that they can continue to dedicate their time and understanding to all the young people who come to the Café and that they can keep abreast of the rules and regulations that encompass what we do. Pray also that new ways are found to reach out to those in need who have not found us.
- Pray for all those in our Town who over the years have given and continue to give generously both of their support and encouragement to BTYA.
- Pray for the Café to be used for meetings of groups from our local community so that it may act as an active hub.
- Pray for Wise Guys, led by Angie Blanche and Aaron Lodge, who meet in the Café for games and the study of scripture on alternate Monday evenings and pray that two more leaders come forward so that the group can meet weekly from January 2022. Please ring Angie on 07863 854013 for an informal chat.

### **Making Senses of the End of the World: Rev Ian Paul**

Sat 4 December 9.30-12.30pm. A morning of teaching on Zoom about what the New Testament says about the end of the world and why it is important for us to understand this well.

This teaching morning will explore the language the New Testament uses about the 'end of the world' (also known as 'eschatology') and why it is so important to understand it properly. We will look at:

- a. The background to this language in Jewish thinking
- b. Jesus' teaching in Matthew 24 and Mark 13
- c. The Rapture—what is it, and does the Bible really teach it
- d. What the New Testament says about 'tribulation'
- e. The beast, the antichrist, and the Millennium in Rev 20
- f. The significance of the State of Israel

We will be debunking some common myths, and seeing what the New Testament really teaches. And we will explore the pastoral importance of getting our thinking right on this important subject. There will be a chance for some interaction and for asking questions.

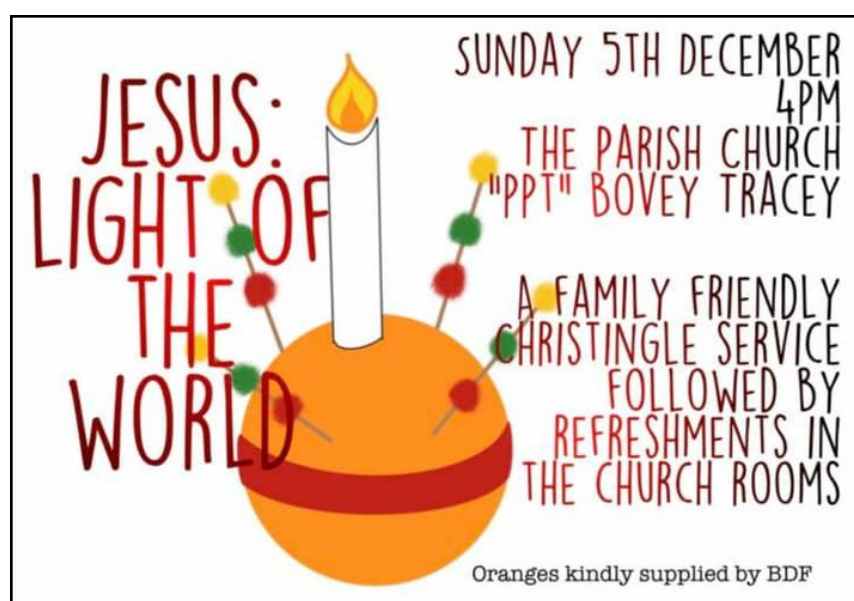
The session does not require any prior expert knowledge; we will be looking carefully at the text of the New Testament and what it says in its own context.

**Ian Paul** is a well-known biblical scholar and teacher. He has written extensively on eschatology and on the Book of Revelation, including the IVP Tyndale Commentary on Revelation, and the Grove booklet *Kingdom, Hope and the End of the World*.

Tickets cost £10 and can be [booked here](#).

<p><b>Mon 29 November: Ps 50, Isaiah 25.1-9</b> Pray for all those who work in harsh, dangerous or boring situations to remain safe and be valued for their labour.</p>
<p><b>Tue 30 November: Ps 147, John 12.20-2 St Andrew</b> Pray for the Mission of the church to make disciples of all nations to remain always our highest calling and priority</p>
<p><b>Wed 1 December: Ps 119.1-32, Isaiah 28.1-13</b> Pray for South Dartmoor Community College, its staff and students, and the work of chaplaincy to make progress and bring Christian witness to the school</p>
<p><b>Thu 2 December: Ps 42-43, Isaiah 28.14-end</b> Pray for the work of Open Doors, and for religious freedom of conscience to be respected in all societies and countries.</p>
<p><b>Fri 3 December:: Ps 25, Isaiah 29.1-14</b> Pray for the family of John Foulkes, whose funeral is being held at PPT today.</p>
<p><b>Sat 4 December:: Ps 9, Isaiah 29.15-end</b> Pray for the Town Market and Christmas lights ceremony to bring the community together in a safe and enjoyable way.</p>
<p><b>Sun 5 December: Ps 80, Matthew 11.2-11</b> Pray for the Christingle service this afternoon to be safe, and to bring hope and faith to families and children attending, and glory to Christ.</p>

<b>Christmas services at PPT Bovey &amp; Hennock</b>			
Sun 5 Dec	4.00pm	Christingle	PPT Bovey
Thu 9 Dec	7.30pm	Light up a Life	PPT Bovey
Mon 13 Dec	5/ 6.30pm	Bovey School Carols	PPT Bovey
Fri 17 Dec	4pm	Carols around the village	Hennock
Sat 18 Dec	4pm	Carols around the village	Teign Village
<b>Sun 19 Dec</b>			
	4.00pm	Carol Service	St Mary's Hennock
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	PPT Bovey
<b>Fri 24 Dec</b>		<b><i>Christmas Eve</i></b>	
	3.00pm	Farmyard Crib Service	Warmhill Farm
	5.00pm	Carols at the Crib (outdoor if dry)	PPT Bovey
	11.00pm	Midnight Communion by Candlelight	PPT Bovey
<b>Sat 25 Dec</b>		<b><i>Christmas Day</i></b>	
	9.30am	Christmas Day Service (all-age)	PPT Bovey
	11.00am	Christmas Communion	St Mary's, Hennock
<b>Sun 26 Dec</b>			
	10.00am	Holy Communion	PPT Bovey





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 sort code 30-96-06.

The Hennock bank account is:

*Please note that the Church office is no longer staffed, but ansaphones, emails and post will be checked regularly during the week. Contact the church wardens for details.*

*The Church Website contains details of all events, audio sermon files and documents for download: go to [www.pptbovey.church](http://www.pptbovey.church)*

*"PPT Bovey is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults.. If you are concerned that a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm please contact the Parish Safeguarding officer. If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police or local authority Children or Adults Services."*



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