



The vicar writes:

Lent begins this week, and we have a morning Communion and an evening prayer meeting on Ash Wednesday. I urge you to join in prayer, and to fast if you are able, as we face a deepening crisis in the Church of England and the Anglican Communion since the vote at General Synod last Thursday. This short note cannot hope to explain what has been happening, or what is at stake, but I want to assure you that PPT is a church where everyone is welcome, whatever your theological view or sexual orientation, that we strive to be a family where all can grow in love and godliness, and that we uphold the traditional and universal teaching of the church found in the bible, that marriage of a man and woman is the proper place for sexual intimacy. Please do speak to me if you are anxious or concerned about anything.

yours in Christ, Graham

February 2023		
19 Sun		Sunday before Lent: An unfair fight
		bible readings: Exodus 1.1-2.10, Acts 7.9-22
PPT	9.30am	Sunday Praise & Baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11.00am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5.00pm	Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's		Bible Readings: Ezek 47.1-2, John 4.1-42
	11.00am	Morning Prayer: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
20 Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer Zoom -Rev Graham Hamilton
21 Tue	9.00am	Morning Prayer Zoom- Rev Graham Hamilton
22 Wed	10.00am	Communion with imposition of Ashes in church
	1.00pm	Funeral of Louise Lavis in church
	7.30pm	Monthly Prayer meeting in the Church room & Zoom
23 Thu	7.00am	Men's Breakfast in Church Room
	12.30pm	Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship at St Mary's Abbotsbury
a / - /	7.30pm	Hennock PCC meeting at Leigh Farm
24 Fri	9.00am	Morning Prayer Zoomtbc
	9.45am	1st Steps in Church Room.
26 Sun		First Sunday of Lent: Wilderness calling
		bible readings: Exodus 3.1-4.17, Mark 1.9-13
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Canon Michael Sansom
	11.00am	Holy Communion: Canon. Michael Sansom
	5.00pm	Fellowship@5
St Mary's		Bible Readings: Exodus 1.1-2.10, Acts 7.9-22
	11.00am	Morning Worship: tbc

Click <u>here</u> to join Morning Prayer on Zoom, or enter the ID 986 2130 8247 and Passcode: 102020

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<u>The collection this week</u> will go to the Emergency relief of the victims of the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria, through Tear Fund.

Bella Stephens is also organising a **bake sale** at 10.30am on Sunday 26 February to raise funds for Tearfund. Please contact Rosie if you are able to help (07876 662138 *email:_familyworker@pptbovey.church*

We are postponing the mission focus on the Peninsula Gospel Partnership (https:// peninsulagospelpartnership.com/), until March.

Word Work: PGP Spring Conference is on Friday 10 March at St Andrew's Plymouth. Speaker is Andrew Sachs. Tickets £10 from <u>Eventbrite</u>.

Spree South West: https://www.spreesw.org/

Friday 23rd- Sunday 25th June 2023 at Westpoint Arena. Suitable for ages 8-17 years. £75 for the weekend to include camping, activities, groups and food (PPT are covering the cost of the food!) . Speak to Rosie for more details and booking code.

Alex Evans is fund-raising for Limb Power.

Alex, who attends Sunday Club at PPT, is raising funds for Limb Power. On March 25th he will be hiking across Dartmoor from Haytor to Heatree. For more information and to donate please click this link: <u>https://is.gd/P38yC8</u>

Ash Wednesday: (22 February)

There will be a Communion service in the Church at 10am, with imposition of ashes, and the **Monthly Prayer Meeting** will be held in the Church Room at 7.30pm. This will also be streamed on Zoom <u>here</u>. Graham will update on the Anglican crisis at the evening prayer meeting.

Teignbridge Local Plan Consultation:

We have until 13 March to comment for the last time on Teignbridge's draft Local Plan which will shape future development in the district until 2040.Copies of the Local Plan documentation are available in libraries, town and parish council offices, Forde House and on our website. Please submit responses online at www.teignbridge.gov.uk/ lpconsultation. or write to Local Plan Review, Spatial Planning and Delivery, Forde House,

Collect for the Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Prayer List:** Mary Bambridge, Kathleen Ennor, David Harris, Ann Hodder, Rob Martin, Rieta Murray, Ruth Parnell ,Tony Sammons, Laura Smith, Helen Wray

In Memory: Louie Lavis

Study Questions: Exodus 1-2 An Unfair Fight

Icebreaker: think of examples of people fighting against hopeless odds

Why should we study the Old Testament, when we have the gospels? cf 1 Cor 10.1-11)

Read Exodus 1.1-2.10

Why does Pharoah/the king of Egypt oppress the people of Israel? (vv 8-10)

What methods does he use? (vv 11-14, 15-20, 22)

What promises did God make to Abraham? (Gen 15.1-16)

How is God with the Israelites in their suffering? (vv 1.7, 1.20)

Who tries to thwart Pharoah's plans, and why? (vv. 1.17, 2.2, 2.6)

The midwives did what they could. Did they tell a white lie?

How does the mother of Moses bend Pharoah's rule? (See Heb 11.23)

How does Pharoah's daughter prepare Moses for his future? (Acts 7.21-22)

Mon 20 Feb: Ps 71, Jeremiah 1.

Pray for the residents of Tracey House to find suitable accommodation and care before its closure in April. Give thanks for its 40 year ministry, and pray that the staff may find new work.

Tue 21 Feb: Ps 73, Jeremiah 2. 1-13

Pray for the parish of St John the Evangelist, Bovey Tracey and St Luke's Milber, and the appointment of a new priest, so that they may flourish in the service of Christ.

Wed 22 Feb: Ash Wednesday Ps 38, Daniel 9.3-6,17-19.

Lament for the divisions come upon the Anglican Communion and the Church of England caused by false teaching, and pray for mercy, healing, repentance and reformation.

Thu 23 Feb: Ps 77, Jeremiah 2.14-32

Pray for the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship meeting this lunchtime, for godly wisdom in deciding what principled actions to take, and for the PCC of St Mary's Hennock meeting this evening.

Fri 24 Feb: Ps 3, Jeremiah 3.6-22

Pray for Graham and Dawn taking a week's break, and for building work at the Vicarage to make good progress

Sat 25 Feb: Ps 71, Jeremiah . 1-18

Pray for the work of the Peninsular Gospel Partnership uniting churches in the South-West, and give thanks for the weekly training at St Leonard's Exeter by Rev.Chris Keane and others.

Sun 26 Feb: Ps119.1-16, Jeremiah 18.1-11.

Pray for men and women to answer God's call, to use their spiritual gifts and serve him faithfully in their different ministries.

Applications:

Do we fear God more than human power? What little thing could we do? Do we think we really belong in Egypt?Are we too comfortable? (Heb 11.2-26)

Read Ex 2.11-25:

Why does Moses kill the Egyptian? What does Moses think of his identity/loyalty?

Why does the Hebrew slave reject Moses' intervention (v.14)

Has Moses made a dreadful mistake, or is this part of God's preparation?

Why does God finally hear and remember his Covenant with Abraham? vv 23-24

Applications:

How should we the church respond when the world puts us under pressure? Pray especially for Doctors, nurses and midwives, under pressure to end life rather than save it.

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