



Sunday 5 February 2023
@ PPT Bovey Tracey & St Mary's Hennock

The Vicar writes:

I will be travelling to London on Sunday afternoon for what everyone is expecting to be a stormy session of General Synod. Please pray for us, especially in the contentious debate on Wednesday afternoon. There is a prayer guide available in church, and this will be used on Wednesday morning at 10am, instead of the mid-week communion. You may also find [this video](#) from CEEC helpful. I will report back briefly on proceedings at the 5pm service on Sunday 12 February.

yours in Christ,
Graham

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5 Sun

3rd Sunday before Lent: *Best Man's Speech.*

PPT	9.30am	Bible Readings: Phil 1.12-21, John 3.22-36
	11.00am	Sunday Praise (all age) : Rev Graham Hamilton
	5.00pm	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	7.00pm	Prayer & Praise: Mr Jack Knightly
St Mary's		14-18's in Church room.
	11.00am	Bible Readings: Num.21.4-9, John 3.1-21
		Holy Communion: Canon Michael Sansom

6 Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer Zoom -tbc
	6.30pm	Wise Guys @Bovey Youth Cafe.
7 Tue	9.00am	Morning Prayer Zoom- tbc
8 Wed	10.00am	Prayers for Synod in the Church Room.
9 Thu	7.00am	Men's Breakfast in Church Room
10 Fri	9.00am	Morning Prayer Zoom- - Rev Graham Hamilton
	9.45am	1st Steps in Church Room.
	7.30pm	Christianity Explored in the church room

12 Sun

2nd Sunday before Lent: *Living Water*

PPT	9.30am	bible readings: Ezek 47.1-2, John 4.1-26
		Sunday Praise (Lord's Supper): Mrs Carolyn Laycock & Rev Graham Hamilton
	11.00am	Morning Prayer: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
	5.00pm	Prayer & Praise*: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's		Bible Readings: Phil 1.12-21, John 3.22-36
	11.00am	Morning Prayer: Rev Graham Hamilton

Click [here](#) to join Morning Prayer on Zoom, or enter the ID 986 2130 8247 and Passcode: 102020

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electoral roll, or find out more what it means to be part of the church family, then please complete a "Connect" card in church, or email office@pptbovey.church

Mission Focus for February is the Peninsula Gospel Partnership (<https://peninsulagospelpartnership.com/>), a network of local churches from different denominations who want to see a Christ-centred, Bible- teaching, people-loving church available to every community in Devon and Cornwall. The PGP course is a two year, weekly course, based at St Leonard' Exeter, teaching people to know and handle the bible better: many members of PPT have benefitted from the course. All gifts in the collection plate this month go to The Peninsula Gospel Partnership

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: <https://is.gd/P38yC8>

Ash Wednesday: (22 February)

There will a Communion service in the Church Room 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 [here](#).

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.

General Synod: please pray for the General Synod meeting in London 6- 9 February, and especially for the debate on Wed afternoon on the 'Prayers of Love & Faith" being proposed by the House of Bishops. Graham will report briefly on proceedings at the 5pm service on Sunday 12 February.

Quiz Night for Bovey Youth Cafe

There is a fundraising Quiz night on Sat 11th Feb at 7.30pm at the Dolphin Hotel. Phone 07770-769982 to book a table. Teams of up to 4, £5 per person payable on the door.

Food available from the bar from 6.00pm.

Spring Bulletin contributions to Camilla by 12th Feb please.

email: [office @pptbovey.church](mailto:office@pptbovey.church)

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 third Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Prayer List: Mary Bambridge, David Harris, Ann Hodder, Diana James, Rob Martin, Rieta Murray, Ruth Parnell, Laura Smith, Theresa Samuels, Helen Wray

In Memory: Graham Mee, Louie Lavis

Study Questions:

Icebreaker: What are the best (or worst) best men's speeches you have heard?

Read John 3.22-36. Why do John's disciples complain about the 'success' of Jesus and his disciples? How should we react if another church/minister seems to prosper while we decline? (cf Phil 1.12-18, 1 Cor 4.6-10)

<p>Mon 6 Feb Ps 30, 2 Chronicles 2.1-16</p>
<p>Pray for the meeting of General Synod in London this week -for time for prayerful discussion rather than adversarial debate, for damaging fracture to be avoided and gospel truth upheld.</p>
<p>Tue 7 Feb Ps 36, 2 Chronicles 3.</p>
<p>Give thanks for the Community food hub, Citizen's Advice link and warm space each Tuesday at the Methodist church and pray that many would find the practical help and company they need.</p>
<p>Wed 8 Feb: Ps 34, 2 Chronicles 5.</p>
<p>Pray for the scheduled debate on <i>Prayers of Love and Faith</i> at General Synod, for wisdom, courage and faith in upholding gospel truth against the spirit of the age, and averting schism.</p>
<p>Thu 9 Feb Ps 37, 2 Chronicles 6.1-21.</p>
<p>Pray for the work of the Peninsular Gospel Partnership uniting churches in the South-West, and give thanks for the weekly training provided at St Leonard's Exeter by Rev.Chris Keane and others.</p>
<p>Fri 10 Feb Ps 31, 2 Chronicles 6. 22-end.</p>
<p>Pray for the Christianity Explored course continuing this evening, for people to come and find deeper understanding and living faith in the Lord Jesus. For Graham leading</p>
<p>Sat 11 Feb Ps 42, 2 Chronicles 7.</p>
<p>Pray for children on half term holiday, for parents under pressure, and for resolution of the wildcat teachers' strikes affecting many schools.</p>
<p>Sun 12 Feb Ps 100, Job 38.1-21.</p>
<p>Give thanks for the grace of the gospel and pray that good news may reach many who think they are beyond the love of God.</p>

How does John the Baptist react? What does John see as his calling? vv 27-30

What are the implications of calling Jesus the Bridegroom? Look up Jeremiah 2.2, Isaiah 62.4, Eph 5.25-26, Rev 21.2. Who is the Bride?

In what ways is Jesus superior to John?

- i. His origin v.31 (see also 1.1-4, 3.13)
- ii. His insight v.32
- iii. His teaching v.34 - see also Jn 6.62, 14.10, 17.8
- iv. His relation to God v.35
- v. His authority v.35

What does the Bridegroom give his bride? v.36, cf Rev 19.7-8

Pray for Jesus to receive the worship and glory due to his name, and for the church to make herself ready for His coming.

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go to www.pptbovey.church*

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someone, please contact the police or local
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