



PPT: the Parish Church of St Peter, St Paul
& St Thomas of Canterbury, Bovey Tracey
and St Mary's, Hennock



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For freedom Christ has set you free! (Gal 5.1)

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Letter from the Vicar:

Freed to serve

My apologies for the late publication of this issue, which I had intended for the beginning of Lent: several events have overtaken me, not least the continuing slow progress on the works at the Vicarage, and the turmoil in the Church of England following the publication of the House of Bishops' Draft Prayers of Love and Faith.

You will have noticed that we have started a sermon series through the book of Exodus, which should take us to the Feast of Pentecost. Exodus is the story of how God rescued his people from slavery in Egypt, through the leadership of Moses, brought them to worship him at Mount Sinai and build a tabernacle (a portable tent-temple). They had been slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, but the LORD commanded and compelled Pharaoh to "let my people go!"

The LORD did not bring them to the border of Egypt to let them go their own way, but led them (eventually) to a land flowing with milk and honey, as he had promised. It seems to have proved easier to take the slaves out of the heart of Egypt than to take Egypt out of the heart of the slaves, for they resisted Moses and rebelled against the LORD, but the LORD's purpose was to take a people who would serve and worship him.

Exodus is worth studying because it sets a paradigm (model) for how God saves his people. What Moses did for the Israelites, Jesus did for us - and more:

- Moses instituted the Passover, Jesus is our passover lamb (1 Cor 5.7)
- Moses led through the Red Sea, Jesus through the waters of death (1 Cor 10)
- Moses fed them with manna, Jesus feeds us with living bread (Jn 6.32)
- Moses built the Tabernacle for God's glory, Jesus is our Tabernacle (Jn 1.14)



- Even the Plagues point forward to the judgements of God (Revelation 6-16). We too have been set free to serve: as Paul says in Romans 6:22

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This paradoxical understanding of Freedom is beautifully expressed in the BCP Collect for Peace:

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, **whose service is perfect freedom**; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

But this understanding of freedom is the complete antithesis of our culture's view, which regards the freedom of the individual to discover and express themselves as the supreme value, and all claims to higher authority are viewed with hostility and suspicion. Such freedom is answerable to no-one. The world sees the good laws of God as burdensome chains. Only in the power of the Holy Spirit do we find the strength to fulfil God's good law and discover true freedom.

I believe that this conflict is at the heart of the current controversies in the Church of England. Are we willing to submit to the eternal word of God? The Prayers of Love and Faith proposed by the House of Bishops try to avoid answering the world's question: 'Can we do what we like?' and satisfy no-one. At the same time they blunt the glorious gospel message which alone offers true freedom from sin. The PCC of PPT has written a letter to the Bishop expressing our dismay at these proposals, and calling on the House of Bishops to think again.

As we work out how to face the challenges ahead, it would be very helpful for me if you would complete the short congregational survey being issued on 19 March. I have in mind to plan a sermon series for June, and study material for small groups, to give us 'Faith in the Future', whichever way the Church of England decides to go. I want to repeat my assurance 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 will uphold the traditional and

universal teaching of the church found in the bible, that the proper place for sexual intimacy is only in the marriage of a man and woman.

In the meantime we continue to invest in the life of our church community. At its last meeting the PCC of PPT voted to appoint an architect, Julie Boulton, to oversee the project for glass doors in the South Porch, which should now move forward quickly. We have also appointed a contractor to renew the wiring and lighting in the church (which is annoying us all).

You can find out more about all these matters at the PPT Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Saturday 20 May. If you wish to vote, please make sure you have registered on the electoral roll by 2 May.

yours in Christ,

Graham

From the registers:

Our condolences to the families of:
Anne Brown
John Little
Louie Lavis
Graham Mee
Marion Tyrie
whose funerals were held in Bovey and Hennock in recent months
Congratulations to the families of
Joshua Knightly
Juliette Coker
who were baptised at PPT recently

Mission Focus.

Each month we have a different focus for our prayers and mission giving. Our focus in March is the **Peninsular Gospel Partnership**, in April is **Leprosy Mission**, and in May is **Falcon Camps**. If you wish to make a donation you can put cash in the collection plate on Sunday, or use the contactless payment device, or make an online donation through the Church Bank account: please name the mission focus in the reference box.

Anna Chaplaincy Update



Anna Chaplaincy is a charity offering training, networking and support to those who would like to offer high quality spiritual care to elderly people and those with dementia. It is a flexible approach to ministry amongst older people which is offered to those with strong, little or no faith.

Why now?

For the first time ever there are now more people aged over 60 and above than there are under 18 in Britain. The number of people over 85 is expected to double in the next 20 years and many people (850,00 in 2014) are estimated to be living with dementia. Bovey Tracey has a high percentage of elderly residents.

The time is also ripe for a widespread dedicated chaplaincy to older people because of the growing understanding of the significance of this period of life in terms of spiritual care.

I spent last year training to be an Anna Chaplain and on 18th December I was commissioned in Exeter by the Bishop of Crediton, The Rt. Reverend Jackie Searle. (see picture above).

My ambition is to work in Bovey Tracey, firstly with those former members of our

congregation who can no longer attend our services due to sickness or disability and then with the elderly in our wider community.

I cannot do this on my own and will need a team of volunteers to work with me, these volunteers will undergo training and become Anna Friends. So, if anyone feels drawn to this ministry and would like to join me then please do let Graham or me know.

What will we be doing?

There are essentially four key tasks involved in helping the elderly: -

- Helping them to transcend difficulty, disability and loss
- To help them search for final meanings
- To find intimacy with God
- To have hope

We will, therefore, be spending our time visiting them regularly (in their own homes or a care home), offering them companionship; conversation; listening to them and supporting them in prayer.

Jill Hosford

Coronation Weekend: 6-8 May



The Coronation of King Charles III will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6 May. An additional bank holiday has been set for Monday 8 May. The nation came together to honour Queen Elizabeth at the time of her funeral in September, but we may not be sure how to mark a coronation - not many of us will remember the last one. We may not fully appreciate the significance of a national leader being crowned in church.

The Church of England has prepared a book of Daily Prayers for the 28 days from Easter to the Coronation which can be used at home: paper copies are available for £1, or free digitally.

The Bell Ringers are planning to 'ring for the King' on Coronation Day, but how else should we mark this occasion?

I recently attended a national Church Webinar, which offered many suggestions for local churches to consider. The [Coronation Big Lunch](#) is an opportunity to draw people into closer community to celebrate.

[The Big Help Out](#) is a national campaign to encourage voluntary service in the community.

St Mary's Hennock is planning a Thanksgiving service at 11am on Sunday 7 May, followed by a Bring & Share lunch in the Village Hall, and Teign Village are

planning a garden party at the football field that afternoon.

Bovey Town Council has no plans to mark the Coronation, as the Councillors are focussed on local elections on Thursday 4 May. A few street parties are being planned, but if anything larger is to happen, it probably falls to us as a church community to organise it, and we cannot expect those who work hard to sustain our regular activities to take on extra burdens.

I am therefore looking for volunteers who might be willing to take a lead in some of the following options:

- i. A community screening of the Coronation in the Church Room on Sat 6 May, for those who do not want to watch alone. No TV licence is required!
- ii. A United service at PPT, followed by a *Coronation Big Lunch* (Bring & Share) in the Marquee/Church Room.
- iii. A *Big Help Out* on Bank Holiday Monday, spring-cleaning the church and grounds, to assist the regular Monday group of hard-working men and women.

I hope that we can make decisions on a programme that we can sustain before Easter (9 April).

Asbury University, Kentucky; Revival?

On February 8 chapel service for students at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky (viewable online [here](#)) concluded with an invitation for students to receive prayer. Dozens stayed, worship leaders continued to play music, and even more returned. Two weeks later, it has yet to conclude. Evenings now see [overflow crowds](#) spill onto the steps of the Hughes Auditorium (seating capacity: 1,489) with an up to three hour wait to enter. A smaller 375-seat auditorium has also been filled, as has the 660-seat Estes Chapel at Asbury Theological Seminary (a separate, but collegial institution) across the street, and the Great Commission Fellowship at Wilmore United Methodist Church has hosted an additional overflow site. For a town of only 6,000 people, that is a significant turnout. People bus in from neighboring colleges and adjacent states.

“It was a simple, regular chapel in which students stayed to pray and engaged in a measure of repentance and brokenness,” Dr. W. Brian Shelton, Chair of the Christian Studies and Philosophy Department at Asbury University, shared in a telephone interview. “The older people in the back offer a great measure of credibility because they have been praying for this. Essentially they offer an affirmation that this is real.”

Shelton tells that “people from all over began coming to Wilmore in order to pray in the auditorium of Asbury. They came to intercede for loved ones, to be healed, to find encouragement in their brokenness. And they just kept coming. I’ve never seen so many people here at Asbury University.”

The happening have attracted national media in the USA— the *Washington Post* picked up [Religion News Service](#) coverage, [Fox News](#) and [NBC News](#) quickly followed with their own reports.

Even those who experienced earlier revivals note that the sheer scope of them wasn’t fully visible until well after they concluded. Such timing is at the discretion of the Holy Spirit, and



those changed through revival can only seek to be his willing providential agents.

“Revivals happen when people inside the church repent; awakenings happen when people outside the church repent,” commented Dr. Kenneth J. Collins, professor of Historical Theology and Wesley Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary, in an email interview (Collins is a longtime member of IRD’s Board of Directors).

Participants tell of a deep sense of joy, but the prayer and worship itself is quiet. Those concerned at the prospect of excessive exuberance can themselves calm down.

Revivals begin with conviction in the hearts of those present: personal repentance is an initial spark that catches fire. Repentance demands an acknowledgement that the problem is within *me*.

“People are coming because they are hungry for God,” Asbury University’s Shelton, an Anglican, describes. “COVID, political and social divisions have wearied our nation. They have prayed from home but they are looking for a greater source of hope, and they have traveled to this space in a way that has surprised us all.” I look forward to it spreading far. God is indeed full of surprises and I will hope to have ears to hear.

Events & Notes

A Foretaste of Heaven.

From a Festival of Praise at the Royal Albert Hall.

A thousand strong mixed choir in tiered seats, rising high against the wall at one end of the hall, ladies in white blouses and black skirts, men in white shirts and black trousers, all harmonising and perfectly in tune, as with strong voice they led us in praising the Lord with the songs of Zion, old and new. Angelic in appearance and sound.

The main body of the building was full of people from different denominations, different countries, from the cities, the towns and the countryside. The old, the middle aged and the young. Some in wheelchairs, some on crutches, some needing physical or emotional support and others with various special needs. What diversity but what unity, as the whole assembled multitude sang from their hearts:-

“Thank you Jesus, Thank you Jesus,
Thank you Lord for loving me,
You went to Calvary, and there
You died for me,
Thank you Lord, for loving me.”
(Hymn 633- Mission Praise).

Contributed by David Horton.

Ring for the King Campaign

Have you ever considered trying the age old art of bell ringing? Are you perhaps a lapsed ringer?

The Devon Association of Ringers and The Guild of Devonshire Ringers are supporting a national campaign by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR) to recruit and train more bell ringers to “Ring for the King.” Church bells will ring out across the land on May 6th 2023 in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III, but more ringers are needed to help mark this historic occasion. If this is something that may be of interest to you, please contact our local Tower Captain, Chris Dell (chrdell@gmail.com), speak with one of the bellringers, or visit www.devonbells.co.uk, www.devonringers.org.uk or call 07391 217669

We also do handbell practice on Mondays in the church at 6.30. This is method ringing rather than tunes at the moment but we plan on doing Christmas Carols for this year.



What's on at PPT Bovey & St Mary's

see the weekly notice sheet for details of regular midweek services and events
March 2023

19 Sun		Mothering Sunday: <i>Mother knows best?</i>
PPT	9.30am	Readings: Galatians 4.19-5.1, Mark 3.31-35
	11.00am	Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5.00pm	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton.
	6.00pm	Prayer & Praise. Rev Graham Hamilton
	7.00pm	Youth Alpha in Church Room.
St Mary's		14-18s at Church Room PPT.
	11.00am	Bible Readings: tbc
		Holy Communion: Rev Paul Reynolds
26 Sun		Passion Sunday. <i>Don't harden your heart.</i>
PPT	9.30am	bible readings: Exodus 8.20-10.29, Hebrews 3.7-15
	11.00am	Sunday Praise (HC): Mrs Carolyn Laycock
	5.00pm	Morning Prayer: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
St Mary's		Fellowship @ Five
	11.00am	Bible readings: Acts 20.13-37, Luke 24.44-49
		Holy Communion: Rev. Graham Hamilton
31 Fri	10am	Funeral of Marion Tyrie: PPT
April		
2		Palm Sunday. <i>Passover and Purity.</i>
	9.30am	Bible Readings: Exodus 11.1-12.36, 1 Cor.5.1-13
	11.00am	Sunday Praise (all age Communion): Rev Graham Hamilton
	5.00pm	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's		Prayer and Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton.
	11.00am	Bible readings: Exodus 8.20-10.29, Hebrews.3.7-15
		Morning Prayer: Mrs Carolyn Laycock.
3 Mon	12.30pm	Friendship Lunch at Stover Golf Club
5 Wed	10am	Holy Communion in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting: Church Room & on Zoom
6 Thu		Maundy Thursday
	7.30pm	Holy Communion in Church: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
7 Fri		Good Friday
	12 noon	Hour at the Cross at St Mary's Hennock
	6pm	Good Friday service at PPT Bovey
8 Sat		Holy Saturday
	10am	Easter Trail in Mill Marsh Park

9 Sun		Easter Sunday: <i>Crossing from death to Life</i> bible readings: Exodus 13.17-14.31, Matt 28.1-7.
PPT	9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Easter Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton. Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton. Prayer and Praise (HC): Rev Graham Hamilton.
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible Readings: Exodus 13.17-14.31, Matt 28.1-7 Holy Communion: Rev David Harris
16 Sun		Easter 2: <i>Moaning about Manna</i> bible readings: Exodus 15.22-16.35, John 6.25-40
PPT	9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Sunday Praise: Rev David Harris Holy Communion: Rev David Harris Fellowship @ 5: tbc
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible Readings: Exodus 15.1-21, Acts 2.14, 22-32 Morning Worship: tbc
23 Sun		Easter 3: <i>Prevailing in Prayer.</i> bible readings: Exodus 17, Acts 4.23-32,
PPT	9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's	11.00am	bible readings:Exodus 15.22-16.35, John 6.25-40 Holy Communion: Rev David Harris.
Sat 29	12 noon	Wedding of James Bishop & Louise Claxton
30 Sun		Easter 4: <i>Godly Administration.</i> Bible readings: Exodus 18, Acts 6.1-7.
	9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm 7.00pm	Sunday Praise: Canon Michael Sansom Morning Worship: Canon Michael Sansom Fellowship@5: 14-18s in the Church Room
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible Readings: Exodus 17, Acts 4.23-32 Morning Prayer:Rev Graham Hamilton.
May		
3 Wed	7.30pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting
7 Sun		Easter 5: <i>Coronation Weekend</i> bible readings: tbc
PPT	9.30am 11.00am 12 noon 5.00pm	Sunday Praise (All Age): Rev Graham Hamilton Holy Communion:Rev Graham Hamilton Bring & Share Lunch in the Church room & marquee Fellowship @ Five: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's	11.00am	bible readings: tbc Holy Communion: Can. Michael Sansom

14 Sun		Easter 6: <i>Royal Priesthood.</i>
PPT	9.30am	bible readings: Exodus 19-20, 1 Pet.2 1-6 Sunday Praise(HC): Mrs Carolyn Laycock & Rev Graham Hamilton
	11.00am	Morning Worship: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
	5.00pm	Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's		Bible Readings: tbc
	11.00am	Morning Prayer: Rev Graham Hamilton.
18 Thurs		Ascension Day
	7.00am	Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Ascension day service at St Mary's Hennock
20 Sat	10am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Church Room
21 Sun		Sunday after Ascension. <i>Unholy Cow!</i>
PPT	9.30am	bible readings: Exodus 32.1-36, Acts 7.37-54 Sunday Praise : Rev Graham Hamilton
	11.00am	Morning Prayer: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5.00pm	Prayer & Praise:
St Mary's		Bible Readings: Exodus 19-20, 1 Pet.2 1-6 Morning Prayer: Mrs Carolyn Laycock.
28 Sun		Pentecost: <i>Glory & Presence.</i>
PPT	9.30am	Bible Readings: Exodus 33.1-34,29-35. Lk 24.45-53 Sunday Praise: Rev Paul Reynolds.
	11.00am	Morning Prayer: Rev Paul Reynolds.
	5.00pm	Lord's Supper: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's		Bible Readings: Exodus 32.1-36, Acts 7.37-54
	11.00am	Morning Prayer: Rev Graham Hamilton
June		
4 Sun		Trinity Sunday: <i>Temple & Spirit.</i>
PPT	9.30am	bible readings: Exodus 35.4-36.7, 1 Cor.6.19-20 Sunday Praise(All Age Worship): Rev Graham Hamilton
	11.00am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5.00pm	Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's		Bible Readings: Exodus 33.1-34,29-35. Lk 24.45-53
	11.00am	Morning Prayer: Rev Paul Reynolds.
11 Sun		First after Trinity: <i>Worship & Glory.</i> bible readings: Exodus 40, John 4.19-26

Tracey House Closure

It is with huge regret and heavy hearts that we must inform you that Tracey House will be closing on 3rd April 2023. We have been living and breathing Tracey House since 1989 when we joined Cynthia and Bob in Partnership. Living on site for so many years enabled us to have a very close connection to the home. Our children grew up here, worked here, their friends worked here. We held coffee mornings at Christmas and Garden Parties in the summer it's really been great fun. We have loved all the challenges and the very many relationships we have formed with residents, families, and staff. We are proud to have provided a good quality of life to so many in their later years. Sadly, the last few years of operating under Covid restrictions, significant staff recruitment, sickness issues and now in an economic crisis has made the challenge too great for us to continue. In addition, George is well past his retirement age and Jo fast approaching hers and neither of us in full health.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all at PPT for your love and support over so many years. We have hugely appreciated the Communion Services most recently from Rev David Harris and remotely during Covid with massive effort from Carolyn Laycock and before that from Colin Turner. These were very special to us at a time when we were very isolated and it has been a complete joy to have a real live Reverend in our midst this last year. Christmas Carol singing and Harvest gifts have been much appreciated. You have always

supported members of your church during their stay with us as well as supporting us as a home in our many Charity fund raising events. We would value your prayers going forward for all our residents to find new suitable accommodation and for our staff to find alternative rewarding employment.

Kind regards

Jo and George Zakrzewski



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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

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