



**Sunday 2 July 2023**  
@ PPT Bovey Tracey & St Mary's Hennock



The vicar writes:

This morning at 9.30am Rosie will be reporting on the Spree conference last weekend. At 11am we will be commissioning Carolyn Laycock as an Anna Friend. Copies of 'Church of Tomorrow', our Big Summer read are now ready for collection.

yours in Christ,  
Graham

**2 Sun**

**4th Sunday after Trinity: Secret Wisdom**

PPT

9.30am  
11.00am  
5.00pm  
7.00pm

Bible Readings: 1 Cor.2.6-16, John 15.18-27  
Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton.  
Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton.  
Fellowship @5: Rev Graham Hamilton  
14-18s group in the church room

St Mary's

11.00am

Bible Readings: 1 Cor 1.18-2.5, John 16.1-10  
Morning Worship: Can. Michael Sansom.

3 Mon

9.00am  
2.30pm  
6.30pm

Morning Prayer on Zoom  
Funeral of Joan Codner in church  
Wise Guys @Bovey Youth cafe

5 Wed

10.00am  
7.30pm

Holy Communion in Church: Rev Graham Hamilton  
Monthly Prayer Meeting in the church room

6 Thu

7.00am  
9.30am

Men's Breakfast in Church Room  
Sewing Group in the Church Room

7 Fri

9.00am  
9.45am

Morning Prayer on Zoom  
1st Steps in Church room

**9 Sun**

**5th after Trinity: Building the Temple**

PPT

9.30am  
11.00am  
5.00pm

Bible readings: 1 Cor. 3, Matthew 7.24-28  
Sunday Praise: Rev David Harris  
Holy Communion: Rev David Harris.  
Fellowship @ 5: Rev David Harris.

St Mary's

11.00am

Bible Readings: 1 Cor. 2.6-16, John 15.18-27  
Holy Communion: David Witchell

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

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### **Our Mission Focus for July is Compassion UK**

All gifts in the collection plate this month go to the work of Compassion UK, a Christian agency that enables families to sponsor children in poor countries through the work of local churches. We will be working with churches in Kenya.

### **Big Church Read: Church of Tomorrow by John McGinley**

Does the Church have a future in England? John McGinley's book helps us to understand how our culture is changing rapidly, but assures that the gospel remains true and has life-changing power. If you ordered a copy, please collect it from Camilla, or ask Graham for a loan copy.

### **Funeral of Joan Codner**

The funeral of Joan Codner will be held at PPT on Monday at 2.30pm. Even if you are not able to attend the funeral, you will be very welcome at the refreshments at the Moorland Hotel, Ilington at 4pm..

### **Monthly Prayer meeting**

The monthly prayer meeting is held at 7.30pm in the church room, and also on Zoom. We will be praying for the forthcoming General Synod, for the work of Compassion UK, and for our local summer plans.

### **United Service: Sunday 16 July**

Advance notice that we are planning a United Service at the Scout Hut in Mill Marsh Park on Sunday 16 July at 10.30am, followed by a picnic. Bring deckchairs or rugs. Our guest preacher is Rev Rob Fowler, from Compassion UK.

### **Chris & Verity Murphy:**

Congratulations to Rev Chris Murphy who has been appointed as vicar of Holy Trinity Devonport, Auckland, New Zealand. Verity's family live nearby so this will be a help to them.

### **Trinity 4**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Prayer List:** Mary Bambridge, Martha Hamilton, Frances Marrow, Richard Mann, Charlie Morley, Paul Mountford, Laura Smith, Frances Swan, Cilla Turner, Rosemary Tyrrell, Helen Wray

**In Memory:** Joan Codner

## Study Questions: 1 Corinthians 2.6-16

### Ice-breakers:

What does Wisdom mean to you? Does it mean the same today as it did to Ancient Greeks or to Jews? (see Proverbs 1-2)  
or Is Christianity anti-intellectual?

Read 1 Corinthians 1.18-2.5 again. Why does God want to 'destroy the wisdom of the wise' (v.19). How does God destroy this wisdom? (v.27-30)

Read 1 Corinthians 2.6-10.

Who are the rulers of this age (v.6)? Why did they crucify Jesus (v8)?

What is God in his wisdom planning 'for our glory' (v7) and 'preparing for those who love him' (v9)? What decisive event has opened the way for this plan to succeed?

Read 1 Corinthians 2.10-16

Paul's use of the word 'spirit' can seem confusing: he may be deliberately using the vocabulary of the Corinthians but giving it new meaning.

What does it mean today to say that someone is 'Spiritual'?

How is a man's spirit like God's spirit? v.11

What does this passage teach us about the Spirit of God? (vv 10-13, v16 cf Isa 40.13))

Who can receive the Spirit of God? (vv 6, 9) (cf Acts 2.38, Acts 10.37-45)

In v.14-15 Paul compares the man without the spirit (NIV) / the natural man (ESV) (*psychikoi*) with the spiritual (*pneumatikoi*).

If the natural man cannot make sense of spiritual things, what is the point of preaching the gospel to them? (2 Cor 4.1-6)

Paul is preparing the ground to tackle the disunity (chapter 3) and spiritual arrogance (chapter 4) among the Corinthians.

What are the temptations or dangers of thinking that we are spiritual? (1 Cor 4.7)

What does it mean to have the mind of Christ? (v.16) ( cf Philipians 2.1-8)

Application: pray that we may always remember that the Spirit is God's gift to those who repent, believe and love the Lord, and grow in the true wisdom of humble obedience to the Lord.

**Mon 3 July Ps.92, 2 Sam.15.17-21**

Pray for the family of Joan Codner, whose funeral is held at PPT this afternoon.

**Tue 4 July Ps.89.1-18, Nehemiah 5.**

Pray for all those who are homeless; those who are refugees; those who are fleeing their homes because of violence, persecution, loss of food and water supplies and those who live on our city streets. Give thanks to all the voluntary organisations trying to help them.

**Wed 5 July Ps.119.105-128, Nehemiah 6.1-7.4**

Pray that the Monthly Prayer meeting would be better supported, and that we would unite in fervent prayer for the unity of the church and fruitfulness in mission.

**Thu 6 July Ps.92, Nehemiah 7.73-end of 8**

Give thanks to Dawn for setting up the weekly sewing and craft group; for providing a space where we can relax, drink tea, eat cake and enjoy the company and conversation of others.

**Fri 7 July Ps.88, Nehemiah 9.1-23**

Pray for Graham and all the members of General Synod meeting in York from today until Tuesday 11 July- for honest and realistic debates to address the dangers of decline and disunity in the church.

**Sat 8 July: Ps.97, Nehemiah 9.24-end.**

We pray for the fair resolution of the Junior Doctors' strike, that emergency treatment will still be given and that the safety of patients will not be compromised whilst the Doctors are absent.

**Sun 9 July: Ps.55, 1-15,18-22. Deut.24.10-end.**

Pray that the teaching and pastoral ministry at PPT would be faithful and fruitful, building us up as God's Temple to live for God's glory.

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