



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



# Autumn Bulletin

## September- November 2023



*I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare  
and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jer 29.11)*

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# Letter from the Vicar:

## *Faith in the future*

Dear friends,  
the autumn is always a busy time after the summer break. Children return to school, and parents to work. Farmers and gardeners gather in the harvest, and we prepare for our biggest occasions in church - Remembrance and Christmas. Yet amidst the busy activity there is much anxiety. Many families are struggling with rising prices, soaring rents or mortgage costs: you can read about the help offered by the Bovey Food Hub on p.5 of this bulletin. The wider world is full of intractable problems; there is continuing industrial action in the NHS and railways, the war in Ukraine drags on, and we have apparently just had the hottest July in 125,000 years.



There is a growing mental health crisis, and apparently [2 million people in the UK have been on anti-depressants for 5 years or more](#).

The secular world once had confidence in human wisdom, technology and the inevitability of Progress: that confidence is fading fast.

[What hope can we offer?](#) Advent is normally the season when we think about Christian hope, but Christmas often overwhelms that short season, so this term we are planning some special

sessions called "Faith in the Future" at the 5pm service on the first Sundays of September, October and November, to be repeated on Friday evenings in the church room and on Zoom.

Jesus came proclaiming good news, and at the heart of that message was the lively expectation of an end to the world's troubles, when God's rule is established over all, and evil is decisively judged and destroyed.

"There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, **straighten up and raise your heads**, because your redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21.25-28)

As Christians we do not have easy answers to the complexities of politics, economics and climate change, but we do have hope - faith in the future - because we know the Author of History, and we have been told how the story ends.

We also need to face the fact that the Church in the West is also in deep trouble, after 70 years of relentless decline. Will there be any Faith in the future? Jesus called us to stand straight and raise our heads. So we need to understand the causes of decline, the potential for growth and heed his call to persevere in faith, love and obedience, even as the culture around us is changing and becoming more hostile. We'll be thinking about the distinctive lifestyle of Christians, and the call to ..

..honour both marriage and singleness, as we return to Paul's letter to Corinth in the morning services.

In an age of anxiety, we have an opportunity to show the world an alternative life filled with faith and hope in the eternal God, who created all things and has a plan to restore all things through his Son and his faithful people, the church. Let us renew our hope this season, and put our faith into action.

yours in Christ,  
Graham

## Anna Chaplaincy Team

Our congratulations to the new Chaplaincy Friends who were commissioned by the Bishop of Plymouth on Sunday 11 June at St David's Exeter: the team now comprises  
Mrs Jill Hosford (Chaplain)  
Mrs Cheryl Newport  
Mrs Sarah Sykes  
Mrs Joan Marsden  
Mrs Sylvia Francis  
Mrs Carolyn Laycock



The Brodsky Quartet and friends: photo by Bim

LOUDER

Worship  
Celebration

September 10th  
6.30pm - 8.30pm

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# Caring for God's Acre

[www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk)

Have you noticed that the churchyards in Bovey and Hennock have not been as closely mowed as usual? This is not indolence on the part of the volunteers who care for our churchyards, but a deliberate policy to let our churchyards become a safer haven for wildlife.

We have been following the advice of 'Caring for God's Acre'. There is a sign in the church porch at Hennock which explains that:

'We are leaving some areas of the churchyard un-mown to allow native wildflowers to grow naturally, to restore some of the bio-diversity that has been lost since the second World War, to provide food plants for bees and other important pollinators, to provide a habitat for invertebrates and other small creatures, to improve the food chain for birds, hedgehogs and others.'

The Hennock churchyard team of volunteers (pictured here) met with Mrs Nicky Green, who advised us on how better to care for our churchyard.

The Hennock churchyard team have continued to make sure that there are clear grass paths through the graves, and families can trim around the graves of loved ones.



## From the registers:

Our condolences to the families of:  
whose funerals were held in Bovey and Hennock in recent months

Miss Kathleen Ennor  
Mrs Joan Codner  
Mr Brian Brett  
Mrs Lora Smith

## Mission Focus.

Each month we have a different focus for our prayers and mission giving.

Our focus in September is **Choices Pregnancy Crisis Centre**, in October is **Tearfund**, and in November is **Bovey Youth Cafe**. 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.

# Feeding Devon

## Bovey Food Hub and Warm Space

**The food hub** (an affordable food club) is open every Tuesday between 12.00-1.00pm and runs from the Methodist Church. Membership is free, and unlike a foodbank, no referral is needed. Membership is for all who are affected by the cost-of-living increase, on a low income, receiving benefits or whose finances are impacted by an unexpected expense. At the hub you can register and pay £5 for a full bag of shopping (bag provided).

## **The Warm Space**

Is open to anyone; you don't have to come along to shop. We have delicious homemade soup, bread, drinks, and biscuits. The "Warm Space" is for anyone, those who want to meet new people, have a chat, and have a warming bowl of soup from 11.30am-1pm. Please feel free to pop a few pennies in our donation basket.



Rachel and Stella West-Harling set up the project. Stella (MBE) is the founder of Feeding Devon, Dartmoor Community Kitchen, and Food Hub.

<https://communitykitchenhub.org.uk> – the new outdoor growing project at the kitchen is amazing – look out for more information in the autumn church update. We are part of **Feeding Devon** <https://feedingdevon.org.uk>, which is a part of Feeding Britain <https://feedingbritain.org/what-works-centre/affordable-food-clubs/>

We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you are passionate, that no one should have to face the choice of "heat or eat", please come along and join us. There is an induction process to go through, your commitment to the project, is what suits your availability.

## **Citizens Advice Bureau**

Between 10.30am and 12noon anyone can pop in, speak to one of the facilitators, who will then book you an online appointment to see and advisor, usually on the day.

If you would like more information, please contact

Angie on 07863 854013 or

[Angie.blanche1970@gmail.com](mailto:Angie.blanche1970@gmail.com)

or speak to Jules Murray or Rachel Knightly.



We don't waste anything at the food hub, anything that hasn't been purchased, either goes to another Food Hub or gets put into the Community Fridge, which is on site. The whole project is staffed by volunteers, but overseen by our lovely local manager Rachel Harrison-French.

## Don't Screen us out!

Heidi Crowter is 27 years old and has Down syndrome. She has been campaigning for a number of years to change UK legislation permitting abortion up to birth if prenatal tests indicate certain abnormalities, including Down syndrome. The usual limit in the UK for terminating a pregnancy is 24 weeks.

Government figures show that in 2020 there were 3083 abortions performed under "ground E" of the Abortion Act 1967 (where there is substantial risk that if the child were born it would suffer from such physical or mental abnormalities as to be seriously handicapped). In 2021 that had increased by 9% to 3370.

Heidi's campaign group (called Don't Screen Us Out) reports that in 2021 more than 850 pregnancies were ended because tests indicated Down syndrome, 274 of these occurred at or after 24 weeks of pregnancy: a 20% increase from the year before.

This week Heidi announced that her legal team had sought permission to take her case to the European Court of Human Rights after an unsuccessful legal battle here in the UK.



In 2021 Heidi's efforts to change the law were rejected by the UK Supreme Court and in November last year the Court of Appeal decided against her.

Commenting on Heidi's campaign Ross Hendry, CEO of CARE, said "the fact UK law permits abortion up to birth in cases involving disability is disturbing. The current approach sends a message that disabled lives are worth less. It's disappointing that Supreme Court judges won't hear Heidi's hugely important case, but we commend Heidi's determination to continue her fight to the ECHR. A ruling in her favour would have positive implications across Europe - not just for disabled people but the whole of society and how we respect every person equally."

## Children & Communion

In recent years the Church of England has experimented with the practice of allowing children who have been christened or baptised to receive Communion before their confirmation. The PCC agreed in 2006 that we should introduce this practice, and we prepared 20 children in the years that followed, but we let go of the practice thereafter. The PCC is now proposing to renew this policy, and we will be preparing children to receive communion with effect from January 2024. There will three sessions

of preparation at Sunday Club on the third Sundays of September, October and November. We are planning to serve non-alcoholic communion wine at the 9.30am service, so that children and adults receive the same bread and wine together. If you would like your children to be prepared, please speak to Graham or Rosie.



# Events & Notes

## Collections for Mission

These are the total sums collected for our Mission Partners so far during 2023.

|     |                           |         |
|-----|---------------------------|---------|
| Jan | Christian Institute       | £295.53 |
| Feb | Peninsula Gospel Partners | £336.88 |
| Mar | Turkey/Syria – Tear Fund  | £556.43 |
| Apr | Leprosy Mission           | £643.91 |
| May | Falcon Camps              | £762.94 |
| Jun | Sandels Family - YWAM     | £292.96 |

## Harvest Festival at PPT Bovey

We will celebrate Harvest Festival at PPT on Sunday 1 October with a united service at 10.30am, followed by a simple lunch in the church room (soup, bread roll and apple crumble). Our mission focus for October will be Tearfund, and we will be welcoming Mr Adrian Rushworth as our guest speaker. Adrian is a chartered civil engineer and has worked for the Environment Agency on projects to reduce flooding in England for the past 20 years. He is a lay preacher in churches throughout Exeter. Adrian is passionate about Tearfund's commitment to the poor and to Jesus and has supported Tearfund for over 30 years. He is excited by the opportunity for congregations to find God at work in their lives and in the lives of others around the world.

## DAVID JAGGS IN CONCERT

Local guitarist David Jaggs will be holding an evening concert of popular classical guitar music at PPT church on Friday 22 September at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from the church office or can be booked on Eventbrite for £10/£5 U16s (booking fees apply). Book here: [David Jaggs Tickets](#)

David's programme will include: JS Bach, *Suite BWV1007*, Torroba *Suite Castellana*, Mompou *Suite Compostelana* and a selection of movie and show themes arranged by David. You can get a taste of David's skill at his [Youtube site](#), and there will also be CDs of his many recordings



## Sponsoring a child through Compassion UK

it was very encouraging to learn about the work of Compassion UK in supporting children in Kenya through local churches, and a number of families signed up to sponsor a child. Sunday Club and the Youth groups are also each supporting a child, and the general collection for July will help this.

Engage | Stay connected

Download the Compassion UK App and discover the easiest way to write, pray & give.

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

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

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

## September 2023

|               |                                    |   |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>3 Sun</b>  |                                    | <b>13th after Trinity: Raising kids right</b><br>bible readings: Deuteronomy 6, Ephesians 6.1-4<br>9.30am All Age Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton<br>11.00am Holy Communion: Canon Michael Sansom<br>5.00pm 'Faith in the Future': Rev Graham Hamilton - see p.2 |
| St Mary's     | 11.00am                            | Bible Readings: 1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.3-14, John 6.41-70<br>Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton  |
| <b>10 Sun</b> |                                    | <b>14th after Trinity: A Passion for Purity</b><br>Bible Readings: 1 Cor 5.1-6.8, Matthew 18.15-22  |
| PPT           | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br><b>5.00pm</b> | Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton<br>Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton<br>Prayer and Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton.  |
| St Mary's     | 11.00am                            | Bible readings: 1 Cor 5.1-6.8, Matthew 18.15-22<br>Morning Prayer: Rev David Witchell   |
| <b>17 Sun</b> |                                    | <b>15th after Trinity: Glorify God in your bodies</b><br>Bible readings: 1 Cor 6.9-20, John 16.1-10   |
| PPT           | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>5pm           | Sunday Praise: Rev David Harris<br>Holy Communion: Rev David Harris<br>Prayer and Praise: Rev David Harris  |
| St Mary's     | 3.00pm                             | Bible Readings: tbc<br><b>Harvest Festival</b> : Rev Graham Hamilton.   |
| 22 Fri        | 7.30pm                             | David Jaggs in Concert: PPT church - see note p.7   |
| <b>24 Sun</b> |                                    | <b>16th Sunday after Trinity: An honourable estate</b><br>Bible Readings: 1 Cor.7.1-24, John 15.18-27   |
| PPT           | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>5.00pm        | Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton<br>Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton<br>Prayer and Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton.  |
| St Mary's     | 11.00am                            | Bible Reading: 1 Cor 6.1-20, John 16.1-10<br>Holy Communion: Rev David Harris   |



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| <b>Oct</b>    |         |  |   |
| <b>1 Sun</b>  |         |  | <b>17th after Trinity:</b>  |
|               |         |  | <b>Bible readings: Deut.26.1-15, Phil.2. 1-13.</b>                                      |
| PPT           | 10.30am |  | United Service -followed by lunch in Church rooms                                       |
|               | 5.00pm  |  | Speaker: Mr Adrian Rushworth- Tearfund.<br>Faith in the Future (2) Rev Graham Hamilton. |
| St Mary's     |         |  | Bible reading:1 Cor.7.1-24, John 15.18-27<br>Holy Communion- Can. Michael Sansom.       |
| <b>8 Sun</b>  |         |  | <b>18th after Trinity: Single-Minded.</b>   |
|               | 9.30am  |  | Bible readings: 1 Cor 7. 25-40, Mt 19.1-12  |
|               | 11.00am |  | Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton  |
|               | 5.00pm  |  | Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton<br>Prayer & Praise : Rev Graham Hamilton            |
| St Mary's     |         |  | Bible readings: Isaiah 5.1-7, Ps 80, Philippians 3.4-14                                 |
|               | 11.00am |  | Morning Worship : Mr Graham Whittle   |
| <b>15 Sun</b> |         |  | <b>19th after Trinity: From Galilee or God?</b>   |
|               |         |  | John 7.1-52, Isa.9.1-7  |
| PPT           | 9.30am  |  | Sunday Praise (HC): Mrs Carolyn Laycock   |
|               | 11.00am |  | Morning Worship: Mrs Carolyn Laycock  |
|               | 5.00pm  |  | Prayer & Praise: tbc  |
| St Mary's     |         |  | Bible Readings: 1 Cor 7. 25-40, Mt 19.1-12  |
|               | 11.00am |  | Morning Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton  |
| <b>22 Sun</b> |         |  | <b>20th after Trinity: Casting Stones.</b>  |
|               |         |  | bible readings: Psalm 51, John 8.1-11.  |
| PPT           | 9.30am  |  | Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton  |
|               | 11.00am |  | Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton   |
|               | 5.00pm  |  | Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton  |
| St Mary's     |         |  | Bible readings: 1 Cor.4.  |
|               | 11.00am |  | Morning Worship: Mrs Carolyn Laycock.   |
| <b>29 Sun</b> |         |  | <b>Bible Sunday: Light &amp; Darkness</b>   |
|               |         |  | Bible readings: John 8.12-30, Exodus 25.31-40   |
|               | 9.30am  |  | Sunday Praise: Canon Michael Sansom   |
|               | 11.00am |  | Holy Communion: Canon Michael Sansom  |
|               | 5.00pm  |  | Fellowship@5: tbc   |
| St Mary's     |         |  | Bible Readings:Psalm 51, John 8.1-11  |
|               | 11.00am |  | Morning Prayer: Mr Graham Whittle   |

## November

### 5 Sun

#### **All Saints: Truth sets us free.**

PPT 9.30am bible readings: John 8.31-58, Gal.3.6-14  
11.00am Sunday Praise (All Age Worship): Rev Graham Hamilton  
5.00pm Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton  
Faith in the Future (3): Rev Graham Hamilton

St Mary's Bible readings: John 8.12-30, Exodus 25.31-40  
11.00am Holy Communion: Can. Michael Sansom

### 11 Sun

#### **Remembrance Sunday**

bible readings: tbc  
PPT 10.30am Remembrance Service: Rev Graham Hamilton  
5.00pm Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton

St Mary's Bible Readings: tbc  
11.00am Remembrance service: Mrs Carolyn Laycock

### 19 Sun

#### **2 before Advent: Healing the Blind**

bible readings: Ephesians 5.6-14, John 9.1-34  
PPT 9.30am Lord's Supper: Rev David Harris  
11.00am Morning Worship: Rev David Harris  
5.00pm Prayer & Praise: Rev David Harris

St Mary's Bible readings: Gal.3.6-14, John 8.31-58,  
11.00am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

### 26 Sun

#### **Last before Advent: The Good Shepherd**

bible readings: Ezekiel 34.1-16, John 9.35-10.21  
PPT 9.30am Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton  
11am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton  
5pm Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton



# The Chosen

Many modern television dramas are filled with foul language, explicit sex and drugs, but 110 million viewers in 175 countries are watching **The Chosen**, a drama about the life of Jesus.

The Crown, Netflix's hit drama series about Queen Elizabeth II and events that shaped her reign, reached 73 million households globally over a similar period of its first three seasons. In the UK alone, since 2019, The Chosen has attracted 11 million show views on various platforms.

Now there are plans to make it available in 600 languages, with major Hollywood player, Lionsgate, having acquired global distribution rights.

The show tells the story of Jesus's life and ministry, through the eyes of the people who knew him. Its creator Dallas Jenkins said that the idea of tens of millions of people watching The Chosen is "so crazy that, if I actually try to think about why or how it happened, it would be too overwhelming".

Scholars from Protestant, Catholic and Jewish backgrounds vet every script, checking for biblical, historical and cultural accuracy, while allowing for artistic licence. They strive to capture the authenticity of the time while also being creative.

"This is not a religious show. It's a show that happens to capture the birth of a religion, but it's also historical drama that even non-believers... can appreciate."

"Even a lot of shows that I love, like Succession, Peaky Blinders and The Wire... there's a lack of sentimentalism and optimism.

"Those shows are typically from a more cynical world view... But I do think that most viewers want a mix... The Chosen is unafraid...to celebrate joy and love more than the opposite, more than cynicism, [portraying] a figure who lived a perfect life and who inspired billions with love."

Jesus is played by Jonathan Roumie, who was even invited to speak with Pope Francis about his role. Jenkins said: "The Vatican invited us... Jonathan is a practising Catholic, I'm Protestant, an evangelical. He had an opportunity to discuss with the Pope and other religious leaders the responsibility that he has to accurately portray this figure.

The Chosen portrays Jesus as God and man. Jenkins said: "We do show him doing miracles, we do show him as the Son of God, but we also show his humanity, show him dancing with friends at a wedding and telling jokes, laughing... and being sad.

"These are all things that I think most people are responding to... but it's rarely been portrayed."

*From the Daily Telegraph*



# Who's who at PPT Bovey & St Mary's Hennock:

|  |   |
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| <b>Deanery Synod Reps:</b><br>Roy White 832771<br>Mathew Percy 07913 706627<br>Jack Knightly   | PPT Bovey is a registered Charity: 1128849.   |
| <b>Diocesan Synod Rep:</b><br>Dawn Hamilton 833813   | The PPT Bank account is<br>'P C C Bovey Tracey',<br>acct no. 01219910, sort code 30-96-06.                                  |
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*Please note that the Church office is no longer staffed, but ansaphones, emails and post are 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)*

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