



Sunday 17th November 2024
 @ PPT Bovey Tracey & St Mary's Hennock



The Vicar writes:

This has been a tumultuous week in the Church of England. The Makin Report has revealed the horrifying abuse perpetrated over decades by John Smyth QC, and the persistent failure of Church of England leaders at many levels to act on what they knew. It has led so far to the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and more resignations may follow.

How should we respond? We may feel overwhelming sadness, anger or disgust at what is being revealed. This Sunday we will grieve for those whose lives have been scarred by abuse, and lament the shame and disgrace that has fallen on our church. We should repent of any failure on our part to protect the vulnerable, and renew our resolve to treat safeguarding with the utmost seriousness.

This Sunday's services at PPT (and next week at Hennock) have been changed to reflect this urgent need.

If you have been affected personally by these events, or have concerns that you need to share, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Representative, Mr Tim Stephens (07840 102383), the Diocesan Safeguarding Team (01392 294969), or the national Safe Spaces helpline 0300 303 1056

yours in Christ,
Graham

17th

2nd before Advent:

9.30am	Bible readings: 1 Corinthians 12.12-27, Luke 12.1-7
11.00am	Sunday Praise (Lord's Supper): Rev Graham Hamilton
5.00pm	Morning Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton
	Prayer and Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton

St Mary's

11.00am	Bible readings: 1 Cor 13-14.1, Matthew 22.34-40
	Morning Worship: Mr Graham Whittle

18 Mon

9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
6.30pm	Wise Guys in Bovey Youth Cafe.

20 Wed

10.00am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
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21 Thu

7.00am	Men's Breakfast in Church room.
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9.30am	Craft group in Church room
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7.30pm	PCC meeting in the Church Room
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15 Fri

10.00am	'Friday Friends' toddler group in the Church Room
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24th

Christ the King: *Do everything in love*

Bible readings: 1 Cor 16, John 13.31-34

9.30am	Sunday Praise: Rev David Harris
11.00am	Holy Communion: Rev David Harris
5.00pm	Prayer and Praise: Rev David Harris

St Mary's

11.00am	Bible readings: 1 Corinthians 12.12-27, Luke 12.1-7
	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton

Please join us for Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9.00am on Mondays and Fridays. It lasts no more than half an hour. It's simple to join: just click [here](#) to join Morning Prayer, or enter the ID 986 2130 8247 and Passcode: 102020

New to PPT? We email this bulletin every week (with [working hyper-links](#)) to the members of the Church Family Roll. If you would like to receive this, to join the 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 November is Open Doors. All gifts in the collection plate or using Contactless go to our monthly mission focus. Gifts in yellow Gift Aid envelopes are for the general church funds.

Tearfund Big Quiz Night: at Rora House on **Saturday 30th November:** if you are interested in forming a team, please contact Laurance Druiff (ldruiff@btinternet.com)

Neighbourhood Police Surgeries: the neighbourhood police team will be in our area this week: Tuesday 19th November 10.30-11.30am at Bovey Methodist Church, Wednesday 20th November 10.30-11.30am at Heathfield Community Centre. Pop in for a chat with any questions about local neighbourhood policing.

The funeral of Helen Caddy, a member of this church for many years is to be held on Thursday 21st November at 1pm at Salisbury Methodist Church, followed by a gathering at the White Hart Hotel in Salisbury. For those who are unable to attend the funeral service will be streamed on the Salisbury Methodist Church YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@salisburymethodistchurch>.

Prayer List: John Ayre, Susie Beauchamp, Robbie Beauchamp, Julie Bowen, Nina Coleby-Clarke, Hilary Ellery, Rachel Knightly, Molly Lockley, Carole Mannix, Brian and Marguerite Mason, Noah Maynard, Ronald Percy, Reg Richer, Rose Tyrrell, Joan Webber

In memory: Helen Caddy, Richard Calder, Irene Bean

Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Study questions *this week are based on the Safeguarding Charity 31:8 material for Safeguarding Sunday. Email Graham if you want the whole study guide.*

Icebreaker: What is your experience of safeguarding in church life?

Read 1 Corinthians 12.12-27

How does the image of the body help us understand our mutual responsibility for another as part of a church fellowship?

In vv 22-23 Paul talks about how we treat the parts of the body that are 'weaker' and 'less honourable'. What might this mean in the context of my church community?

One of the reasons that abuse has been tolerated in church is excessive deference and respect given to influential leaders. How does v.24 challenge that?

3. In verse 25 we read about the need to have equal 'concern' or 'care' for one another. How might we relate this to safeguarding and the church?

Who has a responsibility to see and hear what is going on behind the scenes?

How do establish a healthy church culture of mutual concern and alertness, rather than one of deference or prurience and suspicion?

What is the difference between gossip and legitimate sharing of concerns?

Look at v.26 How might victims of abuse feel about themselves? How should we protect them?

Discuss how you might respond to one of the scenarios below:

Scenario 1

There is a family in the church with two boys (aged 8 and 6 years old). The last couple of weeks, you have noticed that during services, the boys are often running around unsupervised, and you haven't seen their grown-ups around keeping an eye on them. After the service one day, you see them play fighting forcefully with each other resulting in the younger boy crying.

Scenario 2

There is a woman in her 70s in your congregation. Her partner passed away a couple of years ago and since then her attendance at church is less regular. She has been coming more recently with her son, but she has mentioned that he works weekends and so finds it difficult to always bring her. She has a daughter, but she lives far away and only visits every couple of months. There has been occasion where when speaking to you she has become muddled, and this has made you a little worried.

Scenario 3

There is a girl who attends your church's children's Sunday club who has autism and lacks awareness of physical space. She regularly goes to sit on laps and cuddle adults in the church who are not part of her family. You've noticed that one of the Sunday Club volunteer helpers seems to give more attention to this child than to other children, often giving her gifts, and appears to have a closer relationship with the girl's family than others in the church. You've heard that the helper regularly babysits and helps out when the family needs it.

Pray for a healthy culture to grow in our church fellowship.

<p>Mon 18 Nov Ps 47, Dan 8.1-14 Give thanks for all the repairs and improvements to our church; for the glass entrance doors, the new lights to the Courtenay Memorial garden and the installation of the new lighting system within the church.</p>
<p>Tue 19 Nov: Ps 52, Dan 8.15-end Pray that all those who work with Open Doors would strengthen and equip all those who are living and facing restrictions and persecution because of their faith in Christ.</p>
<p>Wed 20 Nov Ps 56, Dan 9.1-19 Give thanks for Small Groups in our church family, and the pastoral and biblical support that the members receive.</p>
<p>Thu 21 Nov Ps 62, Dan 9.20-end Pray for the PPT PCC meeting this evening, as we prepare the budget for 2025, and continue to wrestle with the travails of the Church of England. Give thanks for the life and faith of Helen Caddy, whose funeral is in Salisbury.</p>
<p>Fri 22 Nov Ps 63, Dan 10.1-11.1 Pray that we would accept and apply the truth of God's word and that we would be inspired to do every good work. Give thanks for writers who inspire and strengthen our Christian faith, like CS Lewis.</p>
<p>Sat 23 Nov Ps 78.1-39, Dan 12 Pray for the Diocesan Study Day in Exeter and the Hennock Christmas Fair in the Village Hall</p>
<p>Sun 24 Nov Ps 29, Rev 3.7-end Give thanks for all the Christian leaders who have already spoken clearly against the Assisted Dying Bill; pray that our Members of Parliament would hear courageous, persuasive speeches during the debate that would change their hearts and minds against the Bill.</p>

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"PPT Bovey is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults.. If you are concerned that a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm please contact the Parish Safeguarding officer. If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police or local authority Children or Adult Services."