



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



# Summer Bulletin

## June- August 2026



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# Letter from the Vicar: *Lazy Days?*

Dear friends,

It may now seem unseasonably cold and damp for June, but the summer is here, and a heatwave may well return!

Regular church life gets quieter, now that Easter and Pentecost have passed, but there is no shortage of activity- this is the season of festivals and fêtes.

- On Sunday 31 May we joined with the congregation of St John's Bovey Tracey for a wonderful service in Mill Marsh - you can find more details and some pictures on p.5.
- On 7 June we launched the 'Save Bovey Bells' campaign, to raise £125,000 for the repair of the bell frame - more details on p9.
- On 28 June St Mary's Hennock hold 'Songs of Praise' in the Apple Barn at Stickwick Farm, on the road up to Hennock, the same weekend as the Spree Festival at the Westpoint Showground, to which Rosie our family worker is again leading a team of children and adult helpers. I will be attending the Devon Army Cadet Summer camp at the end of July.

There are many other events in the area - the Bovey Craft Festival, the Great Big Green Week, Teign Village Fete. I think there may also be some sporting competitions soon starting - the World Cup, Test Cricket and Wimbledon, and many will be looking forward to the end of school exams and terms and a summer break.

It is good to work hard, but God made us to work six days and rest on the seventh- a command which our active



mindset often rejects. This is not just an Old Testament law but a creation ordinance - we all need rest and recreation, both physical and spiritual. May I encourage you not to take a break from church and God, but to find time for some quiet reading, prayer and reflection. Isaiah says, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." (Isaiah 30.15) May we all find rest and refreshment in the summer, so that we are ready for whatever challenges the autumn may bring.

yours in Christ,  
Graham

## Anna Chaplaincy at PPT Church

This summer the Anna Chaplaincy team will have been supporting the elderly in our parish for three years. We all enjoy our ministry; spending time with wonderful elderly people is both a privilege and a pleasure and we welcome anyone who has 'a heart' for the elderly to come and join our team.

We have all been trained and were then commissioned either by the Bishop or Graham, our vicar. Graham receives regular reports and oversees the work that we do.

Our remit is to provide emotional and spiritual support to the elderly (defined as anyone over the age of 60 years) who has no, little or a strong faith. We do this by visiting them in their homes whether that is their own home or a residential home when we chat to them, letting them tell us their stories or concerns, offering to read from the bible and to pray with them. We also offer our support those who care for the elderly. Gradually, we gradually build a relationship with each person we spend time with so that if they then need to go into hospital or a nursing home, we will continue to visit them there. We have also been asked to take part in funeral services.

The number of elderly that we visit continues to grow as we support the residents of the two care homes - Mulberry House and Tracey House, work alongside the Baptist and Methodist churches and receive referrals from various agencies who work in the care sector.

In the residential care homes, we offer both communion and worship services each month when the residents enjoy listening to bible stories, singing hymns and joining in the prayers. Carolyn Laycock, our Licenced Lay Minister, conducts most of these services and Sharon Hurlow, the Licenced Lay Minister of the Methodist church conducts the worship services at Tracey House. At Mulberry House we hold regular 'Tea & Chat' sessions when we may talk

about a topical issue or have a 'hands on session' e.g. making Easter Bonnets or decorating cupcakes with Camilla teaching us her skills with butter icing.

We attend both the Tuesday morning Community Hub and the Thursday Snack & Chat meetings held in the Methodist church where we meet with yet more of our elderly residents.

We hold regular coffee mornings and afternoon teas throughout the year at the church and welcome the older members of the congregation and those whom we visit to come along and enjoy having an opportunity to catch up with friends.

This summer Trudy Abbot, of the Baptist Church, and I will be enjoying a few days by the seaside when we stay in a Torquay hotel with a group of church members and friends of the Baptist church. Trudy organised a similar holiday last year and as it was so successful decided to arrange another this summer and asked me to come along to help. The week has a Christian ethos.

Jill Hosford, Anna Chaplain on behalf of the Anna Chaplaincy Team.



# Friday Friends toddler group

'Friday Friends' is PPT's popular weekly group for toddlers and their adults. We meet at the church rooms every Friday morning from 10-11.30am in term time. Parents regularly tell us that our toddler group is their favourite of all the groups they've ever attended! We always aim to create a friendly, informative and nurturing space where everyone is welcome. One week we had over 80 people (children and adults) attend which was such a huge blessing (although the team needed a lie down at lunchtime!). The session is run in a very friendly and informal way with a 'help yourself' café and drinks station, craft, toys and activities available throughout the morning. We then tidy up and finish the session with some singing and a prayer. We have the most wonderful team of volunteers who get to church early every week to help set everything up. It is always such a joy to watch friendships form with between adults, to cuddle newborn babies and talk about the delights and struggles of parenthood and to come alongside people who are finding life hard. We enjoy making use of the main church building at the end of every half term and everyone loves being in such a big and beautiful space. We have been encouraged by how many Christians are attending the group and how others are having faith-filled conversations during the sessions.

*Rosie Stephens.*



## **Mission Focus:**

Each month we have a different focus for our prayers and mission giving. Our Focus for June is Compassion UK, for July the Sandels family serving in Albania with YWAM and Heatree Activity Centre in August.

If you wish to make a donation you can put cash in the collection plate on Sunday, use the contactless payment device, or make an online donation through the Church Bank account: please name the mission focus in the reference box. If you wish to make a donation to general church funds, please set up a standing order, or use the yellow envelopes in each pew and at the back of church.

## **From the registers:**

Our condolences to the families of those whose funerals were held at PPT: Laurance Kneebone, Sarah Oxtan, Lucy Taylor, Joy Bishop and Geoffrey Kichenside.

Congratulations to Sophie Steele and Kalen Warne whose wedding took place in April.

# Praise in the Park

On Sunday 31 May over 150 people gathered in Mill Marsh Park for the first united service between PPT Bovey, St Mary's Hennock and St John's Bovey in many years. The congregation from St John's arrived in a robed procession with banners led by their parish Priest Fr Matthew Cashmore and the Bishop of Plymouth who preached. There were many people from other churches and none who

came to join the service. The weather remained dry, despite some dark clouds. Both churches made some smoke of their own!

A wonderful team of volunteers from the congregation of PPT set up chairs and gazebos, provided the music and amplification, and served coffee and a BBQ after the service. The collection raised £430 for future mission events, and we hope to organise a similar event next year.



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

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

**June**

<b>7th</b>		<b>First after Trinity: Kingdom Parables - waiting for wheat &amp; weeds</b> Bible Readings: Revelation 14.14-end, Matthew 13.24-43 All Age Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	9.30am	Morning Prayer: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11.00am	Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5.00pm	
St Mary's		Bible reading: Isaiah 6.1-10, Matthew 13.1-23
	11.00am	Morning Worship: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
10th		Holy Communion : Canon Michael Sansom
	10.00am	Monthly Prayer meeting in the church room
	8.00pm	
<b>14th</b>		<b>2nd after Trinity: The Good Samaritan</b> Bible Readings: Proverbs 14.20-31, Luke 10.25-37
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Mr Reuben Smith
	11.00am	Holy Communion: Mr Reuben Smith & Rev David Harris
	5.00pm	Prayer & Praise: Mr Mark Alexander
	<i>St Mary's</i>	Bible Readings: Revelation 14.14-end, Matthew 13.24-43
	11.00am	Holy Communion:- Rev Graham Hamilton
17th		Holy Communion : Rev David Harris
	10.00am	
<b>21st</b>		<b>3rd after Trinity: Kingdom Parables- Hidden treasure</b> Bible readings: Proverbs 2.1-10, Matthew 13.44-52
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11.00am	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	3-5pm	Father's Day BBQ in the Church Room
St Mary's		Bible readings: Proverbs 2.1-10, Matthew 13.44-52
	11.00am	Morning Worship: Mr David Robinson
<b>28th</b>		<b>4th after Trinity: Prophets without honour</b> Bible Readings: Jeremiah 1, Matthew 13.53-14.12
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Canon Michael Sansom
	11.00am	Holy Communion: Canon Michael Sansom
	5.00pm	Prayer and Praise: tbc
St Mary's		Bible readings: Psalm 150
	4.00pm	Songs of Praise in the Apple Barn
<b>July</b>		
<b>5th</b>		<b>5th after Trinity: Walking on Water</b> Bible readings: Exodus 14.21-29, Matthew 14.13-33
	9.30am	All Age Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11.00am	Morning Worship & Baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5.00pm	Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's		Bible Readings: Jeremiah 1, Matthew 13.53-14.12
	11.00am	Holy Communion: Canon Michael Sansom

<b>July</b>		
<b>12th</b>		<b>6th after Trinity: Cleansing Touch</b>
		Bible readings: 1 Timothy 4, Matthew 14.34-15.20
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Mr Richard Orr
	11.00am	Holy Communion: Mr Richard Orr and Canon Michael Sansom.
	5.00pm	Prayer and Praise: Mr Richard Thomas
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible readings: Genesis 32.22-31, Matthew 14.13-33 Morning Worship: Rev David Harris
<b>19th</b>		<b>7th after Trinity: Bread for the Nations</b>
		Bible readings: 1 Kings 17, Matthew 15.21-38
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Mr James Sandels
	11.00am	Holy Communion: Rev David Harris
	5.00pm	Prayer and Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's	11.00pm	Bible readings: 1 Timothy 4, Matthew 14.34-15.20 Morning Worship- Rev Graham Hamilton
<b>26th</b>		<b>8th after Trinity: Signs &amp; Warnings</b>
		Bible Readings: Acts 20.13-21, Matthew 16.1-12
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
	11.00am	Morning Prayer: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
	6.00pm	Prayer & Praise: tbc - <b>note change of time</b>
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible readings: 1 Kings 17, Matthew 15.21-38 Morning Worship: Canon Michael Sansom.
<b>Aug</b>		
<b>2nd</b>		<b>9th after Trinity: Built on the rock</b>
		Bible Readings: 2 Timothy 2.1-13, Matthew 16.13-end
	9.30am	All Age Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	11.00am	Morning Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton
	6.00pm	Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton.
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible readings: Acts 20.13-21, Matthew 16.1-12 Morning Worship: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
<b>9th</b>		<b>10th after Trinity: Glory &amp; Grief</b>
		Bible readings: 2 Pet 1.16-21 , Matthew 17.1-23
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Rev David Harris
	11.00am	Holy Communion: Rev David Harris
	6.00pm	Prayer & Praise - Rev David Harris
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible Readings: 2 Timothy 2.1-13, Matthew 16.13-end Morning Worship: Church Warden
<b>16th</b>		<b>11th After Trinity: Taxing Questions</b>
		Bible readings: Romans 13.1-7, Matthew 17.24-27, 22.15-22.
	9.30am	Sunday Praise: Mr David Robinson
	11.00am	Morning Worship: Mr David Robinson
	6.00pm	Prayer & Praise: Mr Mark Alexander

St Mary's	11.00am	Bible readings: 2 Pet 1.16-21 , Matthew 17.1-23 Morning Prayer: Rev David Harris
<b>23rd</b>		<b>12th after Trinity: True Greatness</b> Bible Readings: James 3.13-4.7, Matthew 18.1-15 Sunday Praise: Canon Michael Sansom Holy Communion: Canon Michael Sansom Prayer and praise. Rev Graham Hamilton
	9.30am	
	11.00am	
	6.00pm	
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible readings: Romans 13.8-end, Matthew 18.15-end Hoy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
<b>30th</b>		<b>13th after Trinity: Forgiving Church</b> Bible readings: Ezekiel 33.7-11, Matthew 18.15-end Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
	9.30am	
	11.00am	
	6.00pm	
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible readings: Romans 13.1-7, Matthew 17.24-27, 22.15-22 Morning Worship - Mr David Robinson.
<b>Sept 6th</b>		<b>14th after Trinity:</b> Bible readings: Matthew 18.21-end. Confirmation Service: The Bishop of Plymouth Prayer & Praise: Mr Jack Knightly
	10.30am	
	5.00pm	
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible readings: James 3.13-4.7, Matthew 18.1-15 Morning Worship: Mr Richard Orr

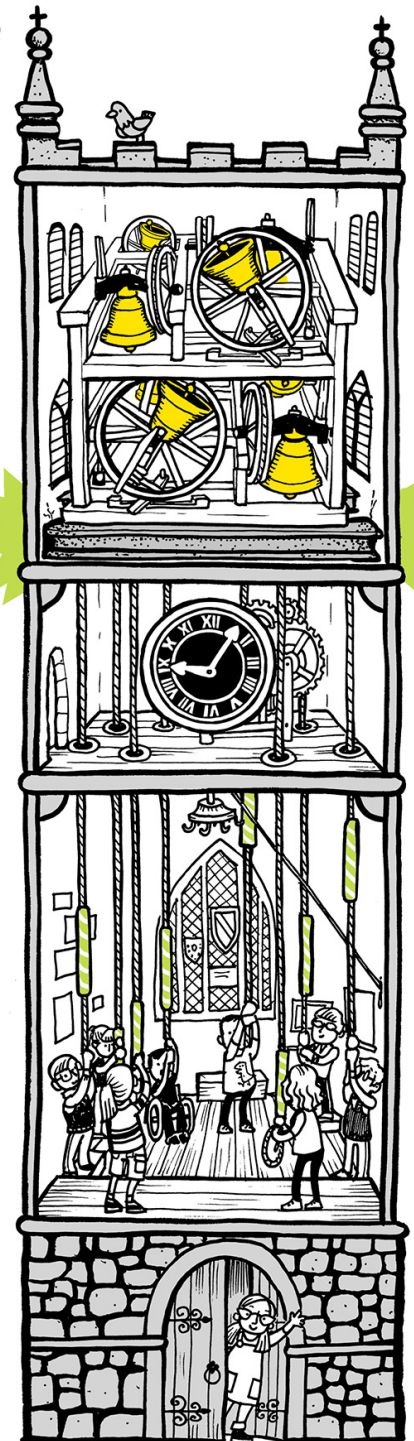


# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Bells have rung out over Bovey for more than 500 years, and we don't want to be the generation that lost our bells!

The steel girders that hold up the bells are badly corroded and putting pressure on the tower walls, which are cracking. This will only get worse!

We need to remove the 8 bells and their heavy frame, replace the girders with modern galvanised steel, then reinstall the bells and their frame.



Simplified bell tower, drawn by a Bovey ringer



## KEEP OUR BELLS RINGING:



We need to raise **£125,000** to repair the tower and keep the bells. The ringers themselves have already raised about £60,000 and need to find the other **£65,000**.

Here's a link to give, and if you can boost your donation with Gift Aid, that will add 25p to every £1 from you!

gofundme



Or visit the website:  
[gofundme.com/f/  
save-bovey-bells](https://gofundme.com/f/save-bovey-bells)

Scan to donate to **Save Bovey Bells**

# How to dispose of a old Bible

According to Guinness World Records, the Bible is officially the best-selling book of all time, and 100 million more Bibles are published and put into circulation every year. Altogether there are likely between 5 and 7 billion copies of the Bible in the world today. What happens to the Bibles that are worn out, damaged, or otherwise no longer usable? How should they be disposed of?

The short answer: in whatever way you deem most appropriate. The Bible itself doesn't contain any instructions for the proper disposal of the medium it's printed on, whether it be scrolls, codexes or iPhone apps. How we dispose of an unusable Bible is therefore a matter of personal preference.

## Positive Contagion

Nevertheless, many of us would feel uncomfortable throwing an old Bible away with the household rubbish - it may seem disrespectful or even sacrilegious. But why is it that we feel that way? What causes us to feel hesitant about trashing a Bible?

A possible explanation is the concept of contagion, which describes the transfer of unseen properties between objects. The contagion effect causes us to believe, or to act as if we believe, objects can acquire the aura or "essence" of a particular source through physical contact with that source. We may have an unconscious sense that the printed pages of a Bible gain something of the spiritual essence of God's Word.

Such a positive view of contagion could easily slip into a superstitious, and even idolatrous, view of print Bibles. We should be careful not to treat a print Bible as if it were a sacred icon. But we also shouldn't be entirely dismissive of the positive contagion effect.

While a print Bible may not contain the



*spiritual* essence of Scripture, it does contain the *symbolic* representations of God's eternal Word. A symbol is distinct from the thing it signifies, of course. Yet treating symbols with respect can be a way of treating what they symbolize with due reverence.

## Burn or Bury?

An example of a symbol often treated with respect through a formalized set of rituals is the

American flag. The U.S. Flag Code of 1942 states, "The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. . . . When it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

While the disposal of symbols through burning is common, the idea of burning any type of book, much less one containing Scripture, strikes some people as repugnant. It might even invoke images of the Nazis burning Torah scrolls in Austria and Germany in the 1930s.

Perhaps a more fitting option is burial. Jewish communities often dispose of their sacred texts by burying them. There are even cemetery plots that have been donated expressly for the purpose of burying Torah scrolls and prayer books. Many Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholics also believe burial is the proper method of disposal. So if you have qualms about tossing your old Bibles into landfill, consider burying them as a way to show respect for the text.

However we choose to dispose of the Bible, we should remember that the most essential way we show respect for the text comes not from how we handle the printed page but by storing up God's Word in our heart and obeying all it says (Ps. 119:11; 1 John 5:3).

(<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/ask-tgc-dispose-bible/>)

## Good Faith

By Angela Tilby

Hodder and Stoughton. 368 pages. £25  
ISBN 978 1 399 801 638

If you're despairing of the Church of England, especially in recent years, and want to understand more of the history and theology behind its current tribal mess, this might be the book for you.

This tour de force takes the reader from the beginnings of the English Church right through to the present day. We see the evolution from Bede, via Anselm, church architecture, through the Elizabethan settlement right up to Welby. If you ever wondered how any of the complex historical context of the Church of England fits together, this will hugely help get the jigsaw pieces together in the right place.

Heroes and heroines of the Church are expounded including the now-neglected Hooker, as well as Wycliffe, the Wesleys and Cranmer. Angela Tilby, the author, is not only an experienced author and broadcaster, but she also taught Church History for the Cambridge Theological Federation for ten years. She is a self-confessed "liturgical geek", and critical of what she sees as evangelicals "adopting Americanised versions of Christianity with their stress on a celebrity-focused ministry and a commercialised approach to mission and growth". Those of us who have followed the Pilavachi fallout, and watched friends crumble under a focus to get "seats on pews" may have some sympathy.

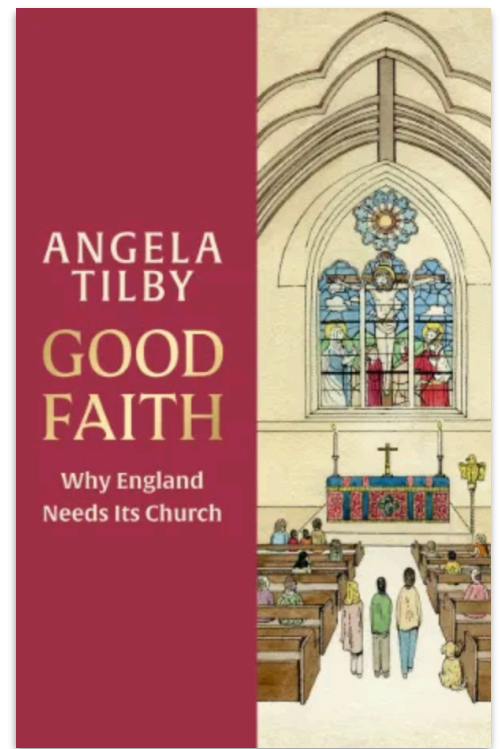
There is much here that we can learn from as evangelicals – and even learn about our own history. Tilby unpacks what she sees as the three tribes within the CofE – the Catholics, the liberals and the evangelicals. There is, she argues, huge good within each of them, and yet huge flaws too.

Her most stinging critique is perhaps reserved for the latter, for the HTB network in particular, and for former Archbishop

Justin Welby, which she described in a chapter called "The Revenge of the Puritans" warning against a careless dismissal of the history and polity of the Church of England. Her experience

on the Liturgical Commission is just one personal example of how the three tribes have jostled and juggled difference over the years, a reminder that our current muddled mess isn't only about sexuality. From Cranmer to the Clapham Sect and on to Bebbington and Billy Graham, Tilby has done a deep dive into evangelical history.

She maintains that the historic faith of the Church of England is a good faith to live and die in. Reader, I do too! Tilby doesn't offer easy answers here – God knows, maybe there are none, at least until the eschaton. She calls us to consider a return to common liturgical prayer – and who can disagree with the solid scripture held within the Book of Common Prayer? Her chronicle of our history and take on present perspectives may not feel hugely encouraging, but its sweeping scope has the potential to be edifying, increasing understanding of our national church's current context. If that makes for better informed prayer, then perhaps we will all be able to believe that there is hope for the "good faith" in England, whether you consider it a middle way, or just muddled mess. (Rebecca Chapman: Church Times)



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**Youth Worker:** position vacant

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'P C C Bovey Tracey',  
acct no. 01219910, sort code 30-96-06.  
**PPT bank account (via Ephesians Fund)**  
Name: P C C Bovey Tracey  
account no: 7995 6060, sort code 30-84-67.

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Charity No. 113060. The bank account is:  
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acct no: 01220021 sort code 30-96-06

*Please note that the Church office is no longer staffed, but ansaphones, emails and post are checked regularly during the week. The Church Website contains details of all events, audio sermon files and documents for download: go to [www.pptbovey.church](http://www.pptbovey.church)*

*"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 Adults Services.*