



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



Autumn Bulletin

September- November 2026



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Letter from the Vicar:

Dear friends,

The Autumn season started well, with a church stall at the Bovey Market on Sat 5 September attracting many visitors, conversations and prayers- thanks to everyone who supported the day. Mission is our main purpose and priority, and you can learn more on p.4.

On Sunday 6 September, the Bishop of Plymouth challenged us to ask if 'our Jesus is too small', and he baptised Bryony Wilgar-Jones and confirmed her and Eli Matheson. We had some lovely cakes in the marquee afterwards.

Many regular groups resume in September. As you will read on p.3, we have not yet been able to appoint a Youth Worker, but I am grateful for the volunteers who enable a full programme of youth work.

The campaign to 'save Bovey Bells' is going well - and the PCC will soon be deciding on the timings of the project, probably to begin in early 2027.

St Mary's Hennock will be hosting the Hennock Garden Show & Craft Festival on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September. The church windows will be decorated for the event, and various crafts and crafters will be on show over the weekend.

Hennock celebrates Harvest Festival on Sunday 20th September, and PPT on Sunday 4th October. We should give thanks to God each year that there is a harvest, that seed-time and harvest continue, but this has been an extraordinarily hard year for farmers, with the extreme heat of summer

following the incessant rain of the spring. Many crops have failed, and the lack of grass has forced farmers to feed livestock with winter feed. Now they face an outbreak of the BlueTongue virus.

This matters to us all, because we now face the serious possibility of food shortages, if extreme weather (the largest El Nino so far observed) or cyber-attacks by Russia or Iran disrupt power supplies and the food supply chains. Dame Angela Eagle, the Environment Secretary, [is now advising people to hold an emergency supply of food and water](#). A more detailed strategy will be unveiled by the end of the year.

On Sunday 13th September we will be considering the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 19 on marriage, singleness and divorce. His words shocked his hearers then, and are still deeply counter-cultural. Jesus calls His church to honour those who are single, and to uphold the institution of marriage, which is the foundation of society, while also supporting those who experience marriage breakdown with deep compassion. This is a profound personal, pastoral and political challenge in a culture which regards marriage far too lightly. Please take time to respond to the Government consultation on reforms to marriage law, (details on p.5) and consider the serious objections to their plans.

yours in Christ,
Graham

Youth Work at PPT this autumn

"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD"

(Psalm 78.4)

In February 2026 we launched an appeal to raise funds for a Youth & Family worker (full-time or part-time), and the congregation responded with magnificent generosity, exceeding the target of £97,000: we now have over £105,000 pledged.

The PCC took advice from the Diocesan Youth Advisor and from South West Youth Ministry (SWYM) and resolved in March to advertise nationally, but by 9 July, despite two rounds of advertising, we had received no serious applications. This is a deep disappointment, but reflects a national shortage of trained Christian youth workers.

The PCC in September will consider whether we should improve the terms and conditions on offer and advertise again, but in the meantime we need to make plans for the young people in our church and our town. The PCC knows that making new disciples is our top priority, and is committed to investing in this work.

Since Angie left us in February 2025 teams of volunteers have maintained midweek groups for different ages.

Michael and Shirley Codner have led the **'Wise Guys'** (for 11-14yrs) in the Church Room on Mondays. Graham, Suzanne Barnes and a team from Bovey Baptist Church have supported **'Bovey Youth Night'** (for 11-18s) which has met at the Baptist Church every fortnight on Saturdays, while Mark Styants and a team from Rora House Christian Fellowship run a monthly youth night on the second Saturday at Rora. All these groups involve a mixture of games, food and bible teaching.

Rosie and a team of volunteers also run **'Rooted'** (5-11s) on alternate Tuesday evenings in the Church Room, and Sunday Club at the 9.30am service on Sunday.

Over the summer holiday several of our young people have attended Christian Summer camps and returned with new energy and enthusiasm: we do not want to allow them to lose heart.

All these groups are able to resume this Autumn, though we always in need of more volunteers: *we particularly need female co-leaders for Bovey Youth Night.*

We would also like to start a group for 11-14s on Sunday morning, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, which will meet in the vestry, after it has been tidied and redecorated.

There is clearly also a need for a midweek discipleship group for 14-18s, so that they can dig deeper into the bible.

I am in conversation with several people from our congregation and other churches, and this may lead us to make one or two part-time appointments - please pray for wisdom and discernment.

Here is the current pattern of children & youth events during the autumn term:

Sunday Club (0-12s) every Sunday at 9.30am except 1st Sunday (all age worship)

11+ (every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 9.30am

Wise Guys (10-14s) every first and third Monday in the church room at 6.30pm

Rooted (4-11s) every other Tuesday in the Church room at 6.00pm

Bovey Youth Night (11-17s) every first and third Saturday in the baptist Church at 6.30pm

Rora Youth Night (11-17s) every second Saturday at Rora House Community at 6.30pm.

Graham

Mission Focus:

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

In May we raised £470 for Falcon Camps

In June we raised £267 for Compassion

In July we raised £334 for James and Rachel Sandels

In August we raised £189 for Heatree Activity Centre.

Our Focus for September is Choices Pregnancy Crisis, for October Tear Fund, and Open Doors in November.

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:

Les Simmons on 20 July

James Small on 13 August

Congratulations to
Sophie Blummer and Tim Chau,
Sophie Keir and Ed Jarrold
Robert and Pamela Mann
who were married at PPT this summer.

A message from James & Rachel

Sandels: "We are now safely back in Albania. It was wonderful to see so many of you in the summer - thank you for your warm welcome. Stay in touch with what God is doing in Albania:

- WhatsApp Rachel on 07504 277 188 to receive our testimony and photo updates.

- Become a partner: stewardship.org.uk/partners/sandelsinalbania

- Drop us an email! jsandels1@gmail.com

Evangelism Conference 2026

At All Saints, Sidmouth

on Wednesday 14 October 10am-4pm

<https://www.evangelism-conference.org.uk>



Across the UK, many churches are reporting a renewed spiritual hunger in their communities — a spiritual searching and openness not seen for decades. There is a surprising rebirth of belief in God. Bible sales are soaring and increasing numbers of people are being drawn to explore the Christian faith. At the same time there is a growing fascination with paganism, the occult and all manner of spiritual beliefs and practices.

How can we respond to this strange new reality with cultural awareness, gospel confidence and biblical faithfulness? What is prompting people to explore the Christian faith? What helps them on their journey? What obstacles do they face? As God works in his sovereign grace, what is bringing them to faith? And what discipleship challenges follow conversion? Firmly anchored in God's Word and motivated by a heart to understand the times and see lost people saved, the focus of this year's Evangelism Conference is Pathways to Christ in a Time of Opportunity. Starting our day together, Nick McQuaker, Ministry Director of A Passion for Life will expound the scriptures, directing us to place our confidence, not in the latest statistic or encouraging story, but in the God of all power and grace who is building his church. All Saints Sidmouth is live-streaming the national conference on Wed 14 October.

(Un)tying the Knot: Wedding Law Reform in England & Wales

The Ministry of Justice is currently holding a consultation on reforming wedding law in England and Wales. This follows the Law Commission's 2022 Report, *Celebrating Marriage: A New Weddings Law*.

There are proposals to introduce a more flexible system which would allow couples to get married in a wider array of locations, as long as the ceremony is carried-out by a registered officiant. The Church of England is exempt from any proposed changes, but a change in the law could lead to a further decline in the number of church weddings.

There has been a 55.4% drop in the number of church weddings in the Diocese of Exeter in the last nine years. In 2015 it was 1,480 marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages. In 2024 it was just 660. We've seen this reflected in the numbers of weddings at PPT.

Even more seriously, the total number of all weddings has been falling steadily since 1973, as the value and strength of marriage is debased. The [evidence is clear](#) that married parents are far more likely to stay together than cohabiting, at every income level

The government claims that their aim is to strengthen marriage as a 'serious and lifelong commitment', but the Coalition for Marriage (C4M) has published a highly critical response. The Government present their proposals as being about freedom and flexibility, allowing weddings at castles and on cruise ships and canal boats, but it represents a further weakening of marriage, having introduced 'no-fault' divorce in 2013 and given marriage rights this summer to couples who have not married. Now the vow will be emptied of all promise to remain faithful for life (Q6), and even verbal consent (Q5)- just

'actions' indicating consent, conducted in private (a home) with just a celebrant. Yet the government's own research show that 71% of victims of forced marriages are women, and six in ten Muslim women are in unregistered marriages. These proposals shamefully fail to confront the abuses of Muslim Sharia law, including polygamy, which have no place in Britain.

The protections given in 2013 against being compelled to conduct same-sex marriages may still apply to the buildings, but not to the licensed celebrants. All ministers not in the Church of England will be required to face an undefined test that they are 'fit and proper', and relicensing every five years. There is no mention of protecting the conscience of a minister who does not wish to conduct a service for a particular couple

The likely consequence of these proposals is that commercial celebrants will replace state registrars and church weddings.

The Church of England will need to take note of these proposals, and make church marriages much more affordable - a basic church wedding currently costs £566 (though we can choose to waive the fee), compared to £170 in a registry office.

Please make your comments on the proposals to the Ministry of Justice Consultation at <https://consult.justice.gov.uk/family-justice/reforming-weddings-law-in-england-and-wales/consultation/>.

There are 39 questions, but you do not need to answer all of them, and it could be done in 20 minutes. The consultation closes on Friday 24 September.

Graham

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

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

September

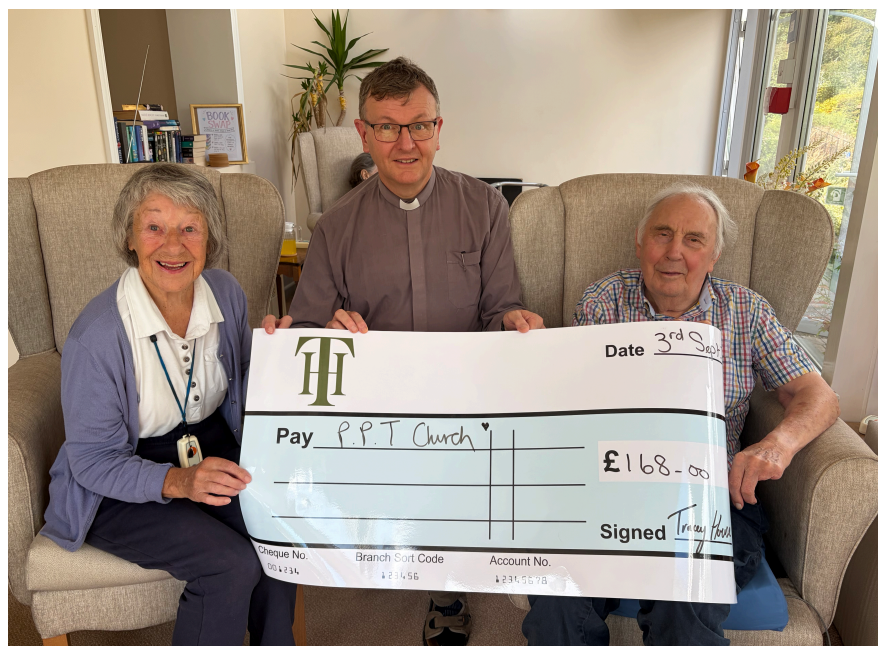
St Mary's	6th	14th after Trinity: Bible readings: Colossians 1.15-20, Matthew 8.23-27 Confirmation Service: The Bishop of Plymouth Prayer & Praise: Mr Jack Knightly: (rdg Daniel 6)
	10.30am 5.00pm 11.00am	Bible readings: James 3.13-4.7, Matthew 18.1-15 Holy Communion: Canon Michael Sansom
St Mary's	13th	15th after Trinity: Marriage matters Bible Readings: Genesis 2.18-25, Matthew 19.1-15 Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
	9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	
St Mary's	10.00am	Bible Readings: Genesis 2.18-25, Matthew 19.1-12 Morning Worship: Rev David Harris
	12.30pm	Friendship Lunch at Stover Golf Club
14th Mon	6.30pm	Bovey Youth Night resumes at Baptist Church
19th Sat		
St Mary's	20th	16th after Trinity: The Risk of Riches Bible readings: Proverbs 30.1-9 , Matthew 19.13-30 Sunday Praise: Rev David Harris Holy Communion: Rev David Harris Prayer & Praise: Rev David Harris
	9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	
St Mary's	3.00pm	Bible readings: Jas 5.1-9, Matt 20.1-16 Harvest Festival: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's	27th	17th after Trinity: A Ransom for Many Bible Readings: Isaiah 53, Matthew 20.17-34 Sunday Praise & Baptism: Rev Graham Hamilton Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton Prayer and Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton Bible readings: Exodus 17.1-17, Philippians 2.1-13 Morning Worship- Mrs Carolyn Laycock
	9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm 11.00am	
3rd Sat	12 noon-2pm	Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship at Abbotsbury Church
October		
St Mary's	4th	18th after Trinity: Harvest Wages Bible readings: Jas 5.1-9, Matt 20.1-16 United Harvest Service followed by Lunch in Church room. Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
	10.30am 5.00pm	
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible Readings: Proverbs 30.1-9, Matthew 19.16-30 Holy Communion: Rev David Harris

Oct		
7th Wed	3.00pm	Anna Chaplaincy Celebration
8th Thu	7.30pm	Going the Distance at Belmont Chapel, Exeter
11th		
		19th after Trinity: Royal Visit
	9.30am	Bible readings: Zechariah 9.1-12, Matthew 21.1-22
	11.00am	Sunday Praise: Mr David Robinson
	5.00pm	Morning Worship: Mr David Robinson
		Prayer and Praise: Mr Matthew Percy
		<i>Bible readings: Isaiah 53, Matt 20.17-34</i>
St Mary's	11.00am	Morning Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton
12th Mon	12.30pm	Friendship Lunch at Stover Golf Club
14th Wed	10am-4pm	Evangelism Conference at All Saints Sidmouth
17th Sat	10-3pm	Psalm Roar Event at All Saints, Exeter
18th		
		20th after Trinity: Testing Questions
	9.30am	Bible readings: 1 Kings 10.1-13, Matt 21.23-end
	11.00am	Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5.00pm	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
		Prayer and Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's		Bible readings: Zechariah 9.1-12, Matthew 21.1-22
	11.00am	Morning Worship- Mr David Robinson
25th		
		Last after Trinity: Invited to the wedding
	9.30am	Bible Readings: Isaiah 55, Matthew 22.1-14
	11.00am	Sunday Praise: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
	5.00pm	Morning Prayer: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
		Prayer & Praise: tbc
St Mary's		Bible readings: 1 Kings 10.1-13, Matt 21.23-end
	11.00am	Morning Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton
Nov		
1st		
		All Saints:
	9.30am	Bible Readings: Rev 19.6-9, Matt 22.22-33
	11.00am	All Age Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5.00pm	Morning Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton
		Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton.
St Mary's		Bible readings: Isaiah 55, Matthew 22.1-14 (tbc)
	11.00am	Morning Worship: Mr David Robinson
8th		
		Remembrance Sunday
	10.00am	Bible readings: 1 Thess 4.13-end, Matthew 25.1-13
	6.00pm	Remembrance Service
		Prayer & Praise -Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's		Bible Readings: 1 Thess 4.13-end, Matthew 25.1-13
	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday service: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
15th		
		2nd before Advent: The Great Commandment
	9.30am	Bible readings: Leviticus 19.9-18, Matthew 22.34-46
	11.00am	Sunday Praise: Mr Richard Orr
	5.00pm	Holy Communion: Mr Richard Orr & Rev David Harris.
		Prayer & Praise: tbc

St Mary's	11.00am	Bible readings: Revelation 19.6-9, Matthew 22.22-33 Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
22nd		Christ the King: The woes of a weeping King Bible Readings: James 3.1-12, Matthew 23 9.30am Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton 11.00am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton 5.00pm Prayer and praise. Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible readings: Lev 19.9-18, Mt 22.34-46 Morning Worship: Mr Richard Orr
29th		Advent: The Great clean-up Bible readings: Isaiah 1, Matthew 24.29-44 9.30am Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton 11.00am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton 5.00pm Prayer & Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
St Mary's	11.00am	Bible readings: Bible readings: Isaiah 1, Matthew 24.29-44 Morning Worship: tbc

Tracey House Garden Fete:

On Wed 5 August Tracey House Residential Home held a garden fete and raised money for three local charities - Bovey Fire Station, Bovey Library, and PPT. Graham received a cheque for £168 from two residents of Tracey House.



Psalm Roar:

All Saints Exeter, Sat 17 October

10am to 3pm (Or come just for the morning: 10am to 1pm)

Experience the unity of the Spirit and the encouragement of God's Word as we sing the psalms together. The Holy Spirit has given us the psalms to sing. In them we hear the voice of Jesus, who invites us to sing his songs.

This will be a day on why and how to sing the Psalms, with lots of singing. This is a day for everyone - whether or not you call yourself 'musical'. We will be singing the psalms in a variety of styles. The emphasis is on enthusiastic participation rather than musical perfection. No prior knowledge of music is required; once you have booked you will be given exclusive access to a Psalm Learning Page to help you prepare. As we gather to sing the psalms you will be encouraged and emboldened by the power of the words and the strength of the singing.

This is also a day of discovering the rich Jesus-centred theology of the psalms. The psalms show us how to rejoice in Christ our Saviour and to know his comfort during seasons of lament and sorrow. As we sing the psalms the message of Christ dwells richly in us. There will be regular breaks through the day. Please bring your own packed lunch. We suggest a donation of £10-£15 per adult but if this is too much please feel free to make a smaller donation. Children are encouraged to

attend and there is no cost for them.

Please pay on the day with cash.

This Psalm Roar is taking place at All Saints Church, Exeter.. Click [here](#) to be taken to Google Maps - but note that the image on Google Maps is out of date. When you have booked you will receive an email with ideas for parking.

Preparation: Once you have booked you will be sent a link to a psalm-learning page. The more you learn the music beforehand the more you will benefit from the day and we will be able to sing more psalms.

To book visit <https://www.psalmsroar.org/exeter>



Bayeux and the Bible



The Bayeux Tapestry has come home. We know that the embroidery was created somewhere in England nearly 1,000 years ago, following the Norman conquest.

It disappeared into obscurity for many centuries in France. Once a year it was displayed in Bayeux Cathedral before being folded away again, and only came to prominence in the 18th century, when scholars published engravings bringing it to a wider public. Napoleon used it for his own propaganda purposes. Since then, the 70-metre-long embroidery has continued to capture the popular imagination.

The temporary exhibition at the British Museum is truly historic, and likely to attract 7.5 million visitors.

So what is it? It records the AD 1066 Norman conquest of England. The tapestry (technically an embroidery) is like a comic book or a film strip. It starts in AD 1064 with King Edward at the recently built Westminster Abbey sending Harold Godwinson to France to meet William Duke of Normandy. Harold pledges an oath of allegiance, but after the death of King Edward, Harold takes the throne, which William considers the breaking of his oath. William's invasion brings the older Anglo-Saxon dynasty to an end.

The tapestry includes an incredible array of details that illustrate the Medieval world.

The tapestry is saturated with the Christian worldview. Harold swears his oath on religious relics and big decisions are made in the context of churches and bishops. The tapestry strongly suggests that the fall of the Anglo-Saxons to the Normans was God's judgement on Harold's broken oath.

The depiction of Halley's comet provides an independently verifiable astronomical date for the events (AD 1066). While this was also taken as having supernatural significance it also reminds us that people of the past did think about historical context and references that help date when something happened. We might be reminded of examples in the Bible where astronomical references are given even if we can't pinpoint when they happened (Josh. 10v12-14; Joel 2v31; Amos 8v9; Matt. 2v2).

The tapestry provides a useful comparison with the New Testament. It is true that the creators had an agenda (don't we all?) but we can test much of its accuracy. Even if we don't share the creators' agenda ("three cheers for Harold!") we can acknowledge the historical veracity of the story being told. Many incidental details underline its accuracy – buildings, boats, recognisable people, military equipment and locations. The work can itself be compared with what we know from archaeological discoveries and other writings from the ancient world to be satisfied that, whatever their agenda in the embroidery, they intended to create a contemporary account based upon the testimony of those who were there. It is a parallel to Luke's intentions in his Gospel (Luke 1v1-4).

Any trip to a museum can kindle an interest in history. The exhibition of the Bayeux Tapestry is likely to be a significant one. We can use this to draw people to the real history of Jesus. Christianity is not rooted in myths and legends. If a 1,000-year-old embroidery can help us understand an event that changed England for a millennium, then how much more can the Bible help us understand an event that changed the world forever?

Chris Sinkinson is Director of School for Discipleship, Lansdowne Church, Bournemouth.

Peninsular Gospel Partnership (PGP) TRAINING COURSE

WE WANT TO SERVE YOU Our ambition is to equip you with God's word. We do this because, through His word, Jesus grows his Church, and the Spirit transforms lives. The PGP training course has been running for over 2 decades to equip men and women for ministry. This training is in person and locally run in Plymouth by local christian leaders who are pastorally engaged and live what they teach. Just £60 per term. The course provides an introduction to the different books of the Bible, ministry and teaching skills and (in the second year) further lectures on doctrine, e.g. the Cross, the Holy Spirit, and Church history.

We are piloting a new delivery of the regular PGP course in Autumn 2026 (alongside the regular one) that will run one Saturday morning per month, 9:30-13:30, usually on the second Saturday of every month. The venue is still to be confirmed, but it will be in Plymstock. You can express your interest by emailing peninsulagp@gmail.com, or direct to the course leader, tom@christchurchsouthdevon.org.uk



Going the Distance

Imagine you're on a flight to a dream holiday, only halfway through, you hit turbulence and have to do an emergency landing in a muddy field.

Relationships can often feel like this.

At the beginning, you're excited about a new adventure, but without time, active effort and intentionality, you can drift, or even crash land. Every relationship will face struggles, but the good news is, you can be prepared for when the rough patches come. Going the Distance gives you a rare chance to stop, take stock and invest in your relationship. You'll leave with ...

- Simple ideas to prioritise each other day-to-day
- Proactive ways to build the marriage you both want
- Ways to navigate sexual and emotional intimacy
- Tools for having better conversations and handling conflict well
- Encouragement that all couples struggle – it's not a sign that your relationship is failing

Care for the Family are touring the country with a roadshow to encourage flourishing and healthy marriages. On Thu 8 October at 7.30pm in Belmont Chapel, Exeter (EX1 2DB) The speakers share from their own lives without sugar-coating the challenging moments. They bring genuine honesty, plenty of humour, and explore the essential areas that will help you spot warning signs, avoid roadblocks and continue your journey together. Further details and booking at <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/touevents/going-the-distance/>

What I did on my holiday!

During a lull in the really hot weather in June, I joined 18 other residents of Bovey Tracey for a few days in the holiday resort of Torquay.

This was the second year that Trudy, from the Baptist church, had organised a holiday mainly for elderly people with a Christian faith who live alone and who would enjoy spending a few days in the company of 'like-minded' people. This year Trudy had invited me along to help her. We spent our evenings and nights at the Toorak Hotel and were offered a full buffet breakfast, including a 'full English' every morning and of a choice of a three-course menu served to us every evening. What choices to make and how much of it could we eat seemed to be our only concerns. Following breakfast one morning I spoke about how I became an Anna Chaplain and the ministry that the team and I have in Bovey Tracey.

Our days were spent discovering the delights of Torbay and the South Hams by boat, bus and train, travelling to many places including Dartmouth, Totnes, Cockington and Teignmouth.

As Torquay were hosting an exhibition of a selection of artworks from the National Gallery at Torre Abbey, we were also able to enjoy that too especially as the artists were local and their paintings depicted Torquay and the rural countryside of Devon. Also, in collaboration with the National Gallery the 'Art on Your Doorstep' project had a collection of 30 life size replicas of reproductions of masterpieces displayed in the open air between Torre Abbey and the harbour. It was set up as a 'Town Trail, and free to view. Following our evening meal, we were able to choose our entertainment from the hotel's live entertainment, Roy's brain teasing quiz or one of Trudy's films; most of us chose the quiz and a film. During our week we saw C.H.Spurgeon – the People's Preacher; Shadowlands; the Story of Ester; John Lennox – an interview and Heaven is for Real.



Friday morning arrived very quickly, and it was time to pack our bags and to say our goodbyes, having spent a joyful week together at the seaside.

Jill Hosford

Hennock Garden Show & Craft Festival

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September
Village Hall, St. Mary's Church & (new for 2026!) Hennock Primary School Join us for a wonderful weekend of celebration in various venues in our village. Attached to this newsletter is a Schedule of Classes, and details about the weekend.

Please get growing, crafting, stitching, hands-on hobbies, art, photography, etc. Our village church windows will be decorated for the event, and various crafts and crafters will be on show over the weekend.

If you can volunteer to help out on any of these days in the Village Hall, Church or School, please contact Linda (linda@stickwick.co.uk)/Lyn Russell/ Angela Bassett.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2026 – 21 September to 4 October

I wonder what is foremost in your mind when you shop for food. Price? Good value? How many air miles? How much packaging? So many pressing and worthy matters to consider. A further question a Christian might like to ask is “How does my faith influence my choices?” One way could be to consider the growers and producers of the things we consume. **Fairtrade Fortnight** provides an annual opportunity to think about the way we shop, and the effect our decisions have on those who produce the basics we buy.

The **Fairtrade Foundation** campaigns for trade justice. It works round the world with small-scale farmers and producers to build a fairer trade system based on a decent income, safe working conditions and investment for the future. It sets social, economic and environmental standards for farmers and their workers, and for the companies who buy their produce. Rather than being exploited, growers earn their way out of poverty, and the effect is felt throughout their communities.

In addition, farmers and workers are given the **Fairtrade Premium** – an extra sum of money on top of the selling price that they can invest in projects of their choice. Local health and education projects benefit, as do the practices of the growers themselves. Many Fairtrade producers are already having to adjust their methods because of environmental changes – they are at the sharp end of the impact of climate change. More information and personal stories from growers can be found at <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/why-fairtrade/impact/impact-stories.html>

Choosing to buy Fairtrade products is one way of emulating our Heavenly Father’s concern for the poor, and for justice. We can be confident that those who grow and sell under the Fairtrade banner are getting a fair price for their goods and are not being

exploited. The Fairtrade logo appears on many items we might buy (chief among them coffee, tea, bananas, sugar, chocolate, wine and flowers) and in many of our local shops. As budgets allow, buying Fairtrade occasionally or at every opportunity is to contribute to the good of growers and producers and their communities.

Susan Harris



Bovey Tracey is designated a Fairtrade town, which means that many local organisations – including our church – have pledged to use Fairtrade goods wherever possible. The **Bovey Fairtrade Group** exists to encourage this. It raises funds to donate packs of tea, coffee and sugar to community organisations, and provides speakers and runs activities for interested groups, including schools.

During **Fairtrade Fortnight** Bovey Fairtrade group will have a stall outside the Co-op on Saturday 26th September 10-12 , with free draw for a FT hamper . The group will be hosting a meeting of local businesses to support the ethical principles of businesses in the town.

Steve Oldrieve, Secretary

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

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Youth Worker: position vacant

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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.

The Church Website contains details of all events, audio sermon files and documents for download: go to www.pptbovey.church

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Greg, Bryony and Ezra Wilgar-Jones on their last Sunday at PPT before Greg starts ordination training at Trinity College, Bristol



Michael Wigney and the Bell Tower (Sarah McIntyre) about to join the Carnival procession on Saturday 1 August



Above: Eli Matheson & Bryony Wilgar-Jones, confirmed by the Bishop of Plymouth on 6 September. Below: the PPT stall at the Bovey Festival

