

The Two Rivers Mission Community AUGUST NEWS



From The Rector

Dear All,

Welcome to our August email / newsletter.

August is often a much quieter month around church, with many groups taking a break. Perhaps it's a good opportunity to meet up with others for a coffee or a walk? There are a couple of special events taking place in August: a cream tea in Newton Tracey and a scarecrow festival in Horwood. Do support these if you can.



We pray for all our children (and teachers) enjoying a break, and for all those who will be travelling this month. May you find refreshment and be renewed... and have lots of fun! August is also a time when we can expect visitors to our churches. I know we will offer a warm welcome to those who are holidaying or visiting in the area.

Planning will continue in August for the launch of Bubble Church in September. It's always a bit scary starting something new, but we trust that as we 'step out of the boat' Jesus will reach out and uphold us. Please do try to get along to one of our taster sessions to see what Bubble Church is all about and join us in praying and inviting. We do want to see young families not currently connected with church finding a place in Jesus' family.

Best wishes

Gary

Bubble Church - countdown to launch underway



Our first taster service on Sunday 19th July was greatly enjoyed. People took home prayer cards with ideas for things to pray for the launch in September and invitations to invite young families to try out Bubble Church when it launches in September.

We have three more taster sessions in August:

Beaford: 2nd August at 9.30am

Tawstock: 2nd August at 11.00am

Horwood: 9th August at 9.30am

If there isn't a taster service in your church please come along to another church nearby to find out what's going on and get inspired.

And we then get under way with the real thing in September:

1st Sunday: Lovacott village hall

2nd Sunday: Beaford village hall

3rd Sunday: Tawstock church

4th Sunday: High Bick church hall

You can download the prayer card from the Bubble Church page on our website.

A new rector's sermon to unite and encourage us

Each month, our rector, Gary, will be producing a 'rector's' sermon, with the aim that each church watches the sermon during a main morning service, normally on the fourth Sunday of the month. We hope that this will help us look at topics of mutual interest and Gary will be able to share thoughts and ideas across all eleven churches.

The first four sermons will be based on our Mission Community mission statement, that, 'We are called by God to build a Christian community in each village which will worship, pray, grow and reach out with the Gospel'.

News from around the churches

- Horwood hosted a truly joyful pet service on 21st June, with 6 pets joining the regular congregation as well as visitors from the community.

- Roborough's "Wine and Wisdom" evening (which included a rousing rendition of "I am a new creation"!) raised £450 and Yarnscombe fete raised over £500; both for church funds. A successful art and photography exhibition in High Bick raised a similar sum, with half the money going to support children's work in the parish.

- Two safari suppers took place in July. Alverdiscott's raised £1,000 and Newton Tracey's over £2,000. Everyone enjoyed some great food and good times together.

- Yarnscombe's Biscuits, Brew and Banter is switching to a Wednesday morning. The next meetings are in the newly refurbished hospitality area at the back of church are on Wednesdays 12th August and 9th September. All welcome.

- A big thank you to Rev Caroline who lead our prayer walk to Baggy point. Sadly it was a solo effort, possibly due to the very hot weather, but her prayers will have been heard and answered.

- On Sunday 12th July High Bick church hosted, as part of the Church of England 'recognise' initiative a 'thank you' service to which all those involved with children's work in the parish were invited. Cake was shared and a small present given to each volunteer. (see photo).



Tawstock church's new exhibition area opens

On Friday 17th July Tawstock church and Holywell school opened a new exhibition in church displaying children's work. The event included drinks and nibbles, and a talk by the children about their work (based on Bible stories told by Rev Gary during school collective worship). Parents, children, members of church and the wider community were in attendance.



The exhibition will be open during the summer. Why not pop in for a look and maybe combine it with a walk around the local area and even a picnic?

Atherington and High Bick to swap service times

From 1st September High Bickington will hold their morning service at 9.30am and Atherington will hold their morning service at 11.00am. A new rota reflecting this will be issued in due course.

August events and services

Check out the [calendar](#) on our website for all of August's services and activities.

The current rota can be found [here](#).

Opportunities to worship and pray mid-week:

Celtic prayer in Horwood church (Fridays 14th and 28th at 10.30am)

Prayer meetings in St Giles church (Mondays at 8.30am) and High Bick church (Wednesdays at 12.30pm)

Homegroups: High Bickington (4th August, 7.30pm at Stables cottage) and in Newton Tracey (every Wednesday at 7.30pm, venue varies so check with Tim). Beaford homegroup is taking a break in August and resumes on Monday 7th September.

Social gatherings

Chatterbox in Horwood church (Thursday 13th, 2.00 - 4.00pm)

Biscuits, Brew and Banter in Yarnscombe church (Wednesday 12th, 10.00am - 12.00noon)

Coffee morning in The Hunters Inn (Wednesday 19th, 10.00-11.30am)

Coffee, Cake and Company in St Giles church (Wednesday 19th, 10.30am - 12.00noon)

Newton Tracey ladies puddings in the Hunters Inn (Thursday 20th at 6.30pm)

Newton Tracey men's breakfast in the Hunters Inn (Friday 21st at 9.30am)

Coffee morning in Beaford village hall (Saturday 29th, 10.00-11.30am)

Children and Young people

Newton Tracey youth group, the Mission Community youth group and High Bickington after school club are all taking a break in August and return in September

Special events

Sunday 9th August: Newton Tracey cream tea

2.30 - 5.30pm at Kate and Jim's. No need to book.

Saturday 15th - Sunday 16th August - Horwood scarecrow festival

With refreshments and displays in church, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Services

Sunday 9th: Hymns and Pimms (and juice and sweeties for children!) in Roborough church, 11.00am

Sunday 23rd: Confirmation service in Alverdiscott church, 8.00am

Bishop Rod, an honorary assistant bishop in the Diocese of Exeter, will confirm Georgie in the 8.00am BCP communion service. Anyone else who would like to be confirmed at this service can speak to Rev Gary. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday 23rd: Hymns and Pimms in Atherington church, 4.00pm

A service with Bishop Moira, the bishop of Crediton, to celebrate the new heating and lighting in Atherington church.

Sunday 30th: Back to School Bangers in St Giles church, 11.00am

A relaxed family service to celebrate and pray for the start of a new school year; includes favourite songs from school assemblies!

Dates for the diary

As always we plan to hold a day of prayer to start the new term and so have set aside Monday 7th September. Details will follow in the September email, with venues and times for corporate prayer.

Newsletter

If you have items for this monthly email please email Gary at revgary@tworiversmissioncommunity.org

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