

The Two Rivers Mission Community October NEWS



From The Rector

Dear All,

In October my mission community sermon will focus on the fourth of the four aspects of our building churches in each community: reaching out with the gospel; the good news of Jesus. Many of the services and events taking place across the mission community in October are designed to help us do that - to share the good news of Jesus with those around us.

Our healing services remind us that Jesus heals, and offers people the chance to receive prayer and anointing with oil.

Halloween reminds us that Jesus has triumphed over the devil and we do not need to fear the forces of evil if we remain 'in Christ'. Indeed we have power in Christ to fight against those forces in the world.

All Saints and All souls (yes admittedly they take place on 1st and 2nd November) remind us that Jesus has conquered the grave, and those who come to him in repentance and faith receive the promise of eternal life.

Good news indeed... and good news that needs to be shared!

Best wishes

Gary



Day of prayer and fasting

A big thank you to everyone who joined in the day of prayer and fasting. We prayed in, and for, every church and parish in our mission community. Please keep praying (and fasting) over the term ahead as we seek to make the most of the many opportunities to share God's love and the good news of Jesus.

Bubble Church gets off to a great start



We have now run a Bubble church in Lovacott, Beaford and Tawstock and have been greatly encouraged by the number of families attending: four in Lovacott, six in Beaford and five in Tawstock. More than half of these families have not worshipped with us regularly before.

We've also now taken the Bubble Church puppets into all four of our local schools and one local play group; an immense privilege.

Please pray that those who've come find it helpful and return, and that more new people might join us as the word spreads. Pray for the children and their families that they might grow in relationship with Jesus as part of His family. Please also pray for the leadership team, as running Bubble church every week is a lot of work!

Bubble church runs as follows:

1st Sunday: Lovacott village hall

2nd Sunday: Beaford village hall

3rd Sunday: Tawstock church

4th Sunday: High Bick church hall

We're encouraging people to sign up via our Eventbrite page [here](#)

The Rector's sermon

Our "rector's" sermon for October focuses on reaching out with the gospel; the fourth of the aspects of church life we believe God is calling us to focus on as we build a Christian community in each village.

If you missed any of the previous sermons on worship, prayer and growing you can read them here:

[Worship](#)

[Prayer](#)

[Grow](#)

Remind yourself of our mission action plan [here](#).

Harvest celebrations

Our harvest festivals began last weekend, with a service in Newton Tracey and a whole weekend of activities in Beaford, including a produce show and choir.

Remaining services and events are:

Atherington - 4th October, 4.00pm: messy church with short all age worship followed by cream tea and auction.

High Bickington - 27th September, 9.30am, followed by a bring and share lunch 12noon in the community centre.



Horwood - 11th October, 9.30am, followed by a bring and share lunch at 12.00noon in Lovacott village hall

Huntshaw - 11th October, 11.00am in Church, preceded by community breakfast in the village hall.

Roborough - 11th October, 11.00am, followed by lunch in the village hall. Lunch tickets available from Madeleine.

St Giles - 27th September, 11.00am.

Harvest supper on Friday 25th September in the parish hall. Tickets from Viv (01805 623348)

Tawstock - 4th October, 11.00am, followed by a bring and share finger buffet.

Yarnscombe - 11th October, 6.30pm

Harvest supper, Thursday 15th October, 7.00pm in the village hall. Tickets from Carol or Richard.

For more details see the harvest page on our website here: <https://www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org/services/harvest/>

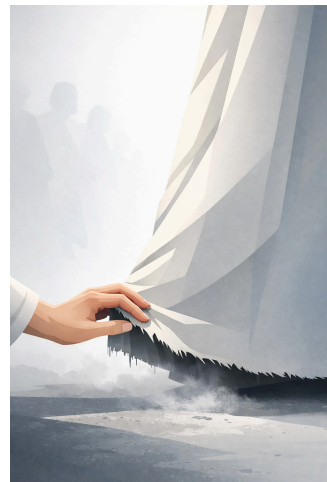
Healing services - a chance to receive prayer and anointing

The Gospels record many instances of Jesus healing... and how he sent his disciples to do the same.

Since Jesus' ascension, the Church has been actively involved in the ministry of healing; whether offering medical care (such as founding hospitals and hospices) or prayer and support.

On Sunday 18th October, the Feast of St Luke the Physician, three of our churches will be holding healing services, with prayer for healing and anointing with oil:

High Bickington; 9.30am



St Giles; 11.00am

Atherington: 11.00am, with communion also being offered.

There will also be simple prayers for healing offered in Roborough's 11am service.

All are welcome to attend and receive prayer for themselves or others.

Trick or Truth Halloween events

Halloween, or the "Eve of All Hallows", is traditionally a Christian festival celebrating the victory of Christ over the forces of evil and even poking fun at them! It leads into the feast of All Saints on 1st November and All Souls on 2nd November.

This Halloween we are opening several of our churches for 'alternative' Halloween events, offering a warm, light and welcoming space for people to pop in, on what can be a dark night. We'll be offering hot drinks and 'trick or truth' goodie boxes for children with a leaflet pointing to Jesus, the Light of the World.



Roborough church: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

St Giles church: 6.00 - 8.00pm

High Bick church: 6.00 - 8.00pm

Remembering loved ones who have passed away

Advance notice:

On 1st and 2nd November, the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, we will be holding services to remember loved ones who have died:

Sunday 1st November

Beaford, 9.30am

Tawstock, 11.00am

High Bickington, 4.00pm

Monday 2nd November

Roborough, 7.00pm



News from around the churches

- STOP PRESS: Macmillan coffee morning at Kate and Jim's house in Newton Tracey on 25th September 9.30am onwards.
- Yarnscombe church held a sponsored walk ending with refreshments in church on Saturday 12th September, raising £120 in aid of Devon Historic churches.
- There were insufficient people interested in the Alpha group due to start on Mondays in the rectory and so we will not run this Autumn but look to new course in the Spring. The course on Tuesdays in Newton Tracey is now up and running.

October events and services

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

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

Opportunities to worship and pray mid-week:

Celtic prayer in Horwood church (Fridays 2nd, 16th and 30th at 10.30am)

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

Homegroups:

Atherington: Wednesdays 7th and 21st at 10.00am in Rose Cottage

Beaford: Every Monday in the village hall at 9.30am

High Bickington Tuesdays 6th and 20th at 7.00pm in Stables Cottage

Newton Tracey: Every Wednesday at 7.30pm, (venue varies so check with Tim).

Social gatherings

High Bick coffee morning in the community centre (Wednesday 14th, 10.00-11.30)

Biscuits, Brew and Banter in Yarnscombe church (Wednesday 21st, 10.00am - 12.00noon)

Chatterbox in Horwood church (Thursday 8th, 2.00 - 4.00pm)

Newton Tracey ladies puddings in the Hunters Inn (Thursday 15th, 6.30pm)

Newton Tracey men's breakfast in the Hunters Inn (Friday 16th, 9.30am)

Newton Tracey Coffee morning in The Hunters Inn (Wednesday 21st, 10.00-11.30am)

Coffee, Cake and Company in St Giles church (Wednesday 21st, 10.30am - 12.00noon)

Friends of Alverdiscott musical lunch in Alverdiscott church (Friday 30th, 12.30pm)

Atherington seniors lunch in the Pavilion (Friday 30th, 1.00pm)

Coffee morning in Beaford village hall (Saturday 31st, 10.00-11.30am)

Children and Young people

High Bickington after school club: Wednesday 21st at 3.30pm in the church hall

Newton Tracey youth group (age 8+): Thursday 8th at 6.00pm in church

Mission Community youth group (year 7+): Monday 19th at 6.30pm in Beaford village hall

Holywell school exhibition launch: Thursday 22nd October, 1.30pm in Tawstock church

Holywell school harvest festival: Thursday 22nd October, 2.00pm in Tawstock church

Two Rivers Community Choir

Choir practice on Thursdays, 7.30pm in High Bick church

Special events

Wedding in Alverdiscott: Saturday 17th, 3.00pm

Special services

Healing services: Sunday 18th October (The feast of St Luke),

Services to remember loved ones who have died: Sunday 1st November,

9.30am in Beaford, 11.00am in Tawstock. and 4.00pm in High Bick. Monday 2nd November, 7.00pm in Roborough

Advanced notice:

- Newton Tracey: Quiz on the 7th November at Alverdiscott hall 7.30pm start,
- Christmas tree festival in Newton Tracey church on the 11th and 12th December 11 o'clock till 5 o'clock. £5 entry. Prize for the most popular tree .

Help share the good news

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