

## Prayer Diary – April 2017

“...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,  
we too might walk in newness of life.” *Romans 6.4*

Please pray for...

**1<sup>st</sup>** the Easter Coffee Morning at Bishops Tawton  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** all that Jesus brings to our lives  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** those who grieve and mourn  
**4<sup>th</sup>** our Open The Book Teams  
**5<sup>th</sup>** the clergy's Quiet Day led by Bishop Robert in Exeter  
**6<sup>th</sup>** the North Devon Hospice  
**7<sup>th</sup>** our local Foodbanks  
**8<sup>th</sup>** local councillors and the decisions they make  
**9<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday: true and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory  
**10<sup>th</sup>** the Litchdon Medical Centre  
**11<sup>th</sup>** the Fair Trade Foundation  
**12<sup>th</sup>** everyone at Cake Club  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Maundy Thursday: God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful  
**14<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday: Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may

we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are  
**15<sup>th</sup>** Easter Eve: in the depths of our isolation we cry to you, Lord God: give light in our darkness and bring us out of the prison of our despair  
**16<sup>th</sup>** Easter Sunday: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ  
**17<sup>th</sup>** those who have to work on this Bank Holiday Monday  
**18<sup>th</sup>** our local schools at the start of another term  
**19<sup>th</sup>** those places affected by war  
**20<sup>th</sup>** North Devon's farmers  
**21<sup>st</sup>** couples preparing to marry this summer  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** our Bishops, Robert Nick and Sarah  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** prison chaplains  
**24<sup>th</sup>** the children who enjoy Mini Music  
**25<sup>th</sup>** Pints of View this evening  
**26<sup>th</sup>** our PCCs and Churchwardens  
**27<sup>th</sup>** Christians Against Poverty  
**28<sup>th</sup>** the Freedom Centre  
**29<sup>th</sup>** Andy and his family  
**30<sup>th</sup>** the Devon Air Ambulance

## St John the Baptist Churches, Newport and Bishops Tawton



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Over the years I've slowly got used to seeing Cadbury's Creme Eggs appear in the shops at the start of January. After all, it seems that hot cross buns are now available all year 'round. Then last month I saw on the television a commercial for something called a 'Kids Corner Easter Limited Edition' Muller Yogurt. There are translations of the Bible that do refer to yogurt rather than curds and honey in Isaiah 7.15, but I still don't know what, if anything, turns a normal yogurt into an Easter yogurt beyond a picture of a cartoon rabbit on the packet.

Sometimes I wonder if we sugar coat Easter in bunnies and chocolate because the thought of Christ suffering on the cross is too much to bear. It certainly won't help sell yogurt. But what makes that image of suffering bearable is the vision that confronts us on Easter Sunday morning, of the stone that's been rolled away from the front of the tomb (Luke 24.2). And it's that story that takes us all the way from Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his death on the cross and ultimately his rising again in glory that your local church wants to share with you this Easter.

If you have any news or information for next month's Parish Bulletin then please send it to [bishops.tawton@johnthebaptist.org.uk](mailto:bishops.tawton@johnthebaptist.org.uk), or you can ring Dave Lewis on 01271 312904.

## Easter Events and Services

### **Maundy Thursday (April 13<sup>th</sup>)**

7pm Breaking of Bread and Sharing of Food - a reflection on the Last Supper at **Bishops Tawton**

### **Good Friday (April 14<sup>th</sup>)**

10.30am Gather at **St John the Baptist** in **Bishops Tawton** for the Walk of Witness to the **Methodist Chapel**

11.30am Gather outside **Grosvenor Church** in **Barnstaple** for the Walk of Witness to the **High Street** with an Act of Witness and Prayer at 12 noon  
2pm at **Newport**: a time of reflection before the Cross

### **Easter Saturday (April 15<sup>th</sup>)**

10am Easter Cycle Ride around local churches leaving from **Newport** and due to finish at 2pm at **Holy Trinity**. There will be an Easter reflection at **Newport, Ashford** (approximately 11am) and **Goodleigh** (around 1pm). Please bring your own lunch. The section to and from Ashford will be suitable for all cyclists, the rest will take in some longish climbs but all off main roads

### **Easter Sunday (April 16<sup>th</sup>)**

6.15am Sunrise Service of Holy Communion on **Codden Hill**

9.30am Family Communion and Easter Celebration at **Newport**

11am Family Communion and Easter Celebration at **Bishops Tawton**

## Easter Coffee Morning

We're having an Easter Coffee Morning at Bishops Tawton Village Hall to help us raise some money to replace our altar cloths.

It's on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, from 10am 'til 12 noon.

As well as tea and coffee there will be home made cakes to buy and a prize draw. Do please pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

You can find details of our daily Bible readings for this month at

[www.wordlive.org/Session/Classic](http://www.wordlive.org/Session/Classic)

[www.johnthebaptist.org.uk](http://www.johnthebaptist.org.uk)

[www.facebook.com/StJohntheBaptistChurchesBarnstaple](https://www.facebook.com/StJohntheBaptistChurchesBarnstaple)

## Sunday Services in April

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 8am Holy Communion at **Newport**

9.30am All Age Praise at **Newport**

11am Joint Service of Holy Communion at **Bishops Tawton Methodist Chapel**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Holy Communion with crèche and Sunday School at **Newport**

11am Morning Prayer at **Bishops Tawton**

7.30pm Worship and Prayer at **Newport**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** 6.15am Sunrise service of Holy Communion on **Codden Hill**

9.30am Family Communion and Easter Celebration at **Newport**

11am Family Communion and Easter Celebration at **Bishops Tawton**

6.30pm Evening Praise with Breaking of Bread at **Newport**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 9.30am Holy Communion at **Newport** with Early Bird Family Service in the Hall

11am Morning Praise at **Bishops Tawton**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** 11am Joint Service of Holy Communion at **Bishops Tawton**

Every **Thursday** 9am Prayer Time at **Newport** followed by Breaking of Bread at 9.30am

### April Events

Every **Monday** 2pm Mini Music at **Newport**

Every **Wednesday** 10am Cake Club at **Newport**

Every **Wednesday** 10am Club for adults with disabilities in **Newport Hall**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>** 10am Easter Coffee Morning at **Bishops Tawton Village Hall**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** 12.30pm Bible Lunch at **Newport Hall**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Prayer Breakfast at **Bishops Tawton**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** 2.30pm Disabled Christian Fellowship at **Newport Hall**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** 2pm Friendship Circle at **Newport**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** Details of all our Easter Events and Services are in the box on the page opposite

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast at **Newport**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** 8pm Pints of View at the **Chichester Arms**