

Prayer Diary – July 2017

“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5.13-14

Please pray for...

1st a warm welcome to those who visit our churches this summer
2nd Disability Sunday: Lord, help us reach out to all members of our community
3rd students completing their exams and now waiting for their results
4th the North Devon Hospice
5th everyone at Cake Club
6th the upkeep and maintenance of our church buildings
7th God's comfort to be with those who grieve and mourn
8th this afternoon's Disabled Christian Fellowship at Newport
9th Sea Sunday: Lord, watch over those in peril on the sea
10th our PCCs
11th all who struggle with addiction
12th families and people moving in to the area
13th hospital chaplains and all who work at the NDDH
14th the homeless people we see on the streets of Barnstaple
15th the Men's Prayer Breakfast this morning at Newport
16th all those preparing for ordination in September

17th everyone at Mini Music
18th the neighbouring churches in our Mission Community: Holy Trinity and St Peter's in town, Sticklepath with Roundswell, Pilton with Ashford and St Gregory's at Goodleigh
19th those who rely on our local Foodbanks and the volunteers who support them
20th the Litchdon Medical Centre
21st the Tidy Up Team in Bishops Tawton
22nd everyone heading off to New Wine this summer
23rd the Children's Hospice South West
24th Andy, Carolyn and their family
25th this evening's Pints of View at the Chichester Arms
26th local schools at the end of another busy term
27th coastguards and the RNLI
28th farmers preparing for this year's harvest
29th Christians facing persecution
30th couples getting married this summer
31st the Devon Air Ambulance

St John the Baptist Churches, Newport and Bishops Tawton



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We all remember how at the very beginning of the Bible God created the heavens and the earth in all their vast array. But it's also important to remember what God did next: he rested. Summer is a time when many of us will take the opportunity for a bit of time away. We may get to go somewhere new, catch up with family and friends, or maybe attend an event like New Wine. But while we're queuing at the airport, stuck in traffic on the motorway or seeing as many sights as we can before it's time to go home, do we really get to rest at all?

Jesus said 'come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest in your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light' (Matthew 11.28-30). It may be that we don't have to get on a plane or a train to find rest after all. It may be that rest and peace can be found closer to home, and in our hearts.

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

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Mission Shed Central

If you've been to any of the North Devon Mission Shed events at Newport then you'll already have heard about Mission Shed Central: It's at St. Andrews Church and Community Centre in Cullompton on Saturday the 15th of July from 10 'til 3.

The two keynote speakers for this event are Reverend Michael Moynagh from National Fresh Expressions and Church Army Evangelist Reverend Andy Milne.

There will also be workshops on a variety of subjects, including discipleship, setting up a Cafe Church, and creative ways to help us to connect with the local community.

Andy is planning on driving down to this event, and has said that he can offer lifts! Email vicar@johnthebaptist.org.uk or call 01271 371068 and we will try to organise it so we car share as much as possible.

Have you read...?

The summer break can be a good time to catch up with some reading. Here are a few suggestions for recent titles that you may want to take a look at.

The Essential Question – Whitney T Kuniholm: this is the book we've been following over the last few weeks with our readings from Acts.
Dethroning Mammon – Justin Welby: the Archbishop's Lent Book for 2017 can be read at any time. It asks penetrating questions about how we deal with money and power.

Being Disciples – Rowan Williams: thoughts on some of the most important aspects of Christian life including faith, hope, holiness, social action and life in the Spirit.

Stand – Karl Martin: some of us will have read this when it was the focus of some of our sermons last summer. If you haven't read it yet expect a vigorous call to discipleship, to witness and to live out your Christian life in the fullness of Christ.

Sunday Services in July

Sunday 2nd 8am Holy Communion at **Newport**

9.30am All Age Praise at **Newport**

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

Sunday 9th 9.30am Holy Communion with crèche and Sunday School at **Newport**

11am Morning Prayer at **Bishops Tawton**

7.30pm Joint Prayer time at **Newport**

Sunday 16th 8am Holy Communion at **Newport**

9.30am Family Praise at **Newport** with Sunday School and crèche

11am Holy Communion at **Bishops Tawton**

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

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

11am Morning Praise at **Bishops Tawton**

Sunday 30th 9.30am Joint Service of Holy Communion at **Newport**

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

July Events

Homegroups through the week- speak to Andy, Diana or Cathy for dates.

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

Monday 3rd and **Monday 17th** 12.30pm Bible Lunch at Newport Hall

Saturday 8th 9.30am Prayer Breakfast at Bishops Tawton

Monday 10th 7.30pm Bishop's Tawton PCC, venue tbc

Thursday 13th 2pm Friendship Circle at Newport

Saturday 15th 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Newport

Tuesday 18th 7.30pm Newport PCC at Dodwells

Tuesday 25th 8pm Pints of View at the Chichester Arms