

Prayer Diary - September 2017

"I lift my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."
Psalm 121.1-2

Please pray for...

1st Creationtide: Eternal God, we thank you for your light and your truth. We praise you for your fatherly care in creating a universe which proclaims your glory. Inspire us to worship you, the creator of all, and let your light shine upon our world
2nd safety on the North Devon Link Road
3rd all who grieve and mourn
4th the new school year that starts today
5th the work to install a new heating system at Bishops Tawton
6th everyone at Cake Club
7th the work of the emergency services
8th the families who will move in to the new homes being built at Newport
9th the Children's Hospice South West
10th our local food banks
11th North Devon District Hospital
12th the community at Lee Abbey
13th Barnstaple Fair starting today
14th the work of hospital and prison chaplains

15th everyone preparing for Barnstaple Carnival tomorrow
16th today's visit by the Archbishop of Melanesia
17th the musicians who play at our services
18th our PCCs meeting this week
19th the harvest, local farmers and the Bishops Tawton allotments
20th the North Devon Hospice
21st the UN International Day of Peace
22nd our neighbouring churches
23rd the homeless people we see on the streets of Barnstaple
24th Cathy Scoffield, Penny Lawson and Jane Hayes being ordained today at North Molton
25th everyone involved with Mini Music
26th the lonely and those whose family's live far away
27th the Litchdon Medical Centre
28th Andy, Carolyn and their family
29th the Devon Air Ambulance
30th this evening's harvest celebration at Bishops Tawton

You can find details of our daily Bible readings for this month at www.wordlive.org/Session/Classic

St John the Baptist Churches, Newport and Bishops Tawton



Parish Bulletin – September 2017

This month sees the start of 'Creationtide,' that period in the church calendar dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. As Christians, we acknowledge that the environment is our common home, the need to tread more gently on the earth and the reasons why we are called to care for our shared planet. It is a time for us to recall our relationship with both the Earth and the Holy. The Bible begins with creation and ends with an angel showing John the river of life. Next to it is the tree of life 'bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of nations' (Revelation 22.2). As such both of our churches are looking at how we can increase our commitment to the Eco Church movement, but as church members we also need to think about how this affects our daily lives at home and work. Start by re-reading that first chapter of Genesis and being amazed all over again by the act of God's creation.

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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Church and Community Day

We're opening the doors at Newport on Saturday the 16th of September for a Church and Community Day to welcome George Takeli, the Archbishop of Melanesia.

He'll be visiting with his wife June and talking about life in the Soloman Islands. In return we are planning a few surprises to show him something of life here in North Devon!

The Archbishop will be with us from 10.30 until 2.30, and we shall be providing a buffet lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the church to help us for catering purposes, but you are welcome to come along and stay for as long as you can.

Cathy Scoffield



On Sunday the 24th of September, Cathy will be ordained as a priest at North Molton Parish Church. Bishop Sarah will lead the service, which starts at 3pm.

Please let Andy know if you hope to attend so that he can reserve enough places for us all to sit together!

Please remember Cathy in your prayers as she prepares for this important day, also her fellow ordinands Jane Hayes and Penny Lawson.

Village Harvest Celebration



Saturday 30th September from 6pm
Bishops Tawton Village Hall

BBQ • BAR • MUSIC

Tickets available soon.



Sunday Services in September

Sunday 3rd 8am Holy Communion at **Newport**

9.30am All Age Praise at **Newport**

11am Holy Communion at **Bishops Tawton Village Hall**

Sunday 10th 9.30am Holy Communion with crèche and Sunday School at **Newport**

11am Morning Prayer at **Bishops Tawton Village Hall**

7.30pm Worship and Prayer at **Newport**

Sunday 17th 8am Holy Communion at **Newport**

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

11am Holy Communion at **Bishops Tawton Village Hall**

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

Sunday 24th 9.30am Holy Communion at **Newport** with Early Bird Family Service in the Hall

11am Morning Praise at **Bishops Tawton Village Hall**

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

September 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**

Monday 4th and **Monday 18th** 12.30pm Bible Lunch at **Newport Hall**

Saturday 9th 9.30am Prayer Breakfast at **Jo Pay's house**

Monday 18th 7.30pm Bishops Tawton PCC Meeting, **Venue TBC**

Tuesday 19th 7.30pm Newport PCC meeting at **Andy's house**

Thursday 14th 2pm Friendship Circle at **Newport**

Saturday 16th 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast at **Newport**

Tuesday 26th 8pm Pints of View at the **Chichester Arms**