

## Prayer Diary - October 2017

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Psalm 139.13-14

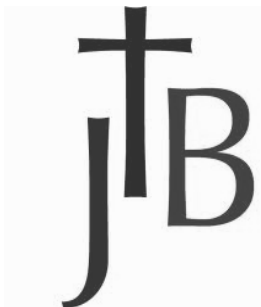
Please pray for...

**1<sup>st</sup>** today's Harvest Festival services  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** everyone at Mini Music  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** those who look after animals and livestock  
**4<sup>th</sup>** our Bishops, Robert, Nick and Sarah, and Archdeacon Mark  
**5<sup>th</sup>** families that live apart  
**6<sup>th</sup>** our local schools  
**7<sup>th</sup>** those who live alone  
**8<sup>th</sup>** the Week of Prayer for World Peace  
**9<sup>th</sup>** Prisons Week: prisoners, wardens and victims of crime  
**10<sup>th</sup>** the new heating system being installed at Bishops Tawton  
**11<sup>th</sup>** North Devon District Hospital  
**12<sup>th</sup>** lives that are controlled by addiction  
**13<sup>th</sup>** the other churches in our Mission Community: Holy Trinity and St Peter's in town, St Paul's at Sticklepath, St Mary's at Pilton, St Peter's at Ashford and St Gregory's at Goodleigh  
**14<sup>th</sup>** Children's Hospice South West  
**15<sup>th</sup>** victims of human trafficking on this Freedom Sunday  
**16<sup>th</sup>** the homeless people we see on the streets of Barnstaple

**17<sup>th</sup>** our PCCs and churchwardens  
**18<sup>th</sup>** everyone at Cake Club  
**19<sup>th</sup>** all who grieve and mourn  
**20<sup>th</sup>** our local foodbanks  
**21<sup>st</sup>** the people of Melanesia facing the problems of global warming  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** all in need of God's love and care  
**23<sup>d</sup>** children and teachers enjoying the half term holiday  
**24<sup>th</sup>** safety on the North Devon Link Road  
**25<sup>th</sup>** Andy, Carolyn and their family  
**26<sup>th</sup>** those facing mental health issues  
**27<sup>th</sup>** the work of the Devon Historic Churches Trust helping look after our church buildings  
**28<sup>th</sup>** the Litchdon Medical Centre  
**29<sup>th</sup>** those who will feel the cold in the winter months ahead  
**30<sup>th</sup>** the North Devon Hospice  
**31<sup>st</sup>** the Devon Air Ambulance

You can find details of our daily Bible readings for this month at [www.wordlive.org/Session/Classic](http://www.wordlive.org/Session/Classic)

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



### Parish Bulletin – October 2017

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Here's the Archbishop of Melanesia, George Takeli, and his wife, June, pictured after their visit to St John the Baptist at Newport. We had a wonderful morning together with all sorts of people coming along to hear the Archbishop speak, and June had a go at English Country Dancing with the Neat Feet Dance Academy. We also saw a number of films that showed how rising sea levels in the South Pacific have left entire villages underwater and affected their ability to grow their own food. Do remember the people of Melanesia in your prayers and ask God to help us find ways to deal with the changing climate.

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.

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Work continues on the new underfloor heating system at Bishops Tawton. When we lifted the pews we were surprised to find a number of crypts that we were previously unaware of. These have all now been properly recorded and sealed. When the new floor is finished their location will be marked with a cross.

The photo shows members of the church writing messages to go into a time capsule that has been deposited beneath the floor. It also contains a copy of the photo that was taken during our weekend away together at Lee Abbey as well as one or two other items to be discovered at some point in the future! In the meantime all of our regular Sunday services will continue to be held in the Village Hall.

### **New Wine Men's Day**

You've still got time to get tickets for the New Wine Men's Day at Cullompton Community Centre. It's on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 8.45am, so an early start, but well worth it.

We had a great time at this event last year, and there are new speakers lined up for this year, as well as seminars on work, faith and relationships. Please let Andy know if you're planning to come along so we can organise some car shares.

Tickets are £22, and you can book your place at [www.new-wine.org/events/new-wine-mens-day-cullompton](http://www.new-wine.org/events/new-wine-mens-day-cullompton)

**Note:** if you were planning to attend the Flourish women's event at Barnstaple Baptist Church that day this has now been postponed until the new year.

## Sunday Services in October

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** 8am Holy Communion at **Newport**

9.30am All Age Praise and Harvest Celebration at **Newport**

11am Holy Communion followed by bring and share harvest lunch at **Bishops Tawton Village Hall**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** 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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 22<sup>nd</sup>** 9.30am Holy Communion at **Newport** with Early Bird Family Service in the Hall

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

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Joint Service of Holy Communion at **Newport**

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

## October Events

Every **Monday** 7.30am-9.30am Soul Space at **Newport**

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 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** 12.30pm Bible Lunch at **Newport Hall**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** 8.45am New Wine Men's Day at **Cullompton**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** 2pm Friendship Circle at **Newport**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** 7pm North Devon Mission Shed at **Newport**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Prayer Breakfast at **Jo Pay's House**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Coffee Morning at **Bishops Tawton Village Hall**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast at **Newport**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** 8pm Pints of View at the **Chichester Arms**