

Prayer Diary – January 2018

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness” Lamentations 3.22-23

Please pray for...

- 1st** all those we know who had a difficult last year
- 2nd** our schools at the start of a new term
- 3rd** Bishop Sarah as she prepares for new role as Bishop of London
- 4th** the Maternity Unit at the North Devon District Hospital
- 5th** the families who will move in to the new homes being built in Newport
- 6th** Epiphany: may the wise and great of every land be led to bow before the Lord Jesus
- 7th** As we celebrate Jesus' baptism we pray: Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy
- 8th** staff and carers at Park Lane and other local nursing homes
- 9th** the Devon Air Ambulance
- 10th** our local councillors
- 11th** the Friendship Circle
- 12th** the people who live in the Law Memorial Almshouses in Bishops Tawton
- 13th** safety on our roads

- 14th** the North Devon Hospice
- 15th** today's Bible Lunch
- 16th** all who live with dementia
- 17th** our local foodbanks
- 18th** Andy as he is commissioned to be the new Rural Dean
- 19th** couples preparing to get married this year
- 20th** our PCCs and churchwardens
- 21st** the musicians who play at our services
- 22nd** Mark, our Archdeacon
- 23rd** everyone starting the Alpha Course this evening
- 24th** Cathy and her family
- 25th** the lonely
- 26th** the people of Melanesia and the problems they face caused by climate change
- 27th** Children's Hospice South West
- 28th** Homeless Sunday
- 29th** passengers and rail staff on the Tarka Line
- 30th** the community at Lee Abbey
- 31st** everyone at Cake Club

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 – January 2018

At the start of another year we do tend to look back over the last twelve months, as well as wondering what the new year will bring. With so much for both of our churches to look forward to and be grateful for, we pray:

Dear Lord, shine your light in us, through us, over us.
May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes.
Set your way before us.
May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing
Amen.

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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"A warm welcome to a warm church..."

Last month the group Growing the Rural Church released a short film showing what some of Devon's churches were doing to mark the Christmas season. It included a clip from Bishops Tawton telling viewers how we hoped the new heating system would be installed in time for us to offer the village 'a warm welcome to a warm church' at Christmas. Then the day after the workmen finished about a dozen local residents turned out to help us clean up and make sure it was ready in time to do just that. Some even joined us at our service the next day! Although the building is in need of decoration and some other repairs, the new radiators and underfloor heating mean we are now able to give everyone a very warm welcome!

Prayer Morning at Newport: 20th January

This month we want to commit the new year, and ourselves, to God. We want to encourage each other to pray, to grow in our faith, and to see our church building used to honour God. A prayer morning is one way of doing all three of these things. On the morning of Saturday, January 20th, Newport church will be open with a variety of resources to help us engage in prayer, as well as ways to help us respond; paper and pens, places to sit and kneel, verses of scripture and so on. We will have times of gathered, led prayer, but at other times the space is for us to use in prayer as we prefer. If you've never been involved in a prayer day, then this would be a great taster for you on home territory. There will be someone present at all times during the morning, who will have a key for the facilities in the hall. There will be refreshments available too. Do please come and join in. There's no obligation to stay for that long, 'though you may find it much easier than you think!

Sunday Services in January

Sunday 7th 8am Holy Communion at **Newport**

9.30am All Age Praise at **Newport**

11am Holy Communion at **Bishops Tawton**

6.30pm Evening Praise at **Newport**

Sunday 14th 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 21st 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 28th 9.30am Holy Communion at **Newport** with Early Bird Family Service in the Hall

11am Morning Praise at **Bishops Tawton**

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

January Events

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

Every **Monday** 2pm Mini Music at **Newport (not Jan 1st)**

Every **Tuesday** 7.30pm Alpha Course at **Newport (starts Jan 23rd)**

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

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

Thursday 11th 2pm Friendship Circle at **Newport**

Saturday 13th 9.30am Prayer Breakfast at **Bishops Tawton**

Monday 15th 12.30pm Bible Lunch at **Newport Hall**

Tuesday 18th 7.30pm A Service of Holy Communion at **Bishops Tawton** to mark Andy's commissioning as the new Rural Dean

Saturday 20th 8am Bring and Share Breakfast leading in to the Prayer Morning at **Newport**

Tuesday 30th 8pm Pints of View at the **Chichester Arms**