

## Prayer Diary - June 2018

“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13.1-2

Please pray for...

**1<sup>st</sup>** Christians Against Poverty and the people who need their support  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** local councillors and the decisions they have to make  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Environment Sunday and today's Open Garden at the North Devon Hospice  
**4<sup>th</sup>** teachers and pupils returning to school after the half term break  
**5<sup>th</sup>** all those who've completed the recent Alpha Course  
**6<sup>th</sup>** Cathy and her forthcoming trip to Melanesia  
**7<sup>th</sup>** families dealing with divorce and separation  
**8<sup>th</sup>** Open The Book teams taking the Bible into local schools  
**9<sup>th</sup>** the coffee morning at Bishops Tawton  
**10<sup>th</sup>** all the children who've recently been baptised at our two churches  
**11<sup>th</sup>** Bishops Tawton Toddlers meeting in the church today  
**12<sup>th</sup>** Rock Park  
**13<sup>th</sup>** the work of hospital chaplains  
**14<sup>th</sup>** the unemployed  
**15<sup>th</sup>** the bereaved  
**16<sup>th</sup>** Mark, our Archdeacon, and his PA, Jacue  
**17<sup>th</sup>** Fathers' Day  
**18<sup>th</sup>** Refugee Week

**19<sup>th</sup>** bus drivers and passengers and train staff on the Tarka Line  
**20<sup>th</sup>** the police, the fire and ambulance services  
**21<sup>st</sup>** people in residential care and nursing homes  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** Andy, Carolyn, Emily, Lois and Sam  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** the Devon Air Ambulance  
**24<sup>th</sup>** John the Baptist: God of our salvation, as we praise you for your servant John the Baptist, accept all we bring to you this day and free us to worship you without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**25<sup>th</sup>** Ben Lillie, being licenced today to serve at Holy Trinity in Barnstaple  
**26<sup>th</sup>** Pints of View this evening at the Chichester Arms  
**27<sup>th</sup>** everyone at Cake Club  
**28<sup>th</sup>** the homeless people we see on the streets of Barnstaple  
**29<sup>th</sup>** local farmers and all who care for the land  
**30<sup>th</sup>** the community at Lee Abbey

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 – June 2018

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The quote from Hebrews on the back page of this month's bulletin tells us that 'some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it'. We know that the hospitality on offer at Newport every Wednesday morning for Cake Club brings people into the church who we wouldn't otherwise see.

We hope that the new coffee morning we've just started on the second Saturday of each month at Bishops Tawton will do just the same. And as much as well all like coffee and cake, what we're really enjoying when we get together like this is each other's company. Sometimes all we need to do to follow Jesus's command to love each other (John 15.17) is turn to the person sat next to us and ask if they would like another biscuit. The offer of a custard cream is never going to solve everyone's problems, but it's as good a place as any to start.

If you have any news or information for next month's Parish Bulletin then please send it to [davelewis69@hotmail.com](mailto:davelewis69@hotmail.com), or you can ring Dave on 01271 312904.

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## **Cathy's Melanesian Adventure**

In a couple of weeks' time Cathy will be travelling half way around the world for a long-awaited visit to Melanesia: here she shares some thoughts about what she's got to look forward to.

Later this month I'm taking a trip to the Solomon Islands, which are part of a vast group of small islands in the South Pacific, known as Melanesia.

The Diocese of Exeter has an historic and active link with the Melanesian Anglican Church.

John Coleridge Patteson, the first bishop of Melanesia was sent out from Devon in 1861.

There are now very many flourishing religious orders in Melanesia which are integral to their local communities. For the last 10 years I have been a Companion/Associate of two Anglican religious orders – the Melanesian Brotherhood and the Sisters of Melanesia. This commitment is offered through prayer and practical help. When members of these communities visit our part of the UK, Companions offer welcome and hospitality. The Archbishop of Melanesia, George Takeli with his wife, June, recently visited the UK, which included a visit to Lee Abbey and Barnstaple.

Lee Abbey was the first place that I met some Melanesian Brothers in 2005. Their faith, worship and joy are wonderfully infectious. They play panpipes, dance and sing their worship songs in a uniquely, profound way. I'm now off to meet them in their home setting, staying with the religious communities. I would value your prayers and look forward to sharing some of my experiences.

Cathy will be back home in the UK on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July: please do pray for her trip, and the people she will meet during her time in Melanesia.

## Sunday Services in June

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 10<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Holy Communion and Junior Church at **Newport**

11am Morning Prayer and Baptism at **Bishops Tawton**

7.30pm Worship and Prayer at **Newport**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** 8am Holy Communion at **Newport**

9.30am All Age Praise at **Newport**

11am Holy Communion at **Bishops Tawton**

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Sunday Communion at **Newport** with Early Bird Service in the Church Hall

11am Morning Praise at **Bishops Tawton**

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

## June Events

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

Every **Monday** 10am Bishops Tawton Toddlers at **Bishops Tawton** (not June 4<sup>th</sup>)

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 4<sup>th</sup>** and **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** 12.30pm Bible Lunch at **Newport Hall**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Coffee Morning at **Bishops Tawton**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** 2pm Friendship Circle at **Newport**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast at **Newport**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** 8pm Pints of View at the **Chichester Arms**