

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday



Dear friends

Here we are in the heart of Holy Week, a time when we are able to reflect on the passion of Christ, his time of temptation, his suffering and death on the cross, then his rising in glory. It's a time to appreciate his sacrifice for us, that we may live a full life carrying out his father's word. A time to give thanks for God's creation and rejoice in all he has provided for us.

This Easter at our churches we will mark Maundy Thursday at Bishops Tawton with a very moving Tenebrae service.

On Good Friday there'll be a Walk of Witness, carrying the cross from Newport church to Bishops Tawton, stopping at various points along the way to pray for our community, before hot cross buns, tea and coffee and a short service of worship in the church. That afternoon at 2pm in Newport church there'll be an hour of worship at the cross. On Easter Sunday at 6.30am there's the Sunrise Service on Codden Hill for anyone enthusiastic enough to come along, rain or shine. I can thoroughly recommend making the effort to join us in what is always a very spiritual service of worship.

On Sunday there will be Holy Communion services at both churches, followed by a service at Park Lane Care Home.

We will keep you updated as usual in our weekly newsletter of all the coming services and events which we are planning with Rev'd Ally who will be joining us at her Licensing on the 21st April, 7.30pm at Newport church: please let us know if you would like to attend.

Do give thanks for Ally and pray for her and her family as they settle into their new home.

Easter blessings to one and all.

Janet

Churchwarden Newport.

Diary Dates:

Thurs 2nd Apr: Tenebrae Service, 7pm at Bishops Tawton

Fri 3rd Apr: Walk of Witness, 9.30am, starting from Newport

Fri 3rd Apr: Good Friday Reflection, 11am at Bishops Tawton

Fri 3rd Apr: Quiet Before the Cross, 2pm at Newport

Sat 4th Apr: Easter Coffee Morning with children's activities, 10.30am - 12 noon at Bishops Tawton

Wed 8th: Pop-Up Café at Bishops Tawton and Coffee Morning at Newport

Tues 21st Apr: Rev Ally's licencing service, 7.30pm at Newport

We are now preparing for this year's APCMs. If you have been asked to write a report please send it to your PCC Secretary ASAP. If you have joined us in the last year and would like to be on your church's Electoral Roll then ask for a registration form in church.

SUNDAY SERVICES: 5th April

**6.30am Sunrise Service
on Codden Hill**

**9.30am Holy Communion
at Newport**

**11.00am Holy Communion
at Bishops Tawton**

Online service of Morning Prayer:
<https://youtu.be/PFTpXROp5Cw>

Readings: John 20.1-18 and
Acts 10.34-43

The Collect for Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty
resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and
death

to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy
Spirit

be praise and honour, glory and
might,
now and in all eternity. Amen.

**As we continue to pray for the
people of Ukraine and the Middle
East, please pray for...**

Easter Sunday: the power that raised
Christ to be alive in us

Mon 6th: people at work this Bank
Holiday Monday

Tue 7th: Ally Hope, being licenced a
fortnight today

Wed 8th: holiday makers visiting the
area

Thu 9th: the NHS, carers and key
workers

Fri 10th: the 5th North Devon (Bishops
Tawton) Scout Group

Sat 11th: World Parkinson's Day

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