

St John the Baptist Churches, Bishop's Tawton & Newport, Barnstaple

Sunday 11th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity



This morning, I received a message asking me what my favourite bit of scripture is, I immediately responded with Revelations 21.1-5. I then followed this up with a list of other passage that I like equally, but the truth is that it is impossible to pick just one passage. One passage alone does not do justice to the whole story, the beauty, wisdom and hope that The Bible contains.

This is the trap that we can fall into if we don't regularly pick up the bible and read it, or if we just cherry pick the bits that we want to read. There are some really tough bits in the bible, bits that are hard to understand, and bits that can make us question what it is we believe about God. However, it is

important that we know our history, that we understand the mistakes that have been made and that we also understand how we use this knowledge to help us follow the way of Christ. The bible holds the greatest story ever told, the story that shows just how much God loves us, what God has done for us, and the hope that we have been given of salvation through Jesus Christ. We are lucky to be living in a society where it is not against the law to be a Christian and to own a bible, it is not against the law to talk about our faith, unlike in some other countries. Yet are we making the most of our freedom? Are we reading our bible at every opportunity and talking to others about what we are reading and learning?

Rev Ally

Diary Dates

Sat 10th: Men's breakfast

Sat 10th Oct: Church tidy-up @ Newport, 10am

Mon 12th Oct: Mini-Music, 11am-12:30pm at Newport

Tues 13th Oct: Bishops Tawton Toddlers, 9-11am

Tues 13th Oct: Practising the Way, 7:15pm at Newport

Wed 14th Oct: Pop-up Café, 10am Bishops Tawton

Fri 16th Oct: Bible Study Group, 11.15am at Newport

Fri 16th Oct: Kiwi Evening @ 7:15pm, Newport

Sun 18th Oct: Bubble Church @ Bishop's Tawton

Mon -Fri: Morning prayer, 8am @ Bishop's Tawton. Evening Prayer, 5pm @ Newport (Note change to time)

SUNDAY SERVICES

11th October

9:30am Holy Communion, Newport

**11am Morning Worship with
Baptism, Bishops Tawton**

Psalm 23 and Matthew 22.1-14

Online service of Morning Prayer:

https://youtu.be/IX_NOVkiOis

The Collect:

Faithful Lord,
Whose steadfast love never ceases
And whose mercies never come to an
end:

Grant us the grace to trust you
And to receive the gifts of your love,
New every morning,
In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please pray for...

Sun 11th: Baby Loss Awareness Week

Mon 12th: our outreach to schools,
families and young people

Tue 13th: the Devon Air Ambulance

Wed 14th: our Churchwardens, Sandra,
Janet and Jo

Thu 15th: the NHS, carers and key
workers

Fri 16th: the Food Bank and the
Freedom Centre

Sat 17th: our church finances