

The Two Rivers Mission Community JULY NEWS



From The Rector

Dear All,

Welcome to our July email.

Summer has well and truly arrived! We are in that wonderful time of year when we are glad our church buildings are so much cooler than the world outside!

We're really excited to be running the first of our Bubble church taster services on 19th July; three more follow in August, before we officially launch in September. These taster services will give the core team chance to practice as well as church members to see what all the excitement is about and get involved by praying, inviting and volunteering to help. We pray that a new congregation will develop in which younger families can grow as disciples of Jesus together.

On 11th July we'll once again be part of the South West Awake prayer initiative by walking to Baggy Point to pray, and then returning to Croyde for coffee and cake. Please see below for details and join in.

There are also many special summer events taking place in churches across the mission community. Why not try crossing your parish boundary and supporting one of the other mission community



churches... it's not dangerous and it might help us
build friendships across our patch!

Best wishes

Gary

Bubble Church - find out more



Plans for Bubble church are now coming together. You can get a taste for Bubble church at one of our taster services:

High Bick: 19th July at 11.00am

Beaford: 2nd August at 9.30am

Tawstock: 2nd August at 11.00am

Horwood: 9th August at 9.30am

If there isn't a taster service in your church please come along to another church nearby to find out what's going on and get inspired.

And we then get under way with the real thing in September:

1st Sunday: Lovacott village hall

2nd Sunday: Beaford village hall

3rd Sunday: Tawstock church

4th Sunday: High Bick church hall

Our prayer is to welcome families with children under 8 to worship either monthly in their local area, or to make Bubble church "their" church and move round the mission community week by week.

Please get the word out to the young families you know...

Please be praying for this new venture.

News from around the churches

- A big well done to Beaford for a lovely open garden weekend. Picking up a map from church, people enjoyed visiting 10 gardens and then chatting over tea and cake in the village hall. £1006 was raised for church funds.

- On Sunday 14th June Roborough formally welcomed Paul Baggott as focal minister. This was a special service as we were also joined by Tim Oakley, former vicar of Beaford, Roborough and St Giles who shared about his ministry since leaving Devon.

- This summer Gary has been conducting collective worship in Beaford, Lovacott and Holywell schools on the theme of animal stories from the Old Testament. We've looked at Adam and Eve, Jonah, Daniel, Balaam and Elijah. Once again we'll be giving bibles to all the leavers at each of our four local schools and a helpful book about moving to secondary school. Gary has now joined the governing body at Beaford. He also serves on the governors at Holywell, and Tracey is a governor at High Bick, where she also leads weekly collective worship and the Open the Book Team.

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Funeral of Margaret Hegarty

The funeral of Margaret Hegarty will take place in Tawstock church on Thursday 16th July at 12.30pm. Nicola, her daughter, would like to invite everyone who knew Margaret to attend.

July events and services

Check out the [calendar](#) on our website for all of June's services and activities. The current rota can be found [here](#).

Opportunities to worship and pray mid-week:

Celtic prayer in Horwood church (Fridays 3rd and 17th at 10.30am)

Prayer meetings in St Giles church (Mondays at 8.30am) and High Bick church (Wednesdays at 12.30pm)

Homegroups in Beaford village hall (every Monday at 9.30am), Nethergrove (Tuesdays 2nd and 16th at 7.30pm) and in Newton Tracey (every Wednesday at 7.30pm, venue varies so check with Tim)

Social gatherings

Chatterbox in Horwood church (Thursday 9th July, 2.00 - 4.00pm)

Biscuits Brew and Banter in Yarnscombe church (Tuesday 14th, 10.00am - 12.00noon)

Coffee morning in The Hunters Inn (Wednesday 15th, 10.00-11.30am)

Coffee Cake and Company in St Giles church (Wednesday 15th, 10.30am - 12.00noon)

Newton Tracey ladies puddings in the Hunters Inn (Thursday 16th at 6.30pm)

Newton Tracey men's breakfast in the Hunters Inn (Friday 17th at 9.30am)

Coffee morning in Beaford village hall (Saturday 25th June, 10.00-11.30am)

Children and Young people

Newton Tracey youth group in church (Thursday 9th at 6.00 - 7.30pm)

Mission Community youth group in Beaford village hall (Monday 20th at 6.30pm)

High Bickington after school club in the church hall (Wednesday 15th 3.40 - 5.00pm)

Special events

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July: High Bickington's Second Art and Photography Exhibition

Open 10am and 4pm in St Mary's Church.

Entry is free and there will be refreshments available.

Proceeds from the event will be shared between the Churches Children's work and Devon Air Ambulance.

Entry forms for exhibitors are available from the Community Shop or from Mick Doyle: doyles.stables@btinternet.com

Friday 10th July: Newton Tracey Progressive supper

Tickets, £25 from Kate (01271 858268)

Saturday 11th July: "South West Awake" prayer walk

Meet at Croyde National trust car park by 9.55am, walk to Baggy Point for prayers at 10.30am and then walk back to Croyde for a coffee.

Saturday 11th July: Yarnscombe fete and dog show

1.00 - 4.00pm on the field

Friday 17th July: Holywell school exhibition of work in Tawstock church

2.00pm: Fizz and nibbles, short presentation by the children about their work, chance to look at the exhibition. The exhibition will then be open throughout the summer during church opening times

Services

Sundays 5th and 12th in Alverdiscott

The 8.00am service in Alverdiscott will be BCP morning prayer and not communion due to the unavailability of any clergy to conduct the service.

Sunday 5th in Yarnscombe

Yarnscombe are welcoming a guest speaker to talk about Mercy Ships to their cafe church at 9.30am in the village hall. Everyone is welcome to find out more about this amazing Christian ministry.

Sunday 12th July: Horwood church pet service

Bring your pet along to the 9.30am service for a special blessing



Dates for the diary

Sunday 9th August: Newton Tracey cream tea

2.30 - 5.30pm at Kate and Jim's. No need to book.

Saturday 15th - Sunday 16th August - Horwood scarecrow festival

With refreshments and displays in church

Sunday 23rd August: Confirmation service in Alverdiscott

Bishop Rod, an honorary assistant bishop in the Diocese of Exeter, will confirm Georgie in the 8.00am BCP communion service. Anyone else who would like to be confirmed at this service can speak to Rev Gary. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday 23rd August: Hymns and Pimms in Atherington church

4.00pm: A service with Bishop Moira, the bishop of Crediton, to celebrate the new heating and lighting in Atherington church.

Rector's annual leave

Rev Gary will be taking annual leave from 28th June to 14th July and 25th July to 1st August. Please contact your focal minister or a churchwarden for church related matters, who will be able to either help you or point you in the direction of someone who can!

Newsletter

If you have items for this monthly email please email Gary at revgary@tworiversmissioncommunity.org

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