

# The Parish Bulletin

*Communities enriched by Christian faith, worship & values*

**Lent Lunch** of soup and bread on **Mon 9 Mar 1200-1400** at **7 Heathfield Park , Dousland**.  
Contact: 07751635814. In aid of 'Feeding Devon'.

**Lent Study Course** this year will be a study of the Our Father prayer in conjunction with the Sunday Gospel readings. There is a booklet available from Andrew, but not imperative, come along and find out more as we prayerfully walk our way through this holy time. We meet on **Wed** at **1200 Yelverton Church**, or **online** via Zoom (speak to Martin).

**'A Night at the Musicals'** - concert at **St Peter's church, Meavy, 8 March** at **1700**, with JonathanWalker Gilland. Tickets £10 from Annie Inman 0182852672, [hjmonk20@gmail.com](mailto:hjmonk20@gmail.com), [sbgordon48@hotmail.com](mailto:sbgordon48@hotmail.com).

**A Springtime Afternoon Quiz** - as our autumn quiz was enjoyed so much we are holding another. In **Horrabridge Village Hall, Thur 19 March 1430-1630**. Teams of up to 6 people. £5 a head  
Email [horrabridgechurch@outlook.com](mailto:horrabridgechurch@outlook.com) or leave a message on 01822 852240 to book or for more info

**A Third Horrabridge Inter-church Quiz:** Tickle the brain cells. Have a laugh. Bring your non-churchgoing friends along. Can anyone get a team to beat Holy Cross B Team? **Fri 20 Mar in Horrabridge Village Hall 1930 to 2200**. £5 per person. Teams of up to 6. Bring your own drinks and **nibbles**. Email [horrabridgechurch@outlook.com](mailto:horrabridgechurch@outlook.com) or leave a message on 01822 852240 to book a place or with queries.

**One Achord Ladies Choir** returns to **St John's Horrabridge** on **Wed 18 Mar** at **1430** courtesy of Sampford Spiney and Horrabridge W.I.. There will be a draw and refreshments but no charges for entry as donations are invited for Devon Air Ambulance. Come along and enjoy the music.

**Bulletin Notices** to go to [ruth.gozzard@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.gozzard@gmail.com) no later than **1600** on **Wed** of each week please.

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**Open Churches** All our churches are open daily for prayer and stillness

## WORSHIP

**Mon 10 Mar** 0900 Sheepstor Morning Prayer  
**Wed 11 Mar** 1100 Yelverton Eucharist  
**Sun 15 Mar** 0915 Yelverton Eucharist Ord  
Mothering 0915 Sampford Spiney Eucharist BCP  
Sunday 0930 Walkhampton Eucharist Ord 1  
1030 Horrabridge Eucharist Ord 1  
1045 Meavy Eucharist Ord 2  
1600 Sheepstor Evening Service

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

**8 Mar** ( Purple)  
Exodus 17.1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5.1-11  
John 4.5-42  
**15 Mar** (Purple/Rose)  
1 Samuel 1.20-end  
Psalm 34.11-20  
Colossians 3.12-17  
John 19.25b-27

**COLLECT.** Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**READING** Exodus 17.1-7

**PSALM 95**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING** Romans 5.1-11

**GOSPEL READING** (John 4.5-42) So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him. Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER.** Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK.** **8** Those who care for Burrator Reservoir, all those involved in the activities surrounding it. **9** The Mission Community Council. **10** Our Home Group. **11** Those who are preparing to be married. **12** Our Fresh Expression of Church, Toast @ 10. **13** All tourist & visitors, and the life of our caravan parks and camp sites. **14** Our Diocesan Bishop of Exeter, Mike, Suffragan Bishop James, Archdeacon Jane, and all who work in the Diocesan administration

...IN NEED OF HEALING & WHOLENESS. Esther Rookes, Peggy Bryant, Pamela Jordan, Dorothy Wing.

...IN MEMORIAM. Bud Francis RIP, Colin Orpin RIP, Margaret Carter RIP, Malcolm Johnson (Priest) RIP.