



Dear Friends,

The merriment and celebration of Mothering Sunday seems slightly ajar to the Lenten journey that we are all on, rather like an advert break in the middle of a film. We are now on the final part before Holy week, yet there is still opportunity to consider and reflect on Christ's journey and the immense undertaking that he took on in our

stead.

As I write this the Archbishop of Canterbury has left St Paul's Cathedral after a short 'Blessing of the Pilgrims' sending off service in which wooden staffs were blessed. Dame Sarah will be walking six days and 87 miles humbly as a pilgrim, meeting both those she has planned to meet, including schoolchildren, and whomever happens to come across her path, traversing diverse landscapes and arriving at Canterbury Cathedral ready for her Installation service. Asked why she had chosen to do this pilgrimage the answer was 'for prayerful reflection, to walk in the footsteps of my predecessors, and to encounter people along the way on their own journeys with faith". That acknowledgment that we walk together in community. Pilgrimage, which is a journey to a place of meaning, offers a simple but powerful response. It allows people to explore matters of the heart not only inside buildings but outdoors in fields, woodlands, along rivers, villages, city streets and by ancient trees and holy wells. I trust that as we near the end of this Lenten journey you will have had that opportunity to explore the meaning of Lent for you and prayerfully reflect on your heart's response to it.

Prayers for the week ahead of us all.

Jo  
Church warden, Bishops Tawton and LLM

**Diary Dates:**

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Mar:** Tidy Up at Newport Church 10am – 2pm

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Mini Music at Newport

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup>:** Toddlers at Bishops Tawton as well as Lent Group at Newport Church

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Pop-Up Café at Bishops Tawton

**Holy Week**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Apr:** Newport Coffee Morning 10am – 12 noon

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr:** Tenebrae Service 7pm Bishops Tawton

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr:** Walk of Witness, 9.30am starting from Newport

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr:** Good Friday Reflection 11am Bishops Tawton

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr:** Good Friday Quiet before the Cross 2pm Newport

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Easter Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12 noon at Bishops Tawton with Easter children's activities

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Sunrise Service 6.30am Coddan Hill, 9.30am Easter Service at Newport and 11am Easter Service at Bishops Tawton

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Apr:** Rev Ally's licencing service 7.30pm Newport

**SUNDAY SERVICES 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar**

**9.30am Morning Praise with  
Baptism of Maeva Mellows  
at Newport**

**11.00am Holy Communion at  
Bishops Tawton**

**Online service of Morning Prayer:**

<https://youtu.be/pn7r--OQdVU>

**Readings:** Luke 19: 1 – 10 (Newport)  
and Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14 and  
John 11: 1 – 45 at Bishops Tawton

**Collect for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent:**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** World Water Day

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>:** the Devon Air Ambulance and its crew

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>:** Rev Ally Hope, being licenced as our new vicar, four weeks today

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>:** Sarah Mullay, being installed as Archbishop of Canterbury today

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>:** the NHS, carers and key workers

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>:** the Street Pastors out in Barnstaple this weekend

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>:** couples preparing to marry this summer

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