



Dear friends,

I have my holiday hat on, ready for a few days away next week. I think the trick with holidays is to make sure you go before you get to the point where you start thinking 'I really need a holiday'. Regular rest is not something you earn, it's something you need.

Reflecting on the Archdeacon's sermon last week, I've been struck by the way that the Gospels often tell us that the Pharisees are annoyed by Jesus failing to observe the Sabbath in the ways that they think are appropriate. It seems that their list of rules doesn't prevent them from spending the whole day worrying about what other people are doing and complaining about it! Maybe I could try having a regular break from moaning...

One thing I'm not complaining about is being able to join people at Bishops Tawton church on weekday mornings for Morning Prayer. I haven't been able to get to Newport for Evening Prayer yet, but it is such a joy to start each day with the words 'as we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.' If I have a bit of time while I'm holiday I might see if I can work out how many times the Bible urges us to rejoice, compared with how many times it says we should complain!

Peace be with you and yours,

Dave Lewis (Reader)

### Diary Dates

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> July:** Men's Breakfast, 9am at The Wee Snug: please make sure Martin has your order if you're planning to attend

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Mini Music, Newport, 11am

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July:** funeral service for Jenny Stevens, 12.45 at Bishops Tawton church, then 2.15pm at the Crematorium

**Tue 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Bishops Tawton Toddlers

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Pop-Up Café at Bishops Tawton, 10am

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Bible Study Group, Newport, 11am

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July:** weekday 8am Morning Prayer resumes at Bishops Tawton

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July:** weekday 6pm Evening Prayer resumes at Newport

### SUNDAY SERVICES 12<sup>th</sup> July

**9:30am Holy Communion  
at Newport**  
**11am Morning Praise  
at Bishops Tawton**

#### Readings:

Romans 8.1-11  
Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

#### Online service of Morning Prayer:

[https://youtu.be/ThHYi70bp\\_c](https://youtu.be/ThHYi70bp_c)

#### The Collect:

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our  
understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above  
all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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. Amen.

#### Please pray for...

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>:** Rural Mission Sunday

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>:** our outreach to young people,  
children and families

**Tue 14<sup>th</sup>:** students celebrating their  
graduations

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>:** the preparations for this year's  
North Devon Show

**Thu 16<sup>th</sup>:** the NHS, carers and key workers

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>:** Devon and Cornwall Police

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>:** the Devon Air Ambulance and its  
crew