

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

Sunday 2nd August –9th Sunday after Trinity



Is anyone else wondering how August is upon us already? August is a quiet time in the church diary, often our Sunday numbers go down as people go away on holiday or to visit family and friends. The last few months have been busy, I have witnessed the hard work of all those who work behind the scenes (and in front) keeping our churches open, running and full of life.

A wise lady said to me, last week, that August is a month in which

we shouldn't go looking for extra work to do. On Sunday we will hear the about the famous miracle of the loaves and fish, Jesus wanted those who had come to hear him, to be fed and not have to leave to find food. I would like to bid all of you to take some time to rest in August, do not go looking for jobs to do, if you are at a loose end, sit and pray, read some scripture or maybe listen to some Christian music. The other thing that you might like to do is spend some time with friends and family or maybe some other people from church.

This month I have scheduled in a few café church services, these are aimed at giving us all a chance to talk to one another, to possibly learn from one another. When churches received the letters that we now read in the New Testament, people would have been gathered together in someone's home, possibly sharing food, but definitely sharing thoughts and ideas about what they were hearing. Café church is not a radical new way of doing church, it is taking us back to our roots, so come and give it a try.

Rev'd Ally

Diary Dates

Sat 1st Aug: Bishops's Tawton coffee morning, 10:30am

Fri 7th Aug: Bible Study Group, Newport @11am

Mon-Fri: 8am Morning Prayer@ Bishop's Tawton

Mon-Fri: 6pm Evening Prayer @Newport

SUNDAY SERVICES 2nd August

**9:30am Café Church
at Newport
11am Communion
at Bishops Tawton**

Readings:

Psalm 145.8-9,15-end and Matthew
14.13-21

Online service of Morning Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/2XvNRuRk1gw>

The Collect:

Lord God,
your son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from
despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please pray for...

Sunday 2nd: our bishops, Mike, Moira
and James, and Archdeacon Verena

Monday 3rd: our outreach to children,
families and young people

Tuesday 4th: all those affected by this
summer's drought

Wednesday 5th: today's North Devon
Show

Thursday 6th: the NHS, carers and key
workers

Friday 7th: safe journey for people
going away on holiday

Saturday 8th: the Street Pastors out in
Barnstaple tonight