

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

Sunday 6th September –14th Sunday after Trinity



On Tuesday evening we had our first of eight sessions of the 'Practicing the Way' course. The recommendation is that when doing the course, you do it in community, and that is what it felt like on Tuesday. When Jesus called his disciples and then taught and lived alongside them, it was not in isolation. Even when the disciples were sent out, it was in pairs. Being a disciple of Christ is not easy, but it is made easier when done as part of a community that loves and

supports you. A community that picks you up when you fall, comforts you when it is hard, gently points you in the right direction when you take the wrong path, and celebrates your successes with you.

[A Discipleship of Equals — Center for Action and Contemplation](#)

Above is a link to a meditation about discipleship that I highly recommend.

In committing to being a disciple, we are committing to a life of learning, practicing and teaching. This Sunday in our service we will be celebrating 'Back to School' Sunday, I invite you to bring schoolbags, work bags, anything that you take with you to school, college or work, so that it can be blessed as part of the service.

Rev'd Ally

Diary Dates

Saturday 5th Sept: Jumble Sale @ Newport, 10am-1pm
Sat 5th Sept: Coffee Morning @ Bishop's Tawton, 10:30am with churchyard tidy up.
Sun 6th Sept: Park Lane care home service, 11am
Mon 7th Sept: Mini-Music @ Newport Church, 11am
Tue 8th Sept: Toddler group @ Bishop's Tawton, 9-10:30am
Tue 8th Sept: Practicing the Way Course @ Newport, 7pm for a 7:15pm start.
Wed 9th Sept: Pop-up Café @ Bishop's Tawton, 10am-1pm
Sat 12th Sept: Men's Breakfast @ My Mate, 9am
Mon-Fri: 8am Morning Prayer @ Bishop's Tawton
Mon-Fri: 6pm Evening Prayer @ Newport

SUNDAY SERVICES 6th September

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

Readings:

Romans 14.1-12 and Matthew 18.21-35

Online service of Morning Prayer:

https://youtu.be/yeLM9ykXn_Y

The Collect:

Merciful God,
Your Son came to save us
And bore our sins on the cross:
May we trust in your mercy
And know your love,
Rejoicing in the righteousness
That is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord

Please pray for...

Sunday 6th: this season of Creationtide
Monday 7th: everyone going back to school
Tuesday 8th: everyone going to new schools or starting at college
Wednesday 9th: Emergency Services Day
Thursday 10th: the NHS, carers and key workers
Friday 11th: the Freedom Centre
Saturday 12th: the maternity unit at the NDDH