

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

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September –16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity



Last Sunday, after church, I went to my gym to cheer on some friends in a CrossFit competition. I went because I understand the importance of moral support and being present for people.

When we have to do something hard, or when we are in the midst of a difficult period in our lives, it can be made more bearable by the presence of a supportive other.

It is why support groups are so popular, there are some things

that it feels impossible to get through or endure on our own. As Christians, or disciples of Christ, we know that we are never truly alone, we have the Holy Spirit as our constant companion. However, like with any relationship, communication and time are essential in order to make the most of this presence. If we don't make space for the Holy Spirit, then we can not expect the results that will only happen with the power that the Holy Spirit brings.

In our 'Practicing the Way' course we are starting to learn about the spiritual disciplines, which help us to draw closer to God, allowing God in, to form us and to help us grow to become more Christ like. We have been told that this isn't something that we can do alone, we need to do it in community.

As part of a church community, we each have a part to play in cheering each other on, being there in the tough times and holding one another to account. Together we are capable of so much more than we are on our own.

Rev'd Ally

### Diary Dates

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Bubble Church @ Bishop's Tawton, 9:15am

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Sept:** Mini-music @ Newport, 11am-1pm

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept:** Toddlers @ Bishop's Tawton, 9-11am

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept:** Practising the Way course, 7pm Newport

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept:** Pop-up café, 10am Bishop's Tawton

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Bible study group @ Newport, 11:15am

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Quiz night @ Newport, 7pm

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup>:** Harvest service in Bishop's Tawton

**Mon-Fri:** 8am Morning Prayer @ Bishop's Tawton **Mon-Fri:** 6pm Evening Prayer @ Newport

### **SUNDAY SERVICES 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **September**

**9:30am Morning Worship  
at Newport**

**11am Communion  
at Bishops Tawton**

**Readings:**

Psalms 145.8-9, 15-end and Matthew  
20.1-16

**Online service of Morning Prayer:**

<https://youtu.be/6l1guO6OVqo>

**The Collect:**

Lord of creation,  
Whose glory is around and within us:  
Open our eyes to your wonders,  
That we may serve you with  
reverence  
And know your peace at our lives'  
end,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Please pray for...**

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>:** farmers and all those who  
look after the land and livestock

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup>:** Fairtrade Fortnight

**Tue 22<sup>nd</sup>:** everyone on the Practising  
the Way course

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>:** our outreach to children,  
young people and families

**Thu 24<sup>th</sup>:** the NHS, carers and key  
workers

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>:** our bishops, Mike, Moira and  
James

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup>:** the Children's Hospice  
Southwest