

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

Sunday 18th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity



I was very sorry to not be well enough to attend church on Sunday, it left me feeling quite despondent. Church is obviously a huge part of my life, it isn't just a job, it is my calling, and not being able to attend worship leaves me feeling like something is missing.

This leaves me to wonder about all those people who never attend worship, people who would rather go shopping, play sport, watch TV or stay in bed on a Sunday morning. Those things will never fill the God shaped hole that we all carry inside us. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will

never be thirsty." Jesus nourishes us like nothing else can, we may enjoy doing other activities, but the positive feelings are always fleeting, we are always left wanting more, not so with the love of Christ, that is eternal.

At Bishop's Tawton on Sunday, we will be holding our fourth Bubble Church, it is a new initiative designed to introduce children and their families to Jesus through stories, puppets, singing and food. Please pray for the volunteers who run this, and for all the children and families in our communities that they may be inspired to come and try it out. Prayer is a powerful thing, and it would be wonderful to know that everyone is praying for our church to grow.

Rev Ally

Diary Dates

Fri 16th Oct: Kiwi Evening @ 7:15pm, Newport

Sun 18th Oct: Bubble Church @ Bishop's Tawton

Mon 19th Oct: Mini-Music, 11am-12:30pm at Newport

Tues 20th Oct: Bishops Tawton Toddlers, 9-11am

Tues 20th Oct: Practising the Way, 7:15pm at Newport

Wed 21st Oct: Pop-up Café, 10am Bishops Tawton

Wed 21st Oct: Still Space, 7:30pm for 8pm start @Newport

Fri 23rd Oct: Bible Study Group, 11.15am at Newport

26th Oct – 2nd Nov: Rev Ally on annual leave

Mon -Fri: Morning prayer, 8am @ Bishop's Tawton. Evening Prayer, 5pm @ Newport (Note change to time)

SUNDAY SERVICES

18th October

9:30am Morning Worship, Newport

**11am Holy Communion, Bishops
Tawton**

Psalm 99 and Matthew 22.15-22

Online service of Morning Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/lwymMKYlvd8>

The Collect:

God, our light and our salvation:
Illuminate our lives,
That we may see your goodness in the
land of the living,
And looking on your beauty
May be changed into your likeness of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for...

Sun 18th: National Adoption Week

Mon 18th: our outreach to families,
children and young people

Tue 20th: the maternity unit at the
NDDH

Wed 21st: the rain we need to fill our
reservoirs

Thu 22nd: the NHS, carers and key
workers

Fri 23rd: school governors

Sat 24th: the community at Lee Abbey