

# BENEFICE OF ASHWATER BULLETIN



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Dear friends,

June 2015

Spring has put on her most beautiful gown and is dressed for the ball - it is so lovely to look out of my window and admire the breadth and colour of creation in all its glory. A song thrush on the tree outside awakes the dawn with its liquid notes and song, a real hymn to our God; ewes and lambs grow in the pasture and all is well in the world. Or is it?

I was shocked at the violence with which the earth can shake our world, literally. So when the earthquake shook Nepal, I felt the need to do something. The afternoon of teas and bring and buy stall at Ashwater hall brought in much needed money for this stricken nation. £560 was sent off that evening to the Disaster Fund. Thank you to all who contributed, gave and bought, and to the hall committee who waived the hire fee. It is in situations such as this, or being touched by migrants fleeing poverty, warfare or oppression, that we feel so helpless. But there is something that we can do - pray, not just as we feel like it, but to set aside 5 minutes a day. It is not too much to ask when we all take the time to read a newspaper or watch a soap on the TV. Just to take 5 minutes to give thanks, ask for help, lift up a name to God, say sorry, that's all it takes to turn around the world and set us straight with God. See what happens when you do - keep a diary of your prayers and watch what develops, you will be amazed, and that is a promise.

Our Churches rely on wonderful volunteers to keep the church doors open and the church functioning and there are many people who care deeply for the fabric and spiritual health of our parish churches. However, we do have a lack of people to do practical things like; being a minute secretary to Ashwater and Clawton Parochial Church Councils We have no Church Wardens for Clawton, Beaworthy and Halwill, and we are looking urgently for a treasurer for Halwill Church. If you feel that you have a gifting or want to help in any of these areas or that you just want to enquire what it entails please speak to me in the first instance. 01409 211205 or email: [therev.62@gmail.com](mailto:therev.62@gmail.com)

June will see some of our members and me doing the Ruby Run/Walk on the 14th June. If you can sponsor us (Forms are in Ashwater Church & Shop) or encourage us on the way from Hatherleigh to Holsworthy I'm sure that will be appreciated. I look forward to spotting you in the crowds!

Blessings

*Jane.*

## SERVICES

### Sunday 31st May

Ashwater Benefice Tea and informal service at Tetcott Church 5-30pm

### 1st Sunday 7th June Trinity 1 Green

9-30am Ashwater Morning Worship

10-30am Clawton Holy Communion

11am Halwill Morning Worship

5-30pm Tetcott Tea & Worship

6-30pm Beaworthy Evensong BCP

### 2nd Sunday 14th June Trinity 2 Green

9-30am Ashwater Morning Worship

10-30am Clawton Morning Worship

11am Halwill Morning Worship

11am Beaworthy Morning Worship

### 3rd Sunday 21st June Trinity 3 Green

9-30am Ashwater said Holy Communion

10-30am Clawton Holy Communion

11am Halwill Holy Communion (by extension)

6-30pm Beaworthy Celebrating St Alban - Songs of Praise

### 4th Sunday 28th June Trinity 4 Green

9-30am Ashwater Morning Worship

10-30am Clawton 'Let's Get Together'

11am Halwill Holy Communion

11am Beaworthy Joint with Halwill

Mid-week Benefice Communion Service at Halwill on Wednesday 10th and 24th June at 10am

## A Prayer for our Parishes

Disturb us Lord, when we are too well

pleased with ourselves,

When our dreams have come true because

we have dreamed too little,

When we arrive safely because we have sailed

too close to the shore.

Disturb us Lord, when with the abundance

of things we possess,

We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;

Having fallen in love with life, we have

ceased to dream of eternity,

And in our efforts to build a new earth,

We have allowed our vision of the new

Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord to dare more boldly ,

To venture on wider seas, where storms will

show your mastery;

Where losing sight of land, we shall find

the stars.

We ask you to push back the horizons of

our hopes,

And to push us in the future in strength,

courage, hope, and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain, who

is Jesus Christ.

Amen.

From the Anglican Digest

## AN EXCHANGE AT SEA

Ship: Please divert your course 0.5 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

Reply: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

Ship: This is the captain of a US Navy Ship. I say again, *divert your course!*.

Reply: No. I say again, *you* divert *YOUR* course.

Ship: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER, USS CORAL SEA. WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE *NOW!*

Reply: This is a lighthouse. Your call.

*People respond to Jesus in lots of different ways. Some choose to ignore him, some deliberately reject him, and some put off the decision until it is too late. Choose Jesus – choose life!*

# FROM THE REGISTERS

## Wedding

*'Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.'*

Joseph Henry Beare and Jemma Elizaberth Rose Gibbs. 10th April at Ashwater Church

## Baptisms

*'Joining the vast family spanning time and space, committing ourselves to follow Jesus.'*

Jacob Michael David & Ashley Aiden Joseph Farrington. 1st March at Ashwater Church

Theodore William Rickman. 1st March at Tetcott Church

Dudley John Wilson. 11th April at Beaworthy Church

Charley Ella Knight 10th May Highampton Church

## Funerals

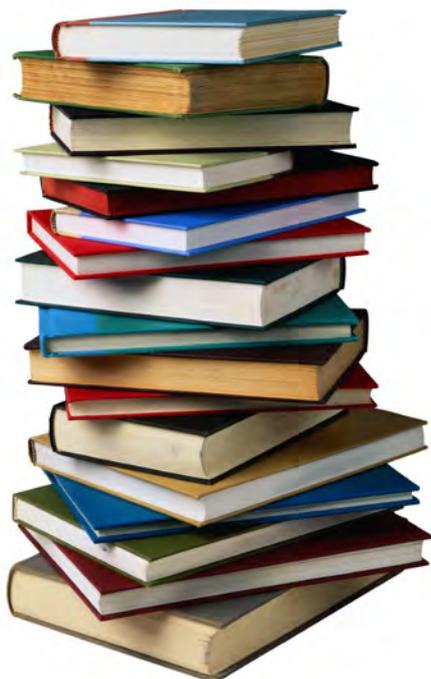
*'May they rest in peace and rise in glory.'*

Edna Jewell, Ashwater

Frances Mary Joan Peen, Clawton.

Maureen Forward, Ashwater

Daphne Phyllis Kerswill, Halwill.



## BOOK SALE FOR GRACE ORPHAN HOME, BHONGIR, INDIA

The attendance at the book sale on 16 June was somewhat disappointing, but those who came had a good time and went home with some excellent books - and refreshed with tea and coffee.

Altogether £146.20 was raised, a sum which will be much appreciated by Pastor John.

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

1st ,15th & 29th June Bible Study at Church Lea, Beaworthy 2pm

2nd June 'Taster Evening' for 'The Week of Accompanied Prayer' Bodmin Street Chapel  
7-30pm

10th June 11am Halwill PCC meeting at Higher Town Farmhouse

10th June Clawton PCC at Church 7-30pm

11th June Good Companions-Halwill Baptist Hall 2-45pm

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2th June Halwill Flower Festival Opening Service at the Baptist Chapel. 6pm Tea followed by opening and short dedication service

16th June Tetcott PCC 7-30pm at The Manor

18th June 'Cookery For Men' demonstration 11'till 2pm, £2 lunch included at the Baptist Hall, Halwill

18th June Ashwater PCC at Southlands, Ashwater 7-30pm

20th June Halwill Town, Strawberry Teas at Crosspark 2-30pm

25th June Holsworthy Mission Community Deanery Synod at The Skills Centre, Holsworthy,  
7-30pm

26th-28th Stowford Camp at Halwill Parish Hall

1st July United Churches meeting at Halwill Baptist Hall 7-30pm for Halwill, Chilla, Eworthy, Madworthy, Stowford & Beaworthy Churches & Chapels to which everyone is welcome.

15th July at Tetcott Parish Hall. An open invitation to all who attend or contribute to our Churches to see how we can support our church better-with speaker Katie Roscorla on 'Parish Giving' 7-30pm



## **Ruby Run**

Some of the Ashwater Tower Restoration Group and your Rector are walking/running the Ruby Run on June the 14th From Hatherleigh to Holsworthy, please sponsor them, sponsor sheets are in Ashwater Church and the Community Shop