

# BENEFICE OF ASHWATER BULLETIN



ASHWATER \* BEAWORTHY \* CLAWTON \* HALWILL \* TETCOTT

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Dear Friends,

November 2015

Sometimes I will be seen to pull a handkerchief from my pocket with a knot tied in it. My youngest friends may assume that I am about to play some 'olden days' game of conkers. Those who are somewhat older and are cyber-savvy will have no idea at all what is going on. Only those who are my age or a little younger will understand. I have tied the knot to remind myself that I need to remember something. And it works. Without batteries, and far from the nearest wi-fi.

It gives me some comfort that the Bible tells us that God himself has done the same. After the Flood, we are told that God used the rainbow as a reminder of a promise He had made. He said,

*When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.* Genesis 9, 14-15.

Remembering and remembrance are an important part of God's plan. My Bible software tells me that the word 'remember' appears 286 times, of which 167 are in the Old Testament and 52 in the New. (I know that doesn't add up - 67 are in the Apocrypha!). Similarly, 'remembrance' occurs 28 times, with 17 mentions in the Old Testament and six in the New. You will be immediately familiar with the key texts in the New Testament, such as Luke 22, verse 19 where, at the Last Supper, Jesus said,

*"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

The remembering is not just a matter of thought; it is a question of action - '**Do this**'. It is the same in the Old Testament, when God told the Jews to remember the Passover and their rescue from slavery in Egypt:

*"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance."* Exodus 12, verse 14.

We have so many blessings to remember and thank God for. Doing something to bring the memory back is a good idea.

Blessings,  
Trevor

## SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

<b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>1st November</b>	<b>All Saints</b>
9.30am	Ashwater	Morning Worship
6.30pm	Beaworthy	Evensong (BCP)
10.30am	Clawton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Halwill	Morning Worship
5.30	Tetcott	Tea followed by worship. Special welcome to those recently bereaved, wherever they may be from .

*OT*      *Isaiah 27; 6-9*

*NT*      *Revelation 21; 1-6a*

*Gospel*      *John 11; 32-44*

<b>2nd Sunday</b>	<b>8th November</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
10.50am	Ashwater	Ecumenical Remembrance Day Service
10.50am	Beaworthy	Remembrance Day Service
2.30pm	Clawton	Remembrance Day Service
10.50am	Halwill	Ecumenical Remembrance Day Service at Memorial and Parish Hall
10.50am	Tetcott	Ecumenical Remembrance Day Service

<b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>15th November</b>	<b>2nd before Advent</b>
9.30am	Ashwater	said Holy Communion
6.30pm	Beaworthy	Holy Communion
10.30am	Clawton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Halwill	Morning Worship
<i>OT</i>	<i>Daniel 12; 1-3</i>	
<i>NT</i>	<i>Revelation 1; 4b-8</i>	
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>John 18; 33-37</i>	

<b>4th Sunday</b>	<b>22 November</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>
9.30am	Ashwater	Holy Communion
11.30am	Beaworthy	Morning Worship
10.30am	Clawton	Let's Get Together
11.00am	Halwill	Morning Worship
<i>OT</i>	<i>Daniel 7; 9-10, 13-14</i>	
<i>NT</i>	<i>Hebrews 10; 11-14, 19-25</i>	
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Mark 13, 1-8</i>	



Gracious Father,  
 we pray for peace in our world:  
 for all national leaders,  
 that they may have wisdom to know and  
     courage to do what is right;  
 for all men and women,  
 that their hearts may be turned to  
 yourself in the search for righteousness  
     and truth;  
 for those who are working to improve  
 international relationships,  
 that they may find the true path of  
 reconciliation;  
 for those who suffer as a result of war:  
     the injured and disabled,  
     the mentally distressed,  
     the homeless and hungry,  
     those who mourn their dead,  
 and especially for those who are without  
 hope or friend to sustain them in their  
 grief.

**5th Sunday 29 November      Advent Sunday**  
**Benefice Service at 3.00pm in Ashwater Church.**  
**The Archdeacon of Barnstaple is to license the**  
**Revd. Jane Lucas as incumbent of the Ashwater**  
**Benefice'**  
**Party in the Village Hall afterwards**

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- 2nd November Ashwater PCC : 7.30pm at Tim Luxton's
- 3rd November Halwill Baptist Hall: Soup & Sweet, 12-2pm . £2-50
- 3rd November Tetcott PCC: 7.30pm at the Manor
- 4th November Clawton PCC: 7.30pm at Higher Horslett
- 7th November Ashwater Church: Book Sale and Soup lunch 10am - 3pm
- 11th November Armistice Day service at Ashwater War Memorial, 10-50am
- 12th November Tea & Natter in Tetcott .Arscott Hall. 2.30pm. All welcome
- 12th November Good Companions at Halwill Baptist Hall: 2.45pm. £2
- 14th November Parish Away Day 10am - 4pm Hele Lane, Pennymore, near Tiverton
- A must for all Christians in Halwill! Lifts available ask Jane or Gillian Bray for more details.
- 15th November Confirmation Service in Bradford Church at 3pm. Please support our candidates.  
and meet our new Bishop of Crediton, Bishop Sarah.
- 18th November Beaworthy PCC: 7-30pm at Baileys Farm, Patchacott
- 19th November 'Forget-me-not Cafe' at Halwill Baptist Hall, 3-5pm
- 20th November Wine & Wisdom at Clawton Parish Hall: 7.30pm. Book with Pam 253256
- 21st November Ploughman's Lunch at Halwill Parish Hall, 12-2pm. £6
- 23rd November Connect Local Support Group meeting in Baptist Hall 7-30pm
- 26th November Good Companions outing to Ottery Garden Centre. Leave 10-30am from the Baptist Car park.
- 26th November United Churches meeting at 7-30pm at the Baptist Hall. Representatives from all our churches at Halwill, Beaworthy, Chilla, Madworthy and Eworthy are invited.
- 1st December Soup & Sweet Christmas Lunch, Baptist Hall. Please book your seat with Brenda, on 221317

**Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back.**

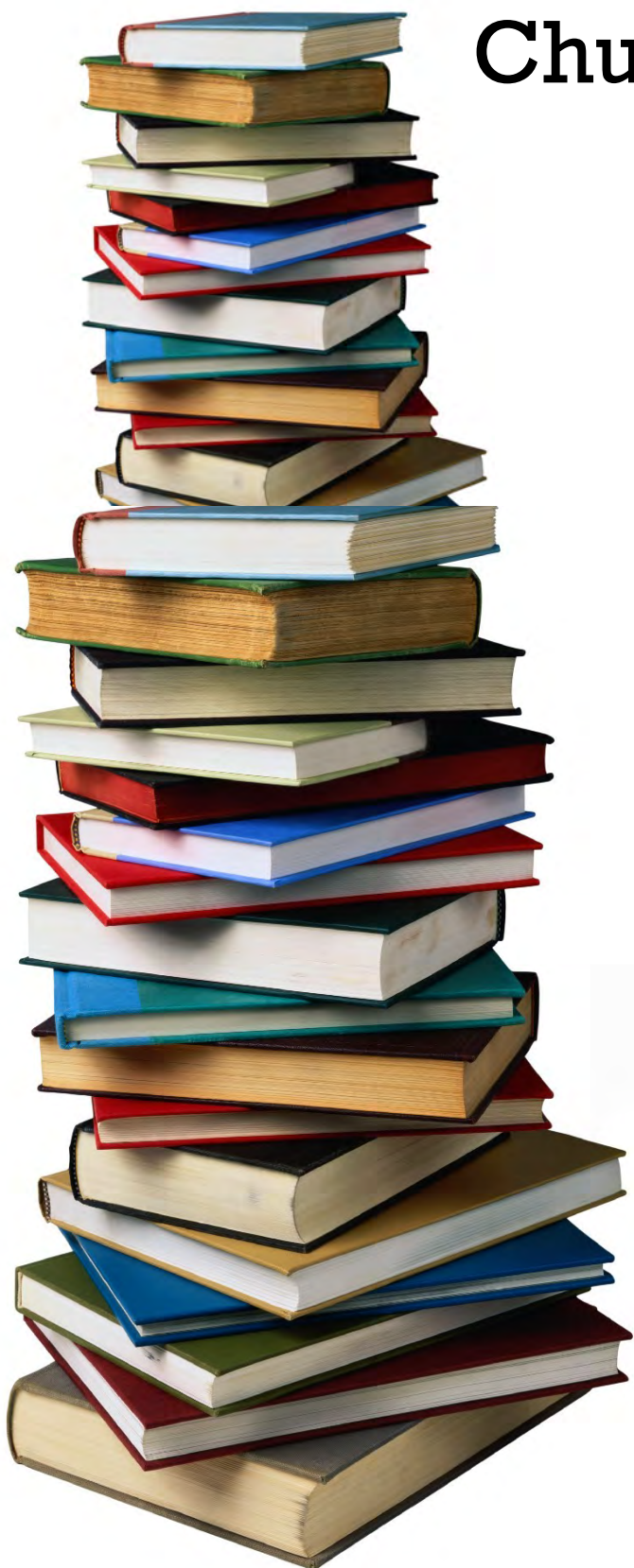
Thank you to Grace Spelman for this.

# Book Sale...and SOUP! \*

Saturday 7th November

10.00am to 3.00pm in Ashwater

Church \*and tea and coffee



**HAVE A  
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AND A  
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AT  
TETTA**

Pop in to the  
Arscott Hall, Tetcott,  
at any time from  
2.30pm on Thursday  
12 November for a  
chat and a cup of tea  
or coffee.

All are welcome, and  
Thursday will be the  
regular day from  
then on.