

BENEFICE OF ASHWATER BULLETIN



ASHWATER * BEAWORTHY * CLAWTON * HALWILL * TETCOTT

Dear Friends,

Much has been written and spoken of the beginnings of the First World War. The immediate trigger for the war was the assassination, on 28 June 1914, of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, by Serbian nationalist Gavrilo Princip in Sarajevo. It was like a butterfly fluttering its wings in Eastern Europe leading to a shaking of the nations in the west. All actions have consequences, no matter how trivial or small at the time. Today, I was so impressed by the schoolchildren of Ashwater Primary School in the concert that reflected their knowledge and ideas of WW1, and how important it is to remember and never to forget the lives that were sacrificed for our freedoms today. We are remembering and commemorating the outbreak of that dreadful war that began on 4th August 1914 - one hundred years ago - in Halwill Baptist Chapel on Monday 4th August from 12 noon until 6pm. You are invited to spend some time to reflect, to pray and to light a candle for those who died. The afternoon will end with a short service of Compline at 5-30pm.

August, and the schools, colleges and universities are on holiday. It is a time for rest and renewal for lots of families, but please remember all those who continue to work as we enjoy our rest: the emergency services, doctors and nursing staff, the police and farmers who tend only to snatch a day here and there; and for all those who look after family members while their parents are working. May we all keep safe and well this holiday time. The local shows here will be in full swing this month, if you are competing, may you have good luck. For those participating and working, may the weather be kind; for all the organisers, that you may be blessed with patience; and finally for those spectating, the enjoyment of our rich diversity of rural living.

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August 2014



Sunday Services in August

3rd August

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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| Ashwater | 9.30 | Morning Worship |
| Clawton | 10.30 | Holy Communion |
| Halwill | 11.00 | Morning Worship |
| Tetcott | 5.30 | Tea and informal worship |

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| <i>OT</i> | <i>Isaiah 55: 1-5</i> |
| <i>NT</i> | <i>Romans 9: 1-5</i> |
| <i>Gospel</i> | <i>Matthew 14: 13-21</i> |

10th August

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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| Ashwater | 9.30 | Holy Communion |
| Clawton | 10.30 | Morning Worship |
| Halwill | 11.00 | Holy Communion |

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| <i>OT</i> | <i>1 Kings 19: 9-18</i> |
| <i>NT</i> | <i>Romans 10: 5-15</i> |
| <i>Gospel</i> | <i>Matthew 14: 22-33</i> |

17th August

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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| Ashwater | 9.30 | Holy Communion |
| Clawton | 10.30 | Holy Communion |
| Halwill | 11.00 | Morning Worship |

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| <i>OT</i> | <i>Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8</i> |
| <i>NT</i> | <i>Romans 1: 1-2a, 29-32</i> |
| <i>Gospel</i> | <i>Matthew 15: 21-28</i> |

24th August

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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| Ashwater | 9.30 | Holy Communion |
| Clawton | 10.30 | Let's Get Together |
| Halwill | 11.00 | Holy Communion |

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| <i>OT</i> | <i>Isaiah 51: 1-6</i> |
| <i>NT</i> | <i>Romans 12: 1-8</i> |
| <i>Gospel</i> | <i>Matthew 16: 13-20</i> |

31st August

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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| Ashwater | 11.00 | Benefice service, including Holy Baptism |
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| <i>OT</i> | <i>Jeremiah 15: 15-21</i> |
| <i>NT</i> | <i>Romans 12: 9 - end</i> |
| <i>Gospel</i> | <i>Matthew 16: 21 - end</i> |

A prayer for Unity and Peace

As we ask that our prayers may be answered by God in His own way and time,

So may we be ready to respond to the call of His Holy Spirit.

May our own spiritual pilgrimage lead our feet into the way of peace.

Let us never despair in times of darkness,

Nor be blinded by the light which illuminates our path,

But go forward trusting that our way will become clear.

May we rejoice in the high places we encounter on our journey,

And may we be sustained by you Lord when we plunge into the depths.

Heavenly Father, help us to listen more readily to our families, to our friends

And our neighbours, both the oppressed and free, and to those of other countries and other faiths,

That we may be reconciled with them, for each has his or her story of experiences on the path to that truth which passes all understanding.

This we pray in Jesus' name
Amen

Based on a prayer from a group of Friends (Quakers) meeting for a family weekend

'In Prayer we do not only speak, we listen.'

Give us listening hearts and minds, Lord,

Hearts and minds to understand all that you want to share with us.

Let us hear in the deepest depths of ourselves your understanding, and your compassion, your acceptance and your love, your forgiveness and your trust.

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While we are thinking of young people, it was a delight to be alongside the teenage Leaders In Training and the youngsters at 'Stowford Camp' that happened at the beginning of July in Halwill School, the Winsford Centre and the Parish Hall. More than 50 young people getting to know Jesus, singing, dancing, It's a knockout, water bombs, praying, discovering their bible and what church means to them - it wasn't a building!

Finally, for all who are contemplating getting married, why not choose your local church, come and see me and we can talk through how much it may cost - it may be less than you thought. Our churches are beautiful buildings and they make great settings for a wonderful day that sets your marriage into the heart of the community. Or you may be thinking of a christening or something less formal like a thanksgiving or a naming ceremony; we can be flexible to your needs. For those who are contemplating affirming their faith, we have a confirmation service at St Peter and St. Paul's, Holsworthy on September 10th at 7pm. Do get in touch with me 01409 211205 or therev.rectory62@gmail.com for more information.

Blessings,

Jane



**Breakfast in
Ashwater
Church**

**Saturdays
during August
(except for
Ashwater
Show Day on
the 16th)**

ASHWATER SHOW

Come and support [Christians in Ashwater](#) at the Ashwater Show On 16 August. If you could help at their tent, that would be GREAT!

