**The parish of TIPTON ST JOHN****with VENN OTTERY**

*Sharing God’s love with our community*

**Notices for Sunday 20th July 2025**

Otter Vale Mission Community website: <https://ottervalechurches.org/>

You can find details of **all services in our Mission Community** on the website (above) and local ones on the notice board at the back of Tipton church (by the stairs). For example, the next (family-friendly) **café church** is on **Sunday 17th August** (in Tipton Community Hall).

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month: **9.30 am** - 10.10 am **live online worship service**, accessible on Zoom through your internet browser from the website (above). For technical help in getting online, do contact David W. in advance. Each service is led by either David or Caroline, often with live music being provided by Becky and Matthew (though not this week). You can chat face-to-face (if you want to) from 9.20 am and afterwards.

Sunday 20th July 10.30 am **Café Church** in Tipton Community Hall. You can help yourself to hot or cold drinks, pastries, chat and a craft activity. Then please stay at your table for the time of informal worship, which starts at about 11 am (refreshments are available throughout). Our theme this month is “doing the right thing”, and we will be looking at the story of Mary and Martha found in the Bible book of Luke, chapter 10, verses 38 – 42.

20th & 27th July 2 – 4.30 pm Bishop’s Open Garden in aid of Devon Historic Churches Trust: details [here](https://devonhistoricchurches.co.uk/news-activities/bishops-palace-open-summer-garden-20th-27th-july-2025/): 2.0 – 4.30 pm with guided tours and tea, coffee and cake. Suggested donation £5.

Holy Communion at Tipton Church:

11 am on 2nd Sunday; **9.30 am on 4th Sunday** of the month.

At our services all ages are welcome to receive God’s blessing at the Communion rail or to share the bread and wine with us, if you would normally do so. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

If you would like to make a **card payment** to support the work of the church in our parish, you can do so by clicking on the **donate** button top right of the home page of the church website (above).

The Tipton church page (menu tab at top) has links to the **weekly notice sheet** (this) and the **monthly prayer page**. If you want a **paper copy** of either of these please contact Becky 07853 496883

Some dates for your diary:

**Fund-raising** events for Newton Popp church’s **Meeting Place** solar panels and batteries: (aiming for £10,000 by 14th August!)

Later today: 3 – 5 pm cream tea at The Meeting Place £8

Thurs. 31st July 10 am – 12.15 Open rehearsal of string quartets at St. Luke’s Church. Donations followed by light lunch.

Fri 8th August 7.30 pm Songs from the Shows Sing-a-long & bar at the Meeting Place. Free entry: donations welcome.

Sponsor Haylor to cycle 100 miles in July: £1 a mile. See leaflet for QR code for donations. Card reader also available at events.

Sat. 2nd August 10 am **Church coffee morning** in Tipton Community Hall

August Bank Holiday Monday (25th) is **Tipton Church Fete**. If you can help in any way please contact Mike Smith, telephone 01404 812542.

The next “fifth Sunday” is 31st August, when there will be a service of Morning Worship at 11 am at Tipton Church.

**Harvest thanksgiving services** in September:

7th 11 am at V. O. Church followed by sandwiches and cake

21st in Tipton Community Hall 10.30 am Café Church

followed by a bring and share harvest lunch

28th 9.30 Holy Communion at Tipton Church

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**Church contacts** Our vicar: Rev’d Mark Ward *(Day off: Tues.)*

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