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

*Sharing God’s love with our community*

**Notices for Sunday 31st August 2025**

11 am Morning Worship at Tipton Church.

**Today’s Bible readings** are Hebrews 13: 1-8; 15–16 (p 855 in the church Bibles) and Luke 14: 1, 7–14 (p. 737).

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

The Tipton church page (menu tab at top) has links to the **weekly notice sheet** (this) and the **monthly prayer page**. If you know anyone who would appreciate a **paper copy** of either of these delivering to them, please contact beckywilliamson@btinternet.com 07853 496883.

To make a **card payment** to support our parish, please click on the **donate** button top right of the home page of the website (above).

You can find details of **all services in our Mission Community** on the website home page and local ones on the notice board at the back of Tipton church (by the stairs). This is our usual pattern of services:

We have a service of **Holy Communion** at Tipton Church at 11 am on 2nd Sunday of the month; 9.30 am on 4th Sundays. 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.

3rd Sunday 10.30 am **Café Church** in TSJ Community Hall. Coffee, pastries, chat, craft activity; 11 am informal worship.

On the 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 homepage. For technical help in getting online, do contact [David Williamson](mailto:Davidhwilliamson@btinternet.com) in advance. 07845 953984Either he or our other Licensed Lay Minister, Caroline, leads the service, mostly with live music being provided by Becky and Matthew. You can chat face-to-face (if you want to) from 9.20 am and after the service too.

[Caroline Poultney](mailto:carolinep2023@outlook.com)

**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**: Shirley Hamilton has kindly offered to coordinate this so we don’t have 20 quiches and no bread or potatoes, for example! Please speak to her if you hope to attend.

28th 9.30 Holy Communion at Tipton Church

Throughout September we are collecting food and clothing to donate to St. Petrock’s Centre for the Homeless in Exeter – see Tipton Times.

Some other dates for your diary:

Sat. 13th September Devon Historic Churches Trust Day. Malcolm and Shirley are tandem riding around all 12 churches in the Mission Community (48km!), with half the money raised going to our two church buildings. You can fill in the sponsor form by the door or donate online at [justgiving.com/page/shirley-hamilton-1](http://justgiving.com/page/shirley-hamilton-1)

Mon. 22nd September 7.30 pm PCC meeting at David and Becky’s

Sun. 28th Sept. 4 pm ticketed musical event in Venn Ottery Church to raise funds for maintenance of VO churchyard. Requests taken in advance! Contact Malcolm Hamilton for tickets.

Thurs 2nd **October** 7.30 pm New homegroup series starts: 5 weeks studying the Nicene Creed (1700th anniversary this year).

Sat. 4th 10 am **Church coffee morning**: Tipton Community Hall

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

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