

# ***THE TORRIDGE TEAM LYCK***

***Bringing Together the Parishes  
of the Torridge Team***



***In God we live and move and have our being.  
(Acts 17: 28)***

***May 2026***

***Buckland Filleigh, Huish, Langtree, Merton, Newton St. Petrock,  
Peters Marland, Petrockstowe, Shebbear, Sheepwash  
Website: [torridgeteamchurches.org.uk](http://torridgeteamchurches.org.uk)***

## Collects for the Month

### *May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Easter 5*

*Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.*

### *May 10<sup>th</sup>: Easter 6*

*Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.*

### *May 17<sup>th</sup>: Easter 7*

*Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and your peace, to the glory of God the Father.*

### *May 24<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost*

*Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

### *May 31<sup>st</sup>: Trinity Sunday*

*Holy God, faithful and unchanging, enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

## Saint of the Month

### *5<sup>th</sup> May: Hydroc.*

*St. Hydroc's Church, with Lanhydrock House.*



Many will have been to Lanhydrock, the National Trust house outside Bodmin. Both the house and the grounds are wonderful places to explore.

Tucked up behind the house is Lanhydrock Church, dedicated to the local saint, Hydroc. Hence the name, Lanhydrock.

The church is undoubtedly built on the site of Hydroc's cell from the 5th century. The nearest we might get is the well-house out in the churchyard. Virtually nothing is known of Hydroc. It is thought that he was a local man, which makes him a bit unusual amongst the local saints. So many of them are Welsh or Breton missionaries bringing the gospel to Cornwall. Here is a local Celt responding to the good news of Jesus in his own place.

And that's most of us, isn't it? We are not generally called to go off somewhere else to live out our Christian faith, but rather to do so where we are – just as Hydroc did.



## SERVICES IN MAY

### May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Easter 5

### May 10<sup>th</sup>: Easter 6

**Buckland Filleigh  
Huish**

11.00am Morning Worship

**Langtree**

11.00am Chapel

11.00am Communion

**Merton**

**Newton St. P**

10.30am Chapel

9.30am Communion

**Peters Marland**

9.30am Communion

**Petrockstowe**

11.00am Morning Worship

11.00am Rogation (Rec)

6.00pm Evening Worship

**Shebbear**

11.00am Communion

11.00am @ B Filleigh

**Sheepwash**

11.00am Methodist

2.45pm Baptist

### May 17<sup>th</sup>: Easter 7

### May 24<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost

**Buckland Filleigh**

6.00pm Evening Prayer

**Langtree**

11.00am Chapel

11.00am Morning Worship

**Merton/Huish**

9.30am Communion

9.30am Communion

(Merton)

(Huish)

**Newton St. P**

11.00am Rogation

11.00am Morning Worship

(East Bridge Farm)

**Peters Marland**

**Petrockstowe**

11.00am Morning Worship

11.00am Communion

**Shebbear**

10.00am B'fast Church

10.30am Lake Chapel

**Sheepwash**

11.00am Communion

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Trinity Sunday

10.30am

Café Church (Newton St. Petrock Chapel)

11.00am

Worship amongst the trees (Grascott, Buckland Filleigh)

11.00am

Morning Worship (Petrockstowe)

**West Heanton:** Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May

3.00pm Sunday Worship

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May

11.00am Communion

## Worship by Phone



**Sunday at 4.00pm**

**Phone 0330-606-0403**

**You will be asked for an access code: 251417#**

# *Festival of Scripture: Setting free the Word*

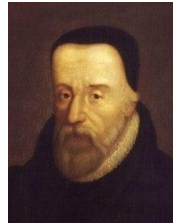
Through the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost, we will be celebrating the gift of the Bible in our own language. 500 years ago, in 1526, William Tyndale first produced the New Testament in printed English.

So across the 10 days we will read the New Testament through – at services, at coffee mornings, tea gatherings, in schools, online. Join with us where you can. And pray for the impact of God's word today.

## **Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May: Ascension Day**

**6.00pm Picnic, followed by Ascension Day service  
(Langtree Parish Hall field)**

*Please bring chairs as well as picnic*



## **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May**

3.00pm Tea gathering (Newton St.  
Petrock Community Hall)

## **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am Table Top sale (Sheepwash  
Hall)

3.00pm Cream Tea (P'stowe Chapel)

## **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am Communion (Merton)

10.00am B'fast Church (Shebbear)

11.00am Communion (Sheepwash)

7.00pm Reading (Langtree Church)

## **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May**

3.00pm Sch. assembly (Shebbear)

## **Tues 19<sup>th</sup> May**

10.30am Coffee morning (BF Church)

7.30pm Zoom gathering

## **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Sch. Assembly (Merton)

10.30am Coffee morning (Shebbear)

## **Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May**

10.30am Coffee morning (Peters  
Marland Hall)

12noon Langtree Market

1.00pm Merton lunch (Clinton Hall)

## **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

12noon Zoom gathering

3.00pm Tea gathering (Lake Chapel,  
Shebbear)

## **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

10.30am FROGs (Sheepwash)

**Zoom link:** Meeting ID: 375 971 3230, Passcode: Scripture

**Link for booking time slots to read:** <https://rb.gy/iheaed>

## **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Pentecost Eve**

**6.30pm Pentecost Contemporary Worship (Petrockstowe Chapel)**

# *Ascension Day*

*Praying over the nations*

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

6.00pm for picnic. Worship to follow  
Parish Hall field, Langtree  
(Church if wet or cold)

Do bring a picnic and a chair.

*Beginning the Festival of Scripture*



## *Worship among the Trees*



**Team worship for  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
11.00am  
Grascott Farm,  
Buckland Filliegh**



*Sam Whatmore will share his love of trees.  
And we will worship in their shade.  
Wet weather provision available.  
Bring picnic to follow (plus a chair.)*

**What is your favourite tree?  
Bring your thoughts about trees, or a relevant poem.**



## Christians in Iran today

### Iran

Population: 93 million

Ancient churches:

Armenian, Assyrian

Today: converts from

Persian majority,  
possibly 1 million



The Church is growing faster in Iran than almost anywhere else. In recent years, up to 1 million Muslims could well have become Christians in Iran.

That is an extraordinary statement for a country that for over 40 years has persecuted the Christian Church. And in recent times that persecution has increased.

Yet, many are turning to Christ. The boldness of Christians sharing the good news of Jesus is striking. But so are the stories of visions of Jesus that seem to occur on a regular basis. Find some of the accounts of conversion on YouTube, and so many speak of having met Jesus.

And at the root of all that, it seems there is a distinct dissatisfaction for many in Islam. It seems to many to be a religion of works trying to please Allah; there is little sense of a god of love. Meeting Jesus seems to make such a difference. Here is a God who accepts you as you are; who even knows and calls you by name.

But coming to faith in Christ is no easy thing. The churches meet in secret very often. Believers are seen to be enemies of the state, even being labelled 'Zionists'. The Bible in Persian is banned. Pressure from family and society can be huge; arrest and prison are a distinct likelihood; death a possibility.

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Iran. It is amazing that persecution can produce such growth -as it so often does. And things could get worse as the regime digs in in the wake of the present conflict with the US. Pray for their faith, pray for their resilience, pray for their witness as they often reach out to and care for those suffering. God bless them and keep them.

# EVENTS.....EVENTS

## ***Times of Prayer***

### Weekly

Fri 9am Morning Prayer online  
*Ask Martin for the Zoom link*

Fri 10.30am Petrockstowe Chapel

### Monthly

Sat 9<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am Sheepwash Church

## ***Fellowship Groups***

Mon afternoon: Merton

Tues afternoon: Sheepwash

Tues evening: Petrockstowe

Wed afternoon: Newton St. Petrock

Thurs evening: Langtree

Fri evening: Shebbear

## ***Meetings***

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Huish

## ***Torrington Church***

### **Jayne Baley**

*Soprano and piano*

*with Lorraine Homewood (piano)*

*David Read (organ)*

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May

3-4pm

*Retiring collection;*

*cream tea to follow*

## **Coldplay by Candlelight**

*Lumos Live production*

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May,

7pm or 9pm

Tickets from £20

## ***Coffee Mornings***

Mondays 9.15am Tea and Tots  
(Petrockstowe Chapel)

Wed 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30am  
(Shebbear Ch Room)

Thur 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am  
(Peters Marland Hall)

## ***Cream Tea***

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May

3.00pm

Petrockstowe Chapel

*Plus plants*

## ***Appledore***

### **Christian Music Festival**

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm

#### **Concert with Dave Bilbrough**

Appledore Baptist church

Tickets: £10 in advance

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May, 5.30pm

#### **'Zac,' a Roger Jones' musical**

St Mary's Church, Appledore

Free entry. Donations invited.

*(Rehearsals through the day, if you  
would like to join the choir.)*

## **Dates for 2026**

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Jun Visit by Bishop Mike

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Jun Archdeacon's Visitation  
(Torrington)

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Jul Deanery Synod

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul Stowford Camp  
(at Merton)

## For your Prayers

- Pray for Newton St. Petrock. Give thanks for the blessings of the cake stall at Langtree Market.
- Pray for those newly elected and those who continue with our church councils.
- Do pray for Christians in Iran. May they know the strength of the Lord.
- Give thanks for the Bible in our language. May we never take it for granted. Pray for those translating it into other languages.
- As we approach Pentecost, pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit upon us each day.

## Readings for the month

*On occasions, other readings may be chosen.*

### **May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Easter 5 (white)**

Acts 7: 55-60

John 14: 1-14

### **May 10<sup>th</sup>: Easter 6 (white)**

Acts 17: 22-31

John 14: 15-21

### **May 14<sup>th</sup>: Ascension (white)**

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Luke 24: 44-53

### **May 17<sup>th</sup>: Easter 7 (white)**

Acts 1:6-14

John 17: 1-11

### **May 24<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost (red)**

Acts 2: 1-21

John 7: 37-39

### **May 31<sup>st</sup>: Trinity Sunday (white)**

Exodus 34: 1-10

Matthew 28: 16-20

## **Local Church Staff:**

Clergy: Revd Martin Warren, The Rectory, Shebbear (01409-281424)

Revd Julie Cartwright (01409-281554)

Lay Minister: Jon Berry (07807-051881)

Safeguarding Officers: Sarah Huxtable (07765-497711)

Methodist minsters: Frank Watson (Torrige Circuit) 07446 157329

Revd Chris Jackson (West Devon Circuit) 01837-52302.

Baptist Contacts: Pat Hindmarch (Newton St. Petrock) 01409 261758

Martin Goord (Sheepwash) 01837-810136

Prayer Hub: Penny Warren (01409-281424)