



Ashwater Benefice Bulletin

February 2018

Dear Friends,

The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February, Saint Valentine's Day. We begin our journey through the 40 days by celebrating Holy Communion at Ashwater Church at 10am with the imposition of ashes, committing ourselves to some self-evaluation throughout Lent. For those who have had a "dry January" maybe a "dry Lent"! Our thing we can all do is a "Good Turn" each day, something positive for someone else; it may become a habit that keeps on going. Whatever you decide to do, it is a time to take seriously our faith in Jesus. There is a Lent Course running from Wednesday the 21st of February at the home of Mrs. G. Spelman, 26, Beeching Close, Halwill Junction. It lasts for 6 weeks and is called, 'Life on the Frontline.' I recommend that you come; it will be friendly, and you will not be pressured to say or do anything, but come and explore what Christian faith might have in store for you.

Baptisms are joyful occasions when we receive babies, children and adults into the family of the Church. It is the moment we are called by our Christian name, (the Christening) and the moment we leave our history behind and begin a new life in Jesus. We are called by name to follow Jesus. From that moment of baptism, we step out washed and made clean and no matter how many times we get things wrong in the future, we can say sorry, be forgiven and start over again. Jesus continues to call you by name to serve the community where we live. He is calling you now – will you respond?

The Food bank in Holsworthy continues to be used by many, so please consider giving some groceries (dry goods), toiletries, or money to this good cause. It costs £1500 a year to hire the hall for each week. Or you could pledge a sum of money to the Holsworthy Christian Youth Chaplain to work full time in the Holsworthy College and district. We have appointed Ruth Jones from Bristol, who is a fully qualified Christian Youth Worker. She will start at the college after half term. Please keep Ruth in prayers as she looks for a home in Holsworthy. For more information: 01409 211205 or therev.rectory62@gmail.com

Lenten Blessings,

Jane.

Services in Ashwater Benefice in February

1st Sunday 4th February	2 nd before Lent	Green
9.30am Ashwater	Morning Worship	Trevor May
10.30am Clawton	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane
10.30am Halwill Baptist Hall	Cafe Church	
5.30pm Tetcott	Tea and Informal worship	Rev. Jane
6.30pm Beaworthy	BCP Evensong	Jim Williams

Tuesday 6th February Funeral of Alan Mitchell at 1pm at Tetcott Church

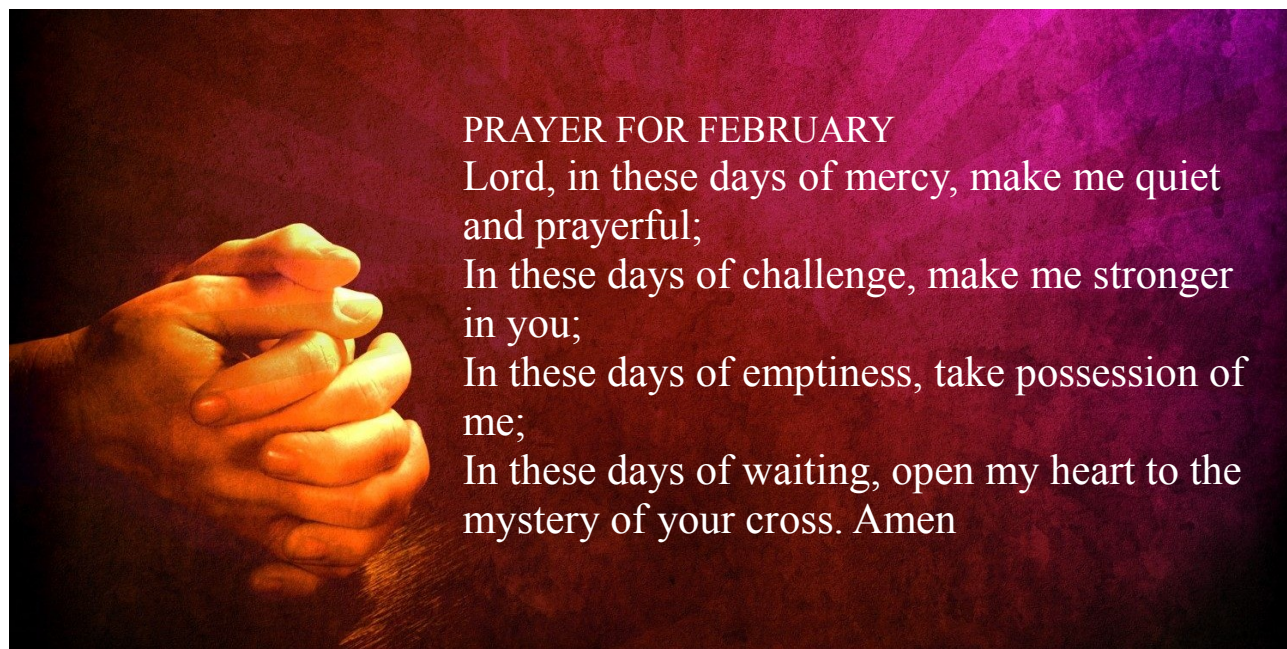
Saturday 10th February Wedding at 2pm Tetcott Church

2nd Sunday 11th February	Sunday next before Lent	Green
9.30am Ashwater	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane
11.00am Halwill	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane
11.00am Beaworthy	Morning Worship	Trevor May
2.30pm Clawton	Baptism & Christening R	ev. Jane

Ash Wednesday 10am Ashwater Church Holy Communion with ashes.

3rd Sunday 18th February	1 st after Lent	Purple
9.30am Ashwater	said Holy Communion	Rev. Jane
10.30am Clawton	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane
11.00am Halwill	Morning Worship	Jim Williams
6.30pm Beaworthy	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane

4th Sunday 25th February	2 nd after Lent	Purple
9.30am Ashwater	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane
10.30am Clawton	Let's Get Together	Trevor May
11.00am Halwill	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane
11.00am Beaworthy	Morning Worship	Jim Williams



PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

Lord, in these days of mercy, make me quiet and prayerful;

In these days of challenge, make me stronger in you;

In these days of emptiness, take possession of me;

In these days of waiting, open my heart to the mystery of your cross. Amen

Dates for the Diary

Friday 2 nd Feb.	10.00am Morning Prayer Beaworthy Church
Sat. 3 rd	Big Breakfast at Halwill Parish Hall and Clean-up Day at Tetcott Church 9.00am.
Sunday 4 th	Cafe Church Halwill Baptist Hall 10.30am
Mon. 5 th	Bible Study at Chris Long's 2.00pm
Wed. 7 th	Halwill Church Benefice Holy Communion 10.00am
Wed. 14 th	Ash Wednesday Ashwater Church Holy Communion 10.00am
Monday 19 th	Bible Study at Chris Long's 2.00pm
Tues. 20 th	Beaworthy PCC 7.30pm at Bailey's Farm
Wed. 21 st	Halwill Church Benefice Holy Communion 10.00am
Thurs. 22 nd	Holsworthy Deanery Synod at Holsworthy Market Hall at 7.30pm
Sat. 24 th Feb.	Training morning for 'Communion Setting up' 11am in Ashwater Church. For all PCC members.
Mon. 26 th Feb.	Clawton PCC meeting

Coming Soon



Johnnie Cowling

Gospel Concert

with supporting

Arscott Ladies Choir,

Wednesday 9th May

7-30pm. Tickets £10.

WHOOOPS! SOME PARISH MAGAZINE BLOOMERS

Miss Charlene Mason sang, 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Remember in prayer those who are sick of our community.

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