

# BENEFICE OF ASHWATER BULLETIN



ASHWATER \* BEAWORTHY \* CLAWTON \* HALWILL \* TETCOTT

Dear Friends

August 2015

The central tenet and core belief of the Christian life is the command to love God with all of our being, and to love and serve our neighbour as we would serve ourselves.

How to love God is for each and everyone to discover; we all come to faith by differing routes and carrying diverse parcels. However the route to love God is to fix our life on the model of Jesus (what would Jesus do?) The second part of the command is service to our family, community and the wider world. This is our gift to give - to give as much as we can now while we are in the world, for we can not take it with us into the next world. The gift of our time, our talents and our money to ease the pain of someone else's difficulty is the most rewarding act we can do. To do something about injustice, bring about reconciliation in the name of Jesus makes you a saint.



There is something everyone can do and that is to support our farming industry at this crucial time for the dairy sector and our beef and lamb producers. It has been a good year for grass and silage and the cereal crops are looking well, but there is a lot of pain and disappointment in the price in the market place where the price paid for milk, beef and lamb does not cover the cost of production. As a buyer and consumer, when you are in your local supermarket ask for the manager to tell you how much of the price is paid to the producer, make a noise about it, the power to change this injustice lies in your hands!

It may come as a surprise to many that my stipend does not come from 'rich church commissioners' but is paid by every parish in the giving to the 'Common Fund.' It is a fact that every parish priest in the Barnstaple Archdeaconry, that includes the Ashwater Benefice, is subsidised by the parishes in the south of the county. We do not pay our own way because of the demography and nature of rural ministry. However it would be good to actually meet our Common Fund obligations in the Benefice which we are not doing at present time. There is a new scheme that anyone and everyone can subscribe to now. It is called **The Parish Giving Scheme** and is a simple way of giving to keep ministry in your parish. You can choose to give monthly, quarterly or yearly. If you are a tax payer the Gift Aid is added automatically. The benefits are that there is then a regular income with budgeting and the work of our hard pressed treasurers is made simpler and easier. Ask your treasurer for details. They are:

**Mrs. Emma Kirk**, Larkworthy Barn, Ashwater. 211844 email: e.c.harris@hotmail.co.uk . **Mrs Irene Ellis**, Higher Horslett, Clawton. 271371 email: i.ellis15@btinternet.com. **Miss Chris Long**, Halwill 221577. **Ms Julie Smith**, 271329 email: watson-smith-45@homecall.co.uk **Mr. Mike Bolitho** Beaworthy. 221839 email: wmrphy1@tiscali.co.uk **Or myself** 211205 email: the.rev.rectory62@gmail.com

Blessings to all who give generously for your reward is in heaven.

Jane

## SERVICES

### **1st Sunday 2 August Trinity 9**

9.30am Ashwater Morning Worship  
6.30pm Beaworthy Evensong  
10.30am Clawton Holy Communion  
11.00am Halwill Morning Worship  
5.30pm Tetcott Tea and informal worship  
*OT Exodus 16: 2-4*  
*NT Ephesians 4: 1-16*  
*Gospel John 6: 24-35*

### **2nd Sunday 9 August Trinity 10**

9.30am Ashwater Holy Communion  
6.30pm Beaworthy Joint with Halwill  
10.30am Clawton Morning Worship  
11.00am Halwill Holy Communion  
*OT 1 Kings 19: 4-8*  
*NT Ephesians 4: 25-52*  
*Gospel John 6: 35, 41-51*

### **3rd Sunday 16 August Trinity 11**

9.30am Ashwater said Holy Communion  
6.30pm Beaworthy Holy Communion  
10.30am Clawton Holy Communion  
11.00am Halwill Morning Worship  
*OT Proverbs 9: 1-6*  
*NT Ephesians 5: 15-20*  
*Gospel John 5: 1-58*

### **4th Sunday 23 August Trinity 12**

9-30am Ashwater Holy Communion  
11.00am Beaworthy Morning Worship  
10.30am Clawton 'Let's Get Together'  
11.00am Halwill Holy Communion  
*OT Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18*  
*NT Ephesians 6: 10-20*  
*Gospel John 6: 56-59*

### **5th Sunday 30 August Trinity 13**

11.00am Ashwater Benefice Morning Worship  
*OT Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9*  
*NT James 1: 17-27*  
*Gospel Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23*



## Prayers

### **A Litany of Thanksgiving**

For Jesus Christ, who is our Saviour, our Lord and our Friend:

**Let us praise the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

For the Holy Spirit, who is our Strength, our Power and our Enabler.

**Let us praise the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

For the world around us, the beauty of the county in which we are privileged to live,

Which speaks to us of God and fills us with joy.

**Let us praise the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

**No mid-week Benefice Communion Services at Halwill during August**

# FROM THE REGISTERS

## Weddings

Lucy Murray & Joseph Bruce. Tetcott

Kelly Corthine & Mark Easdon. Clawton

Kim Bruton & Lloyd Furse. Ashwater

## Funerals

Roger Ernest Ringer – Halwill

Gordon Rolf Sturgess Richards – Halwill

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

1st August Folk Concert, Clawton Church £5 7-30 for 8pm

6th August Dancing to Elaine at Halwill Parish Hall 8pm

15th August Dance at Tetcott Hall 8pm for Clawton Church



## Taste of Uganda update.

You may remember that last October we had a Ugandan flavoured meal in Ashwater Parish Hall to raise funds for the Goli Health Centre in Uganda which is in great need of improvement. We raised £450 on the day and we are pleased to say that we have just received confirmation that the money which was raised was used to go towards sponsoring a Medical officer who will start working at the Centre in August. The Centre will now be able to provide additional treatment and surgery that it was unable to offer before.

We are sorry about the delay in informing you of this development but there were several problems involved in making sure that the money got to the right place. African accounting procedures didn't help either!

Terry and Wendy Darbt



