

exeter diocesan news



september 2004



The Venerable Robert Evens

New Bishop of Crediton

During the Summer the Diocese of Exeter announced the name of the new Bishop of Crediton, who will be commencing work at the end of the year.

The Diocese of Exeter is pleased to welcome the appointment of the Venerable Robert Evens as the new Bishop of Crediton. Robert is currently the Archdeacon of Bath.

One of two Suffragan Bishops in the Diocese, Robert will be working alongside the Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt Revd John Garton, and supporting the ministry of the Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Michael Langrish. He will have pastoral responsibility for clergy and lay people across the See of Crediton (north and east Devon) which became vacant on 31st August with the

retirement of Richard Hawkins (who writes this month's Bishop's Letter).

Robert, 57, was born in 1947 in Plymouth, where he lived until he was six. His father joined up with "The Devons" at the beginning of World War II and then entered banking once the war was ended. His career meant a number of moves for the Evens family, including a period in Exeter, where Robert attended Heles School, and a later move to Ilfracombe. Robert followed his father into banking, working at (the now) Nat West in Barnstaple and later in Bristol and Bath, before training for ordination to the priesthood at Trinity College, Bristol. He was ordained deacon in 1977, and priest in 1978. He spent 18 years in Portsmouth Diocese before being invited to take the role of

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Fresh Start for Devon Parishes

The Archdeacon of Plymouth, the Ven Tony Wilds, talks about how parishes can deal with the *Moving On* process as well as addressing current financial difficulties.

The 'Moving On' process to which the diocese is committed is being worked out in a variety of ways as the main thrust of Anglican Church life in Devon. 'Moving On' is not a chance title: it reflects something close to the heart of the Christian faith. The biblical record is of a pilgrim people moving on through history. Indeed, one of the distinctive features of the people of God in the Old Testament was their realisation that the God they worshipped was the Lord of history, who went ahead of his people, calling them to follow as he revealed and established his purposes in the world. They were a pilgrim people as they made their way to the Promised Land; as families and groups they made pilgrimages to the Holy City; they understood life as a pilgrimage – walking *with* God, yet making their way *towards* God.

In the New Testament the 'moving on' becomes even clearer. Jesus tells his disciples: "Be on your way..." At the resurrection he says: "Tell my brothers they must leave for Galilee", and when he meets them there he commands: "Go, make disciples of all nations". Still we are called, as

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New Bishop of Cridton continued from Page 1

... Archdeacon of Bath in 1996 (by former Bishop of Bath & Wells, the Rt Revd Jim Thompson).

The Bishop of Cridton's role is one of leadership and encouragement, supporting the ministry of both ordained and lay people. He has a lead role in evangelism, teaching and pastoral care. He will also be engaging with social issues facing communities and individuals, and developing partnerships with the wider Church and community representatives. Among the key challenges facing the Diocese of Exeter at the present time are the need to develop new patterns of ministry, based on a clear strategy for mission and the nurturing of Christian discipleship, together with a deepening of the life of prayer.

Commenting on the appointment, Bishop Michael says: "Robert will bring a strong track record in evangelism and shaping the church for mission, in developing new models of ministry and in managing the process of change. He has excellent pastoral skills, is an able liturgist and a good teacher and preacher.

Most of all, Robert comes across as a good and holy man, a loving, prayerful person with deep spiritual awareness and a shining love for Christ."

Robert Evens says: "I feel privileged to be asked to serve as Bishop of Cridton and look forward to serving the churches and communities in the area. In moving back to Devon I feel as if I am 'coming home'."

Robert is an enthusiastic and creative gardener. He also enjoys sailing (having learnt to sail at Starcross as a young man). A former player with Ilfracombe Rugby Club, he is now an armchair rugby enthusiast. He has been married to Sue for 32 years, and has two grown-up children.

During consultation with clergy and accredited lay people on the role of the Bishop of Cridton, there was a strong desire for the Bishop to be more accessible to people living across the Episcopal area (which includes Holsworthy, Hartland, Barnstaple, Tiverton, Honiton, Exeter and the surrounding area and across to Dawlish). The future residence of the Bishop of Cridton will therefore be in Tiverton, with its excellent road and public transport links.

Robert will be consecrated bishop in Westminster Abbey on 30th November. His installation as Bishop of Cridton will be at 3pm on Sunday, 5th December, in Exeter Cathedral. His future title will be The Right Reverend Robert Evens, Bishop of Cridton.



With Bishop Michael by the Boniface centre, Cridton **S K**

New Books to Read

Evangelism – Which Way Now? priced at £10.95, is an evaluation of various contemporary strategies for evangelism, including the famous Alpha, Emmaus and Cell Church projects. The book is described by the Archbishop of York as being “of enormous assistance for a parish planning any form of process evangelism.”

The book attempts to demystify the confusion of different resources and models created during what has become known as the Decade of Evangelism.

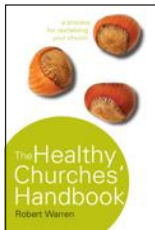
Mission-Shaped Church offers an exploration of Church planting and “fresh expressions of church in a changing context” and includes a foreword by Rowan Williams.



This highly acclaimed method has

been adopted as a manual for mission by organisations such as the Church Army. (Full review next month.)

The Healthy Churches Handbook: A Process for Revitalizing Your Church



A Process for Revitalizing Your Church is a practical guide to help churches identify their strengths and weaknesses and discover what action

to take in order to develop the health of their church.

The author, Robert Warren, is keen to point out that there are no ‘quick fixes’ involved – “the goal is not easy solutions, but rather encountering the reality of God’s presence in and through the life of each church.”

These titles are available from all Christian bookshops (Wesley Owen and SPCK etc) and Church House Bookshop: Tel 020 789 81305 or visit www.chbookshop.co.uk

Synod: Assessment of Common Fund

A recent Diocesan Synod agreed the following changes to the way Common Fund is assessed:

To raise the investment charge threshold from £1,500 to £2,500;

To apply abatement to each church community (a reduction of 50% for each of the first eight members);

To phase out the electoral roll



element of the calculation over a five-year period.

For a digest of the latest Diocesan Synod discussion, visit www.exeter.anglican.org

Church Army Sunday: Sharing Faith through Words and Action

The fourth Sunday in September this year 26th - is set aside in the church calendar for **Church Army Sunday** and on this day churches have the opportunity to remind themselves of Church Army’s work and to provide support for Church Army in prayer and financial support.

The theme of Church Army Sunday this year is “Mission-shaped church”. For suggested prayers and ideas for sermons visit the church army website at www.churcharmy.org.uk. or call David Coleman, Church Army Communications Manager on 020 8309 3516.

in the news



OBITUARY

The Reverend Robert Anthony LOVEWELL.

Tony was the first full time Industrial Chaplain to the Devonport Dockyard and neighbouring civilian departments. He was appointed to that post in 1981.

From the beginning Tony became a very popular and well liked personality with all he came into contact, including both management and workforce. He was very well respected by the Trade Unions with whom he had a good rapport. One innovation he introduced was clergy seminars called Church and Theology in Industry. Clergy were invited into the dockyard to learn about the workings of the largest industrial concern in Devon.

At his funeral Martyn Goss, director of the Diocesan Board for Christian Care, said: “Tony was, in the words of someone else, a ‘reluctant priest’ – maybe less called and more cajoled or prodded by others around him and by God. His enthusiasm for institutional church was not exactly renown! Yet his enthusiasm for people – especially ‘ordinary folk’ was so tangibly real and purposeful.

Tony attempted to break down many walls in his life, and one of these was the mystique between what happened on the other side of those walls opposite this church, and life in the wider city and the world outside. I would like to say on behalf of us all thank you Tony for so much. An immense thanks for all that you were and all that you stood for. Thank you for all that you shared with us and contributed to our lives in countless ways. We have been touched by a special man whom we shall not forget.”

Tony died on 3 July 2004.

Fresh Start for Devon Parishes

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...the pilgrim people of God, to move on, individually and as a Church, to move on *with* our Lord, yet *towards* our Lord, sharing with others the news of his lordship. The 'Moving On' process is a response to this imperative.

During the next two months there will be an initiative aimed at assisting every parish in the diocese to equip itself better to move on. At a series of occasions spread across Devon, people from every parish (e.g. Clergy, Readers, Churchwardens, Treasurers and others) will be invited to come together with four aims:-

Firstly, they will be able to think together about the way God calls us to move on as a pilgrim people, and what that means for them and the parish they come from.

Secondly, the question of resourcing will be addressed. Our ability to move on is dependent on a range of factors, not least our financial

situation. This in turn is governed by the ability and willingness of parishes to contribute through the Common Fund to the 'family purse' of the diocese, to which all contribute and from which all receive. A 'Fresh Start' will be presented, giving news of a new approach to our Common Fund, and offering practical help for parishes and PCCs in responding to the gospel imperative to give in proportion to the generosity of God's gifts to us.

Thirdly, help will be made available for the next stage in implementing the Moving On in Mission and Ministry report: the stage where every parish and PCC needs prayerfully and carefully to make plans to move on into a Mission Community.

Lastly, those who attend the 'Fresh Start' meetings will have opportunity to worship together, for these occasions themselves will be part of the pilgrim journey for those who attend and, through them, for the parishes they represent.

in the news



Premier Christian Radio goes Nationwide

Premier was first broadcast nine years ago with the aim of using Radio to bring Gospel to the hearts and minds of people across the UK, and to enable a Christian voice to be heard in daily broadcasts in an increasingly secular society. Initially the station was broadcast primarily on Medium Wave to listeners in the London area, and listeners outside the area could only receive the station using cable and satellite networks.

Now, Premier have been allocated a highly sought-after transmission on the new digital TV 'Freeview' service, which works using a digital set-top box for a one-off fee of £50. 3.5 million households nationwide are already using 'Freeview' TV.



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Sep 16 Moor Bible Course,
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Introduction to the Bible.
Organised by PPT Bovey Tracey
and Chudleigh Parish Church.
Further details tel 01626
833813.

Sep 17-19 Renewal Weekend
(On Fire! South West) "Open to
God" speaker Rev Margi Walker at
Abbey House, **Glastonbury,**
Contact Mardie Everett
01364 72500.

Sep 20-23 Durham St John's
College "**The Myth of the
Celtic Church?**" What do the
Celts teach us about modern
mission? Lectures visit and
symposium on Holy Island,
Cathedral tour. £198 incl. four
days full board. 01274 599622.

Oct 2 DAC Conference for
Churchwardens and/or those in
charge of church fabric. Plymouth,
Emmanuel Church. Plymouth
Archdeaconry churchwardens
should have received invitations to
this important and useful occasion.
Any others wishing to attend
please contact Jan Croysdale,
DAC Secretary at Diocesan House
(01392 272686 ext 225 or
dac@exeter.anglican.org)

Nov 3 Upton Vale Baptist
Church "**Ears to Hear**" - **The
Value of Counselling.** This
conference, postponed from 30th
May, will be held on Wednesday
November 3rd, 7.30pm. Further
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imagined a red geranium?
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with Poetry 1750-1950' Jean
Hardy

Oct 20 'Opportunities and
Difficulties for Reconciliation'
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Sep 3-5 St Mary's
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Sep 3-5 St Mary's Church,
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there be Music" 10am-5pm.
Refreshments available, Coaches
welcome but please indicate if
refreshments required. Enquiries
01404 822013.

Sep 5 Christians Together in TEDBURN ST MARY:

Tedburn Fair is celebrating 100 years. Tent Mission Services will be held in the marquee on the theme of "farming": 11.00am Family Service, 6.00pm Hundred Years Celebration Service. Please ring 01647 61328 for details.

Sep 10-13 St Mary's

MOLLAND, Flower Festival 'Our Favourite Hymns'. Open 10.30am-6pm. Songs of Praise - 6.30pm Sun12th. Refreshments available, tel 01769 550346

Sep 17-19 St Petroc's

LYDFORD "A Journey Through the Year in Flowers" Refreshments and Craft in Nicholl's Hall, 10am-6pm. Sunday 19th Harvest Lunch 12.30pm (book 01822 820354) and Songs of Praise 6.30pm

Sep 17-20 OTTERY ST

MARY Parish Church: 'And Did Those Feet?' A Royal Progress Through England's History of Faith. Fri/Sat/Mon 10am-8pm, Sun 11.30am-6pm. Coffee, lunches, tea available: 01404 812062.

Sep 17-19 St. Petroc

REVELSTOKE Noss Mayo, Plymouth (map ref 550 477) Free Exhibition of Quilting, including our Centenary Curtain. Fri 2-6pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10.15-noon. Light refreshments. contact 01752 872261

Sep 18-19 St. Swithun's

SHOBROOKE Flower and Harvest Festival 'For the Beauty of the Earth'. Sat 10.30am-5pm, Sun 2pm-4.30pm.

Sep 26 Exeter Cathedral

Bible Society Bicentenary Service. A service to mark the bicentenary of the Bible Society 6.30 pm

October 1-3 St. Petroc's

SOUTH BRENT Harvest Flower Festival 10am-6pm. Refreshments. Songs of Praise Service, Sun 4pm. Cream Teas.

Dec 2-4 Christmas festival at CREDITON Parish Church.

Thu and Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 10am-6pm. Refreshments, free parking and admission. Tel Bill Jerman 01363 772865

Sep 22-25 2005 Advance

note: A Flower Festival entitled The Sculptor's Dream will be held in Chapter House at Exeter Cathedral. The Cathedral Flower Arrangers welcome you all to this event. We need your support to raises funds for the Third Millenium Campaign to secure the future of our musical traditions, the provision of an improved Library and Archives, as well as the continuing maintenance of the buildings.



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Sep 3 St Mary's BIDEFORD

Mission Weekend: **A Celebration of Music.** Ashley Withey, Jessica Withey and Maureen Channon with organ, violin and song. 7.30pm Admission by programme £2

Sep 15 Exeter Cathedral Sing for the Starving 7.30pm.

A musical evening with prayers and readings. Helping the people of Sudan and East Africa. Free Admission but a voluntary donation for a programme and a retiring collection will be taken for Oxfam, Christian Aid and Cafod.



Sep 18 Come and learn to sing PLAINSONG!

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Sep 19 St Cuthberts
WIDWORTHY, Honiton
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Oct 2 **Worship Forum on**
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Nov 3, 10, 17 & 24
Course on Liturgy Music
& Worship. Four Wednesday
evenings.

Nov 21 **Taizé evening** on
Christ the King. 6pm practice;
6.30pm candle-lit vigil.

Oct 8 2005 Music Day,
Exeter Cathedral and environs

Oct 2 **Carlo Curley's**
"Organ Spectacular" at St
Peter's Budleigh Salterton
7.30pm. Tickets £8. Send SAE
and cheque payable to "Friends of
St Peter's Church" to Malcolm
Jones, 1 Vision Hill Road,
Budleigh Salterton EX9 6EE

Oct 6 St Peters Church
SHALDON Organ Recital Prof.
Ian Tracey (Liverpool Cathedral)
7.30pm. No reserved seats £6 at
the door. Parking available.
Contact M Keast 01803 843975

Oct 7-Dec 24 St Edmund's
KINGSBRIDGE Festival of
Vocal Music including
performances by the Stanborough
Chorus. Contact May Crimp
01548 842361 for concert
programme.

Nov 4 **Bournemouth Symphony**
Strings at Axminster:
Telephone 01460 220414.



Sep 18 St Luke's
BUCKFASTLEIGH: Exeter
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labyrinth can reflect our journey in
faith and become a place to be in
God's presence. Contact Alyson
Moore, CWM, 25 Southernhay
East, Exeter EX1 1QP. Tel:
01392 499710 or email
cwm@exeter.anglican.org

Sep 18 Fellowship of
Contemplative Prayer **Open**
Quiet Day 10am to 4pm at
Hampton Manor, near
Callington. Cost £11.00 and
please bring packed lunch. Contact
Mrs Delia Law, 57, Chantry
Meadow, Exeter EX2 8FU.

Sep 25 **Quiet Garden:**
'AUTUMN: Growing the
Fruits of the Spirit' led by the
Rev K Roberts and the Rev C Brodrigg
at Woolwell House, Woolwell,
Plymouth. 10 am - 4 pm. Cost: (By
donation) + £2 light lunch.
carolynbrodrigg@aol.com
01752 700200 or
robertskm8@aol.com
01363 777924

Sep 28 **Cursillo Quiet Day**
at Sheldon Centre, led by
Geoffrey Rowe. 9.30am-4pm.
£15 includes lunch. Contact
Audrey Hill, 6 Tanners Close,
Cullompton. 01884 35280.

Oct 9 **Exeter Diocesan**
Prayer School: The Tree of
Life - reflections on how the Tree
of Life is associated with human
life, as the seasons of the year in
the life of a tree reflect our own
life journey. at South Street
Baptist Church, Exeter, 10am-
4pm. Contact Alyson Moore (see
Prayer School ad above)

what's on



Oct 11-14 **Clergy Retreat**
Oct 15-17 **Open Retreat**
Retreats at **Epiphany House,**
Truro, the former Convent of the
Epiphany. To be led by the Rev Dr
David Rake, Spirituality Advisor,
Diocese of Truro. Details:
01872 272249

PILGRIMAGES



Next Spring Santiago de
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What Shape Sherford?

Exploring the role of the Churches in Devon's new communities

special feature



The shape of Sherford, the proposed and to some controversial new community in West Devon has emerged more clearly after a series of hearings by the Prince's Foundation. *Churches Together in Devon* are determined to be at the heart of the new development.

The Foundation's "Enquiry by Design" brought together interested parties, including opponents and critics, for three days of intense encounter - what was different from previous confrontational public meetings was the Foundation's passionate belief in what good new communities could be - the presentation on "New Urbanism" could have been presented word for word as a Christian Sermon on the centrality of *Koinonia*, Fellowship, Communion

Designers, by constantly drawing what participants were implying, challenged them to move beyond the divisive and vague rhetoric. Choices included A flagship new settlement, a sustainable community, a string of new typical South Hams villages, a concrete canyon, an urban extension, a new town, more grotty overspill estates.

The independent Foundation believes good design can help develop vibrant new communities - e.g. Poundbury. Visions include bringing back traditional high streets; designing with landscape, rather than flattening it; multiplying possibilities of exchange and encounter; mixing together residence, work and leisure; ensuring a genuinely mixed community with 60% affordable housing; committing developers to an agreed code and range of styles, and to providing community facilities from the start; encouraging walking and cycling; getting different agencies - health, education, recreation, leisure - and churches - to think outside their boxes and explore multi-use facilities;

and cradle to grave care. The Foundation's vision of what works remarkably parallels the findings of the best-selling report, *Mission Shaped Church*, challenging the church to relate to the different networks that give meaning now.

So what shape Sherford now?

A sort of upside down triangle of four or five linked, walking size, overlapping neighbourhoods; south of the A38, and reaching down into the Sherford Valley. A clear urban edge- with an identified ridge of grass and woodland surrounding and separating Brixton village; future development pushing West towards the Plym, rather than ribbon development East to Ivybridge; two major park and ride facilities near DeepLane and Elburton.

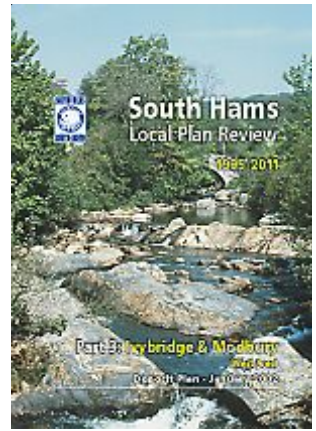
Three schools, a 50 bed hospital, workplaces, shops - Sherford will eventually be a community the size of Totnes (constantly quoted as an example of how wonderful traditionally evolving design and high streets can be).

What Shape the Church?

Aspirations: Among the very first residents, a Christian minister, committed to community development and church planting/development. One of the three schools to be a Voluntary-Aided Church School.



Site of the proposed Sherford development near Plymstock, West Devon.



The Sherford development is part of the South Hams Local Plan Review

Involvement in each new developing neighbourhood and emerging meeting places. Land reserved for an eventual church building, but the church as people must emerge first.

Christians in Plymouth and South Hams who've been waiting for affordable housing are encouraged to start praying now; and to be part of the praying, playing, networking, worshipping, witnessing ecumenical Body of Christ that will lead to a living sustainable church - people and buildings - in Sherford.

Local church leaders are determined that if Sherford develops Christians should be concerned that it is the best community it possibly can be; and that the church - as involved Christians - is present from the start. *Churches Together in Devon* have appointed Dr Ed Moffatt as New Communities Project Officer, an imaginative and strategic post to ensure the church is represented in contributing to the two major new settlements planned in Devon.

David Arnott

Prebendary David Arnott is Vicar of Yealmpton and Brixton. The Sherford development will lie within the parish of Brixton.

intercessory prayer diary: september 2004

1. Exminster, Kenn, Kenton, Powderham. John Williams, Ruth Rann
2. Haldon Team Ministry (Teignmouth St James, Teignmouth St Michael, Bishopsteignton, Ideford, Luton, Ashcombe). Philip Luff, Caroline Luff, Stephen West, Andi Hofbauer. Arthur Brooks (Reader)
3. North Kenn Team Ministry (Tedburn St Mary, Whitestone, Oldridge, Pathfinder Village, Holcombe Burnell, Dunsford, Doddiscombsleigh, Cheriton Bishop). Jesse Holland, Mandy Rylands. Brian Inwood, Rosemary Scaife (Readers)
4. Broadhembury, Payhembury, Plymtree. Alan Roberts
5. **Ottery Deanery.** David James, Rural Dean. Shirley-Ann Williams, Lay Chairman
6. Feniton, Buckerell, Escot. Robert Gordon
7. Otter Vale Team Ministry (Ottery St Mary, West Hill, Wiggaton, Tipton St John, Venn Ottery, Newton Popleford, Harpford, Colaton Raleigh, Alington). Simon Franklin, Wenda Rioch, (vacancy), Melanie Jackson, Keith Brimacombe. Marion Davies, Sheila Walker (Readers)
8. Sid Valley Team Ministry (Sidmouth St Giles and St Nicholas, Woolbrook, Salcombe Regis, Sidbury, Sidford, Sidmouth All Saints). David James, (vacancy), Rick Peckham, (vacancy), Robin Richardson. Penny Elsom, Carole Hawkins, Christopher Richards, Susan Rogers (Readers)
9. Whimble, Talaton, Clyst St Lawrence. Rob Wilkinson
10. Bampton, Morebath, Clayhanger, Petton, Huntsham. John Stone. David Whiteway (Reader)
11. Exe Valley Team of Churches (Washfield, Stoodleigh, Withleigh, Calverleigh, Oakford, Templeton, Loxbeare, Cruwys Morchard, Rackenford). Godfrey Bell, John Roberts
12. **Tiverton Deanery.** David Fletcher, Rural Dean. Jill Haines, Lay Chairman
13. Silverton, Butterleigh, Bickleigh, Cadeleigh. Alan MacDonald. Catherine Jenkins, Thomas Thompson (Readers)
14. Tiverton St Andrew. David Fletcher
15. Tiverton St Paul and St George. Michael Partridge, Michael Clark, David Lyddon. Ian Brannam (Reader)
16. Tiverton St Peter, Chevithorne, Cove. (vacancy). David Catchpole, Pamela Cornwell (Readers)
17. **Totnes Archdeaconry.** Richard Gilpin, Archdeacon
18. Ashburton, Buckland in the Moor, Bickington. Philip Darby. Peter Kennett (Reader)
19. **Moreton Deanery.** David Stanton, Rural Dean. Wendy Coombes, Lay Chairman
20. Bovey Tracey St John, Heathfield. David Stanton, Anthony Woodason
21. Bovey Tracey St Peter, Hennock. Graham Hamilton, Dennis Hatt (Reader)
22. Chudleigh, Chudleigh Knighton, Trusham. Paul Wimsett. Sheila Fletcher, Douglas Fishlock, Evelyn Perkins (Readers)
23. Ilsington. Clifford Curd
24. Moretonhampstead, Lustleigh, North Bovey, Manaton. Ian Hellyer. Christabel Ellis, Lionel Holmes (Readers)
25. Moorland Team Ministry (Widecombe, Leusdon, Princetown, Holne, Huccaby, Postbridge). (vacancy), David Swales, Corynne Cooper
26. **Newton Abbot and Ipplepen Deanery.** Christopher Benson, Rural Dean. Tessa Amies, Lay Chairman
27. Abbotskerswell. Priscilla White, John White. Dennis Allison, Timothy Collins (Readers)
28. Highweek, Teigngrace, Abbotsbury. Christopher Knott
29. **Cyprus and the Gulf.** Limassol, St Barnabas. Colin Noyce. Michael Proctor (Readers).
30. Ipplepen, Torbryan, Denbury. Ian Eglin. Tessa Amies, Edward Goodman (Readers)





Farewell & Thank You

By the Right Reverend Richard Hawkins, retired Bishop of Crediton

bishop's letter



a capacity to work in new ways, and even to think what would previously have been unthinkable.

As those of us whose time is up move on, others will come to take up the task, and the work will continue, as it has always done. Alongside my thanks to God and to all of you for what I have been allowed to do will be constant prayer for the renewal of the Church in Devon – and for those of you whom God is calling to achieve just that.

+ **Richard**

This is a welcome opportunity to say thank you, not only to those who so kindly attended the service on 18 July and to those who contributed to the very generous presentation, but also to all those who have so patiently and tolerantly accepted my ministry over a long period of time. It has been a particular privilege to exercise a variety of ministries within the same diocese, and to be part of the way in which one part of the Church has changed and adapted to new

circumstances over the years. It has been a constant comment, certainly in recent times, that 'we live in a time of change' – and that is now unmistakable and undeniable. We are being recalled to a fresh sense of what our primary task as a Church is, and to re-evaluate the resources with which we have to do it. For a new generation of Christians, this is where they start and it may seem normal, if challenging: for those who are longer in the tooth it needs a clear vision and

bishop of exeter's diary: september 2004

Sun 5	Milton Abbot Benefice Service and Lunch Marystowe	Sun 19	Confirmation St Matthias Torquay Confirmation Exeter School
Mon 6	Review of Clergy Terms of Service Group London	Tue 21	Bishop's Staff Meeting
Tue 7	Devon Historic Churches Bicycle Ride - Publicity photographs	Wed 22	Mission & Public Affairs Committee London
Wed 8	Devon Strategic Partnership Steering Group	Thur 23	Hind Report Implementation Group Taunton
Mon 13	Rural Affairs Committee London	Fri 23	Exeter Medical & Legal Conference
Tues 14	Bishoprics & Cathedrals Committee London	Sat 25	Diocesan Synod County Hall Exeter
Wed 15	Bishoprics & Cathedrals Committee	Sun 26	Grenville College Golden Jubilee Eucharist Ashreigny Harvest Evensong
Thur 16	Harris School Rugby Service Coventry Cathedral	Wed 29	Beef South West Show at Hatherleigh Livestock Centre Dedication of bells at Teignmouth
Sat 18	West Buckland School Prize-Giving	Thur 30	Confirmation at Abbots Bickington



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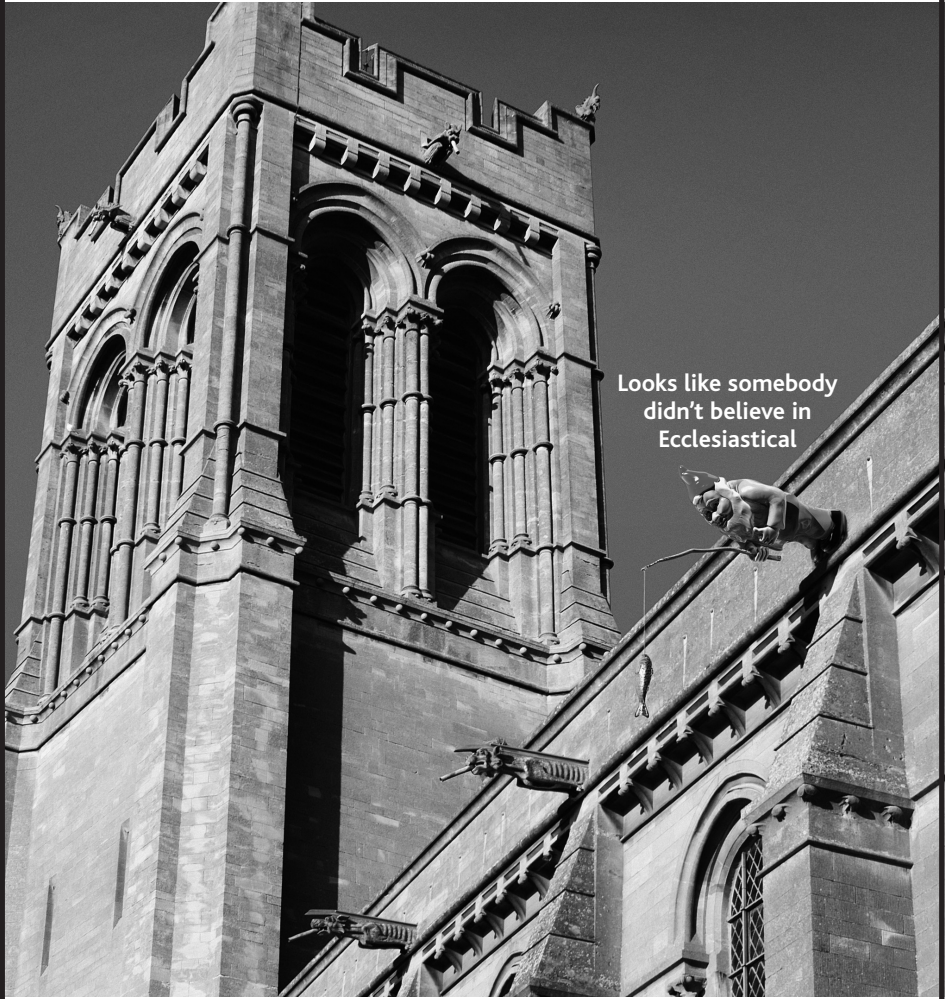
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