

This month at BTBC ...

Let us praise God for the wonderful hope and power of Easter, and pray that 'we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.' (2 Corinthians 1:9b)

7th April

10.30am **The Simplicity that is in Christ continued**
2 Corinthians. Mark Styants
Mission update: John and Sue Wilson in France
Cakes for HITS

6.30pm **Prayer and Communion**

14th April

Palm Sunday

10.30am **Open subject, Guest Speaker**

21st April

Easter Sunday

10.30am **All-age Service**

Communion

28th April

10.30am **The Simplicity that is in Christ continued**
2 Corinthians. Mark Styants
Mission update: Sean and Emma Lawson in Rwanda

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Sunday Club groups run for **ages 3-7 and 8-11**. **Youth Ignite** runs for the **secondary school age range**. A **crèche is available** every 1st and 3rd Sunday although parents are welcome to make use of the upstairs room and use the toys in the middle cupboard during the service if they wish.

Mission News

Dear Friends,

In February we made a preliminary visit to the three settlements we visit on a regular basis to meet for Bible studies. After a short break away to the UK to visit family it was important for the church members to see that we were back and ready for action. On this trip we organized the next pastoral retreat in Rio Verde. We arranged it for the end of February beginning of March. We had 34 participants compared to 18 at the last retreat in December. I had to turn some away, because space to put everyone up was becoming an issue. We were also very short of water due to lack of rain. The water levels in the cisterns were very low. But we managed. The time went very well with a high level of participation. There were some new participants who were a bit shy, but we will work on them!

Our topic was on prayer. I also gave them homework to do: a list of Paul's prayers for them to study and we will follow up on these in the next retreat. We also looked at the Church's internal regulations. This produced a lot of discussion because other religious groups come and disappear, often leaving confusion. So, this puts the Anglican Church in a different light, that it is serious and has an order to it! And that we are all accountable. We are part of a wider church.



The Bishop has given us two dates, one in July and one In August to do confirmations. Don't fall off your seats; we have over 500 to do in La Patria alone. These will be split into two groups, at opposite ends of the settlement, so that people can choose where is more convenient for them. The Bishop can carry out the remaining ordinations for presbyters and deacons in our next pastoral retreat at Rio Verde, from the 5-11 of May. He hasn't got time to go to each community. Our present Bishop, Peter Bartlett leaves the Diocese of Paraguay in October this year. At the moment, a search is going on for a new Bishop. Please pray for this process.

I am presently waiting for the funding from SAMS Ireland to buy a second hand vehicle for our use in the Chaco Ministry. This will be jointly financed with CMS. Later CMS are due to take on the vehicles 'running costs. Thank you to all who contributed to this extra expense.

A big thank you for the gift of £150 you gave us from your Christmas offerings and also for the £500 you gave towards another vehicle for our Chaco work.

Greetings,

Chris and Alison

All of our Mission Partners appreciate on-going prayer

April 2019 Calendar

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
9.30-11.30am Little Rainbows	8.30-9.30am BT <i>Primary Fun Fit</i>	8.30-9.30am BT <i>Primary Fun Fit</i>	8.30-9.30am & 1.30-3pm BT <i>Primary</i>	7-9.15pm IGNITE	
10-11am Pastoral Prayer	6.30-7.30pm Explosion Club 7.30-9.30pm Elders meeting	7.30-9pm Community Choir Rehearsals	1.30pm Bovey Ministers Together 7.30-9pm Worship Team Practice		
8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th
Easter Holidays	7.30-9.30pm Full Trustees Meeting	7.30-9pm Community Choir Rehearsals	2.30pm Global Mission Team (external venue) 2.30-4pm Open Doors Prayer (upstairs) 7.30-9pm Worship Team Practice		Programme of events during the morning, afternoon and evening tbc
15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
Easter Holidays	7.30-9.30pm Elders Meeting	7.30-9pm Special Church Meeting	Maundy Thursday 10.30am-12.30pm Ladies Fellowship 7.30-9pm Worship Team Practice	Good Friday 10am United Walk of Witness, from PPT	
22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th
Easter Monday	8.30-9.30am BT <i>Primary Fun Fit</i>	8.30-9.30am BT <i>Primary Fun Fit</i> 7.30-9pm Community Choir Rehearsals	8.30-9.30am & 1.30-3pm BT <i>Primary</i> 12.30-2pm Lunch Bunch Extra 2.30-4pm Open Doors Meeting 7-9pm Worship Team Practice	7-9.15pm IGNITE	
29th	30th	27th	28th	29th	30th
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**Special Church Meeting:
Pastoral Vacancy / Appointment**

Wednesday 17th April, 7.30pm

Chaired by Nigel Manges from the South
West Baptist Association

A programme of related activities for the
weekend of **13th and 14th April** TBC

HITS latest needs please:

small bags sugar, rice pudding, tinned
spaghetti/macaroni cheese, instant mash,
pot/instant noodles, custard long life milk and
fruit juice, cereal (not oats)

Please leave in the HITS box in the church
porch or take to HITS in Bradley Lane,
Newton Abbot. Thank you

Would you like to be baptised? If you are
interested please speak to Mark Styants,
Paul Ayres, Graham May or Roy Parkes

Tearfund Lent Appeal

Tearfund has a Lent appeal, which the UK
Government will match up to £3m. Until
17th May, your gift will go to Tearfund's work
where the need is greatest in the world and
all Government match funding will support
Tearfund's partner, Pak Mission Society with
its Haryali Hub waste recycling project in the
slums of Pakistan. People will be employed
to work in recycling hubs so they can earn a
living and clear the slums of rubbish
sustainably. If you can Gift Aid your
donation, Tearfund will get a further 25% of
your gift. To give, go to: [tearfund.org/
doublegift](http://tearfund.org/doublegift) or phone: 020 3906 3906

**Thank you from South West Baptist
Association Home Mission**

We have received a thank you for supporting
Home Mission in 2018 - please see the
noticeboard.

**Churches Together in Bovey Tracey
Events:**

'The Mark Drama' 16th-19th May

This is 'an innovative way of
experiencing the Gospel of Mark and
communicating it to others, performed
as theatre-in-the-round.

Lenten Lunches

Thursdays 4th and 11th April,
Methodist Church Hall, 12.15-1.15pm
with donations towards Bovey Youth
Café.

United Walk of Witness

Good Friday 19th April, 10am from PPT,
with refreshments at the Methodist
Church Hall after.

Local events

**Living Christianity: a Christian
Institute Meeting**

Wednesday 10th April, 7.30-8.45pm
St Andrew's Church, Plymouth, PL1 2AD

Latest news on: Family; Gospel
Freedom; Gender Ideology
See leaflet on the noticeboard

Male Voice Praise

Saturday 13th April, 6.45pm
St Thomas Methodist Church, Exeter,
EX4 1JE

Free admission

See leaflet on the noticeboard

**Men's Breakfast at Chudleigh
Knighton**

27th April: Frank Bennett, see more on
Crosslink Transformation Network

Details or to book contact Paul Forshaw:
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