

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BERE ALSTON UNITED CHURCH



"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." – Psalm 150:6



Welcome to
Bere Alston United Church

Celebrate faith and fellowship!
Worship starts at 10:30 a.m.

**'WE SEEK TO BE THE PEOPLE GOD CREATED US TO BE
& TO DO THE THINGS HE IS CALLING US TO DO'**

Sunday Service

Join us for
Worship This Sunday

With our Local Preacher
April 27, 2025
10:30 am - 12:00 p.m.

Ministries for Children

Young Church

A fun and welcoming space for children to learn about faith through stories, activities, and prayer

Outreach

House Groups

Journeying together in faith, friendship and the Word

GET STARTED



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**Ian
Parsons**

- Church Secretary
- Safeguarding Co-ordinator



**Lesley
Wright**



**Hilary
Boot-Handford**

- Church Treasurer



**Rosie
Bone**



**Robin
Holliday**



**Glenys
Whelan**

Our Mission Statement

*'We Seek To Be The People God Created Us To Be
& To Do The Things He Is Calling Us To Do'*

Safeguarding



For safeguarding concerns, please contact **Ian Parsons** by email: bauc-safeguarding@tmc.me.uk



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Find Us



Bere Alston United Church, Fore Street, Bere Alston, PL20 7AB

Contact Us



This email will reach our Leadership Team hello@bauc.uk

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Tavistock Methodist Circuit & Area Groups



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Key to Events

- Bere Alston Morning Service: 10:30 a.m., Bere Alston United Church
- Monday House Group: 1:30 p.m., Bere Alston United Church
- Wednesday House Group: 1:30 p.m., Bere Alston United Church
- Band Rehearsal: 4:30 p.m. every Thursday, Bere Alston United Church, See L. Wright
- Men's Breakfast Club: 8:45 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall
- Monthly Luncheon Club: 12:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Church Hall
- The 7pm Service: 7:00 p.m., 2nd Sunday monthly at Tavistock Methodist Church
- Scrabble Club: 2:00 p.m., every Monday, at Hope Cottage, Bere Alston United Church
- All Enquiries: hello@bauc.uk
- Sunday Services Streamed on YouTube: Click Link 



Community Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
Morning Service	Monday House Group	Full Church Meeting	Wednesday House Group	Band Rehearsal		Men's Breakfast Club
Local Preacher	Scrabble Club					
	Open The Book					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Morning Service	Bank Holiday		Wednesday House Group	Band Rehearsal		
Local Preacher						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Morning Service	Monday House Group		Wednesday House Group	Band Rehearsal		Tavistock Hill Walking Club
Local Preacher	Scrabble Club		Monthly Luncheon Club			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Morning Service	Monday House Group		Wednesday House Group	Band Rehearsal		
Minister	Scrabble Club					
Communion						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Morning Service	Monday House Group		Wednesday House Group	Band Rehearsal		
Local Preacher	Scrabble Club					

Weekly Events

House Groups

Come & Try!

Monday House Group

Join us at **1:30 p.m.** in the welcoming environment of **BAUC**, where **L. Wright** will lead a session of study, discussion, and prayer. This group is ideal for those who appreciate daytime connections with others.

Wednesday House Group

Meeting at the same time, **1:30 p.m.**, this group, hosted by **Hilary**, gathers at **BAUC** to engage in meaningful conversations about faith and scripture, while supporting each other in our daily journey with Christ.



Monday House Group: Resuming on Monday, April 28.

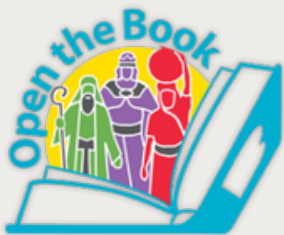
- ♦ **Wednesday House:** Resuming on Wednesday, April 30.

For additional information or to inform us of your attendance, please reach out to L. Wright or Hilary, or email us at hello@bauc.uk. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Regular Monthly and Scheduled Events

Open The Book

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE!



We're seeking volunteers to join **Open The Book**, an inspiring Christian programme that brings Bible stories to life for children at **Bere Alston Primary School**. Led by **Rev. Nick Law** and **Hilary Boot-Handford**, this project offers a wonderful opportunity to share God's Word through storytelling and simple dramatizations.

If you have a heart for children and a desire to help them engage with the Bible in a fun and interactive way, we'd love to welcome you!

No prior experience is needed—just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved.

This Term's Dates:

- ~~January 20, February 24, March 17,~~
April 28, May 19, June 16, July 21

For more information,
please contact:

Rev. Nick Law: 840229

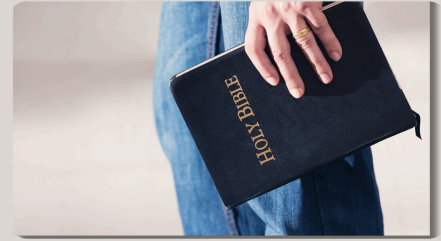
Hilary Boot-Handford:

hello@bauc.uk

STARTING
SUNDAY, MAY 4

PREACHING SERIES

DISCIPLESHIP



Over the course of six weeks, we'll delve deep into the heart of discipleship. Together, we will explore the call to follow Christ, learning from His life and teachings, walking in His ways, and living out our faith with purpose, grace, and authenticity.

† *"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."*
Matthew 4:19

Discipleship is not just a concept—it's a way of life that shapes everything we do, from how we relate to others to how we engage with God and the world around us.

In each session, we'll reflect on what the Bible teaches us about being a true disciple of Jesus.

† *Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."*
Luke 9:23

We'll embrace both the encouragement and challenge that come with this calling, and celebrate the joy that comes from growing together in faith. Whether you're new to the Christian faith or have been walking with Christ for many years, this series will offer fresh insights and opportunities for personal growth.

We invite you to join us as we dive into this life-changing journey of discipleship.

† *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*
John 13:35

All are warmly welcome—whether you are curious, seeking, or committed to following Christ. Come and grow with us in this exciting series!

† *To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*
John 8:31-32

🌿 Discipleship Series: Walking in the Way of Jesus.

- 🌿 **4th May** – What is Discipleship? 🧱 *Discover the foundation of following Jesus.*
- 🌿 **11th May** – Disciples are Flawed People. 🔍 *Looking at Jesus' disciples—and us.*
- 🌿 **18th May** – Are We Disciples? 😞 *A reflective challenge for us all.*
- 🌿 **25th May** – The Cost of Discipleship. 💔 *Counting the cost... and finding it worth it.*
- 🌿 **1st June** – How Do We Disciple Others? 🌱 *Passing it on: growing others in faith.*

Our Regular Monthly and Scheduled Events

TWELVE ONE *Prayer*

Twelve One Prayer –

Friday, 9th May

We invite you to join us at BAUC for Twelve One Prayer, a dedicated time of quiet reflection and prayer, taking place from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This is a special opportunity to step away from the busyness of the day, find a moment of peace, and seek God's presence together.

During this hour, we will bring our prayers before God—for our church, our community, and the wider world. You are welcome to sit in stillness, pray silently, or lift up prayers for specific needs.

Whether you can stay for the full hour or just a few minutes, we encourage you to take part in this meaningful time of spiritual renewal.



As we gather in faith, let's open our hearts to God's guidance and grace. We look forward to praying with you.

For more details **see Rosie Bone** or **email her** hello@bauc.uk 🙌

FULL CHURCH MEETING



Dear Church Family, you are warmly invited to our Full Church Meeting on **Tuesday, 29th April at 7:30 p.m. at Bere Alston United Church**. This is an important opportunity to come together, hear updates on the life and work of BAUC, and reflect on our shared journey as a church.

If you are responsible for submitting a report, please send it to **Ian Parsons, Church Secretary**, by **Tuesday, 22nd April**.

Reports will not be read during the meeting, but there will be time for any questions you may have.

We encourage everyone to attend as we seek God's guidance for the way ahead. Your presence and input are valued as we continue to grow in faith and fellowship together. We look forward to seeing you there! **Blessings, BAUC Leadership Team**



Food Bank



URGENT NEEDS

- Pasta Sauces
- Toilet Rolls



DROP OFF POINTS

- Bere Alston Pharmacy
- Hope Cottage Cafe, Bere Alston
- Church Hall, Bere Ferrers

REGULAR NEEDS

- Tinned Tomatoes
- Pasta
- Porridge Oats
- Tinned Tuna
- Corned Beef
- Rice
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Meaty Meals
- Tinned Vegetables

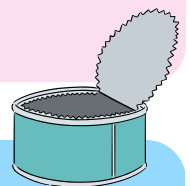
STAY IN TOUCH

Andy & Glenys

Please contact them on
07927 220209



ABOUT US



The Bere Peninsula Food Bank, run by dedicated volunteers Glenys and Andy, delivers essential food parcels to the Bere Alston community from Hope Cottage. It thrives due to the generosity of local church members and residents, nurturing a strong sense of community. As demand increases, particularly during challenging times, the food bank is seeking further support.

We urgently need donations to sustain this crucial service. Glenys and Andy's steadfast dedication highlights the compassion and community spirit that define Bere Alston.

WOULD YOU LIKE PRAYER?



Need Prayer? Our Prayer Team is here for you. If you would like prayer, you're welcome to come forward on Sunday.

We uphold the highest standards of confidentiality and care. For more on how this prayer time works, please visit our website.



CLICK HERE 

**We are
back
April 30**



Soft Play

**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**


**...in the Parish Hall
Every Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
For children aged 5 and under**

Looking for a friendly space for your little ones?

Drop in to Soft Play at the Parish Hall for a fun, relaxed session of safe play, laughter, and connection. No booking needed—just turn up and enjoy!

For more details, contact Nick Law:

 nick123law@gmail.com

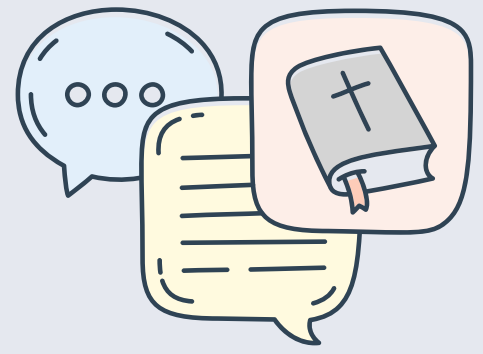
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BIBLE STUDY

SEEING JESUS TOGETHER



Day	Old Testament	New Testament	A Passage for Meditation
Monday April 28	Exodus 34	1 Corinthians 16	¹ Corinthians 16:21-24
Tuesday April 29	Exodus 35	2 Corinthians 1	² Corinthians 1:3-5
Wednesday April 30	Exodus 36	2 Corinthians 2	² Corinthians 2:12-13
Thursday May 1	Exodus 37	2 Corinthians 3	² Corinthians 3:18
Friday May 2	Exodus 38	2 Corinthians 4	² Corinthians 4:16-18
Saturday May 3	Psalms 18	-	Psalms 18:1-3
Sunday May 4	-	-	-

Seeing Jesus Together: [Website](#)

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*Seeing Jesus Together is also available in your
chosen App Store, Apple, Android, Google.*

A PRAYER FOR AFTER

Easter

Risen Lord Jesus,



Now that the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty, and the victory is won, help us to live as Easter people — filled with the joy of Your resurrection, and alive with the hope that nothing can separate us from Your love.

Let the truth of Easter sink deep into our lives:
that death has lost its sting, sin has lost its power,
and new life is possible through You.

In the quietness after celebration, may we not forget the power of the cross
or the glory of the empty tomb.

May we carry the light of resurrection into our homes, our church, and our community.
Let our words be life-giving, our actions filled with grace,
and our hearts ever open to the leading of Your Spirit.

Thank You, Lord, for the gift of this new day and for the promise of life eternal.
May we walk forward in faith, trusting You always, and sharing the good news:
Christ is risen — He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! **Amen.**



Anointing with Oil

If you are unwell or in need of healing, we invite you to come forward for anointing with oil by our church leaders, in accordance with James 5:14: "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."



We believe in the power of prayer and God's ability to heal and restore. Please join us in faith as we seek His comfort and strength.

Blessings,

Our Church Leaders

Our Giving



Helping Those in Need

WORKING ALONGSIDE & SUPPORTING OUR PARTNERS



If you would like to donate to the work of BAUC:

You Donate On-Line to:-

Bere Alston United Church

Please email hello@bauc.uk (Our Treasurer) who will provide you with the appropriate details.

By Giving at our Sunday Morning Service



Tavistock Circuit Spotlight Events



This page is dedicated to Spotlight Events within the Tavistock Methodist Circuit. While we can only highlight a few, you can find a comprehensive list of details on the TMC Website at www.tmc.me.uk.

Tavistock Hill Walking Club



Tavistock Hill Walking Club was founded by one of our members, a passionate walker who has explored the hills of Dartmoor for much of their life. The upcoming walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, at the usual start time of 9:00 a.m.. For the latest updates, please visit <https://hillwalkers.org.uk/> or email the office: info@tmc.me.uk