

WEBSITE EDITION - MAY 18, 2025

# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Bere Alston United Church

*Bringing Our Church Family Together*



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'We Seek To Be The people God  
Created us To Be & To Do The  
Things He Is Calling us To Do'



## This Sunday at BAUC

- **Inspiring Sermon**  
A Minister continues our series on Discipleship. 
- **Prayer & Devotions**  
Quiet moments, shared together.
- **Live Worship**  
Singing praise in unity and joy.
- **Young Church**  
Fun, faith-filled activities for children.

Welcome to  
Bere Alston United Church

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Worship with us –  
Sundays at 10:30 a.m.  
A place to belong,  
a time to be still.

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“Your word is a lamp to my feet...”  
Psalm 119:105

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# Meet Our Leadership Team at BAUC



**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](mailto:bauc-safeguarding@tmc.me.uk)



Policy: [Safeguarding Policy](#)

## Find Us



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

## Contact Us



This email will reach our Leadership Team [hello@bauc.uk](mailto: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](mailto:hello@bauc.uk)
- Sunday Services Streamed on YouTube: Click Link



Community Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Morning Service	<a href="#">Monday House Group</a>		<a href="#">Wednesday House Group</a>	Band Rehearsal		
Minister	<a href="#">Scrabble Club</a>					
Communion	<a href="#">Open The Book</a>					
25	26 Half Term	27 Half Term	28 Half Term	29 Half Term	30 Half Term	31
Morning Service	<a href="#">Scrabble Club</a>	<a href="#">Make Lunch</a>	<a href="#">Wednesday House Group</a>	Band Rehearsal		<a href="#">Tavistock Hill Walking Club</a>
Local Preacher						
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Minister	<a href="#">Scrabble Club</a>		<a href="#">Luncheon Club</a>			
15 Trinity Sunday	16	17	18	19	20	21
Morning Service	<a href="#">Monday House Group</a>		<a href="#">Wednesday House Group</a>	Band Rehearsal		
Communion	<a href="#">Scrabble Club</a>					
Minister						



## 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.



. 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](mailto: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!

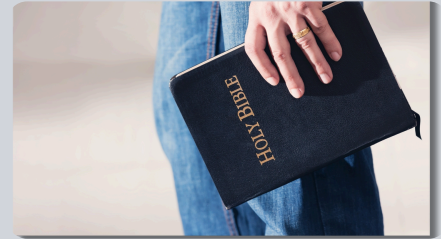
No prior experience is needed—just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved.

#### This Term's Dates:

- May 19, June 16, July 21

For more information,  
please contact:  
**Rev. Nick Law: 840229**  
**Hilary Boot-Handford:**  
[hello@bauc.uk](mailto:hello@bauc.uk)

## 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



We are delighted to be hosting **Make Lunch on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May**, offering meals and a warm, welcoming space for families in our community. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve and make a real difference!

To make these events a success, we need volunteers to help before, during, and after each session.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Whether it's setting up, preparing food, serving meals, chatting with families, or tidying up afterwards, every helping hand is appreciated.

If you are able to assist in any way, please speak with **one of our Team** or email them ✉ [\*\*makelunch@bauc.uk\*\*](mailto:makelunch@bauc.uk).

Thank you for your kindness and support—we couldn't do it without you!



# 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

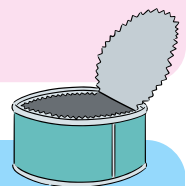
## STAY IN TOUCH

**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.





# Thy Kingdom Come

Wednesday 29th May – Saturday 8th June

Join us in this global wave of prayer as we seek God's kingdom and pray for others to come to know Jesus.

## DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

**Saturday 7th June | 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Bere Alston United Church will be open for quiet prayer, reflection, and stillness.

Prayer Stations will be available in the sanctuary to guide your time.

## SHORT ACT OF WORSHIP

To conclude the day, we will gather for a simple act of worship at 3:00 p.m..



## 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](mailto:nick123law@gmail.com)

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## TWELVE ONE *Prayer*

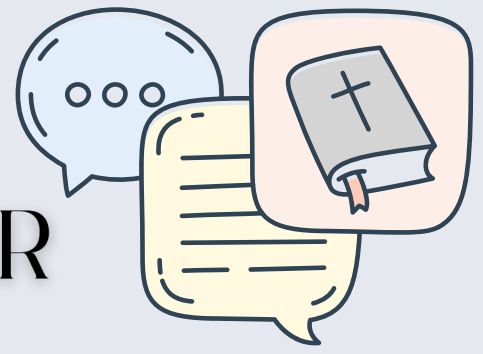


Join us for Twelve One Prayer at BAUC on **Friday, 11th July, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** This is an opportunity for quiet reflection and prayer, focusing on our church, community, and the world. Participate for the full hour or just a few minutes, and let's seek God's guidance together. For more details, contact Rosie Bone at [hello@bauc.uk](mailto:hello@bauc.uk).



# Bible Study

## SEEING JESUS TOGETHER



Day	Old Testament	New Testament	A Passage for Meditation
<b>Monday May 19</b>	Leviticus 9	Galatians 2	Galatians 2:20
<b>Tuesday May 20</b>	Leviticus 10	Galatians 3	Galatians 3:10-14
<b>Wednesday May 21</b>	Leviticus 11	Galatians 4	Galatians 4:4-7
<b>Thursday May 22</b>	Leviticus 12	Galatians 5	Galatians 5:13-15
<b>Friday May 23</b>	Leviticus 13	Galatians 6	Galatians 6:7-10
<b>Saturday May 24</b>	Psalms 21	-	Psalms 21:6-7
<b>Sunday May 25</b>	-	-	-

Seeing Jesus Together: [Website](#)

Seeing Jesus Together: [Today's Readings](#)

Seeing Jesus Together: [2025 Schedule](#)



*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](mailto: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](http://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 31, 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](mailto:info@tmc.me.uk)