

Readings for Midnight Mass

First reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Second reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

Gospel: John 1:1-14.

Readings for Christmas Day

First reading: Isaiah 9.2-7

Second reading: Titus 2.11-14

Gospel: Luke 2.1-14[15-20]

Readings for Sunday December 28th

The First Sunday of Christmas

St Thomas of Canterbury

First reading: Jeremiah 13: 15-17

Second reading : 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Gospel : Matthew 2:13-18

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THE GRAPEVINE

21 December 2025

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

NB Carols St Mary's, Brixham, today 6.30pm

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First reading: Isaiah 7.10-16

Second reading: Romans 1.1-7

Gospel : Matthew 1.18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through

the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel' which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Post Communion:

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

All Saints', Lower Brixham Mary Eveleigh, Clarice Westlake, Chris Chinnery, Christine Watt, Anne Vickery

St Mary's, Brixham Gordon Smith, Graham Ward, Helen Kelly and her daughter Sarah, Ivor John, Robin Hale, Paul Stamp, Paul Oxenbury, Joshua Jackson, Judy Jolly, Paul Upchurch, Val Dixon, Jean Buttersworth, Hannah Hockings, Rita White, Josephine Paddon, Joan Christley

St Mary the Virgin, Churston Eric Smith, Jo & David Lambert, Vikki Sheen, Derek Brown, Wendy Tonkin, Jamie, Sandra Marley, Phil (Ally's father); Andrew Denisse and baby Lucas

St Thomas of Canterbury Tessa Gibson, Marcia Abdilla

*Advent course: Tuesday December 23rd
10:30 All Saints, Lower Brixham*

SERVICES this week

All Saints', Lower Brixham Tues 23rd
December 10:00 Holy Communion; 10:30
Advent course **Christmas Eve:** 16:00
Nativity Play **23:30 Midnight Mass.**
Christmas Day: 10am Holy Communion

St Mary's, Brixham Christmas Eve: 16:00
Crib Service **23:30 Midnight Mass**
**Christmas Day : 10am Holy
Communion**

St Mary's, Churston Christmas Eve:
15:00 Crib Service **Christmas Day : 10am
Holy Communion**

St Thomas, Kingswear Christmas Day :
10am Holy Communion

**The Chapel of the Good Shepherd,
Galmpton : Christmas Day : 8.45am
Holy Communion**

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28 Christmas 1
*St Thomas of Canterbury patronal
festival throughout the Mission
Community. St. Thomas is the patron
saint of our church at Kingswear.*

All Saints', Lower Brixham 9:30
Holy Communion

St Mary's, Brixham 08:45 Holy Communion
11:00 Morning Worship

St Mary the Virgin, Churston
10:00 Family Service

St Thomas of Canterbury, Kingswear 10:30
Holy Communion.

The Barn, Galmpton 8:45 Holy Communion