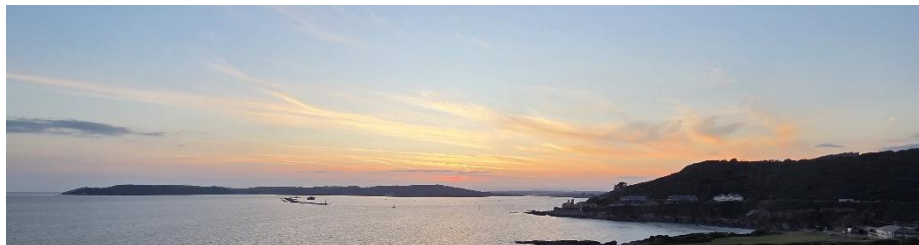


The Church of England in Plymstock & Hooe

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Worship during November



Parish Communion Services this Month

Sunday 2nd November – 10 am St Mary's

*Sunday 9th November **Remembrance** – 10 am St John's

Sunday 16th November – 10 am St Mary's

Sunday 23rd November – 10 am St John's

Sunday 30th November – 10 am Good Shepherd

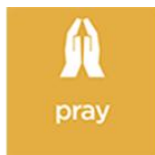
Other Services in November

***Sunday 9th St Mary's Non-Communion Remembrance**

Every Tuesday at St Mary's 10 am Service and Coffee

Sunday 3pm Good Shepherd – Informal Prayer Service

followed by tea and cake in the hall.



Reflection for November

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. (John 13:34)

Dear Friends,

The four Sundays in November leading up to Advent Sunday (on 30 November) are sometimes referred to collectively as “Kingdom Season”.

The Kingdom of God was definitely one of Jesus’ favourite subjects. One writer has drily observed that Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God, and what he got was the Church! But what is the Kingdom of God?

It’s certainly more than the afterlife; and not just “pie in the sky when you die”. One way of describing it might be to think of it as what the world would be like if God were king instead of our rulers and politicians.

Jesus taught us to pray:

“Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

The Kingdom of God appears wherever God’s will is done on earth as it is in heaven: wherever justice and fairness prevail; wherever hungry mouths are fed; wherever the homeless are housed; wherever reconciliation replaces conflict; wherever love wins out over hatred and revenge.

We, as Church, are called by Jesus to be a living, breathing demonstration of the Kingdom of God; to be a place of unconditional acceptance, of equal opportunity; a place where diversity is celebrated, where anyone and everyone can be at home in the love of God.

This “Kingdom Season”, let’s make Church a verb, rather than a noun – an event, a happening an experience, not an institution or a religious club.

“Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”
Amen.

Carl, Jo, Kerry, Mary, Tony, Graham and Sheila.
Your Churchwardens and Ministry Team.

Be still and know that I am God (Ps 46:10)

News and Events in November



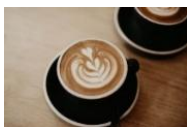
St John's on the Hill
Come & enjoy
coffee/tea
& home-made cake.
6th and 20th November
10.30-12 noon
St. John's Church Hall,
PL9 9SE

Community Coffee morning

Church of the Good
Shepherd Hall
13th November

10.30-12 noon

Marine Road, Oreston, PL9 9NL



Quiet Day 8th Saturday November
10am–1 pm. Loving Yourself with
Richard Frost: Author and LLM
St Mary's Hall. Please email form at:
<https://forms.office.com/e/3bf8t3P8Y4>
if you wish to attend.



Christmas Craic!

Thursday 11th December

Sing Devon will perform a
Christmas themed concert at **7.15 pm**
in St Mary's Church. Tickets £5 from
Steve Bawn - Tel: **07305021565** all
proceeds to church funds.

Parish Christmas Fayre

Saturday 22nd
November, 10 am-
1 pm in the Parish
Hall.

If you are able to
help, please speak
to Delia Kevern:

deekevern@hotmail.co.uk



Morning Prayer & Compline in the Parish



Morning Prayer:

Wed: **9.30 am, Good Shepherd.**

Thurs: **9.30 am, St John's**

Compline (Night Prayer): **Monday evening, 9.30 pm** on Zoom – if you would like to attend this service, please email for the link:
enquiries@plymstockandhooe.org

Both morning prayer and compline will last around 20 minutes.
All are welcome to attend

Warm Welcome Space is Back



Every Sunday from
2nd November 2025
12-2 pm over the
winter months.

Join us for a warm
welcome and great
conversation. Soup, roll, drink and
sticky comestibles provided.

Everyone welcome!

**Plymouth FOODBANK still needs
your donations -
especially in the
run up to
Christmas**



Collections continue at St. Mary's &
St. John's Churches.
Financial donations can also be
made – please ask a churchwarden or
member of the clergy.

Financial Giving

This is an important part of being a member of our Parish Community. It ensures that we can maintain our Christian presence in this area through our mission and ministry. There are a number of ways you can give:

- Parish Giving Scheme – donate securely by direct debit
- Direct to the PCC Account by standing order
- Via our PayAz Giving Stations at the back of our churches
- Scan the QR code on the card in your pew
- Via Give a Little - <https://givealittle.co/c/5tdlgpjS4TFNpnTjvT7ASH>
- Cash in one of the Yellow Gift Aid Envelopes in the pews
- Cash in the collection plate at a service



All these are easy ways to make your financial gift. If you would like to set up regular giving, speak to a churchwarden, sides-person, or one of the clergy, who will direct you to a member of the finance team.

| Parish Contacts: | Prayer for the Vacancy |
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| <p>Associate Priest: Revd Carl Budden, Tel: 07525 210645 carl.budden@plymstockandhooe.org</p> <p>Curate: Revd Jo Parker, Tel: 07773 170714 jo.parker@plymstockandhooe.org</p> <p>Churchwardens: Kerry Gilbert, Tel: 07765 464846 kerry@plymstockandhooe.org Mary Goulding, Tel: 07789 602953 marygoulding@plymstockandhooe.org</p> <p>Safeguarding: Frankie Dee, Tel: 07775 800924 safeguarding@plymstockandhooe.org</p> <p>All Hall Bookings: hallbookings@plymstockandhooe.org</p> <p>For all enquires: enquiries@plymstockandhooe.org</p> | <p>We pray for the Christian Community of Plymstock and Hooe that we may use this time of transition to grow closer to each other, to listen to each other and to support each other in exploring your mission for our whole community and the contributions we each can make.</p> <p>Guide us all as we seek the way ahead together, that together we may discover your plans for your kingdom in this place.</p> <p>In Jesus name we pray,</p> <p>Amen</p> |