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Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Ministry Lead News

Babies and Toddlers – **Every Monday starting** at **09.15am-10.30am** at St. Peter's Church Hall, Fremington. During term time.We start with songs and a short bible story, enjoy free play, have a break for snacks and finish with bubbles. No need to book.





Next Sunday Club 21st December



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Sunday 14th December 9.30AM Westleigh





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## SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025

09.30 Holy Communion, Instow

09.00 Westleigh Family Breakfast Service

11.00 Holy Communion, Fremington

**16.00** Mission Community Christingle Service, Fremington

19.00 'The Ignited' (home group), Instow

### MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

**09.15-10.30** Babies & Toddlers, St Peter's Church Hall, Fremington

**10.30** Community 'Drop in' for refreshments and cake, All Saints Chapel, Instow

**11.00-12.00** Bumps and babies, St Peter's Church Hall, Fremington

13.00 Fremington School carol service, St Peter's

## TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

**19.00** Barnstaple Concert Band performing at St Peter's, Fremington

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

Readings: Genesis 49 v2, 8-10
Matthew 1 v1-17

10.00 Holy Communion, Fremington

**11.30** Confirmation group, Rectory

**14.00** Wednesday Fellowship, Church Hall, Fremington

## THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

**14.00** Bell ringing practice, Fremington

19.30 Homegroup, Home Farm Road

#### FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

14.30 Holy Communion, Catherine Court

**18.00** 'Spirit and Sound' (choir) rehearsal, Fremington

## SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

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#### SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025

**09.30** Nine Lessons and Carols, Instow

09.30 Holy Communion, Westleigh

**11.00** Morning Praise and Sunday Club, Fremington

15.30 Carols by Candlelight, Westleigh

**18.00** Carols by Candlelight, Fremington

**Midweek services** - There will be a communion service at All Saints, Instow on:

**Tuesday 23rd December**, and services at Fremington on both **24th AND 31st December**. Holy Communion on **24th December** is still in Advent season.

Please send information or news for the Beacon to: beacon@ttec.org.uk no later than:

Tuesday 16th December 2025

Visit: <u>www.achurchnearyou.com</u> Website: <u>www.ttec.org.uk</u>

As schools break up for the Christmas holidays, we pray for pupils and staff, that this break would be a time of rest and restoration. We give thanks for churches across Devon that will be hosting activities over Christmas and pray that children and young people attending would know more of who you are.

# MISSION COMMUNITY PRAYERS

## This SUNDAY we pray for:

- > Bishops and national church leaders
- > The Deanery, Diocesan and General Synods
- Reverend Chris, Andrea, Charles and Phoebe
- The peoples of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan
- Ethan Rogers, beginning a new life after baptism last week
- For Jessica and Fraser married yesterday at Westleigh



## During Advent we also pray for:

The Church, that she may be ready for the coming of Christ

The leaders of the Church

The nations, that they may be subject to the rule of

Those who are working for justice in the world The broken, that they may find God's healing

### Please also pray for:

Bruce Bennett, Jane Lush, Ruth White, Gordon Coulter, Marion Smith, Jeanette Brown, Anne Rhodes, Sandra Michaelson, Pam Harris, the Grigg family, Mick Newing

We especially pray for the recently bereaved families of: Michael Green, John Hirst, Marilyn Warren, Tony Kitchin

News from Alun & Debbie Burt

#### **December Prayer Points**

"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

The youth who are going on camp on the 15th December and their leaders. Pray that every aspect of CrossWord Youth Camp would glorify God and do good for those who attend. Pray for several teens who have had very hard years that this camp would strengthen their faith, and encourage them to persevere with Jesus.

Advent - The mood in worship is more reflective as we consider if we are ready for the return of Jesus. The communion service is a different 'shape' and the colour is purple. One notable difference is in the readings. From Advent until Easter (yes, we're setting out on the long journey to Easter) we read the Old Testament readings as well as the Gospel. Those who lead the intercessions please note there is an Advent response.





**Christmas flyers** - Please hand these out to friends, neighbours and anyone who asks about Christmas services. Each parish has its own set of flyers and we have already given flyers to pubs, schools and community groups.



**W**hat's so important about Christmas? **W**hy should people still be celebrating the birth of a baby born 2,000 years ago?

Why are so many people excited about Jesus?

Why do we need him? Why did he come? Why did he die?

Why should anyone bother to find out?

FREE booklets available in each parish which will answer all these questions

## Wednesday Fellowship Meal 21st January 2026

"If you have booked for the Wednesday Fellowship meal in **JANUARY**, could you please bring your £8.00 to the 17th December meeting Thank you, Graham Prosser

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