

## Diary

Weds. 10th	10.30am	CAMEO Social at Holy Spirit Church
Thu. 11th	10am	Tamerton Tinies meet in St. Mary's Hall
	10am	Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Spirit
	10.40am	Fellowship Cuppa and chat at Holy Spirit
Fri. 12th	2pm	St Mary's Choir singing Christmas Carols at the Manor House, Looseleigh Lane
	4.30pm	Rainbows at Holy Spirit Church Hall
	5.40pm	Brownies at Holy Spirit Church Hall
	7.30pm	Sterts Choir Concert at St. Mary's
Sat. 13th	1.30pm	Saturday Club meets in St. Mary's Hall

## Notices

**1. Family Services.** At Holy Spirit the All-Age Worship services are usually on the first Sunday of each month at 11am. The next one is this Sunday, 7th December. The monthly Family Services at St. Mary's, 'Catch the 9.15!', are on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The next one is on Sunday 21st December.

**2. PCC Meetings.** The next meeting of the PCC at St. Mary's is on Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7pm in Church. The next meeting of the PCC at Holy Spirit is on Tuesday 3rd February 2026.

**3. Home Group.** Please note the Home Group has stopped meeting for the present time.

**4. Tabletop Sale.** The next monthly Tabletop Sale at The Church of The Holy Spirit is this Saturday, 13th December, from 1pm. Please contact Liz Nicholls on **07719959391** or email **liznicholls@blueyonder.co.uk** for more information.

**5. Easy Fundraising.** Don't forget, when shopping on-line, to use **www.easyfundraising.org.uk** to raise some extra money for St. Mary's at no cost to yourself. We now have **32** people supporting us. Our total raised so far is **£937.82**.

Ask Andy King for more details. **(07708590704)**

**6. Church News.** If you would like to be added to (or removed from) the weekly mailing list to receive the Church News and other messages via email, or to submit queries or notices for the Church News, please contact **andy@saintmarys.org.uk**.

## Next Sunday 14th December 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent

### St. Mary's:

9.15am Holy Communion (CW)

4pm Christingle Service

### Holy Spirit:

11am Holy Communion (CW)

Communion readings: Isaiah 35: 1 – 10, James 5: 7 – 10  
Matthew 11: 2 – 11

### Team Rector:

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**Tamerton Foliot & Southway Team Ministry**

## 7th December 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent



## Today's Services

### St Mary's

9.15am Holy Communion (CW)  
(CAHON) 646, 263, 406, 282

**N.B.** No evening service today

### Holy Spirit

11am All Age Worship

4pm Christingle Service



Morning readings: Isaiah 11: 1 – 10, Romans 15: 4 – 13  
Matthew 3: 1 – 12

**T**he four weeks of Advent are a season of hope: we pray and prepare for the day when God's Kingdom will come among us with power and great might. The first Advent Candle represents the Patriarchs and first leaders of Israel through whom God's rule on earth dawned. Today we remember the Prophets of Israel who challenged Israel to return to God's ways.

## Collect

*Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.*

Please remember in your prayers this week:

**Those living in:** Piper Street, Radar Road, Hangar Lane, Southway Drive, Launceston Close, Frewin Gardens, Butler Close, Langley Crescent, Langley Close, Lizard Close, Lizard Walk, Cromer Close, Bardsey Close, Hartland Close, Cromer Walk, Kinnaird Crescent, Stroma Close, Pentland Close, Winnicott Close, Lundy Close, Leatherby Close, Bulteel Gardens, Dunnet Road, Wills Close, Moses Close, Clittaford View, Moses Court, Bond Street, Burnard Close, Serpell Close, Alger Walk.

**First Reading Isaiah 11: 1 – 10**

<sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Second Reading Romans 15: 4 – 13**

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; <sup>10</sup> and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; <sup>11</sup> and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; <sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Reading Matthew 4: 1 - 12**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup> But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes (Continued on Insert)

**Sterts Singers Concert**

The Sterts Singers will be returning to St. Mary's for another festive concert this Friday, 12th December, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.00. Come along, and bring your friends and neighbours, for a variety of musical treats and some Christmas favourites. For tickets and more information please see Pat Eyres in Church, or email her at [pateyres@talk21.com](mailto:pateyres@talk21.com) Tickets will also be available on the door.

**Coffee, Cake and Chat**

A St. Mary's Community Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month in St. Mary's Church Hall from 10am to 12pm. The next one is on Tuesday 6th January 2026. It is a chance for anyone to come along for a coffee, some cake and a chat.

**Tea and Cake**

A social group meets at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway from 2pm – 4pm on the first Thursday of the month. Please note, there will be no Tea and Cake at Holy Spirit in January. The next meeting is on Thursday, 5th February 2026.

**Tamerton Tinies**

If you know anyone with young children who would benefit from attending the Tamerton Tinies group, please let them know the parent and toddler group meet in St. Mary's Church Hall from 10am – 11.30am every Thursday morning during School Term Time. It's a chance for parents to meet with others, and for the children to play together.

**Lifts For Team Services**

We would like to create a list of those people who need a lift to Team Services when they are not being held at their own Church, and also a list of those who are able to offer a lift to the afore mentioned. We have 2 people on the list, so far, who can offer lifts.

It has been suggested several times that we need to do more things together as a Team Ministry, so it would be nice to have as many people as possible from both Churches attending the monthly Team Services. Please let Andy King ([07708590704](tel:07708590704) or [andy@saintmarys.org.uk](mailto:andy@saintmarys.org.uk)) know if you require a lift, and to which Church, or if you can offer a lift to anyone, and we will try and co-ordinate things. Thank you.

**Christmas Cards**

This December, as in recent years, we are running the scheme at St. Mary's whereby those who wish to do so can put on the notice board in Church a single Christmas greetings card to all their friends at St Mary's, whilst pledging to the Shelterbox charity the money that they would have spent (or more!) on numerous individual cards. See details at the back of the Church.