

*First Reading***Ecclesiastes 11 & 12**

11: ¹ Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back. ² Divide your means seven ways, or even eight, for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth. ³ When clouds are full, they empty rain on the earth; whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. ⁴ Whoever observes the wind will not sow; and whoever regards the clouds will not reap. ⁵ Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything. ⁶ In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good. ⁷ Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. ⁸ Even those who live for many years should rejoice in them all; yet let them remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity. ⁹ Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgement. ¹⁰ Banish anxiety from your mind, and put away pain from your body; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

12: ¹ Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; ² before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; ³ on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; ⁴ when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; ⁵ when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; ⁶ before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, ⁷ and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it. ⁸ Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher; all is vanity. ⁹ Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs. ¹⁰ The Teacher sought to find pleasing words, and he wrote words of truth plainly. ¹¹ The sayings of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings that are given by one shepherd. ¹² Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. ¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

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Gospel Reading (Continued)

you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Christmas Concert – Save the Date!

The Lynher Singers (formerly The Sterts Singers) are coming to St. Mary's Church for another concert on Saturday 12th December. More details to follow, but save the date!!

Tamerton Foliot United Charities

Applications are now invited from people who may qualify to receive a grant from the Tamerton Foliot United Charities.

Anyone over 18yrs old can apply but you must live within the Tamerton Foliot, Southway, Roborough, Woolwell, Belliver, Bickleigh or Derriford areas.

Grants are for anyone struggling financially for any reason, and are usually paid in December, before Christmas.

If you received a grant last year, and still live within the designated locality, you will have automatically received an application form this autumn. If not, and you think you or someone you know may qualify, then please take an application form from the back of St. Mary's Church or from the foyer at The Church of The Holy Spirit.

Please make sure you put your name and address in the box on the reverse of the form. All information provided on any application form is kept completely confidential and not used for any other purpose.

For more information, please contact the TFUC Chairman:
Text or call: 07708590704

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Write: c/o 4 Drakes Close, Derriford, Plymouth, PL6 5XL.

The closing date for all applications to be received is Sunday 15th November 2026.

Prayers

Please continue to have Rev'd Gerda, her Mother, and all their family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

N.R.S.V.

Second Reading **2 Timothy 2: 1 - 7**

¹ You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; ² and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. ³ Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. ⁵ And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. ⁶ It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.