Together, serving the communities of Teignmouth, Bishopsteignton, Ideford, Luton, Ashcombe, Shaldon and Ringmore

Praying and Growing in Christian discipleship and **Serving** the people of Devon with joy

Sunday 15th November 2026
Second Sunday before Advent

1 Thessalonians 5. 1 - 11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25. 1 - 13

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Requests to Guide Your Prayers

(Please contact clergy for inclusion)

Residential Home: Estuary View

The healing and wholeness of:
Nicholas Brixton and Diane England.

Circle of Care: Marion Delaney, Cynthia Mosely, Wendy Dominguez, Val Hammond, June Rae, Jennifer and Michael Britton, Alison Dockray, Pamela Langley, Jill Avern and Tom Haines. (Duncan Caine – remembered in silence)

The recently departed and their family and friends: Sheila Coldrey, Bill Wilkins, Doreen Mallon, David Bann and William Finnie.

Funerals/Memorial Services:
23rd Nov 10:30am – William Finnie – St John's

For ALPHA in St John's Church: Please pray for those attending, both those participating in discussions and helpers.

Services During the Week

Tues 17th 9.30am - St Michael's: Holy Communion
Wed 18th 11.00am - St Michael's: Tower Appeal Prayer Meeting
Thurs 19th 9.30am - St Peter's: Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd November. Christ The King

Readings: Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24,
Ephesians 1.15-23, Matthew 25. 31-46

8.00am – St James: Holy Communion
9.30am – St John's: Holy Communion
9.30am - St Michael's: Holy Communion
9.30am - St Nicholas: Matins
11.00am – St Peter's: Holy Communion
11.00am – St James: Cafe Church

ALPHA in St John's Church, Bishop for the Haldon Mission Community Churches on Mondays at 6.45pm. **Please contact Tricia:** patriciajoanna@btinternet.com/07563634900

Pewsheet submissions by 10am please on Thurs to Sarah: office@haldonteam.org.uk or call 07494 222848

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Mission Community - Notices & News

15th Nov = **Safeguarding Sunday** and we commend this prayer to you:

A Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

God of love, who loved us first, and who in Jesus, showed us how to love others, forgive us for the times we've looked away, or stayed silent when we should have spoken up. Teach us to love as you love.
God of compassion, who sees the overlooked, and draws near the hurting and exploited, help us to see with your eyes, listen with your ears, and give us courage to stand with those who are not heard. Teach us to love as you love. God of truth, who shines light into darkness who reveals what is hidden and unspoken, free us from our shame, our denial, and fear, lead us in the way of honesty, openness and healing.
Teach us to love as you love. God of protection, our place of safety and refuge, may your Church be a place where: power is used to serve, people find belonging, and love is made real in what we say and do. Teach us to love as you love,
with love that protects, always. Amen.

News/Notices from St John's.

[Items for this section to Hilarycorlett@aol.com]

Bishop Players Rehearsals: Weds 18th + 25th Nov + Tues 1st Wed 2nd + Thurs 3rd at 7pm and Sundays15th, 22nd, 29th Nov + 6th Dec at 4pm.

Bishop Players Production Tues 8th – Sat 11th Dec evenings.

Alpha Evenings 6.45pm Monday 16th + 23rd Nov only for now.

Mon 23rd 10.30am Funeral : William Finnie

Fri 27th 10am Visiting Guild of Devonshire Ringers

St John's Services coming up:

Sunday 22nd 9.30am -Holy Communion sung

Sunday 29th 9.30am -Holy Communion sung

Wed. 2nd Dec 10.00am Holy Communion followed by 10.45am Coffee Cup

Sunday 6th 9.30am - Create Church + 10.30am United service at The Methodist Church

Sunday 13th 9.30am -Holy Communion said