6.30pm Evening Prayer N.R.S.V.

Second Reading **Revelation 1: 4 - 18**

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and
peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and
from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from
Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and
the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and
freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a
kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory
and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 7 Look! He is coming
with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who
pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will
wail. So it is to be. Amen. 8 'I am the Alpha and the Omega',
says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come,
the Almighty. 9 I, John, your brother who share with you in
Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient
endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the
word of God and the testimony of Jesus. **10** I was in the spirit
on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a
trumpet 11 saying, 'Write in a book what you see and send it
to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum,
to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'
12 Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me,
and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the
midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed
with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. 14 His
head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his
eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished
bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound
of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and
from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face
was like the sun shining with full force. **17** When I saw him, I
fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on
me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, 18 and
the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever;
and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

Christmas Draw

Jill Parry is now selling Christmas Draw tickets. Jill would like some people who would be willing to take some books of draw tickets to sell to family and friends. The tickets are in books of 5 tickets for £5, or £1 per ticket.
Jill will be selling tickets in St. Mary's Church every Sunday until the Christingle Service on Sunday 13th December (apart from today, Remembrance Sunday). Jill will also be selling them at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 5th December, and at the Lynher Singers' Concert on Saturday 12th December. The draw will take place after the Christingle Service at St. Mary's. Jill would also be grateful for any donations of draw prizes. Thank you.

St. Mary's Church Cake Stall

We are planning to have a St. Mary's Church Cake Stall at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 5th December. Donations of cakes are required. Please consider baking something (or buying something!) and don't forget to ask family and neighbours for their contributions too! There is a list at the back of St. Mary's Church to sign-up with details of the cake(s) you're planning. Thank you.

11am Holy Communion (CW) N.R.S.V.

Gospel Reading **(Continued)**

went off at once and traded with them, and made five more
talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents
made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the
one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those
slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 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." 21 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."
22 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." 23 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." 24 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; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the
ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 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? 27 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. 28 So take the talent from him,
and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 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. 30 As for this worthless slave,
throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Bishop's Teaching Morning: John 13 – 17

When: Saturday 21 November 2026 – 9am
Where: St. Aidan's Church, 42 W Malling Ave, Ernesettle, Plymouth, PL5 2SS

What would you say to your closest friends, your nearest and dearest, the night before you died? What would you do? How would you be? Maybe more important for Christians is to know what Jesus would say, do and be when he knew he was about to die. Well, we have an account, given to us in the Gospel of John, Chapters 13 to 17. It's also where Jesus unpacks what it means to follow him and along with the Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' most prolonged and substantial piece of teaching in the gospels. But it takes some unpacking and understanding. So, join Bishop Mike to unwrap the gift of John 13 - 17.
Times for the morning sessions will be:
9am coffee/arrival, 9.30am start, 12.30pm finish.
Led by: Bishop Mike
Refreshments will be provided
Who is it for? Aimed at all clergy and LLMs, others would also be warmly welcomed. Book **here.**