

THE BRIXHAM MISSION COMMUNITY



Brixham Mission Community

Services July 2025

2025	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	
Sunday	Trinity 3	Trinity 4	Trinity 5	Trinity 6	
July	6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th	
All Saints Brixham	09:30 Eucharist	09:30 Eucharist	09:30 Worship for All	09:30 Eucharist	
St Mary's Brixham	08:45 No service	08:45 Eucharist	08:45 No service	08:45 Eucharist	
	11:00 Eucharist	11:00 Morning Worship	11:00 Eucharist	11:00 Morning worship	
SMVC Churston	10.00 Morning Worship	10:00 Eucharist	10:00 Eucharist	10:00 Family Worship	
STCK Kingswear	10:30 Morning Worship	10:30 Eucharist	10:30 Morning worship	10:30 Eucharist	
CGSG Galmpton	08:45 Eucharist	08:45 Morning worship	08:45 Morning worship	08:45 Eucharist	
Mid-week					
All Saints Brixham	1 st Communion by ext.	8 th Eucharist	15 th Eucharist	Weds 23rd Communion by ext.	29 th Eucharist
St Mary's Brixham	2 nd Eucharist	9 th Eucharist	16 th Eucharist	23 rd Eucharist	30 th Eucharist

NB No Tuesday Eucharist at All Saints on 22 July; midweek Eucharist at All Saints will be on Wednesday 23 July for one week only!

Brixham Mission Community Churches welcome you!

Welcome to 'Moving Forward Together'

As we explore new ways of moving forward together as a united Mission Community, focusing on unity rather than uniformity, we have had a wonderful celebration of our parishes. We have been able to experience the best of how we work well together in the Mission Community Service of Confirmation with Eucharist celebrated by Bishop James at St Mary the Virgin, Churston on Sunday 1st June.



Congratulations to Dawn, Isabela, Ellen-Rose, Rowan and Barry who made their confirmation. It was a positive experience of candidates, parishioners, choristers and ministers from across the Mission Community joining in this one celebration. Bishop James was able to integrate the background noise of the Air Show into the liturgy. All were moved by the presence of the Holy Spirit and the timely 'fly past' as candidates were confirmed.

It is with great joy for us that Brixham Mission Community marks the beginning of our new part-time post of Mission Community administrator. We welcome Deborah Perret who is already known to many of you for her role as a regular worshipper in the Mission Community, as Churston PCC secretary, and for her support for All Saints during their PCC secretary vacancy. Please be mindful that Debbie works 15 hours a week so may not be able to respond directly to phone calls and emails.

All things have their times and their seasons. As your amateur magazine editor, I'll be delighted to hand over this role to Debbie.

Philippa

St Boniface Awards at Exeter Cathedral



On Saturday 7th June an awards ceremony service was held at Exeter Cathedral. Our very own Nick Brown was one of twelve lay people from across the Diocese who had been selected to receive St Boniface awards for their contributions to the life of the Church and service to their communities.



During the service Nick was interviewed by Chloe Axford, and told the congregation about his tireless work for keeping the towers immaculate at both St Mary's Brixham and St Mary the Virgin Churston.

Nick also rings bells regularly at St Mary's Churston and sometimes at Kingswear. Those of us who attended the ceremony felt proud to have Nick representing Brixham Mission Community.

Nick is pictured (*right*) with the Venerable Douglas Dettmer, Archdeacon of Totnes.

A big thank you Nick for all you do!

Philippa



Churston Family Service 22nd June 2025 at Galmpton Primary School

It was inspiring to sit in the family service this month at Galmpton Primary School listening to the community building projects undertaken by the children and to hear of the links they had made in the community. This was all communicated by the children themselves. It was impressive.

The Bible calls this way of working the 'Body of Christ', which we heard in the Bible reading from Romans 12. St Paul is simply saying that the body works best if all the parts are present, head, eyes, hands, legs, heart etc. and they all work together. When each person comes together to work in community, each person represents a different viewpoint, a different opinion, a different perspective, a different talent from a person with a different background and a set of different skills. In this community working together, when we talk to each other we can shift our position slightly so that we can see the big picture. It's just like making a jigsaw together.

St Paul calls this the 'Body of Christ'; in Romans the BBC news website calls it 'multilateral consensus building'. It leads to harmony in community, and harmony leads to peace. I call it the 'Bond of Peace' (*cf Ephesians 4:3*). You see attempts at this on the world stage at the G7 meeting, where world leaders come together to build consensus and agreement. They have more to think about than us but, essentially, they are each holding their piece of the jigsaw with their own viewpoint and opinions.

God loves this way of being, this way of working. Christ calls this way of working Church. Christ loves the church, he gave

up his life for her to make her holy and pure, washed by the cleansing of God's word. Christ loves Galmpton School, Christ loves the children who attend the school, Christ loves their parents, Christ loves their teachers. Christ loves you. We are his church.

The Bond of Peace in a troubled world starts with our children learning to build consensus where everyone is invested, everyone respected, every voice heard, every talent used to build the Bond of Peace. May God bless Galmpton Primary School for teaching such things, in the name of Christ, Amen.

Elaine Vestey LLM



Battery Gardens Brixham



The picture shows volunteer gardeners Nigel and Geoff developing beautiful spaces for the public to enjoy in Brixham's Battery Gardens.

With ample seating and awesome views over the bay, Battery Gardens is a perfect spot for finding outdoor peace. It is all the more enhanced by the work of a tireless team of volunteers who maintain a wide variety of flowers and habitats to encourage butterflies and minibeasts.

Geoff explained to me that the South West Integrated Services Company (SWISCo) supports the maintenance of Battery Gardens as an environmentally friendly space for all and provides funding for the flowering plants. The gardens are also kept looking beautiful by a dedicated team of volunteers.

If you haven't recently visited Battery Gardens, whether you like to sit out in sun or shade, walk your dog or entertain children and grandchildren, Battery Gardens has something special for all the family.

Philippa



The main purpose of my report is to remind you that our table full of hand-worked goods will be on sale at **the Quayside Market** on 22 July from 10am. We do hope you will come and see us and maybe buy. Members have been working on items for sale – see photos. After the Quayside Market, we will be reviewing our sales

achievement when hopefully our stocks will be much reduced!

As I write, I hope this warm, sunny spell continues, as our June meeting will be one of social fellowship without work!



The knitted blanket given to Clarice

Westlake last

month seemingly goes everywhere with her in the home – she loves it so much!



Beginning on 31st July, All Saints will be welcoming visitors from cruise ships coming to Torbay on four occasions until September.

Lyte Fingers will be displaying some crafted items which they may like to purchase. All proceeds will go to All Saints' Church. In August, we will start to think about the Christmas fair.

Marion Turner



Thank you all for continuing to bring HOPE to our neighbours in Guatemala.

We have just enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea in Roger and Lindsay's beautiful garden where the roses were at their peak! It was a wonderful afternoon and we raised £900!



Thanks to Pam who comes a long way to help for these big occasions and to St Mary's team of helpers and especially to Roger and Lindsay who

invite us into their lovely garden.

Money is still coming in from the churches so the final figure for Christian Aid Week is still to come. And there's lots more to come partywise! Many of you have been asking for a

return of the Reverend Martin Nicholls so watch out for all our activities to come!

Christian Aid helps the Church to be the Church that Jesus calls the church to be; and certainly it was a time that showed our churches in action to the wider community.

Loving God, Help us to serve one another, sharing our gifts and talents. Fill us with generosity and compassion. Amen

Marie, Lindsay and Mary



Brixham Trawler Race 2025



Many visitors enjoyed the first Trawler Race since 2019 held on Saturday 21st June.

The event, run by the Port of Brixham Trawler Event Association, raised money for the South West of England Fishermen's Mission.



Brixham's trawlers were decorated with bunting and sailed two timed laps round the Bay with passengers. There was food and entertainment for visitors at the port.

There were many interesting stalls with information about courses held at South Devon College Marine Academy at Noss Quay. The Marine Academy offers full-time maritime courses with pathways into commercial fishing and the maritime industry. It has the only 360-degree vessel simulator in the South West with a range of engine workshops and training vessels.

Fisherman David Scales, who teaches at South Devon College, was on hand to give people an introduction to mending nets. Being able to mend nets in all weathers has been a key skill for fishing communities since biblical times. Your rector had a go and soon appreciated the skill level required to mend nets well.



After the race there were many parties and live music on board several trawlers.



Entertainment included a repertoire of well-known sea shanties from Brixham's *Missin' Tackle*.

Philippa



St Mary's, Higher Brixham

What a wonderful way to start the new month, just a week before Pentecost, with a Confirmation service at Churston, led by Bishop James and Rev'd Philippa. It was a

special occasion for all, especially the new confirmands from St Mary's and All Saints: Barry, Dawn, Isabela, Ellen Rose, and Rowan.

Later in the month we had two Baptisms of young children, each conducted by Rev'd Chris and each a most joyful occasion welcoming new members into the church family.

Rev'd Chris also took the funeral service to celebrate the short life of Joanna Kelly, Helen's younger daughter. The number of her friends who had travelled from Berkshire and Surrey were a fine testament to her love of life and loyal friendship, and a great support to Helen, her daughter Sarah, and the wider family, who remain in our prayers.

Pentecost was well and truly celebrated at the Morning Worship, led by LLM 'M', with many dressed in red/orange/or yellow, and at Messy Church we nearly ran out of red/orange/yellow paints when Pentecost was celebrated in a truly 'messy' fashion!





The Wednesday of the first week of June saw a truly perfect day for the afternoon tea/Bring & Buy for Christian Aid, at which the 'catering team' were in excellent form, serving over seventy people in the garden at Hunter's Moon. Funds were raised for the indigenous people of Guatemala who contribute least to climate changes, and yet are most affected by them. Thanks go to everyone who supported that day, raising over £900 which will help make a difference.

With the start of summer, visitors to Brixham increase. Many have found their way to St Mary's when the doors have been open for outreach tea/coffee and cake on Saturdays in the hall, for regular cleaning in church, after Messy Church or setting up for worship, as well as for services on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays. All receive a warm welcome, a tour of the church and a 'cuppa'. People have come from Brixham, including new residents, from all over Britain, Germany, France, Australia and Zambia. We look forward to more visitors through the summer.

We are now working towards our Festival in July: *St Mary's has 'Talents'*. All are welcome for flower displays, needlework, embroidery, patchwork, paintings, music, a concert and coffees, lunches, and teas. Please come and support St Mary's, Higher Brixham as we raise funds to keep the church going for another 600 years.

Lindsay Williams

Messy Church

Pentecost is always a difficult time of the church's year to explain to children, but with the inventiveness of our wonderful team of helpers, and puppets Ryan and Rosie, we were able to give them an idea of what it must have been like to be there in Jerusalem at the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our Messy-Churchers enjoyed being invited to talk 'gobble-de-gook' in an attempt to recreate the noise of everyone speaking in their own language.



Activities involved a lot of red/orange/yellow paint, much of which ended up over arms, faces, even feet! The result of our endeavours can be seen as a welcome to everyone entering St Mary's. Wind has often been used to describe something felt but not seen, and several of our activities used this to produce an effect created by

the wind, not least the use of *lettuce-spinners*, plates and paint (red/orange/yellow of course).

Messy-Churchers went home with:

- *Streamers that needed air through to 'stream'*
- *A card depicting a stained glass window (in the appropriate colours) and a dove*
- *A balloon containing a prayer to the Holy Spirit*
- *Colourful paper plates*
- *Flames that can be thrown*
- *A headband with a choice of symbols representing the Holy Spirit*
- *A spinner featuring the dove, telling of the coming of the Holy Spirit.*

As always we thank our team of helpers, both in church and in the kitchen, from whence food magically appears to feed an unknown number of children and adults. We are also blessed with some youngsters who come after college to help too, and stay on for Youth Group if the weeks coincide.

Next Messy Church is **Friday 11th July** after school.

For more information please contact

Lesley 01803 854036 or Lindsay 07813 311613

Lindsay Williams

Dates for your diary

JULY

Saturday 12th Lift the name of Jesus! Prayers at Berry Head (*see advert page 23*)

Wednesday 16th 7pm Welcome Service

St Mary's Brixham Summer Festival

Thursday 17th-Sunday 20th St Mary's Brixham Festival. Church open 10.00am-4.00pm (*see advert page 22*)

Saturday 19th 3.00pm St Mary's Brixham Vintage Tea (*se advert page 20*)

Saturday 19th 6pm St Mary's Brixham concert

Sunday 20th 3pm St Mary's Brixham Songs of Praise

Tuesday 22nd from 10.00 Quayside Market, Brixham, includes crafts by All Saints' Lyte Fingers.

FORTNIGHTLY

Friday 7.00-9.00 pm St Mary's Youth Group 11 - 18s.

WEEKLY

Thursday 9.30-11.30am St Mary's church hall
Mummy & me

Friday 9.15-11.15am in term time **Barn Chapel**
Stay & play

REGULAR PRAYER MEETINGS

Monday 9am St Mary's Morning Prayer

Wednesday 9.30am St Mary's Quiet Prayer



PRESS RELEASE

Brixham`s Aid Convoy to Ukraine will shortly depart before winter.

Our town has organised and funded a vital Winter Aid Convoy to Ukraine and will be the departure point to deliver much needed supplies. After four years of war, the Ukrainian people now have to face a harsh winter, but still require essential non-lethal supplies to help them survive. Brixham based churches, organisations, clubs, societies and individuals, assisted by local group *Ukraine Action*, have been working together fund-raising or seeking donations including secondhand pick-up trucks, mini-buses, vans and ambulances. These will be filled with much-needed supplies including mobility aids, generators, first medical aid, water carriers, warm clean sleeping bags etc.

The Brixham Aid convoy will consist of five vehicles, with three or four pick-ups trucks and other support vehicles. The convoy will include a mini-bus with an adapted rear lift.

There is a desperate need for transport adapted for wheel-chairs, to help evacuate Ukrainian elders and disabled people from the ever-changing front-line areas.

In Brixham local volunteers, working with local charity *Ukrainian Action*, have been busy over the last four months fund-raising, led by Brixham Rotary and other voluntary sector organisations. A spokesperson said:

‘We have purchased, or obtained donated, five suitable vehicles. These will be driven by local volunteers across Europe to Poland and handed over to the Ukrainians for front-line areas. The drivers can then return for Christmas.’

The Brixham convoy will be departing in late autumn. The *Ukrainian Action* charity are delighted that Brixham have committed to providing one convoy. The village of Stoke Gabriel has provided several convoys to date. As Christmas approaches, this support to Ukrainian people is much appreciated, in a country that has endured much, but hopes for a peaceful future.

We thank everyone for direct and indirect support, attending fund-raising events or making financial contributions in support of the Brixham Aid convoy. Further details on the Brixham convoy’s progress will be released in due course or please contact: **John Brennan 01803 852270 or johnjosephmbrennan@hotmail.co.uk**

"St Mary's has Talents"

An opportunity to visit our lovely church with flower displays, crafts, music and refreshments.

St Mary's, Higher Brixham



Thursday 17 - Sunday 20 July

Church open daily 10am-4pm

Opening Service 7pm, Wednesday 16 July

Vintage Tea 3pm, Saturday 19 July

Concert 6pm, Saturday 19 July

Songs of Praise 3pm, Sunday 20 July

A warm welcome every day!



Lift the Name of Jesus across the South West

SATURDAY 12 JULY, 10.30am

**The Church United! The Coast Awakened!
South West Church — The Time Is Now!**

This is a call to every believer across the South West.

From Cornwall to Dorset,
from village chapels to city churches - rise up.

On Saturday 12 July at 10:30am

we're claiming the coastline for Christ.

Thousands of voices, one cry.

A bold, united stand along the 630-mile South West Coast
Path.

From clifftops to coves, we will lift high the name of Jesus
over our homes, our harbours, and our hearts.

**M Pickthorne has arranged for the BMC to come to the
green by Berry Head Fort to pray over Torbay and over the
towns of Torquay, Paignton and Brixham. All are welcome to
join her.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE AUGUST
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should please be sent to

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by **Sunday 20 July**

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