



THE GRAPEVINE

5 October 2025

Harvest Thanksgiving

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, we offer you our hearty thanks for your fatherly goodness and care in giving us the fruits of the earth in their seasons. Give us grace to use them rightly, to your glory, for our own well-being, and for the relief of those in need; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First reading: Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Second reading: Philippians 4.4-9

Gospel: John 6.25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom; by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

W/B 12 October 2025

Trinity 17

All Saints', Lower Brixham

9.30am Holy Communion

Tues 14 October 10am Holy Communion

St Mary's, Higher Brixham

8.45am Holy Communion

11am Sunday Worship: Songs of Praise

Mon 13 October 9am Morning Prayer

Wed 15 October 10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary the Virgin, Churston

10am Holy Communion with Baptism

St Thomas of Canterbury, Kingswear

10.30am Holy Communion

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Galmpton

8.45am Morning Worship

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

May God surround all who are sick in mind, body, or spirit with His healing love.

All Saints', Lower Brixham

Mary Eveleigh, Clarice Westlake, Chris Chinnery, Christine Watt, Jayne Carter, Phyllis Jordain

St Mary the Virgin, Churston

Eric Smith, Peter Grantham, Jo & David Lambert, Vikki Sheen, Derek Brown, Wendy Tonkin, Gay Brooke, Jamie, Diane Lord-Lear, Sandra Marley

St Mary's, Higher Brixham

Victoria Green, Gordon Smith, Graham Ward, Helen Kelly and her daughter Sarah, Ivor John, Steve Clutterbuck, Robin Hale, Paul Stamp, Paul Oxenbury, Joshua Jackson, Judy Jolly, Paul Upchurch, Val Dixon, Mike Hackeson, James Campbell and family

St Thomas of Canterbury, Kingswear

Tessa Gibson, Marcia Abdilla, Hayley Radford and family

THE DECEASED

Margaret Barnes (funeral Churston 7 Oct 2.30pm)

Readings for Sunday 12 October
Trinity 17

First reading: 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c

Second reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-15

PASTORAL REORGANISATION

There will be SPECIAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS (SPCMs) to approve the scheme for a Joint Council as follows:

Sunday 5 October 10.30am	All Saints'
Sunday 12 October 11am	Churston
Sunday 19 October 12 noon	St Mary's Brixham
Sunday 26 October 11.30am	Kingswear

SOME IMPORTANT FUTURE BMC EVENTS

Wednesday 8 October 10.30am Churston
Recital by the hugely popular Roger Fordham

Monday 13 October 10am – 12noon coffee morning/bring and buy sale at **Lupton House** run by Brixham Mission Community to raise funds to support mental health issues.

Saturday 25 October 2pm at All Saints'
A Celebration of Life service for Graham Carter
This is NOT a funeral service so no black please. Cornish colours where available! There will be lots of beautiful music and memories of a much-loved husband and stalwart member of All Saints' for over thirty years.

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025

St Mary's Higher Brixham is again a collection point for the Shoebox Appeal, this year channelled through cr2ee (Christian Response to Easter Europe) operating from Exmouth. Shoeboxes will be heading to Moldova and Ukraine. Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Europe and Ukraine is still very much in the grip of war.

Please bring any completed shoeboxes, or contributions to put into boxes, to St Mary's on:

Tuesday 21 October 11.00am - 4.00pm	
Wednesday 22 October	11.30am - 4.00pm
Thursday 23 October	11.00am – 4.00pm
Friday 24 October	11.00pm – 4.00pm
Saturday 25 October	11.00am – 4.00pm

Further information about items needed in shoeboxes for both young and older is in the

September issue of *Moving Forward Together* pages 6 and 7.

SUPPORT UKRAINIAN ACTION

The Brixham Medical and Humanitarian Convoy to Ukraine is due to depart on Thursday 6 November. We have secured from local donations five second-hand vehicles, including two ambulances and varied supplies, to help the Ukrainian people.

However, one thing they desperately need are First Responder Medical Aid Trauma Bags.

These bags will save hundreds of innocent people, by equipping the medics with life-saving items such as compression bandages, ligatures, chest seals, airway clearance equipment. Each bag costs £500.

Can you help us to reach our target, to purchase more £500 First Responder Bags of life-saving equipment for our Brixham Convoy? For further details please contact:

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BMC CLERGY

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Rev'd Philippa's day off is Friday. Please respect this. If you have an urgent problem on a Friday, please contact your warden or representative.

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