

Readings for Sunday 21st December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

First reading: Isaiah 7.10-16

Second reading: Romans 1.1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1.18-25

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Advent course: Tuesdays 16th and 23rd December 10:30 All Saints Lower Brixham; Wednesday 17th December 11:00 St Mary's Brixham; Thursday 18th December **nb time : 09:30** The Barn Chapel, Galmpton



THE GRAPEVINE

14 December 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent

NB Blue Christmas Tree service St Mary's, Brixham, today 3pm

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First reading: Isaiah 35.1-10

Second reading: James 5.7-10

Gospel : Matthew 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight,

the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he".

Post Communion:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK All Saints', Lower Brixham Mary Eveleigh, Clarice Westlake, Chris Chinnery, Christine Watt, Anne Vickery

St Mary's, Brixham Gordon Smith, Graham Ward, Helen Kelly and her daughter Sarah, Ivor John, Robin Hale, Paul Stamp, Paul Oxenbury, Joshua Jackson, Judy Jolly, Paul Upchurch, Val Dixon, Jean Buttersworth, Hannah Hockings, Rita White, Josephine Paddon

St Mary the Virgin, Churston Eric Smith,

Jo & David Lambert, Vikki Sheen, Derek Brown, Wendy Tonkin, Jamie, Sandra Marley, Phil (Ally's father)

St Thomas of Canterbury Tessa Gibson, Marcia Abdilla

SERVICES this week

All Saints', Lower Brixham Tues 16th December 10:00 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Brixham Wed 17th December 10:30 Holy Communion

St Thomas, Kingswear Sat 20 December 5:00 Carol service

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All Saints', Lower Brixham 9:30 Christingle

St Mary's, Brixham 11:00 Holy Communion 18:30 Carol service

St Mary the Virgin, Churston 10:00 Morning Worship with Carols

St Thomas of Canterbury, Kingswear 10:30 Morning Worship

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Galmpton 08:45 Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS EVE:

All Saints', Lower Brixham: 16:00 Nativity Play 23:30 Midnight Mass

St Mary's, Brixham : 16:00 Crib Service 23:30 Midnight Mass

St Mary's, Churston: 15:00 Crib Service

