

Readings for Sunday 14th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

First reading: Isaiah 35.1-10

Second reading: James 5.7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

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Advent course: Tuesdays 9th, 16th and 23rd

December 10:30 All Saints Lower Brixham;

Wednesdays 10th, 17th December 11:00 St

Mary's Brixham and Thursdays 11th, 18th

December 10:00 The Barn Chapel, Galmpton

Lessons and Carols Friday 12 December

6.30pm All Saints, Brixham, and Sunday 21

December 6.30pm St Mary's, Brixham



THE GRAPEVINE

7 December 2025

The Second Sunday of Advent

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

First reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

Second reading: Romans 15.4-13

Gospel : Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."* This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." 'Now John wore

clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Post Communion: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and

purity of his first coming that, when he comes again we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK All Saints', Lower Brixham Mary Eveleigh, Clarice Westlake, Chris Chinnery, Christine Watt, Anne Vickery **St Mary the Virgin, Churston** Eric Smith, Jo & David Lambert, Vikki Sheen, Derek Brown, Wendy Tonkin, Jamie, Sandra Marley, Phil (Ally's father) **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 Thomas of Canterbury** Tessa Gibson, Marcia Abdilla

Services this week, and for Sunday 14 Dec

All Saints', Lower Brixham Tues 9th December 10:00 Holy Communion **St Mary's, Brixham** Wed 10th December 10:30 Holy Communion

Sunday 14th December Advent 3 **All Saints', Lower Brixham** 9:30 Holy Communion

St Mary's, Brixham 11:00 Holy Communion

St Mary the Virgin, Churston 10:00 Morning Worship

St Thomas of Canterbury, Kingswear 10:30 Morning Worship

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