

Readings for Sunday January 4th

EPIPHANY

First reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second reading :Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel : Matthew 2: 1-12



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SPCMs (Special Parish Council Meetings)

Dates of SPCMs to elect members of the new Brixham Mission Community

Council: **All Saints'**: January 4th; **St**

Mary's, Brixham January 18th; **St**

Mary's, Churston : January 11th; **St**

Thomas, Kingswear: January 28th.

THE GRAPEVINE

28 December 2025

Christmas 1

Holy Innocents

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

St Thomas of Canterbury patronal

festival throughout the Mission

Community. St. Thomas is the patron

saint of our church at Kingswear.

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; 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.

First reading: Jeremiah 13: 15-17

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Gospel : Matthew 2:13-18

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the

wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

Post communion

Lord Jesus Christ in your humility you have stooped to share our human life with the most defenceless of your children: may we who have received these gifts of your passion rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents to the purity of your sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; for you are alive and reign, 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, Joan Christley

St Mary the Virgin, Churston Eric Smith, Jo & David Lambert, Vikki Sheen, Derek Brown, Wendy Tonkin, Jamie, Sandra Marley, Phil (Ally's father); Andrew, Denisse and baby Lucas

St Thomas of Canterbury, Kingswear

Tessa Gibson, Marcia Abdilla.

SERVICES this week

All Saints', Lower Brixham Tuesday 30th December 10am: Holy Communion

St Mary's, Brixham Wednesday 31st December 10.30 am : Holy Communion

SUNDAY January 4th: Epiphany.

All Saints', Lower Brixham

9.30 Holy Communion

Followed by **Special Parish Council Meeting (SPCM)**

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 Barn, Galmpton 8:45 Holy Communion

'A friend drove a convoy of aid for Ukraine. The Christmas card given to the drivers has been loaned to us, so we pray for peace on earth now in Ukraine and Russia'. *Jo Griffin*

Christian Aid

We are delighted to report that we raised **£1040** at our recent Coffee Morning.

Thank you to everyone that contributed.

Our next event will be the Quiz on Friday February 6th.

Marie, Mary & Lindsay

