

## Readings Sunday January 11

### Baptism of Christ

First reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Second reading :Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel : Matthew 3: 13-end



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**SPCMs (Special Parish**

**Council Meetings)**

Dates of SPCMs to elect members of the new Brixham Mission

Community Council: **St Mary's, Churston** January 11th; **St Mary's, Brixham** : January 18th; **St Thomas, Kingswear**: January 25th.

## THE GRAPEVINE

**4 January 2026**

**EPIPHANY**

*SPCM All Saints', following service*

### Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Second reading:** Ephesians 3:1-12

**Gospel :** Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no

means least among the rulers of Judah for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## Post communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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, 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 and Christine Abdilla, Stela

## SERVICES this week All Saints', Lower Brixham

Tuesday 6th January  
10am: Holy Communion

## St Mary's, Brixham

Wednesday 7th January  
10.30am: Holy Communion

## SUNDAY January 11th

**The Baptism of Christ**  
**All Saints', Lower Brixham**  
9.30 Holy Communion

## St Mary's, Brixham

8:45 Holy Communion  
11:00 Worship for All

## St Mary the Virgin, Churston

10:00 Holy Communion  
Followed by **Special Parish Council Meeting (SPCM)**

## St Thomas of Canterbury, Kingswear

10:30 Holy Communion

## The Barn, Galmpton

8:45 Morning Worship