

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, Galampton

8:45 Morning Worship