Readings Sunday 6th December
First reading: Isaiah 40:1-11
Second reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15*a*
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Thursday 3rd December: **St Mary's, Brixham:** 9.30am: *Mummy and Me*
Friday 4th December: **Barn Hall:** 9.15-11.15am: *Stay and Play*

Saturday 5th December : **Christian Community Centre:** 10am -12 noon*: Christian Aid Coffee and Mince Pie morning. Carols from Brixham Community choir, and Recorders.*

Saturday 5th December: **St Mary's, Brixham:** 3pm: *Vintage Advent Tea*

Tuesday 8th December: **St Mary the Virgin, Churston:** 7pm: *Quay Harmony concert*
Friday 11th December: **St Mary's, Brixham:** 3pm: *Messy Church*
Friday 11th December: **All Saints', Lower Brixham:** 7pm:*Torbay Lifeboats' Annual Songs and Carols*

THE GRAPEVINE

29th November 2026

Advent Sunday

The First Sunday of Advent

Today : **St Mary's, Brixham:** 6.30pm : *Mission Community Advent Carol Service*

Advent Course *Join us in reading 'Advent for Everyone, A Journey with the Apostles' by Tom Wright. After midweek Eucharist from 1st December at All Saints', and 2nd December at St Mary's, Brixham. Everyone is invited from all parishes. Books available from Philippa, suggested donation of £5 -£10 in your church collection.*

Collect
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-end
'But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens

will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

IN MEMORIAM Brian Birch; John Doble; Alan Wernham; Pat Corder; Susie Bennett; Andrew Jago; Suzanne Rogers.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

All Saints', Lower Brixham: Jacky Walker, Lindsay Hobart.

St Mary's, Brixham: Rev'd Ken and Val Dixon, Helen and Sarah Kelly, Judy Jolly, Paul Oxenbury, Robin Hale, Jodie Cantel, Paul Upchurch, Peter Robinson.

St Mary the Virgin, Churston: Derek Knowles, Jo and David Lambert, Geoff Gadsby, Mike Teale, Philip Dodwell, Eric Smith, Jamie, Val and Derek Brown, Vicki Sheen, Sandra Marley, Mike O'Nions, Pete and Nic Walbrin.

St Thomas of Canterbury, Kingswear: Christine Abdilla; Stela Krumova.

SERVICES for this week:

Monday 30th November: **St Mary's, Brixham:** 9am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 1st December: **All Saints', Lower Brixham:** 10am Eucharist *and Advent Course*

Wednesday 2nd December : **St Mary's, Brixham:** 10.30am Eucharist *and Advent Course*

Sunday December 6th

Second Sunday of Advent

All Saints', Lower Brixham: 9.30am Eucharist

St Mary's, Brixham:
11am Eucharist; 3pm *Blue Tree Service*

St Mary's, Churston: 10am Service of the Word

St Thomas, Kingswear: 10.30am Service of the Word

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Galmpton: 8.45am Eucharist

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30th November: **St Mary the Virgin, Churston:** 7.30pm-9pm: *Open Evening: The Brixham Railway Heritage Trail Project.*

Wednesday 2nd December: **St Mary's, Brixham:** 9am: *Men's Breakfast*