



Welcome!


**'Christ, the King Sunday' 24 November 24**

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**Welcome! Join us in church or online**

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**The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm**

<b>Sun 24 Nov</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> <a href="https://youtube.com/live/tEh3eFxAr1U?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/tEh3eFxAr1U?feature=share</a>
	<b>5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30'</b> <i>youth-led worship – all welcome</i>
<b>Mon 25 Nov</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on zoom – details below</i>
<b>Tues 26 Nov</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	<b>9-11.30am Toddlers</b>
	<b>12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits</b>
<b>Wed 27 Nov</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12-2pm Welcome Space</b> <i>Tea, coffee, soup and chat!</i>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers</b>
<b>Fri 29 Nov</b>	<b>9.30-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b>
	<b>Youth Club – Bowling Night</b>
<b>Sat 30 Nov</b>	 <b>7.30pm South Devon Choir (Mozart's Requiem)</b>
<b>Sun 1 Dec</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b> <i>with breakfast</i>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>

*Today we welcome The Very Revd Andrew Tremlett, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral with his wife Maggi to our 11am service. Andrew was once a curate here!*

For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom link  
<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

**Thanks go to:**



**Church cleaners**

## Readings

### Revelation 1:1-8

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place; he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup> who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near.

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

<p><b>Collect</b> God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. <b>Amen</b></p>
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## Dates for the diary

**Friends Christmas lunch at the Headland Hotel Sunday 1st December** Bookings taken at the Friends Table on Sunday or [rob.thenewmans@gmail.com](mailto:rob.thenewmans@gmail.com)

**Men's Breakfast Christmas Special for ladies too! 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Grand Hotel.** Speakers will be David and Janet Coffey from Upton Vale Baptist Church. Please contact Charlie to book - [torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com](mailto:torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com)

## News and Help

**Many thanks** to all who took part in and helped with the Tearfund quiz - you raised almost **£500!**

**Cockington Caper 7th December** We are in great need of marshals and musicians. If anyone feels they can help please see Sue Day or contact me on 07550013101 or [robandsued@gmail.com](mailto:robandsued@gmail.com) for further information. Thank you.

**COP29 started in Azerbaijan** this week. See the Eco Group newsletter for more information and ideas for prayer.

### **Prayer** Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition....in humility value others above yourselves. Phil 2:3*

**Mon** We pray for all those wounded because of people of influence in the church who have failed them – and that those who have failed turn back to God in repentance.

**Tues** We pray for all spiritual leaders in churches. Protect them from any snares from the enemy, and may they be accountable to other believers.

**Wed** Thank you for all who take responsibility for safeguarding in our churches. Help them to be strong and faithful to you as you guide them in this difficult role.

**Thurs** We pray that young people will increasingly reject the shallowness of 'celebrity culture'. Please raise up inspiring Christian individuals as role models of honesty, self-discipline, compassion, faith and vision.

**Fri** We pray for ourselves that we would seek to be guided by Your Word and Holy Spirit to walk closer to you each day becoming more Christlike in our relationships with everyone that we know and meet.

**Sat** We pray for our country's culture and democracy, founded on Christian values but increasingly affected by secular beliefs and attitudes. Give us leaders who would build on this heritage in a changing world.

**Sun** Thank you that we can worship you through music and song. We pray for those who serve to glorify Jesus as they plan, practise and present their music to enhance our services.

# CHRISTMAS....is coming!

And help with the preparation is needed!



**Please sign up today if you can help with any of the following:**

- Delivering Christmas leaflets
- Singing carols at the Street Party 12 December
- Singing carols on the Piazza on 19 December
- Help to put up 2 Christmas trees
- Moving chairs for services
- Stewarding/welcoming at our Christmas services
- Cleaning the church
- Putting up the staging for services



**(Sign up sheets are at the back of the church)**

**THANK YOU** 😊



**Shoebox Appeal** but you need to hurry! As in previous years, we will be supporting cr2ee (Christian Response to Eastern Europe). If you'd like to send a Christmas Shoebox to someone in Moldova or Ukraine, pack a box full of **new** items – see leaflets for details. Drop into church before Wednesday 27th November.

**Advent Eco Actions!** How about trying one of the following during Advent? Fair Trade shopping or using local suppliers e.g Me and Mrs Jones or the Co-op. Recycle/re-use - donating/buying at local charity shops.

**Sad news** We are sad to let you know that Sharon Giles has died. Details of her funeral will be announced in due course. We pray for her family and friends at this sad time.

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