

Together, serving the communities of Teignmouth, Bishopsteignton, Ideford, Luton, Ashcombe, Shaldon and Ringmore

Praying and Growing in Christian discipleship and **Serving** the people of Devon with joy

Welcome to our churches Sunday 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3. 1-4 The Coming Messenger

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Philip 1. 3-11 Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the

day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3. 1-6

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made
low, and the crooked shall be made straight,

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Collect

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Services During the week

Tues. 10th 9:30am St Michael's, Teignmouth Holy Communion.

Wed. 11th 9.30am - St Peter's, Shaldon: Holy Communion

Services Next Sunday 15th December Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am - St Johns, Bishop: Crafty Christmas Service

9.30am - St Nicholas, Ringmore: Matins

9.30am - St Michael: Holy Communion (with Nativity)

11.00am - St John's, Bishop: United Village Worship

11.00am - St Mary's, Ideford: Holy Communion

11.00am - St Peter's, Shaldon - Holy Communion

11.00am – St James, Teignmouth: Holy Communion

3.00pm - St Michael's: Civic Carol Service

Requests to Guide Your Prayers

(Please contact clergy for inclusion)

Residential home: Glendale

The healing and wholeness of: Nicholas Brixton, Nobby Bray, Andy Harding, Chris Newton, Len Parkyn

Circle of Care: Andy Dyson, Maggie Halford, Anne Roper, Margaret Baxter, Yvonne Crispin, Eric Crocker, Tony Corlett, Liz Fuell, Pamela Langley. Janet Paget, Max Guy and Marion Delaney.

The recently departed and their family and friends: David Robertson, Jane Snell, Mary Perry, Hope Whittard, Bob Kefford

Advent thought:

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morningFor with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. Psalm 130: 5-8

Pewsheet submissions by 10am please on Thurs to office office@haldonteam.org.uk

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Christmas Fair at St Michael's

A big thank you to all who worked so hard to bring this year's Christmas Fair to fruition and to all those who supported it, especially with having to postpone it a week because of severe weather warning. We raised over £2,000 for church funds. We appreciate the kind generosity of those individuals and businesses who donated prizes, those who made cakes and prepared food, those who served on stalls and those who helped in many other ways.

Future events open to everyone across the Mission Community

Dorcas Group for bereaved people and supporters:

Thurs 12th Dec 12pm Christmas Lunch for members at Tradewinds, cost £20 *Contact Christine Marsh 01626 772561 to book this.*

Tues 17th **Dec** Coffee Morning & Raffle with mince pies at St Michael's church.

Teignmouth Sings Christmas Concert Sat 14th Dec 2.30pm St Michael's.

Teignmouth Youth Choir at St Peter's with

Rowcroft Hospice Choir will hold a concert on Sunday 15th December 4.00pm - Tickets £5 at the door - Under 16 free or email: teignmouthyouthchoir@gmail.com

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Rev'd Ruth Frampton Rural Dean is holding a Safeguarding Training session in Christow Community Hall some time in January 2025. Please let Sue Harvey know if you are interested in attending. email: safeguarding@haldonteam.org.uk. Refreshments will be provided.

Administrator Advert

We are planning to start advertising the church administrator post next week with interviews scheduled for Thursday 16th January in the afternoon. Full details will be on the website. Open to any qualified candidate in or outside the church to apply.