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

Welcome to our churches Sunday 5TH January 2025 Epiphany Sunday

Isaia 60. 1-6

The Ingathering of the Dispersed
Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses'
arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart
shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought
to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Ephesians 3. 1-12

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner
for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for
surely you have already heard of the commission of
God's grace that was given to me for you, and how
the mystery was made known to me by revelation,
as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which
will enable you to perceive my understanding of the
mystery of Christ. In former generations this
mystery was not made known to humankind, as it
has now been revealed to his holy apostles and
prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have
become fellow-heirs, members of the same body,
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through
the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to
the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the
working of his power. Although I am the very least of
all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to
the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of
Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan
of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created
all things; so that through the church the wisdom of
God in its rich variety might now be made known to
the rulers and authorities in the heavenly
places. This was in accordance with the eternal
purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our
Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness
and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2. 1-12

The Visit of the Wise Men

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.

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.

Amen

Post Communion Collect

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the 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.

Amen

Requests to Guide Your Prayers

(Please contact clergy for inclusion)

Residential home: Landscore House

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

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

The recently departed and their family and friends: Jane Snell, Mary Perry, Sylvie Russell, and Bob Kefford.

Services During the week

Tues 7th 9.30am - St Michael's: Holy Communion.

Wed 8th 9.30am – St Peter's: Holy Communion

Wed 8th 10.00am - St John's, Bishop:
Holy Communion (said)
followed by Coffee Cup at 10.45am

Funeral Information

Sylvia Russell's funeral will be held at St Michael's at 11am on Friday 10th January with a reception (venue to be confirmed) and followed by a private cremation. Sylvia served as a councillor for 43 years and was a member of several choirs.

Services Next Sunday 12th January

Baptism of Christ

8.00am -- St James: Holy Communion

9.30am - St Michael: Holy Communion

9.30am - St Nicholas: Matins

9.30am – St. John's: Family Church and Holy Communion,

11.00am – St James: Morning Worship

11.00am – St Peter's: Holy Communion

6.30pm St Mary's Ideford – Evening Service

Future events open to everyone across the Mission Community

Saturday Jan 18th 10am - Julian Meeting –
St James for silent prayer. All welcome.

Sunday Jan 26th 2.30pm – 'St James' to Santiago': St James' church An illustrated talk on the historic links between St James' church in Teignmouth and the great pilgrimage route to the shrine of St James' in Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in Northern Spain. Entrance free but donations, to St James' Roof and Lantern repair fund, will be appreciated. Refreshments will be available.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

This will take place on Mon. 13 Jan. in the Bowden Room at the Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow, EX6 7WA, covering Basic and Foundation modules for **any PCC members who need to take or renew them**. Training takes about 2.5 hours including a break: arrival 9.45 for a 10am start; finish 12.30pm. The Rev'd Marisa Cockfield will lead the session. After the session those who attend should let their Sue Harvey know, giving the date of the training, so the parish Safeguarding Dashboards can be updated

Revs Elizabeth and Peter Burren Elizabeth and Peter are leaving the Haldon Mission Community to broaden their training opportunities. Their placements are to become permanent. Elizabeth will be in the Haldon Hill Mission Community a very rural Benefice with Rev Ruth Frampton. Peter has been working with the RD&E, Exeter University and Unlimited and will continue there. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them around as they'll still be living in Teignmouth.

Pewsheets submissions by 10am please on Thursday to office: office@haldonteam.org.uk
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