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Teignmouth,  
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Shaldon and Ringmore*

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

## **Welcome to our churches Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Third Sunday of Epiphany**

### **Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6, 8-10**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading..... And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

### **1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

### **Luke 4. 14-21**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the

Captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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**

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Requests to Guide Your Prayers**

(Please contact clergy for inclusion)

**Residential home:** Bishopsteignton House

**The healing and wholeness of:** Nicholas Brixton, Chris Newton, David Wright (St Michael's), Len Parkyn, Verity Langley and Pamela Langley.

**Circle of Care:** Andy Dyson, Maggie Halford, Margaret Baxter, Yvonne Crispin, Tony Corlett, Janet Paget, Max Guy, Marion Delaney, Nobby Bray and Cynthia Mosely.

**The recently departed and their family and friends:** Iris Miller, Teresa Cleary, Andrew Snell, Mary Perry, John Perryman, Jacob Prowse, David Williams and Geoff McAllister

### **Services During the week**

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am - St Michael's: Holy Communion.  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30 Morning Prayer St Peters

## **Services Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

9.30am - St Michael: Holy Communion  
9.30am - St Nicholas: Holy Communion  
10.30am – Bishop : Methodist Church Service  
11.00am – St James: Holy Communion with healing  
11.00am – St Peter's: Holy Communion  
11.00am - St Michael's: Family Praise  
4.30pm St Mary's Ideford – Evening Service

### **Future events open to everyone across the Mission Community**

**'St James' to Santiago'** Sun. Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm –at 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.

### **Sunday Lunch Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

12.30pm Upper Narthex, St Micheal's. Roast beef with vegetables and choc pud  
Please sign the list by the door in St Michael's.

**"Come Follow Me"** – A Quiet Day in the Ignatian Tradition at St Peter's Church, Shaldon, TQ14 0DB  
Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10 - 3pm.

Come and explore Jesus' unique invitation to you to follow Him.

Drawing on some spiritual practices of St Ignatius of Loyola, we will spend time with scripture, led meditation, silence, optional times for sharing and an invitation to creativity. With Nicola Smedley, spiritual director and trainer, [www.artsd.org.uk](http://www.artsd.org.uk)  
Book: Malcolm [watsonmaladie@aol.com](mailto:watsonmaladie@aol.com), 873492 or Lesley [rosshell1@btinternet.com](mailto:rosshell1@btinternet.com) 01803 324150.  
Bring your own lunch; hot drinks provided.  
Donations for peace in our world.

**Administrator Appointment.** Sarah Whitty has been appointed as our new administrator and will start on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. See her bio on the website.

Pewsheets submissions by 10am please on Thurs to  
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