

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

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

Welcome to our churches Sunday 1st December **Advent Sunday**

Jeremiah 33. 14-16

The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21. 25-36

The Coming of the Son of Man

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world,

for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Exhortation to Watch

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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. Amen

Post Communion Collect

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. Amen

Services During the week

Tues 3rd 9:30am St Michael's Holy Communion. Wed 4th 10:00am St John's Holy Communion (said) followed by Coffee Cup at 10:45am.

Future Team Services

Advent Sunday: Dec 1st 4:30pm Candlelight Service at St.Michael's with carols, readings, choir pieces. A lovely way to still ourselves for the Advent season.

Services Next Sunday 8th December Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am - St James Holy Communion
9.30am - St Michael Holy Communion
9.30am - St Nicholas Patronal Holy Communion.
9.30am - Bishop Family Communion
11.00am - St James Morning Worship
4.00pm - St Michael's RNLI Carol Service with Christingle

Requests to Guide Your Prayers

(Please contact clergy for inclusion)

Residential home: Westlands

The healing and wholeness of: Nicholas Brixton, Anne Roper, Nobby Bray , Margaret Baxter, Andy Harding, Chris Newton, Len Parkyn, Liz Fuell and Pamela Langley.

Circle of Care: Andy Dyson, Maggie Halford, Yvonne Crispin, Eric Crocker, Tony Corlett, Janet Paget, Max Guy and Marion Delaney.

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

Thank you to those who have given feedback about our **new pewsheet.** If you would like to let us know your thoughts please email the office or speak to a member of clergy.

Pewsheet submissions by 10am please on Thurs to office <u>office@haldonteam.org.uk</u> <u>www.haldonteam.org.uk</u> <u>www.facebook.com/haldonmission</u>

Making church thrive

Revs Carol and Dave are working to support day to day working in our churches and particularly our wardens. St Michael's have just appointed 2 Asst CWs Lesley Heffer and Derek Whitty and St John's are supporting the idea of having CWs for the day/duty wardens working in teams. Shaldon is also looking at ideas. Tell us what you think.

Future events open to everyone across the Mission Community

Dorcas Group for bereaved people and supporters:

Mon 2nd Dec outing to Tavistock Christmas Tree Festival. Seats still available. Leaving at 9.45am returning 3pm, cost £24 * Thurs 12th Dec 12pm Christmas Lunch for members at Tradewinds, cost £20 *

* Contact Christine Marsh 01626 772561 to book both the above.

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

Shaldon Singers Christmas Concert at St

Peter's Sat 7th Dec 7:00pm Tickets £12 (£16 with refreshments) Concessions from Bradley's Shaldon, Teign Music or WeGotTickets.com.

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: <u>teignmouthyouthchoir@gmail.com</u>

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Rev'd Ruth Frampton Rector of the Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community is holding a Safeguarding Training session in Christow Community Hall in January 2025. The date has yet to be confirmed. Please let Sue Harvey know if you are interested in attending. email:

<u>safeguarding@haldonteam.org.uk.</u> Refreshments will be provided.