



Sunday 15 January 2023

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Sun 15 Jan Second Sunday of Epiphany	8am Morning Prayer
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion https://youtu.be/XHI0ijclD8

Thanks go to:



Warm Space team
and Ukrainian
support group

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm

Tues 17 Jan	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in the church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>knit and natter in the church – all welcome</i>
	12.30-2.30pm Mini First Aid course <i>in the hall</i>
Wed 18 Jan	9am Holy Communion <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	12-5pm Warm Space <i>in the church</i>
Fri 20 Jan	10-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>'Bake Off' in the Hall</i>
Sun 22 Jan	8am Holy Communion <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' <i>all welcome!</i>

Readings for today

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours:

³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – ⁶God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1: 29-43

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’ ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, “A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.” ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.’

³²Then John gave this testimony: ‘I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.” ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.’

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God!’

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, ‘What do you want?’

They said, ‘Rabbi’ (which means ‘Teacher’), ‘where are you staying?’

³⁹‘Come,’ he replied, ‘and you will see.’

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas’ (which, when translated, is Peter).

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

News & Events



'Hope Explored' Course: 3 sessions - Hope, Peace and Purpose. A great way to explore the Christian faith in the New Year. Contact the office or speak to the clergy to find out more.

Torquay Community Larder is short of loo rolls! Also long-life milk, tinned potatoes, veg, meat. All donations much appreciated. Thank you.



Warm space – is open every Wednesday from 12-5pm - everyone welcome! Come and have some lovely soup, hot drinks, chat...

Winter Fuel Allowance Would anyone like to donate some or all of their fuel allowance to help those who are in need this winter? If you are in the PGS scheme, you can call them to change it for one payment by phoning: 03330 021260, or, if paying by BACS, the Church's account details are: Sort Code: 40-52-40, Account No. 00017933 Please mark your payment 'Winter Fuel'. Thank you.

Winter Night Shelter – a new initiative starting in the New Year being run across the Bay and based at the ROC Centre, Old Mill Road, Torquay. If you feel able to volunteer or would like more information please contact Mark Gridley at newfootingsministries@gmail.com or phone 07712 892735.

Mini First Aid Course Tues 17 Jan 12.30-2.30pm in the Hall A two-hour course aimed at parents, grandparents and carers of babies and young children - run by the award-winning Liz Watt from **Mini First Aid Devon**. The course covers choking, CPR, bleeding, burns and much more... it is a real must particularly with all the concerns around ambulance response times. Cost £20. Please book by calling Lena on 01803 295268.

Felice anno nuovo at Amici Restaurant 7 February 2023 We hope you can join the Friends for the annual New Year meal at Amici. Mauro Pettinelli and his team are offering their traditional Italian welcome and we are taking bookings now. Speak to Christine after the service on Sunday morning or Rob Newman on 07305 681522.

Generators for Ukraine – can you help raise enough money to buy generators for hospitals, churches, community centres, children's homes and more? See this link for more info - appeal led by Charlie Allansen and Keith Yelland <https://gofund.me/042640a7>

Please pray for the PCC as it meets this coming Monday. Agenda items include discerning next steps after the recent survey; reviewing the pattern of services; and the needs of our 'music', 'treasury' and 'children & young people' teams. Please contact the church office if you wanted to comment in advance of the meeting. Thank you.

Christmas Collection Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Christmas charities. Almost £900 was raised and will be shared between Compassion (for the food crisis appeal in Ethiopia) and The Good Samaritan Fund (going to the Child Crisis Centre in Kisoro Uganda).

Prayers

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

Sun Congratulations to Nathan Kiyaga on being awarded the British Empire Medal and he says "let us keep running this race (Christian race) until heaven and earth are one".

Mon The PCC meet tonight. Pray that they will have vision, courage and unity in their discussion and decision making.

Tue Please remember to pray for all the work amongst little people – Mummy and Me; toddlers; messy church; and also not so little the youth club and all involved with young people.

Wed Please pray for women and girls in many countries where they have very reduced rights and opportunities. Pray for men in these countries that they may be bold in supporting women. Pray for cultural change.

Thu Nicci Maxwell, our CMS Linked Mission Partner working at Kisoro, Uganda. Pray for good health, safety in her travelling, wisdom in leading the work in the hospitals, and good friendships.

Fri Whatever the merits of the strike actions, it is having severe adverse consequences on many people and businesses. Pray for resolutions and fair outcomes.

Sat The NHS is under distinctive pressures. Pray for all who work in health and social care, all in hospital or needing treatment, for those particularly vulnerable and for a way forward to be found for the future of our NHS and social care services.

Sun Pray that the beauty of Jesus be reflected in all that we do, think and say in our Parochial life.

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