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Sun 15 Feb	<i>No 8am Holy Communion today - do join us at the 11am if you can</i>
	9.30am Explore Together
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://tinyurl.com/4cxzexkf
Mon 16 Feb	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Tues 17 Feb	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	<i>No Toddlers today (half term)</i>
	<i>No Knits today (half term)</i>
	1-4pm Crafternoon – <i>fun arts and crafts – see note over</i>
Wed 18 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY	<i>No 9am Holy Communion – do join us at 7pm if you can</i>
	12-2pm Welcome Space – <i>coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
	7pm Holy Communion
Fri 20 Feb	<i>No Mummy & Me today (half term)</i>
	<i>No Youth Club today (half term)</i>
Sun 22 Feb <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30pm'



Collect Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory. in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and meet on ZOOM using this link: tinyurl.com/2t56wex5
You are welcome to join us!
The words we use can be found here, with an audio version: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f



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Readings

Romans 12: 3-8 “Gifts for service”

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Sermon Outline:

Discovering our “shape”

1. Ability
2. Personality
3. Passion

Where am I?

1. Life story
2. Service opportunity

Service in action

1. Many areas of service
2. “Everyone can do it” jobs
3. Jobs tailored for you

John 13:1-5,12-17

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

News

We are DELIGHTED to let you know (if you have not yet heard!) that Rev Stephen Yates has been appointed as our next Rector. Many will know him and we look forward to welcoming him with Victoria at his licensing on 21st July (*details of which will follow*).

Dates for your diary



Crafternoon- Tuesday 17th February, 1pm-4pm. A fun afternoon of art and crafts for anyone aged 5 to 95! Pick from a wide variety of activities with various skill levels. Children must be supervised by a grown up.

Heating in the Church To help keep the church warmer, if at all possible, please can you enter and leave the church up the ramp and via the linkway.



Church Cleaning Saturday 7th March (10am – 1pm)

Please come along to give the church a 'spring clean'. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits. Come for as little or as long as you can. Sign up today! For more information please speak to Sheila Sherriff. Thank you.



Dine out Sundays By popular request we will be back at the Central Conservative Club in Torquay, at 1.15pm on **Sunday 22nd February**. For more information or to book please contact Gill 07709 727714.

Lent Course: "How to be an overcomer" Tuesday evenings (7 for 7.30pm until 9pm beginning with refreshments) and Wednesday mornings (10.00 – 11.30). Looking at the early life of King David led by Revd Andrew Green, Feb 24th/25th, Mar 3rd/4th, 10th/11th, 17th/18th and 24th/25th

Thursday 26th February - Missions Action evening with Girls Allowed in the hall with coffee and desserts at 6.30pm, followed by Linda Townsend talking about her recent exciting mission trip. Please let Judi know if you're hoping to come so that we have enough dessert! judithstannard@outlook.com

Saturday 28th Feb @ 7.30pm Jonathan Veira **'Not Dead Yet'** An musical celebration full of life, love and laughter. QR code for more information. Hope Church, Dawlish 01626 923365



Wed 25th March @ 7pm at Upton Vale Church – with special guest **Graham Kendrick** - an uplifting evening of worship and prayer for our nation. 7-9.30pm
To book: visit Eventbrite (tickets are free): <https://tinyurl.com/4drfwhh8>



Alpha is a space to unpack the basics of the Christian faith together.

You can find out more here <https://alpha.org.uk/>

We plan to run an 8 week course after Easter – please have a word with one of the clergy to find out more.





Rising Lights Gathering for five days in Torquay to hear God's word, to praise our risen Saviour, and to rest. With plenty for adults, teens, and kids.



A major Christian conference is taking place in Torquay, **6-10 April**, and everyone is welcome. With leading speakers there will be Bible study, talks, activities for all ages and separate provision for different age groups of children and young people. Organised by FIEC but for everyone, *Rising Lights* is a chance for us to gather as believers, to be refreshed, and to grow in our faith.

There's too much for us to put here, but check out [the website](#) and this [video on YouTube](#) BOOKING for Children closes **23rd Feb**, and at the moment the 6-18 months and 8-9 years groups are **FULL**. tinyurl.com/4zzvtwmc

Prayers for the week

- Mon** Praise God that Stephen Yates, known to many of us when he was our curate, has accepted the post to be our new Rector. Pray for Stephen, Victoria and the family as they prepare to move into the Rectory in the summer and to start his ministry.
- Tues** Continue to pray for Ukraine and the awful suffering of the people there.
- Wed** Pray for the leaders of our country and other countries. Pray that they will look to you for guidance and not rely on their own strength to do what is right for their people.
- Thurs** Pray for all Christian ministry in Torquay that people of all ages will be led to commit themselves to Our Lord.
- Fri** Pray for the work of our missionary Nicci Maxwell and for the children she is helping in South Sudan.
- Sat** Pray for all preparing to take part in the services tomorrow, may they be guided by your Spirit.
- Sun** **Ephesians 1v 17**...keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious father, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

PCC POINTS OF PRAYER

The PCC held a meeting on Monday, 12 January and prayer is requested for:

Pray for the many opportunities we have to share the love of Jesus with our community; for the amazing volunteers who sacrifice their time to put on the different events.

Pray for the financial situation of the church – that people will feel led by God to give generously, to enable us to continue to use the building for worship and to serve our community.

The minutes of our previous PCC meeting dated 10 November 2025 can be found on the notice board in the Hall.