



Sunday 8 January 2023
@ PPT Bovey Tracey & St Mary's Hennock



The Vicar writes:

May I wish you a belated Happy New Year! As we return to familiar routines- work, school and church life, let us resolve to keep the Lord
Happy new Year!

January 2023

8 Sun

Baptism of Christ: *Seeing and Believing.*

PPT	9.30am	bible readings: Rev 5.1-10, John 1.29-51
	11.00am	Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
	5.00pm	Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
		Prayer & Praise (Lord's Supper): Rev Graham Hamilton
	6.00pm	Youth Alpha starts in the Church Room
	7.00pm	14-18's in Church Room

St Mary's

	11.00am	bible readings: Mal 4.1-6, John.1.19-34
		Holy Communion: Can. Michael Sansom

9 Mon

	12.30pm	Friendship Lunch @Stover Golf Club.
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	6.30pm	Wise Guys @Bovey Youth Cafe.
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10 Tues

	9.30am	Mum's Bible Study PPT Church Room.
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11 Wed

	10.00am	Midweek Communion in the Church Room
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	7.00pm	Zoom Prayer Group -Carolyn Laycock
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Zoom details : Meeting ID 798 8172 6648:
Passcode 9zz8xcmeets

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12 Thu

	7.00am	Men's Breakfast in Church Room
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13 Fri

	9.00am	Morning Prayer Zoom- - Rev Graham Hamilton
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	9.45am	1st Steps in Church Room.
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14 Sat

	12 noon	Thanksgiving Service for Anne Brown
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Epiphany 2-*Sign of the Wine*

Bible readings: Isa.62.1-5, John 2.1-12

15 Sun

	9.30am	Sunday Praise (HC): Rev Paul Reynolds.
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	11.00am	Morning Worship: Rev Paul Reynolds
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	5.00pm	Prayer & Praise: Mr Mark Alexander
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	7.00pm	14-18s in the Church Room
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St Mary's

		Bible Readings: Rev 5.1-10, John 1.35-51
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	11.00am	Morning Prayer: Rev Graham Hamilton.
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Reading the Bible day by day:

If we want our faith to be established firmly, we need to know God's word of grace. There will be a range of bible reading notes for adults, families, teens available to purchase on Sunday (last opportunity!) , and there are many home groups, and daily prayer online or in person.

Mission Focus for January -the Christian Institute (www.christian.org.uk)

Our mission focus this month is the **Christian Institute**, which seeks to uphold Christian influence in the UK for the common good in a secular society.

You will find regular resource and prayer sheets at the back of church.

This month there are special briefings on **being salt and light in education** : at Living Waters Church, 358 Torquay Road, Paington on Tuesday 17 January at 6.30pm, and Beacon Baptist Church, 11 Peverll Park, Plymouth on Thursday 19 January at 9.30am.

You can book places at education@christian.org.uk

The Institute is asking people to respond to an **urgent consultation** on the introduction of Euthanasia in Jersey: please [click this link](#) to find out how to respond by Sat 14 January.

All gifts in the collection plate this month go to Christian Institute.

Exploring Faith:

We are still planning to run the **Christianity Explored** course, but we have delayed the start date until Friday 20 January at 7.30pm in the church room. Speak to Graham if interested in coming, or bringing a friend.

The **Youth Alpha** course starts on Sunday 8 January at 6pm in the church room. Speak to Angie, if you are interested in attending.

The Men's Curry night is on Saturday 14th January at PPT Church hall, Bovey Tracey. 7pm Start. If possible please book in advance using the Eventbrite link here

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mens-curry-night-at-ppt-14th-jan-7pm-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mens-curry-night-at-ppt-14th-jan-7pm-tickets-506602340237)

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The cost is £7.50 (cash) on the night. Please feel free to invite a friend. The evenings are very welcoming and include a meal and someone sharing about the life and faith.

Collect for the First Sunday of Epiphany:

Eternal Father,

who at the baptism of Jesus

revealed him to be your Son,

anointing him with the Holy Spirit:

grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,

that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;

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.

Prayer List: Mary Bambridge, Diana James, Rob Martin, Ruth Parnell, Theresa Samuels, Laura Smith, Helen Wray

In Memory: John Little, Anne Brown

Study Questions:

Icebreaker: Which is the most urgent of the many problems in the world? Who might be able to solve them?

Read Jn 1.29-51. We meet some of the future disciples of Jesus. How are they connected, and who introduces them to Jesus? (vv. 35, 41, 45)

What parts of Jesus' story, familiar from gospels like Mark, Matthew and Luke, does John not tell us? Does he expect us to know the story from the other gospels?

How do they describe Jesus to one another? (vv 36, 41, 45, 49).

How does Philip cope with a difficult question he can't answer? v.46

These verses are packed with a depth of Old Testament expectation. John provides a translation of many Jewish terms ('rabbi', 'Messiah', amen') - why?

How does Jesus describe himself ? v.51

The gospel of John has already raised the theme of people's reluctance to believe in Jesus (1.4, 10-11). Why do these disciples come to faith so easily and quickly?

<p>Mon 9 Jan Ps 89 10-29, Exodus 14.15-22 Pray for the Friendship Lunch at Stover Golf Club this afternoon, that it may bring Christian hope and fellowship to those who feel isolated.</p>
<p>Tue 10 Jan Ps 9, Amos 2. Give thanks for the work of Homeless in Teignbridge food bank, and the food hub at Bovey Methodist Church, and pray that none may go hungry this winter.</p>
<p>Wed 11 Jan Ps 20, Amos 3. Pray for the House of Bishops as they prepare for crucial decisions to be brought to General Synod in February, for them to uphold the ancient and universal teaching of the church.</p>
<p>Thu 12 Jan Ps 21, Amos 4. Give thanks for the work of the Christian Institute, and pray that Euthanasia and assisted suicide may not be introduced into the UK through the state of Jersey.</p>
<p>Fri 13 Jan Ps 67, Amos 5.1-17. Pray for the revival and renewal of the church in this land, that we may preach good news with confidence, and demonstrate the love of God in our lives and actions.</p>
<p>Sat 14 Jan Ps 33, Amos 5.18-end Give thanks for the faith and service of Anne Brown, and pray for her family and friends at the Thanksgiving service today.</p>
<p>Sun 15 January Ps Ps 145,1-12, Jeremiah 1.4-10 Pray for our Sunday services to inspire and build up Christians in their walk with the Lord, and pray that visitors may see the glory of Jesus more clearly.</p>

Application:

What would you say about Jesus in relation to the world's problems - how is he the answer?

Who could you invite to find out more about Jesus? How could you do that today?

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