



**Sunday 26th January 2024**  
 @ PPT Bovey Tracey & St Mary's Hennock



**The Vicar writes:**

Dear friends,  
 the installation of the new lighting at PPT is now complete, although we still have to set up the different lighting 'scenes'. Our next priority is the church heating. The PCC has agreed that the first phase is to instal electrical under-pew heaters. These are a safe, simple and economical way to keep you warm in the pews, and we estimate this phase will cost about £30,000, but they will not provide warmth in other areas of the church building, which would be addressed in a second phase. We are hoping to raise funds and attract a matching grant of up to £10,000 from a national church fund called 'Give to Go Green'. If you are interested in being part of a small team to raise these funds, please speak to me as soon as possible.

yours in Christ,  
 Graham

**26th**

**3rd of Epiphany: *Good News from Galilee***

Bible readings: Isaiah 9.1-7, Matthew 4.12-25.

9.30am Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton  
 11.00am Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton  
 5.00pm Prayer and Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton  
 7.00pm 14-18's in Church room

St Mary's

Bible readings: Isaiah 42.1-9, Matthew 3.13-4.11.  
 11.00am Morning Worship- Mrs Carolyn Laycock.

27 Mon

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom  
 11.00am Funeral of Mrs Theresa Tinsley in church  
 6.30pm Wise Guys in Bovey Youth Cafe.

29 Wed

10.00am Holy Communion - Rev Graham Hamilton  
 1.30pm '**Welcome Wednesday**' in the Church Room

30 Thu

7.00am Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Room

31 Fri

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom  
 10.00am Friday Friends group in the Church Room  
 7.30pm *Simply Christianity* Course continues in church room

**February  
 2nd**

**Candlemas: *Light of the World***

Bible readings: Revelation 7.9-16, Matthew 5.1-16

9.30am Sunday Praise- Rev David Harris  
 11.00am Holy Communion- Rev David Harris  
 5.00pm Prayer and Praise- Mr Robin Alexander.

St Mary's

Bible readings: Isaiah 9.1-4, Matt 4.12-25.  
 11.00am Holy Communion- Rev Graham Hamilton.

Please join us for Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9.00am on Mondays and Fridays. It lasts no more than half an hour. It's simple to join: just click [here](#) to join Morning Prayer, or enter the ID 986 2130 8247 and Passcode: 102020

**New to PPT?** We email this bulletin every week (with [working hyper-links](#)) to the members of the Church Family Roll. If you would like to receive this, to join the electoral roll, or find out more what it means to be part of the church family, then please complete a "Connect" card in church, or email [office@pptbovey.church](mailto:office@pptbovey.church)

**Our Mission focus for January is the Christian Institute.** All gifts in the collection plate or using Contactless go to our monthly mission focus. Gifts in yellow Gift Aid envelopes are for the general church funds.

**Coffee Costs:** Several congregation members have asked for a way to contribute to refreshment costs. We want hospitality to be free for all who come, but donations are always welcome. There will be a small box available at each Sunday service for these contributions, or a marked envelope can be passed to the treasurer or wardens .

#### **Thank you from Bovey Youth Cafe.**

On behalf of BTYAction Trustees, all our staff and of course our young People please pass our very grateful thanks to the congregations and PCC at PPT for the most generous donation to our finances. It is so much appreciated at this time of rising costs and will help us pursue our goal of supporting Bovey's younger generation. *John Midgley.*

**Welcome Wednesdays:** every Wednesday in term-time from 1.30pm to 3pm, for all ages 0-99 - toys, friends, chat, cuppa and cake.

**Mum's Bible study** meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 9.30am in the church room: pre-school children are welcome!

**Youth Leaders-SWYM** is launching a brand-new online discipleship academy for 15–19-year-olds who want to go deeper in their faith, character, and leadership, to become "pioneers of change". The programme consists of online teaching sessions with great speakers), practical challenges and mentoring as part of their local church life. The 5 sessions will take place over Zoom from 7.30-9pm between February and June 2025. For more information: <https://swym.org.uk/event/tagpioneers> or get in contact with our Youth Advocate, Jonny ([jonny.schnarr@swym.org.uk](mailto:jonny.schnarr@swym.org.uk)).

#### **Catechism Question: Where is God's Law found?**

God's Law is found written in the Bible and in our hearts.

When Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness,." (Romans 2.14-15)

**Peninsular Gospel Partnership Study Day:** Mr Robin Sydserff will be speaking at New Life Church, Bodmin on the book of Daniel, on Thu 13 February. **Tickets here** for £11.50.

**Prayer List:** John Ayre, Robbie Beauchamp, Julie Bowen, Nina Coleby-Clarke, Betty Dewart, Hillary Ellery, Barry Jarvis, Rachel Knightly, Marguerite Mason, Noah Maynard, Mathew Percy, Ronald Percy, George Smith, Rose Tyrrell.

**In Memory-** Mary Gray, David Horrell, Molly Lockley, Brian Mason.

### Third Sunday in Epiphany

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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

### Study questions on Matthew 4.12-25

**Icebreaker:** Who do you 'follow'? (eg magazine/newspaper columnists, social media). What is the cost of doing so? (e.g subscription fee, embarrassment)

Read Matthew 4.12-25

Why does Jesus withdraw from Galilee? What was he doing in Judaea beforehand? (cf Jn 3.22-24)

Why does Jesus move from Nazareth to Capernaum? (cf Mt 13.54-58)

What is the significance of Galilee and the quotation of Isaiah 9.1-2?

How does Jesus' ministry compare with the ministry of John the Baptist? (compare Mt 3.2 and Mt 4.17). How does it differ? (note especially Mt 4.23)

How does Galilee respond to the ministry of Jesus? (4.25, but also 11.20-24, 13.53-58)

How wide an impact does Jesus have? Are there any areas/towns that Jesus never visits?

Focus on vv 18-22: Why do the men respond to Jesus "immediately"? Had they met Jesus before? (Jn 1.35-41)

What does their obedience cost them?

What does their obedience profit them? (Jn 6.68, Ps 27.4)

How and why does Jesus focus on these four men?

When is Jesus ever alone in the gospel? (Mt 26.37-30)

How does investing his time in them (and the twelve) help to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven?

What is Jesus calling them to be and to do? (cf Mk 3.14)

What is our calling?

How can we spend time with Jesus?

What has it cost us, and may cost in future?

How will following Jesus profit us?

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.



<p><b>Mon 27 Jan Ps 108, Hosea 2.18-end of 3.</b> For the family of Theresa Tinsley, whose funeral is held at PPT this morning. For Holocaust Memorial Day</p>
<p><b>Tue 28 Jan: Ps 36, Hosea 4.1-16.</b> Give thanks for the careful research work of the Christian Institute, and for their legal defence team who support Christians suffering discrimination for their faith.</p>
<p><b>Wed 29 Jan Ps 46, Hosea 5.1-7</b> Pray that we would remember all those whose lives are affected by genocide and that we would not be influenced by those who would distort or deny the past.</p>
<p><b>Thur 30 Jan Ps 47, Hosea 5.8-6.6.</b> Give thanks for the ceasefire in Gaza and pray that negotiations will continue so as to bring a peaceful settlement.</p>
<p><b>Fri 31 Ps 65, Hosea 6.7-7.2</b> For those attending 'Simply Christianity' course to find a deep and living faith in Christ.</p>
<p><b>Sat 1st Feb Ps 68, Hosea 8</b> Pray that anyone living with an addiction will seek and find support from the many organisations and the NHS who offer to help them.</p>
<p><b>Sun 2nd Feb Ps 48, Exodus 13.1-16</b> Pray for us to answer Christ's call to follow him and be content to serve where he sends or leaves us</p>

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