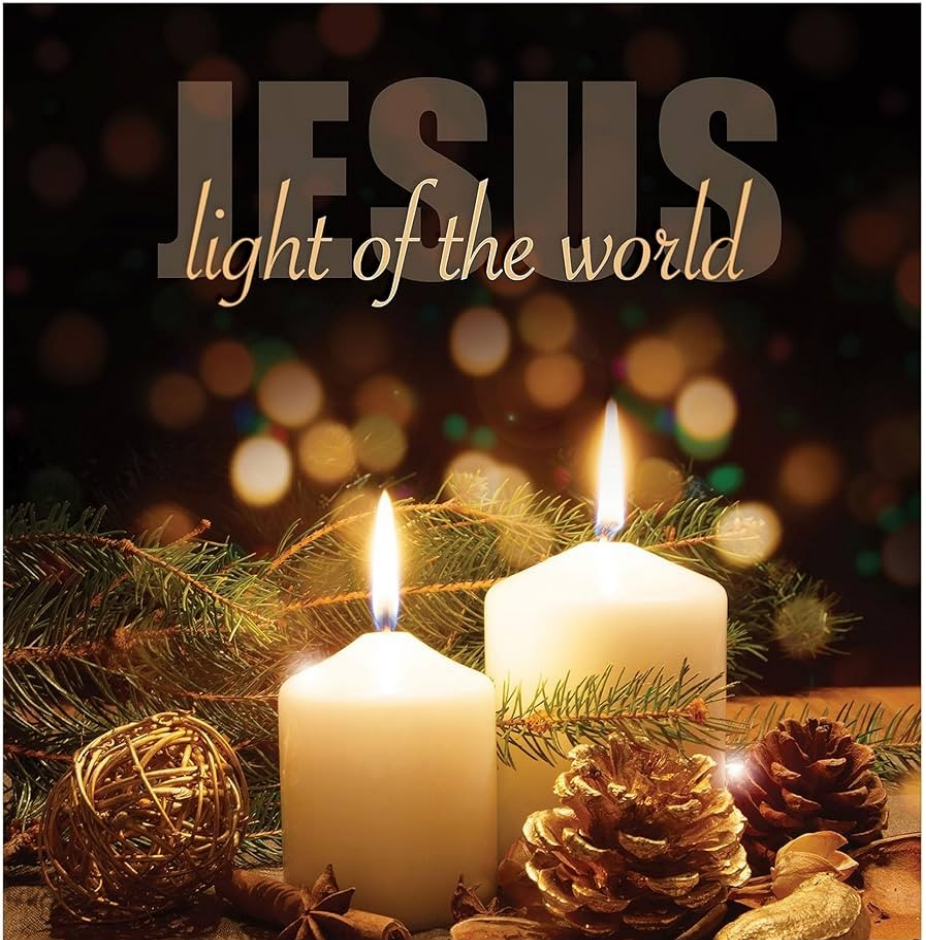


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Furrough Cross
United Reformed Church

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REGULAR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday Services and Junior Church: Sundays at 10.30 am.

Communion on 1st Sunday of each month.

Midweek Worship: Wednesdays at 2.30 pm.

Messy Church: 2nd Friday of each month (not August) 4 to 6 pm.

Friday Coffee: Every Friday 10.00 - 12.00.

First Friday Film: 1st Friday of each month 2.00pm (not Jun-Aug)

Bereavement and Friendship Group: 4th Thursday of each month,
10.30 am - 12.00 pm.

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EDITORIAL

Roy Cadoux

At the end of September, St Mary's at St Marychurch had an open afternoon with the opportunity to climb up the tower, which of course I couldn't resist. We probably think we know our neighbourhood, but looking down on this end of Torquay from 137ft above showed it in a very new perspective (see pictures on page 16).



I think there are many situations which we should perhaps look at from a different perspective. In personal and family relationships, can we try and see things from the other person's point of view? Within our church, do we respect the views of others when they differ from our own? In national politics, do we automatically reject the policies of the other parties without properly thinking about them?

And internationally, can we try and understand the feelings of ordinary people in Gaza, in Israel, in Lebanon, in Ukraine, in Russia? Perhaps most difficult for me at the moment, can we see things from the perspective of the majority in USA who voted for Mr Trump as President?

At the first Christmas, God enabled us to see Him from an amazing new perspective – He showed that above all He is a God of love, prepared to send His own Son to live on earth as one of us. Jesus taught us how to follow Him, and was ultimately to die a horrible death to save us.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem, to see the Lord appear to men -
just as poor as was the stable then, the Prince of glory when He came.*

© Michael Perry

Heather had an emergency visit to Torbay Hospital last month. Although it was after 11pm on a Saturday night, A&E surprisingly was fairly quiet and we were seen in Triage quite quickly. (She was back home the next day after treatment for an infection.)

The last time I was in A&E was because I had inadvertently drunk most of a bottle of invisible ink. It took ages before I was seen.

Very happy Christmas and every blessing for 2025 to all our readers.

Roy Cadoux

FROM THE MINISTER

Rev Heather Cadoux



Dear Friends,

This edition of the magazine covers the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025. I wonder what things you will be glad to see the end of, and what things you will be looking forward to in the new year.

For several of the families that are known to the church this year's Christmas celebrations will not be quite as expected as there will be a space at the table. Please remember in your prayers the Meaden, Parrott, Beachamp, Duke, Mason and Roberts (who attend Messy Church) families, and any other families you are aware of who will be missing someone for the first time this year.

This time of year often reminds us of those who are missing from the family group and we feel that loss again. As I have done in previous years I will be offering a quiet Christmas service on Saturday 7th December at 11am. Everyone is welcome, particularly if you are experiencing loss or find the joys of the season a challenge.

I often suggest to families following a death to do something different when it comes to the first birthday, anniversary or seasonal event. It can help in navigating the grief during the first year.

In church we will be doing Advent differently. We no longer have children who are able to take part in a festival service. Last year those who have in the past joined us were busy either at the church they normally attend on a Sunday, or because the church school they attend was involved in an event that day.

I had hoped to produce an Advent booklet but as there has been a flurry of extra services I've not had time to finish the booklet to a standard ready for printing, so instead I will use the story of the Jesse Tree as the basis for our Advent services. Our Candles by Candlelight service on the 15th December will be the first of our festive celebrations, and will be followed by seasonal refreshments. If the dark nights mean you'd prefer

not to drive but would like to be at the service do let me know and we'll do our best to arrange lifts. Christmas celebrations will continue on Christmas morning at 10.30.

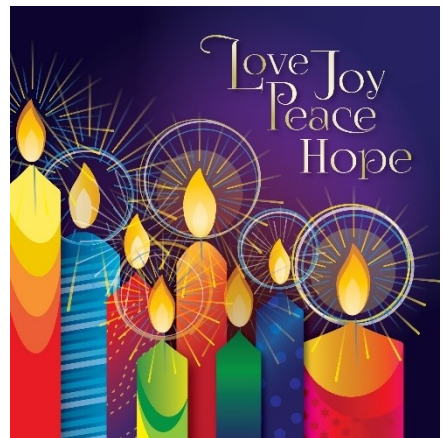
As a new year dawns there's an opportunity for those who have had a trying time to draw a line under the past year and start again with a clean page, making an effort not to repeat mistakes of the previous year.

The new year may bring the promise of celebratory events, a special birthday or anniversary, a family wedding or the addition of a new baby in the family. Roy and I are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our third grandchild due sometime in January. For our daughter Sarah and her husband Chris it will be their first child, and yes we do know it is going to be a boy. Their lives are going to be transformed by this new arrival.

Another transformation will happen at the end of June. In 2025, having had the goalposts moved several times as I'm a WASPI woman, I will be eligible for the state pension on my birthday. As Roy and I did not get much time together before babies arrived (Tim was born the day after our first Wedding Anniversary!) we have decided that I will retire so that we can spend more time together and do some of those things that were not easy with children in tow, and I can rekindle some of the hobbies that I've had to put on the back burner during my time in ministry.

The elders and I have already begun thinking together about what things we need to have in place to ensure that Furrough Cross URC is in as good a place as it can be on my retirement.

Whatever this year has brought you and whatever may lay in wait for you next year, may the light of the Christ Child fill your heart, and may you know that whatever happens and wherever life may lead you, God is with each and every one of us. He has called us by name and promised that no matter what He will never leave us. He is right with us through thick and thin.



Oh and before I sign off for this year may I invite you to the Manse Open House on Saturday 14th December. We will be open to guests between 10 - 12 and 2 - 4. Join us for festive refreshments and conversation. Let us know if you'd like a lift.

May you know the hope, peace, joy and love that this time of year brings.

Love to you all

Heather

Prayer shawls

You may have noticed some shawls at the back of church. They have been knitted and crocheted with prayer and were given to me to distribute to those in need. You are welcome to take one either for yourself or someone you know who would appreciate being wrapped in prayer.

Elder's election

At our Annual General Church Meeting in March the church will be electing elders, who amongst other things will oversee the practicalities of day to day, pastoral and spiritual needs of members and friends.

All those who have been a church member for more than a year are eligible for election. Elders are elected for a three-year term and can be re-elected for a further term if they choose to re-stand. Of course, if situations change elders can stand down before their term is up. I would encourage you to pray about the election and who you might nominate, and if this is something you could take on either for the first time or for another term if you have already been ordained as an elder. This church will need a strong team to guide the church through the time that will follow my retirement.

BIRTHDAYS

December: Jaime Navarro; Janet Dart; Betty Spragg;
Carole Doney; Paul Madge.

January: Linda Hall; Christine Powell; Joyce Peters.

MANSE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is welcome to join Heather and Roy at home on Saturday 14th December, we'd love to see you. Just drop in any time between 10am and midday or 2-4 pm and enjoy some festive refreshments and conversation. If you need a lift do let us know.

QUIET CHRISTMAS SERVICE Saturday 7th December 11am

Do you find all the joy that surrounds Christmas a challenge? Perhaps you have lost someone dear to you and Christmas just isn't Christmas without them. Perhaps your life at this point in time is challenging and you just don't feel like celebrating. Then the Quiet Christmas service is for you.

The service gives an opportunity to pause and acknowledge the tough things that are happening in our lives and remember that it was for just this reason that Jesus came into the world for us in all the frustration, mess and hurt, to remind us that God cares and we are important to him.

Everyone is welcome to come, share in the service and in a time of fellowship with festive refreshment after the service.



"ROTTEN SWIZZ! NOT EVEN ONE CHORUS OF 'JINGLE BELLS'!"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 6 th Dec	2.00pm	First Friday Film: a Christmas surprise
Saturday 7 th Dec	11.00am	Quiet Service
Friday 13 th Dec	3.45pm	Messy Church
Saturday 14 th Dec	10am-12 and 2-4pm	Manse Open House
Sunday 15 th Dec	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Wed 18 th Dec	2.30pm	Wednesday Worship Christmas Special
Thursday 19 th Dec	10.00am	Pre-School Christmas presentation
Thursday 19 th Dec	10.30am	Bereavement Drop-In
Wed 25 th Dec	10.30am	Christmas Day Family Service
Friday 3 rd Jan	2.00pm	First Friday Film
Friday 10 th Jan	3.45pm	Messy Church
Sunday 19 th Jan	6.00pm	CTT Unity Service at Central Church
Thursday 23 rd Jan	10.30am	Bereavement Drop-In
Sunday 26 th Jan	11.45am	Church Meeting

There will be **NO coffee morning** on Friday 27th December and **NO Wednesday Worship** on 25th December or 1st January.

HERBIE'S POETRY CORNER

Herbert Doney

The way ahead

The picture on the wall –
Was that really you?
How the years change all of us
As we travel down life's road!
The way may not be easy,
The road ahead unclear;
But whatever life
Has chosen for us
Let's accept it without fear!

Precious

Just think how life would be for us
If we didn't have a friend?
No-one to confide in
When the way seems dark ahead.
For a friend is like a jewel,
Precious to the end!
And whatever life may throw at us
We can always share it with a
friend!

FAMILY NEWS

It has been a very sad time recently, with the loss of three church members. **Ken Beauchamp**, Pat's husband, also sadly died on 31st October. Our love and prayers are with all the families of these dear people.

Dr David Parrott died on 24th October aged 94. His funeral was on 25th November.

Pauline Duke died on 8th November, and her funeral is on Tuesday 3rd December in the church at 1.30pm.

Mary Mason died on 11th November.

Hopefully the next issue of the magazine will contain tributes to these much missed members of our fellowship – have you got any memories you could share? Roy



Pauline and Mary pictured at the 60th anniversary of the Women's Fellowship

SOME REMINISCENCES OF DAVID PARROTT *from son Cliff and daughter Victoria*

David lived to be almost 95, and was he invariably cheerful and active. He genuinely enjoyed his family. He was married to Peggy for over 58 years, with over 20 of those spent enjoying retirement together in Devon. They had 4 children, 7 grand-children and in the last year, 2 great grandchildren.

After securing a place at Cambridge to read English Literature he changing to Medicine because he felt this would be more useful. He was glad he chose medicine as his career – Victoria says that her father delivered her at home, on her due date, weighing in at a hefty 10 lbs. He was delighted that he had managed to be retired for more years than he had worked!

Two of his main interests were travel and art. Later in life he discovered and fully embraced cruising; he often wore a jaunty cap from a far-away location. He wore a Brazil cap to his last hospital procedure, an excellent gesture which was much appreciated by the anaesthetist.



David enjoyed producing and selling paintings and sketches. The idea that strangers would choose to put his work on their walls was clearly very satisfying. He also enjoyed sea swimming – his last swim was at Meadfoot in September 2022, aged 92!

He got huge pleasure from this Church and its members. When Mum and Dad moved to Devon they "road-tested" a number of churches, and found Furrough Cross by far the most warm and welcoming. That has continued to the present day, and I know Dad would want

me to say thank you, on his behalf, to all the members here, for the friendship and support you have shown him over the years.

Cliff writes: "David's family were very pleased to see so many Furrough Cross members at his service on Monday. It was lovely that most stayed for refreshments and to share memories and anecdotes about David. A collection box raised £201, which has been divided between Rowcroft Hospice and Marie Curie."

A MESSAGE FROM VAL ELMS: I am so grateful for my Christian family at Furrough Cross. It has been a great comfort to stay in touch with the Zoom on Sunday mornings when I was recovering from my surgery and my stroke. I was upheld by your prayers. Now it's a great joy to be well enough to be with many of you on Wednesday afternoons and hopefully in the new year also on Sundays. I have been blessed by slow but sure progress in many ways. Praise God! My handwriting is still weak so I will not send cards this year. But I want to send you very warm wishes for the Christmas season of blessings of joy and hope for all.

AND FROM CLARE SMITH: This Christmas, let us welcome the baby born in Bethlehem. Let's welcome Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, born into our world at the crossway of history to change it – and us – forever.

Peter and I wish everyone at Furrough Cross a very peaceful Christmas. Let us spread and share the good news, not only through our words and actions, but also through our thoughts, attitudes and feelings, through our whole being.

MEMBERS' DETAILS

Please ensure you have the correct address for **Eric and Mavis Vincent** in St Annes Road, Torquay.

Please note **Mariana Wilson's** phone is her mobile number, please delete the landline number.

Isabelle Taggart is home again after her stays in hospital and with her daughter Alison.

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY

It is our practice to invite members and friends to donate poinsettias in memory of loved ones. If you would like to contribute a poinsettia to the display they need to be in church by 10.30 Friday 13th December. Please leave a note as to who they are in memory of. We have the labels from previous years and new ones will be produced in the same style for anyone that we don't have labels for. To ensure the plants are not over watered can we ask that you DO NOT water them. They will be checked during the week and on Sundays. You are welcome to remove your plant after Sunday 5th January.

ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

Val Elms

Dear friends, I am trying to get fitter by walking up Babbacombe Road up hill as far I can reach ... not far yet but with time will improve. This poem caught my attention and I also found a spiritual meaning.

UP-HILL by Christina Rossetti

Does the road wind uphill all the way?

Yes, to the very end.

Will the day's journey take the whole long day?

From morn to night, my friend.

But is there for the night a resting-place?

A roof for when the slow, dark hours begin.

May not the darkness hide it from my face?

You cannot miss that inn.

Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?

Those who have gone before.

Then must I knock, or call when just in sight?

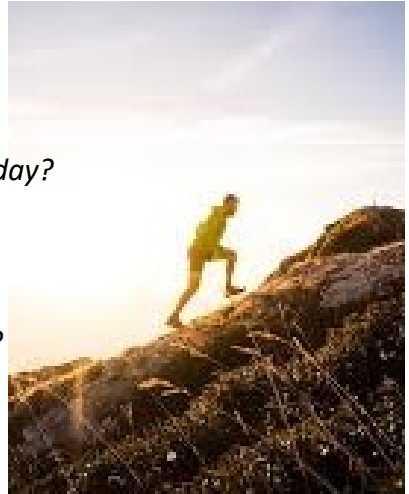
They will not keep you waiting at that door.

Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?

Of labour you shall find the sum.

Will there be beds for me and all who seek?

Yea, beds for all who come.



THE BIG SPLASH

Roy Cadoux

Thank you so much to all who generously donated to Swim Torquay for my sponsored 10 km swim in November. I surpassed the target and have raised an amazing total of £210 so far (plus Gift Aid)!



THANKS FROM PRE-SCHOOL

Ann Close

When Pre-School came to the Macmillan Coffee Morning in September, some of our parents also joined us. We were made so very welcome by all the regulars, and as you can see James (Marilyn's grandson) could hardly wait to get tucked in to his chocolate cake!

Thank you Heather, Roy and the team for a lovely morning.



BE HAPPY
You can't beat the sound of
laughter
It's such a joy to hear!
It takes away one's anger
It takes away one's fear!
It's free to all who'll share it
Try joining in the fun
and when you've just turned eighty
You'll feel like twenty one!

Written by Herbert J B Doney.

TORQUAY COMMUNITY LARDER is in need of financial assistance to enable them to supplement what is given in the bags to clients. Any help would be much appreciated; money can be put in the green collecting tin by the refreshment counter or handed to Roy (in an envelope please.).

PURITAN'S PIT

Roy

You may remember back in 2020 I reported on my visit to this important landmark of local Christian history near Newton Abbot. At that time it was quite hard to find, but I was pleased to discover on a recent walk along the River Lemon that the pit is now very well signposted, with a large white cross at the top, plaques detailing the history and significance of the location, and even a prayer:

Creator God, we give thanks for all those people who have worshipped you in this place.

We give thanks for our heritage and for all those who have lived their faith through times of turbulence.

We pray that in our green and pleasant land of growing hope, we may be blessed and that we may continue to grow in faith and love. Amen.

Revd Karen Slaven



A Place of Refuge and Worship

The Revd William Yeo faithfully served the market town of Newton Abbot over 53 years. In the reign of Charles II, the Pit was used as a secret place of worship by the Revd Yeo following the Act of Uniformity in 1662. The Revd Yeo and his Brave Dissenters all effectively became outlaws during this period of time as recorded in the Quarter Sessions.

The Puritan's Pit Bradley Woods



The Revd. William Yeo, born 1st June 1617 and educated Emmanuel College Cambridge, was a Presbyterian clergyman who was appointed Rector of Wolborough in 1648 by Oliver Cromwell. With Parliament passing the Act of Uniformity on the 24th August 1662 St Bartholomew's Day, he having strong Puritan values refused to acknowledge the Act and was forced out of his church, as can be seen from an order of Quarter Sessions: Effectively, Revd. Yeo was an outlaw.

The Puritan's Pit has been formed through the collapse of a limestone cavern, and being hidden deep in Bradley Woods covered by a canopy of elm trees and easily guarded by lookouts, it could not be seen from the footpaths or riverbank, and the entrance was concealed. It thus provided a safe and secret place for Revd. Yeo and his brave Dissenter congregator to gather by day and night to pray and worship. A bible used for prayer in the Puritan's Pit by Revd. Yeo survives to this day, and when held in the palm of the hands naturally falls open to Jeremiah Chapter 15: "I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and i will redeem thee out of the handof the terrible."

With the Declaration of Indulgence by Charles II on 15th March 1672, Revd. Yeo was free to preach in Newton Abbot again, but his and the congregation's situation did not really improve until passing of the Act of Toleration on 24th May 1689 during the reign of William and Mary.

It is said the late Fifteenth Century lectern from The Church of St Mary the Virgin Wolborough was hidden for safe keeping somewhere in Bradley Woods during the English Civil War of 1642 and 1651.

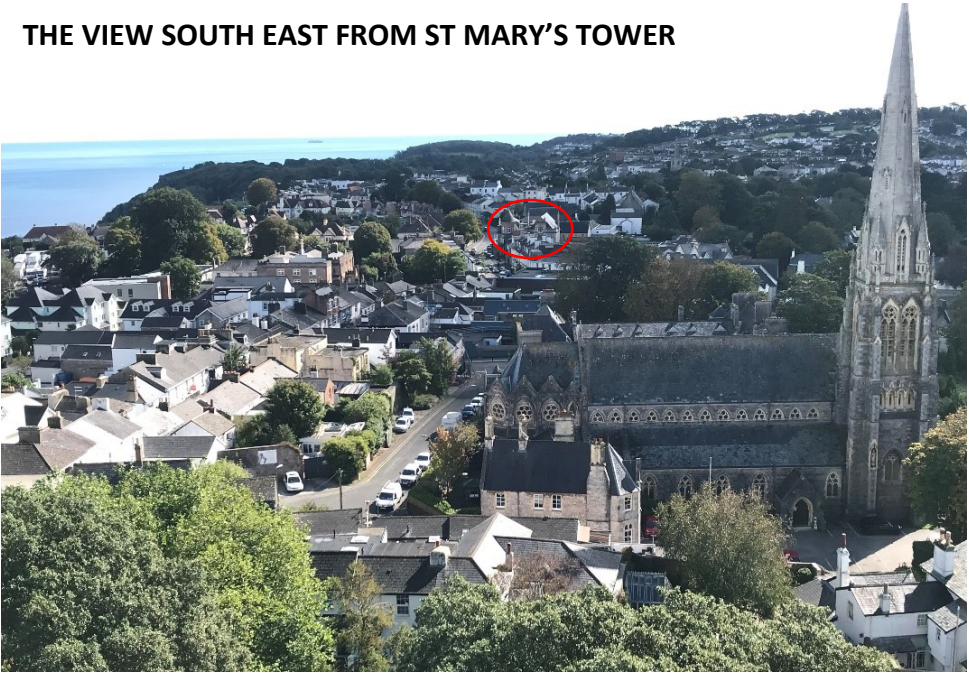
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD! WEDNESDAY WORSHIP CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

This will be led by Shirley, Raymond and the Furroughly Fantastics, on Wed 18th December at 2.30pm, and will be followed by seasonal refreshments. All welcome – come and enjoy a pre-Christmas celebration!

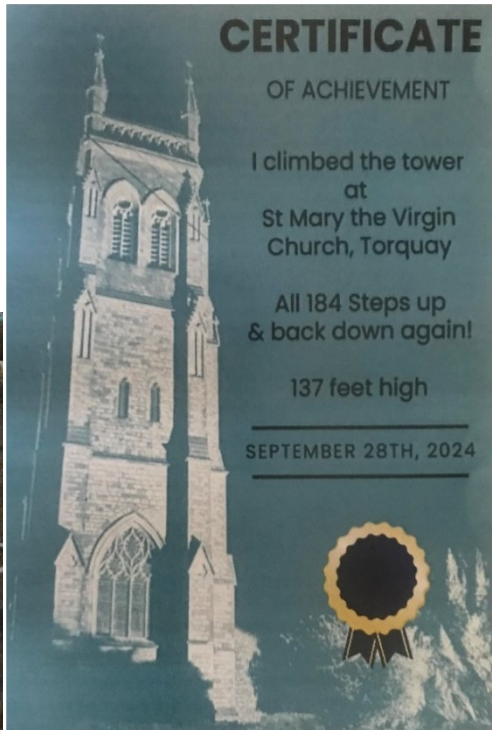
There will be no Wednesday Worship on 25th December or 1st January, we will recommence on 8th January.

To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before His glorious presence with great joy – to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for ever more. Amen. Jude 24:25

THE VIEW SOUTH EAST FROM ST MARY'S TOWER



In the foreground is the Catholic Church of Our Lady Help & St Denis. The red oval shows St Marychurch Old Town Hall, and Furrough Cross Church behind. Our hall is just to the right of the red oval. The spire of All Saints Babbacombe is visible above the trees to the right of our hall.



Our MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING raised an amazing £265 for this very worthwhile cause! Thank you to all who supported it.



THANK YOU from Home Church Food Bank and from Torquay Community Larder at the Salvation Army for your generous gifts of food and money at Harvest and throughout the year.

TO OUR UNCHANGING EVER-PRESENT GOD

Heather Savini

Thank you, Lord, for not having an email address, or demanding a password to log in to you. I don't need to search for a PIN or a number. You don't request an identity check or one-time-passcode to listen, support and guide me, because You have known me "from my mother's womb".

I am Your child. I needn't worry about phishing, vishing or smishing because you'll never scam or deceive me, but You protect me. A charger isn't required because you never run out of energy, time or patience.

You're always there, everywhere for everyone. Connection is immediate, with never a wrong number, interference or loss of signal. I'm never 'on hold' in a queue! I don't need to listen for a ping or a ring, or rely on jabbing or swiping. I can be anywhere and can still call on you at any time. You're never off duty.

You exclude no-one through lack of a smartphone or dicey technique. Words are not always necessary, just the transmission of my thoughts of repentance, gratitude and requests for your care for those in need. The heart of the universe connects with my heart to offer commiseration, calm, restoration and love.

While the world swirls around me with its latest technology, requiring me to keep up to speed, you hold me fast in your everlasting arms. You love me and can be trusted.

What can I do but pray?

*"Change and decay in all around I see,
Oh Thou who changest not, abide with me."*



Another step in the right direction will be made in January, with the old strip lights in the church being replaced by new LED lighting. As well as using less energy and thus saving the church money, the lights should noticeably brighter.

We have now installed a bat box on the oak tree by the slope to the hall.



Shirley Leaman

God blessed us so much at **October Messy Church**. We heard the story and watched a video of Jesus feeding 5,000+ hungry people. Jesus told marvellous stories and the huge crowd spent all day listening to Him. At the end of the day everyone was soooo hungry and Jesus told His friends to feed them. Imagine their surprise when just one little boy offered up his lunch box to share with everyone. Who would've thought that 5 loaves and 2 fish could feed so many hungry people?

But this was Jesus we're talking about, and after speaking to His Father in heaven the little boy's lunch was transformed into enough for all.

We linked the story with a harvest theme. The



children planted hyacinth bulbs, made a time chart showing how they spent each hour of the day – and was there time spent with God?



They also showed God's power with a plastic bottle, some white vinegar and a balloon!



Amazing animals were made from pears, cocktail sticks, raisins and sweets.



Of course the most popular craft was the edible garden - what you can do with chocolate sponge soil, marshmallow trees and shoelace paths is amazing!

Roy retold the story in our worship time – saying that Jesus gives us more than we even expect. After saying our thanks to God we practiced a lovely Christmas song and then it was time for supper. Lasagne, garlic bread and salad disappeared in record time, followed by Vienetta. It's hungry work this Messy Church malarkey!

Dorien and Margaret helping in the kitchen





'Jesus' thanks the little boy, and then His Father, for the lunch box which contained five small loaves and two sardines.

A fabulous picture was created showing the little boy giving his lunch to Jesus, with another picture showing animals in the fields, a tractor, bees who give us honey and the flowers and insects.



We had a fiery time at **November's Messy Church** when we heard the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and watched a video about them. This story from the book of Daniel told how the king made a huge golden statue and ordered everyone to kneel down and worship it. When the king made rules, everyone had to obey them, and everyone did except Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They refused to do that, saying there was only one true God and it was Him that they believed in and worshipped. The king was furious and ordered them to be thrown in a fiery furnace to be burnt to death. Imagine his amazement when he saw not three but four figures walking around in the fire!

God had sent an angel to keep these three brave men safe.

We talked about courage and being brave and the children told us some of the things they had done which were brave.

Our activities reflected the theme of our story, the most popular, of course, being the eating craft. The children made a cornflake fire with jelly babies as Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and a beautiful icing sugar angel with wings (we don't do things by halves at Messy Church!). Then there was a flame prayer bonfire made with finger painting, lovely noisy musical instruments, door hangars, a fiery furnace that lit up and a big fiery picture.



The children all sat around for the story and prayer time, and sang a beautiful Christmas song which we're going to sing at our Christmas Christingle Messy Church.

Supper was jacket potatoes with beans, tuna, cheese and salad, followed by sponge and ice cream. A wonderful job as usual by our Messy Church catering team. God blessed us with a noisy, vibrant, laughter filled and happy afternoon. Thank you Lord!

Our **Christmas Messy Church** will be on **Friday 13th December** from 3.45 pm. Come along and check us out.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ: TRUE OR FALSE?

A nice easy one this time!



- 1 The Bible says that Jesus was born in December?
- 2 Jesus was not born in 0 A.D.?
- 3 We are told that Mary rode into Bethlehem on a donkey?
- 4 Jesus was circumcised on the 8th day of his life?
- 5 Early Christians celebrated the birth of Jesus?
- 6 The barn animals miraculously spoke the night Jesus was born?
- 7 God is the real father of Jesus?
- 8 Jesus always celebrated his birthday?
- 9 Micah foretold that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem?
- 10 Mary, mother of Jesus, did not remain a virgin for the rest of her life?
- 11 God told people to remember the birth of his son?
- 12 The angels told the shepherds that they should worship the baby Jesus?
- 13 The angel said "Peace on earth to all men"?
- 14 The wise men were present at the birth site of Jesus?
- 15 We are told that the angels sang at the announcement of Jesus' birth?
- 16 The Bible tells us that three kings riding on camels visited Jesus?
- 17 Mary gave birth on the night that she arrived in Bethlehem?
- 18 The star led the wise men straight to Jesus?
- 19 The tradition of giving presents at Christmas comes from the wise men presenting gifts?
- 20 25th December was originally the date of a Roman festival?

ALL SAINTS QUIZ ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE

1. Which university town in Fife is associated with golf? **St Andrews.**
2. Where did literary detective Miss Marple live? **St Mary Mead.**
3. The Hermitage (in size the site of the world's largest gallery for art) is located in which city? **St Petersburg.**
4. On which S. Atlantic island was Napoleon Bonaparte banished? **St Helena.**
5. Exeter railway stations named after saints? **St David's, St Thomas and St James Park.**
6. Larry Grayson's assistant on BBC's Generation Game? **Isla St Clair.**
7. Which Swiss city hosted the Winter Olympics in 1924 and 1948? **St Moritz.**
8. Which saint gives his name to a day in July when folklore says that if it rains on this day it will rain for the following 40 days as well? **St Swithin/Swithun.**
9. Although not a residence for British monarchs since the 1830's, which London building (originally built on the orders of Henry VIII) is the most senior of all palaces in the UK? **St James's Palace**
10. Which town serves as the capital of the island of Guernsey? **St Peter Port.**
11. What phenomenon is a luminous plasma created by a corona discharge from an object eg a ship's mast in an atmospheric electric field? **St Elmo's Fire**
12. Which football club based in the Scottish town of Paisley was managed by Alex Ferguson from 1974 to 1978? **St Mirren.**
13. 'Tribute' is a pale ale produced in which Cornish town? **St Austell.**
14. Which Crediton-born Benedictine monk who died in AD754 later became the Archbishop of Mainz and is today recognised by many as the Patron Saint of Germany? **St Boniface.**
15. What building is at the southernmost point of the Isle of Wight? **St Catherine's Lighthouse**
16. The capital of Canada's Newfoundland and Labrador province? **St John's.**
17. Born Robin Smith, under what name did this singer record a 1966 hit about the Pied Piper? **Crispian St Peters.**
18. The location of a monastic hospice and a breed of dog often pictured carrying a small barrel of brandy. **St Bernard**
19. Potentially harmful to livestock, which plant with the Latin name Hypericum Perforatum is considered by some herbalists to be an antibiotic and an aid to the healing of wounds? **St John's Wort**
20. In 1980 the choir of which Stockport primary school had a Christmas No. 1 in the UK Singles Chart with the song "There's No One Quite Like Grandma"? **St Winifred's**