This Weeks Diary

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Mon 24th – Fri 28th Jan: Morning & Evening Prayer 8:30am & 5pm: St John's: Common Worship

Sunday 23rd January: Epiphany 3

Nehemiah 8. 1- 3, 5- 6, 8- 10. Psalm 19. 1 Corinthians 12. 12- 31a Luke 4. 14- 21.

Hymns: 199, 249, N-H&W 140, 53, 431

08:00	St John's: BCP
10:00	St John's: Holy Communion
11.15	St Boniface: Café Communion

Monday 24th January: Francis De Sales

2 Samuel 5. 1- 7, 10. Psalm 89. 19- 27. Mark 3. 22- 30 09.30 St John's: Holy Communion

Tuesday 25th January: Conversion of Paul

Jeremiah 1. 4- 10. Psalm 67. Acts 9. 1- 22. Matthew 19. 27-end. 09:30 St Boniface: Holy Communion

Wednesday 26th January: Timothy and Titus

2 Samuel 7. 4- 17. Psalm 89. 19- 27. Mark 4. 1- 20. 11:00 St John's: Holy Communion

Thursday 27th January

2 Samuel 7. 18- 19, 24- end. Psalm 132. 1- 5, 11- 15 Mark 4. 21- 25 09:30 St John's: Holy Communion

Friday 28th January: Thomas Aquinas

2 Samuel 11. 1- 10, 13- 17. Psalm 51. 1- 6, 9.
Mark 4. 26- 34.
09:30 St John's: Holy Communion

Saturday 29th January

2 Samuel 12. 1- 7, 10- 17. Psalm 51. 11- 16. Mark 4. 35- end. 9:00. Holy Communion

Sunday 30th January: Presentation of Christ in the Temple. (Candlemass)

Malachi 3. 1- 5. Psalm 24. [1- 6] 7- end. Hebrews 2. 14- end. Luke 2. 22- 40

Hymns: 4, 453, 458, 314, N-H&W 166

08:00	St John's: BCP
10:00	St John's: Holy Communion
11.15	St Boniface: Songs of Praise

Dates for the Diary

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022: 12noon-1pm:

Mon 24 th	Salvation Army
Tue 25 th	Palace Avenue Methodist Church

Sat 19 th Feb	St John's: PCC Meeting at 09:45
Sun 3 rd Apr	St John's: AMP/APCM at 11:45

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Parish of Paignton St John the Baptist, Paignton St Boniface, Paignton



SUNDAY 23rd January 2022 Epiphany 3

Outlook Shop: Can you help? Our shop at 22 Palace Avenue, Paignton urgently require more bric-a-brac, carrier bags and volunteers. Please take items directly to the shop or contact Elaine on 01803-400553.

Confirmation Service: A Confirmation Service has been provisionally booked for Sunday the 1st May with Bishop Nick. Anyone seeking to be Confirmed or Affirm their Baptismal Vows in this service please speak to Fr. Neil. Additionally, will be running three Emmaus preparation sessions on *'What Christians Believe'* in the Coverdale Centre on Saturdays 5, 12 & 19th March between 10-12noon which, anyone is welcome to attend. Again please speak to Fr. Neil for more details.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022: Continues on Monday 24th and-25th January. Prayers will take place at noon followed by soup and rolls at 12.30. Please find dates and locations on the rear of the pew sheet.

Lent Fellowship Discussions: Planning is nearly complete for our 5 session friendly faith discussions. We plan to hold these as outlined below and more details will be published on noticeboards and on the pew sheets in coming weeks along with sign-up sheets (*just to help plan provision of booklets*). Do join us for some or all sessions as you can.

Tue: 8, 15, 22, 29 Mar & 5 Apr: St Boniface at 7.30pm **Wed**: 9, 16, 23, 30 Mar & 6 Apr: St John's at 12:30pm

Breakfast with the Bible: Come along to the Coverdale Centre on the five Sundays between 6Mar-3Apr between 08:50-09:40 to delve deeper into the gospel reading set for that day with Fr Neil. Tea/coffee toast provided.

Parish Office and Contact Number: The new contact number for the parish office is 07915 736169 and will be manned 9am-12noon Mon-Fri. **Note**: the old redirect from 01803 551866 <u>will cease</u> 30th Jan 2022 when it will return to being the landline for the Vicar.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

All who need God's love and protection including ourselves, but most especially for those in need or suffering including those who have asked for our prayers;

Sue, Brenda, Margaret, Beverley, Paula, Emma, Rick, Rob, Timothy

The souls of those who have died recently; their families and friends and any whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

May Fenner, Gordon Kitson, Vera Price, Jean Williams, Cyril Kempeners, Edna Field, Susan Quick. Patricia Hayman, John Mann

Sunday

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6, 8-10

Page 403 of the ESV bible

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glo | ry of God

and the firmament pro | claims his handiwork.

One day pours out its | song to another

and one night unfolds knowledge | to another.

They have neither | speech nor language

and their voices | are not heard, Yet their sound has gone out in | to

all lands

and their words to the ends | of the world.

In them has he set a tabernacle | for the sun,

that comes forth as a bridegroom out | of his chamber

and rejoices as a champion to |run his course.

It goes forth from the end | of the heavens

and runs to the very |end again, and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a Page 959 of the ESV bible

Luke 4.14-21

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Luke 4.14- 21 Study Notes

Jesus has been tempted by the devil in the wilderness (vv. 1-13) to misuse his power for his personal benefit, for worldly domination, and for protection from God's plan fulfilled on the cross. Now he returns to Galilee. The events and teachings in 4:14-9:50 are all in Galilee. Then, in 9:51, Jesus turns towards Jerusalem. The parallels are Matthew 13:53-54 and Mark 6:1-2.

Jesus customarily attends synagogue services to worship and present his message; it is there that Luke tells us who Jesus is: he stands in continuity with God's promises of old. Jesus is a great teacher; he has great authority in telling people about God and his plan. Jesus begins with one part of the scroll (Isaiah 61), then rewinds to another: that in vv. 18-19 emphasize his mission to those who are "poor" in any way, be it financially, in spirit, in health. In "the year of the Lord's favour", the jubilee year, debts were forgiven and slaves were set free. Jesus applies these verses to himself: he performs the works of the Messiah then expected. He then sits to interpret the readings: he says that God's plan is now being completed ("fulfilled", v. 21).

Once you are settled

Read the passage slowly and reflectively

- Note anything that particularly strikes you and refer to the notes if they are helpful.
- Spend a few moments in quiet reflection

Questions for reflection:

- 1. If Jesus walked into our church today and behaved like this, what would you really think and how would you respond?
- 2. Jesus is presenting himself here as a very particular kind of Messiah with very clear priorities. How do his priorities & message challenge what you think?
- 3. How do you put this teaching into action?

Read the passage for a final time and give thanks to God for the gift of his holy word.

Methodist Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth. let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.