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Welcome!

We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit. Please do join us for refreshments after the 10.30am service.

| Today | | |
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| 8am | Holy Communion (BCP) | |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship (lesson readers' "sound check" @ 11.45am) | |
| 10.30am | Prayzone | |
| 5.30pm | Prayer Meeting in the hall with cup of tea at 5pm | |
| During the Week | | |
| Tues | 9am Morning Prayer in the church | |
| | 9-11.30am Open House parents and toddlers group in the Lounge | |
| | 7.45pm Alpha <i>in the Lounge</i> | |
| Wed | 9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in Lounge | |
| | 5.30pm Christmas Choir rehearsal in the Lounge | |
| Sat | 7.30pm 'Joy to the World' Concert - Torbay Singers | |
| Sunday 3 December | | |
| 8am | Holy Communion (BCP) | |
| 9.30am | Breakfastzone with breakfast at 9.15am | |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion (CW) (Welcomers' meeting at 12pm) | |

Collect

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings

1 Chronicles 16: 8-11, 23-29

⁸ Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ⁹ Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ¹⁰ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ¹¹Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. ²³ Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. ²⁴ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples. ²⁵ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. ²⁶ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ²⁷ Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling-place. ²⁸ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²⁹ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness. Amos 5: 21-24 ²¹ 'I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. ²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. ²³ Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. ²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Romans 12: 1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

John 18: 33–37

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' ³⁴ 'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?' ³⁵ 'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'
³⁶ Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.' ³⁷ 'You are a king, then!' said Pilate. Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'





Evening service on Sunday 10 Dec will be a Youth Led service rather than Holy Communion (for this month only).

Congratulations to Victoria Yates who has been appointed as our new Youth and Children's worker from 1 December. Thank you for praying about this.

Ladies/Men's Breakfast! Sat 9 Dec, 8.45am English Riviera Centre. Only 4 tickets left! Contact Charlie on: 07917 005406 or <u>c.allansen@btinternet.com</u>.

Coffee rotas New rotas ready for next 3 months. Coffee makers please look in your pigeon holes. Thank you.

Bible Notes for 2018 Please see Suzy Young if you would like to order for 2018.

Gamechangers wish to thank everyone for their support of Operation Christmas Child. In total **65 shoeboxes** were sent and £406 in donations. Well done!

We are currently having some **technical problems** with sending the notices out by email. Please bear with us. They can still be found on the website from Fri eve/Sat am each week.

New Wine and Spring Harvest 2018 Several of us have booked into week 2 of New Wine 5-11 August - discounted rates for early bird bookings before 3 Dec. Also Spring Harvest at Minehead 3-8th April.

Christmas



Christmas Choir - rehearsal this Wed at 5.30pm but we're a bit thin on the ground! Please sign up at the back of church.

Carol singing around the care homes will take place on Wednesday 13th and Monday 18th December. Details on the table at the back of church with sign up list so we know how many are joining us. Please come and take part if free as the residents really look forward to it.

Today is the last opportunity for booking places at the Friends Christmas Lunch next Sunday 3 Dec at the Livermead Cliff Hotel – payment also today please.

Christmas leaflets and posters please take some leaflets to distribute amongst your friends and family and we urgently need your help to deliver some to our local shops and hotels. Please leave a note in Pere's pink book. Thank you.

Pens £1 a great stocking filler and helps to raise money towards the re-ordering of the church. Available from the back of church.

| For our prayers and praise this week | |
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| Sun | Pray for Zimbabwe as they yearn for peace and for those chosen to lead. |
| Mon | Pray for our Archbishops and Diocesan Bishops and with them PRAISE the |
| | Lord for our faithful staff team as they minister to us over this busy season. |
| Tues | Praise God for calling VICTORIA YATES to be our youth work leader. Pray for |
| | her as she prepares to begin on the first of December, then as she juggles |
| | the new work with her family and social life. |
| Wed | Pray for all who are unwell. Pray for all who offer help in our community. |
| | The Police, the Fire Brigade, and all in the health service. |
| Thurs | Remember the course being run by the home groups. May we all learn |
| | how to pray better, even those of us who have known Jesus for a long time. |
| Fri | Pray for all charities helping the poor and homeless including our Street |
| | Pastors out on the cold unfriendly nights and for our School Pastors. |
| Sat | As a response to God's word we pray for those who lead our Nation and |
| | especially Kevin Foster our Member of Parliament. |
| Sun | Remember our services today and that we walk on "Holy Ground" and have |
| | fellowship with the living God, but at the same time we can know him as |
| | Abba Father/Daddy! |