



## 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.*

### Today

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>with breakfast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Evening	Night Shelter begins tonight and for the next 4 Sundays

### During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.45pm Alpha continues <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Riviera International Centre <i>speaker Paul Barton</i>

### Sunday 14 January

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Evening Service including a talk from Paul and Tessa Barton about their recent trip to Nazareth

### Collect

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Contacting the Church

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## Readings

### **Ephesians 3: 1-12**

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles –  
<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

### **Matthew 2: 1-12**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## What's On & News

**Metal Detector required!** Do you have one which could be borrowed for Messy Church please on 16 January. If so please let John B know.

**Girls Allowed (all women welcome)** meet on Wed 17 Jan at Brunel Manor 7.30-9.30pm in the tea room. Gillian Rose will help us begin the New Year in a reflective frame of mind and we will have a quiz. Sign up on the board in the Larkin Hall please or email Ruth Beckett on [jrmp@btinternet.com](mailto:jrmp@btinternet.com)

**Friends' New Year Meal at Amici** We are now taking bookings for our evening meal at Amici Restaurant in Torwood Street on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. This event is always popular so do come and see us after the service, to book your place and choose your meal. Thanks. Rob Newman

**Exeter Cathedral - entry cards** If you would like to visit the cathedral free of charge we have some cards in the office which you can use.

**Tearfund Collection** Thank you for your kind gifts. We collected £1370.

**Grounded in faith...growing to serve** We had hoped to have heard news about our Faculty application by Christmas but we were rather frustrated to hear that the legal process for getting our re-ordering application to the Chancellor (who makes the final planning decision) has been delayed into the new year.

**Events Elsewhere** *Deanery Quiet Day on Sat 13 January* Buckfast Methodist Chapel 10am – 3.30pm led by Christopher Fitcher. More details in the Hall.

**World Holocaust Memorial Day: Inherit the Truth** Exeter Cathedral Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Feb at 7pm. An evening of words and music reflecting the events of the Holocaust with Raphael Wallfisch and Anita Lasker-Wallfisch. More information on the board in the hall or from Jenny & Ian Lane (01803 607345).

**For our prayers and praise this week**

Sun	<b>Praise God from whom all blessings flow.</b> Thank God for all the good things experienced during 2017, and for all that is to come.
Mon	Praise God for our staff and pray for them. May they have the vision that God's Holy Spirit wants for them for this year. Pray for John Beckett who leads and helps envision them and us all.
Tues	Pray for the homeless of Torbay and pray for the night shelter work beginning in various of the Bay's Churches. They will be coming to us on Sundays. Pray that we may really welcome them.
Wed	Remember all who are ill at home or in hospital. Pray for those who can get about yet carry burdens of sickness with them. Pray for the bereaved and lonely in our midst.
Thurs	Pray for families which are divided - those in far countries, those in universities or colleges and for families where there is strife or division.
Fri	Pray for all the young people in our schools, for Prayzone and Breakfastzone. Pray for the six sessions of "Puzzling Questions" that people who are searching for the meaning of life may come along and find Christ who will help.
Sat	Pray for the Roche family, our CMS Linked Mission Partners in the Middle East, praying especially for their safety. Pray for all the charities we support.
Sun	Pray for the services today and praise God for all who help whether clergy or lay, that God will inspire them and equip them at all times.

**Dates for your 2018 diary:**

- Sat 13 Jan            Men's Breakfast at Riviera International Centre
- Sun 14 Jan            Tessa and Paul Barton talk about their trip to Nazareth
- 15 & 18 Jan           Safeguarding Training
- 16 Jan                Messy Church
- 17 Jan                Girls Allowed at Brunel Manor
- Fri 26 Jan            The Hiding Place at the Little Theatre
- Sun 28 Jan            Social Events 'Fair'
- Sun 11 Feb            Special church meeting @ 11.30am to update about re-ordering project and proposed extra 9.30am service
- Tues 20 Feb           Evening Lent Courses begin – there will be a choice of 2 courses i) spiritual disciplines (solitude, fasting etc) ii) The Prayer Course
- Wed 21 Feb           Morning Lent Courses begin – 2 courses as above
- Sun 4 Mar            'Opportunities to Serve' Fair
- 19 & 20 May           Renewal Weekend