

The week ahead - Morning Prayer each day at 09.00.
Cards for Good Causes in the Crypt

Monday 10th December

Tuesday 11th

10.00 ~ Coffee Morning in the Narthex

13.45 ~ Honiton Primary Christmas Concert

Wednesday 12th

11.00 ~ Eucharist

18.00 ~ Honiton Primary Christmas Concert

Thursday 13th

15.45 ~ Walking Group visit to St Paul's

Friday 14th

10.30 ~ Crafts and Cuppas in the Chapel

Saturday 15th

10.00 ~ Coffee Morning in the Narthex

Birthdays:

10 Kerys and Mark GIBBS

14 Bill MARTIN

Year's Mind:

10 Edward PATTINSON 1985

12 Pat HODGES 2016

FUTURE DIARY DATES:

Cards for Good Causes in the Crypt is now open

Mondays-Fridays from 10am to 4pm, and Saturdays from 10 to 12.30pm through until Tuesday 18th December.

Christmas Services at St Paul's

Sunday 23rd December 2018 5pm

Christingle and Crib Service

Monday 24th December 2018 10.30pm

Carols, preceding

11pm First Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 26th December

There will be **NO 11am** service

Sunday 30th December 10am

Mission Community Service at St Paul's

New Kitchen - Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to raising funds towards the new kitchen. The final fundraisers are the Tubes, For the Love of Christmas Evening, the Jewellery Stall and the Bible Word Search. Fantastic efforts mean that we have raised the funds and it is hoped that work will start towards the end of January. We are now just waiting for the final piece of paperwork to confirm the faculty.

Tags for the 2018 Memory Tree

There are tags for this year's Memory Tree in the Narthex. Please complete a tag and place it in the basket provided. The tags will then be displayed on the Memory Tree from 7th December until the New Year. Please speak to Julia Beaman if you have any queries or want to know more.

Church Family Christmas Greetings

As in previous years, we will soon have our church "Christmas Card" tree for people to hang their greetings on. This can save the cost of sending lots of cards and is also environmentally friendly! It would be appreciated if some of the money you save is donated to USPG by putting it in one of the brown envelopes provided, and pop the envelope through the Vestry Door letterbox.

Save your stamps for MU diocesan funds. Cut stamps from envelopes leaving a 4mm border and place them in the container by the Vestry door. Julia Beaman will take them to Exeter for MU funds.

Thank you.

**IF YOU ARE A VISITOR WE INVITE YOU TO USE
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**WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF
ST. PAUL HONITON**

The Honiton Mission Community seeks to communicate God's love and to reach out to others by encouraging people through pastoral care, participation and worship.

**Sunday 9th December 2018
Advent 2**

Worship Today

08.00 – Holy Communion

09.30 – Parish Eucharist

Introit – 334

Gradual – 608

Offertory – When the King shall come

Communion - 28

Post Communion – 34

Organist: Stephen Bell

Reader: Pam Rosenthal

Intercessions: John Harrison

Sidespersons: Jill Hamilton and Mollie Bolton

Coffee: Edna Gould and Suzanne Henville

*Children are always welcome at services.
Activity bags are available on request from Sidespeople.*

Please stay to enjoy coffee and meet others.

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

READING **Philippians 1: 3–11**

My brothers and sisters, 3 I thank my God every time I remember you, 4 constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, 5 because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL **Luke 3: 1–6**

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2 during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of

the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions

- 9th For our ministry of discipleship
- 10th For our stewardship of the environment
- 11th Those who work on the land
- 12th Those who care for our churchyards
- 13th Christian Aid, refugees and those in famine
- 14th Victims of conflict and those engaged in conflict
- 15th The elderly and those who care for them

Our worship next week – Advent 3

- 08.00 Holy Communion
- 09.30 Third Sunday Eucharist

Readings next week – Advent 3

- Philippians 4: 4-7
- Luke 3: 7-18
- Psalm 146: 4 to end

The Psalm below is printed for your convenience and use in personal devotions during the coming week.

Benedictus – Luke 1: 67-79

67 Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

69 He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David,

70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

71 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

72 Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, 73 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

78 By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."