

PARISH OF ST JAMES at ST ANDREW'S & ST BONIFACE
with St John's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School Academy
The Catholic Community in the Heart of Mid Devon

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NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 26 January 2025



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Revd Canon Kristian Paver - Parish Priest
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Sunday of the Word of God



For this Sunday of the Word of God, Pope Francis has chosen as the theme the words of the psalmist "*I hope in your word*" (Ps 119:74). It is a cry of hope in a moment of anguish, tribulation and confusion. It is a deeply human experience. Everyone hopes, we all have hopes, but what is communicated to us in the Year of Jubilee is a "Hope" in the singular. It is not an abstract idea or

naïve optimism, but a person, alive and present in everyone's life: Christ crucified and risen, the only one who never abandons us. The Sunday of the Word of God once again allows us to reinvigorate our response to Jesus' invitation to listen to and cherish his word in order to offer the world a witness of hope that allows us to move beyond the difficulties of the present moment. In fact, it challenges every community not only to proclaim the same faith as always, but above all to communicate it with the conviction that it brings hope to those who listen to it and welcome it with a simple heart.

CHAT 30th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving

2025 marks a milestone for CHAT, and while there are several events planned throughout the year, it will begin by thanking God for his provision and guidance over the past 30 years. We are invited to join with other churches from our area in a joint Service of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Church, Tiverton, this Sunday 26 January at 6.30pm. CHAT remains steadfast in its mission to prevent homelessness and relieve hardship in Mid Devon and many people in our community continue to need this help. The Service of Thanksgiving will also provide an opportunity to share updates on CHAT's current situation and to pray together for the future.



Gather Conference 2025

Come and share a weekend of faith, formation and friendship at the annual Gather Conference from Friday 28 - Sunday 30 March at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. David McLoughlin, a theologian and lecturer, will offer keynote presentations on the four great Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council: Dei Verbum, Sacrosanctum Concilium, Gaudium et Spes and Lumen Gentium. The Booking Form is attached to the Newsletter and is also available on Facebook. Email plymouthgather@yahoo.com for more information.

Caritas January Newsletter

To read more about love in action around the Diocese, please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/29y8npba>.

Holocaust Memorial Day



This Holocaust Memorial Day, Monday 27 January, marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. 80 years on from the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, antisemitism has increased significantly in the UK and globally following the 7 October attacks in Israel by Hamas and the subsequent war in Gaza. Extremists are exploiting the situation to stir up anti-Muslim hatred in the UK. It is hoped that HMD 2025 can be an

opportunity for people to come together, learn both from and about the past, and take actions to make a better future for all. We can speak up against Holocaust and genocide denial and distortion; we can challenge prejudice; we can encourage others to learn about the Holocaust and more recent genocides. Further practical suggestions can be found here: <https://hmd.org.uk/resource/take-action-for-a-better-future/>.

Ending Child Poverty

Child poverty levels have remained alarmingly high over the last decade. Caritas Diocese of Plymouth supports the call from the Catholic Bishops' Conference (CBCEW) to lift the two-child benefit cap as one of the ways in which we can help thousands of children out of poverty. You are invited to join the CBCEW campaign by writing to your local MP. It will take just two minutes to follow the link below and make your voice heard to end the two-child benefit cap: [Take action on the two-child cap policy - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#).

Lifepath Tiverton 2025

Lifepath Tiverton, which is a joint project of all the churches, will be holding its second year at St Paul's Church, Tiverton, 3-5 June, based on the life and times of the Wesley brothers. Already almost 300 school children are already signed up to take part in the experience over the three days. A Prayer Support leaflet is attached to the Newsletter. In addition, the following volunteers are still needed:

- someone to be the 'sick person' in the John Wesley area.
- two people to be in charge of moving props on the day.
- someone to help John Wesley's area with washing up in between activities.
- someone to be the vicar's helper in the second drama
- someone to give their testimony - as a modern Christian who lives today (possibly been abroad like the Wesleys)
- a couple of people to be ruffians



- several Wesley Family helpers to accompany school groups around the activities.

If you can help, please email lifepathtiverton@gmail.com.

Post Vacancies

The Diocese of Plymouth is recruiting a Property Administrator based at St Boniface House, Ashburton. To express your interest in the post, please contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. The closing date for applications is Monday 3 February 2025.

December Parish Giving

Loose: £1901.89 Contactless: £520.00 Standing Orders: £2952.50

Parish Diary

Saturday 25 January – Conversion of St Paul

- Youth Club, 11.00am-12.30pm, in St Boniface's Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday 26 January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *Gerard Rungen RIP*
- Service of Thanksgiving for 30th Anniversary of CHAT at 6.30pm at St Paul's Anglican Church, Tiverton

Monday 27 January – Weekday

- Signing to Remember at 2.00pm in St Andrew's Hall

Tuesday 28 January – St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

- Holy Mass at 9.00am
- **NO** Tough Times Support Group this evening

Wednesday 29 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 12noon (St Boniface)

Thursday 30 January – Weekday

- Holy Mass at 9.00am

Friday 31 January – St John Bosco, Priest

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 11.30am
- Holy Mass with Prayers for Healing at 12noon
- Prayer of the Holy Rosary at 12.30pm

Saturday 1 February – Weekday

- First Communion Preparation at 10.00am in St John's School Hall
- Laudato Si' Group at 4.00pm in St Andrew's Hall
- Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00pm

Sunday 2 February – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

- Holy Mass at 9.30am (St Boniface)
- Holy Mass at 11.30am *Pro Populo*

Monday 3 February – Weekday

- Requiem Mass for Ryan Hill RIP at 11.00am