

St Mary & St George, Totnes
Parish of the Sacred Heart, Kingsbridge
Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Salcombe

NewsLetter



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Safeguarding (Totnes)

Children and Vulnerable Adults
Parish Safeguarding Rep:
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Accessibility (Totnes)

- Disabled access
- Disabled toilet
- Loop system

Parking (Totnes)

We have a car park at the back of the church.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT B PSALTER 3 GAUDETE SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER

ST MARY & ST GEORGE				MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY 17TH DEC	MASS	TOTNES	9.30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUESDAY 19TH DEC	MASS	TOTNES	10.00AM	GEORGE AND KATHLEEN LYTHGOE RIP
THURSDAY 21ST DEC	MASS	TOTNES	10.00AM	
SACRED HEART				MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY 17TH DEC	MASS	KINGSBRIDGE	11.30AM	DECEASED CLERGY OF PLYMOUTH DIOCESE
FRIDAY 22ND DEC	MASS	KINGSBRIDGE	10.15AM	
OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA				MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY 16TH DEC	MASS	SALCOMBE	5.00PM	



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

5PM SALCOMBE
7PM KINGSBRIDGE
9PM TOTNES

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30AM TOTNES
11.30AM KINGSBRIDGE

TOTNES ADORATION—TUESDAYS AFTER MASS

Benediction, Rosary and Adoration for one hour. You are welcome to call in anytime during the hour

KINGSBRIDGE ADORATION—ADORATION (THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

On the third Sunday of each month (pastoral duties permitting) there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 11.30am Mass

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Every Sundays & Thursday (TOTNES) /
Every Sunday (KINGSBRIDGE)

Seeds of Faith (TOTNES)

All welcome. If you would like more information please contact Margaret Cushen cushen@tiscali.co.uk

CONFESSION

Please contact the Parish Secretary or speak to the Priest before Mass

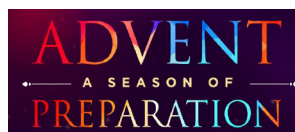
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Prayers for the Sick Please Hold In Your Prayers: Segundo Vacas Sr, Christa Hawkins, Jill Gilboy, Robert M. Amil, Gary Dowland, Rita Zollo, David Hawking, Heather Wagstaff, Sarah Sparrow, Denis Owen, Jeannette Blanchard, Martin Holland, Peter Goodliffe, Idris Evans



ST MARY AND ST GEORGE

*****NEW*** ADVENT** This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete meaning "Rejoice" The Mass starts with the words "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near" The theme of the day expresses our Christian joy of anticipation at the approach not only at the coming of Our Lord this Christmas but also His second coming St Paul reminds us to "Be happy at all times, pray constantly – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil". Good advice for us not only for Advent but for life. "O come, O come Emmanuel"



TOTNES PARISH SUNDAY LUNCH Due to communication problems, the Parish Sunday Lunch on 4th February 2024 has been moved from Buckfast Abbey to The Dartmoor Lodge on the outskirts of Ashburton. We will be sat together in part of the Haytor Suite which is just off the main dining room. The Carvery lunch will offer a number of different meats and will include a vegetarian option. The Lodge currently charges between £12.50 to £16.95 depending on the number of slices of meat that you can eat! Portions are normally very generous and there is always a good selection of accompanying vegetables. There is also a child's menu priced at £7.70 for children under 10. Payment will be made on the day at the hotel. To allow time for Fr Jarek to join us after celebrating the 11.30 Mass in Kingsbridge, we will aim to arrive at the hotel from 1.15pm. If you would like to join the lunch please add your name to the list at the back of the church. We have booked a maximum of 45 places so it is really first come first served!

Parishioners from Kingsbridge and Salcombe parishes are very welcome to join us.

Please email Caroline (totnes@prcdtr.org.uk) if you would like to come.

STELLA MARIS - SEAFARERS If you can help with Christmas presents for the Seafarers who are responsible for bringing so much of what we eat and use over the festive season to our shores. They will be spending Christmas Day on board a ship and not with their families so our few gifts for them will make a lot of difference and will show that we care about them and are grateful for all they do. I am looking for the usual items:- gloves, socks, notebooks and pens, sweets, toiletries and small games. If you wish to give me some money instead I will spend it wisely and deliver the goods to our Lay Chaplain, Ann Donnelly in time for the ships coming into port before Christmas. Thank you for your generosity. Ann

CHRISTMAS EVE, VIGIL MASS, 9PM HYMNS OF THE NATIVITY, 8.30PM FOR HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE MASS On the evening of Sunday 24th December the Vigil Mass of the

Nativity of Our Lord will take place at 9pm with Hymns of the Nativity being sung from 8.30pm.

TODAY (SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2PM): CAROL SERVICE AND CAKES Our carol service today at 2pm will have a slightly different format, and include the setting up of our crib. There will be cakes, tea and mulled wine afterwards (instead of coffee after Mass).

Everyone will be very welcome, please do come along.

CRIB FESTIVAL Bring your crib from home on Sunday 31st December for the Crib Fest in church 6th and 7th January. Make sure your name is with the crib. A little history written on a postcard would be great- how long you have had it and any additions/breakages!!! We will use the weekend to invite people from the town to come and view the cribs while bringing goods for refugee welcome boxes, as we have done previously. A list of what goes in boxes will be on the board in the hall by the beginning of December. Any questions ring Margaret 07971392923

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART & OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

*****NEW*** PARISH LUNCH** Parish lunch for Kingsbridge and Salcombe. Sunday 14th January 2024 at Thurlstone Golf Club from 1pm. There is a board up in the church in Kingsbridge - please sign up as soon as possible. All welcome and we hope parishioners from Totnes will be able to join us. If unable to get into Kingsbridge to sign up Please email Nick Lipson on coulisman@live.co.uk or

Sue Rendle on smrendle@live.co.uk

PRISON FELLOWSHIPS ANGEL TREE PROJECT Fr Anthony who is the chaplain for Channings Wood Prison would prefer us to give to the Prison Fellowships Angel Tree project instead of the traditional Mars bars. This project collects money and then buys gifts for the children of inmates for Christmas. If you wish to donate please see Ann Yates at Kingsbridge or give to Fr Jarek in an envelope marked Angel Tree and he can then pass them to me for Bob Fretton who is the Kingsbridge contact for the Prison Fellowship.

NINE LETTERS AND CAROLS This Sunday 17th December the traditional combined Nine Letters and Carols will take place at St Thomas of Canterbury, Dodbrook at 4pm. This is a lovely opportunity to join with our Anglican community, listening and participating in the nine lessons, enjoying singing our favourite carols plus meeting their new priest in charge.

****NEW** CHURCHES TOGETHER UNITY SERVICE** The annual Churches Together Unity Service for Kingsbridge and Salcombe will take place on Sunday January 21st 2024 in our Catholic Church of The Sacred Heart, Kingsbridge at 6.00pm. The Anglican Bishop of Plymouth will be in attendance, officiating along with Fr. Jaromir, so it will be a truly ecumenical celebration and we hope that as many Parishioners as possible will join the service. There will be light refreshments afterwards and any offers of help would be appreciated. (stephie.henderson@hotmail.co.uk or 01548 857447)

****NEW** ALPHA COURSE** There will be an ALPHA course taking place in the 'Family Church', Kingsbridge commencing in late January on Sunday evenings at 7pm. All are encouraged and welcome to participate. For further information contact stephie.henderson@hotmail.co.uk or 01548 857447

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION 17TH DECEMBER 2023

**17th December 2023
2pm Carol Service
(Totnes)**

**6th/7th January 2024
Crib Festival (Totnes)**

**14th January 2024
Parish Sunday Lunch
(Kingsbridge/Salcombe)**

**21st January 2024
CHURCHES
TOGETHER UNITY
SERVICE
(KINGSBRIDGE)**

**4th February 2024
Parish Sunday Lunch
(Totnes)**

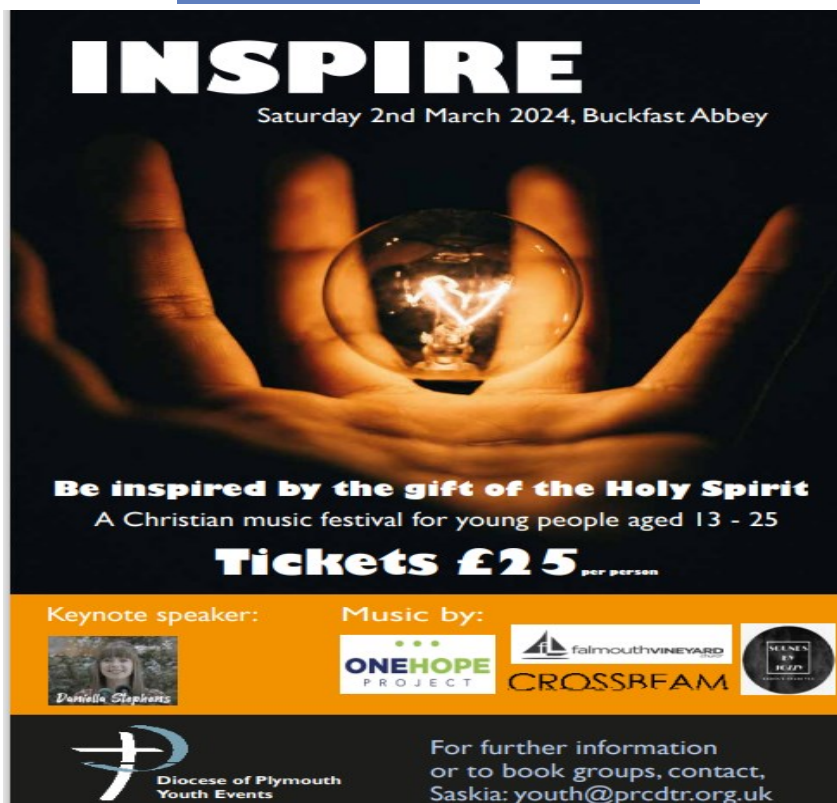
2024 YEAR BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH



CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

We will have a Christmas Flower collection THIS weekend in our parish.
Thank you for all you can give.
Thank you also to the wonderful parishioners who adorn our churches in beautiful flowers.
Your help is much appreciated.


Diocesan News








INSPIRE
Saturday 2nd March 2024, Buckfast Abbey

Be inspired by the gift of the Holy Spirit
A Christian music festival for young people aged 13 - 25

Tickets £25 per person

Keynote speaker:  Daniella Hopwood

Music by:  ONE HOPE PROJECT  falmouth VINEYARD  CROSSBAM  SUSSEX RHYTHM

 Diocese of Plymouth Youth Events

For further information or to book groups, contact, Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Latest Youth E-Newsletter link: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/-338FB6E179D7C9082540EF23F30FEDED>
*****NEW*** CAFOD: UPDATE ON OUR CRISIS RESPONSE IN THE HOLY LAND**

I write to you today as we watch with hope and apprehension the unfolding crisis in the Holy Land.

Let me first of all reassure you that, though heavily restricted, humanitarian aid is-reaching people worst hit in Gaza through CAFOD's partners who live and work in the region. Thank you, so much, to all those of you have donated or fundraised so far to resource this aid. However, with great sadness I must report to you more deaths of staff and volunteers in our partner organisations. Please do pray for their families and colleagues as you pray for the conflict to end. Their colleagues continue to risk their lives daily, to provide life-saving help to others in great need. As the conflict enters its ninth week, we are now also asking all parishes to do what they can to support our Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal (please visit the CAFOD website to make a donation)

We also invite your parish to join us in calling for a lasting peace by writing to the Foreign Secretary. Thank you to the over 6,500 supporters and volunteers who already have. Please visit the CAFOD website for details of how to write to the Foreign Secretary. We join with the Bishops Conference in praying that: *'as we approach the Holy Season of Advent...Christ the Prince of Peace will guide all devastated by this conflict into the ways of truth, reconciliation, and respectful co-existence.'*

Thank you, as always, for your prayers and support.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

12/12/23 Second Sunday in Advent (B)

Let us be a sign for all

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-4 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

A voice cries "Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord". Sometimes life can seem to be a wilderness as we look ahead. If we try to live today to the best of our abilities, removing those attitudes and behaviours that prevent us from being better husbands and wives, then we can become a clearer 'signpost' for everyone.



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS, DECEMBER 2023

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

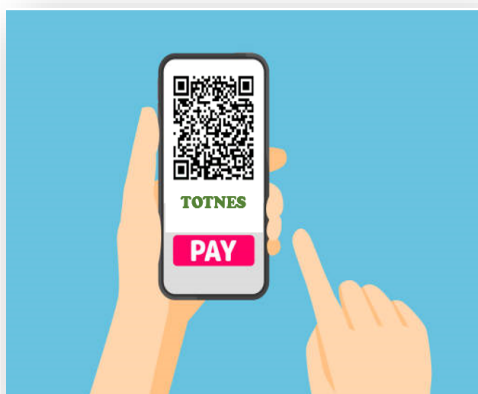
POPE FRANCIS @PONTIFEX

Love makes us happy not only in heaven but also here on earth. If we want to be truly happy, then let us learn to transform everything into love, offering to others our work and our time, speaking kindly words and doing good deeds.

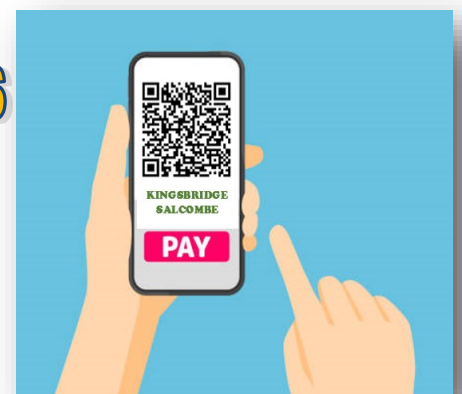
We can all do it!

TOTNES

KINGSBRIDGE
SALCOMBE



OFFERINGS VIA QR CODES



THANK YOU