

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)

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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.

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SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME B2 PSALTER 2 14TH JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY 14TH JAN	MASS	TOTNES	9.30AM	
TUESDAY 16TH JAN	MASS	TOTNES	10AM	
THURSDAY 18TH JAN	MASS	TOTNES	10AM	

	SACRED HEART			MASS INTENTIONS
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SUNDAY 14TH JAN	MASS	KINGSBRIDGE	11.30AM	
FRIDAY 19TH JAN	MASS	KINGSBRIDGE	10.15AM	

	OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA			MASS INTENTIONS
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SATURDAY 13TH JAN	MASS	SALCOMBE	5.00PM	
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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)

CONFESSION

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

WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES RIP

Beth Skipworth

Seeds of Faith (TOTNES)

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

COFFEE AFTER MASS

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

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** CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Saturday 20th January 11am - Joint Prayer and Fellowship for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity followed by a soup lunch at the Methodist Church—please do come along.

****NEW** CRIB FESTIVAL—WELCOMING THE STRANGER**

Thanks to everyone in the parish for their practical and prayer support. We filled 14 shoe boxes with essentials for newly arrived refugees!

We will do it again next year!

****NEW** NEXT PPC MEETING**

The next meeting of your PPC will take place on Thursday 18th January. If you would like to add an agenda item please speak to a member of the PPC. Previous minutes are attached to the PPC noticeboard in the hall.

****NEW** CHURCH CAR PARK 18TH JANUARY**

We have been notified by Churchill Developments that the crane on the adjacent building site will be taken down on 18th January and that access to our church car park will be obstructed. Please can you avoid using the car park on this day.

NEW CHURCH ALARM SYSTEM TRAINING FOR KEYHOLDERS

The company who installed our new alarm system are coming to the church on Thursday 25th January after Mass, to show the keyholders how to use the new system. Therefore if you are a keyholder please can you attend the meeting if at all possible.

PARISH FINANCES UPDATE

An update on the improved financial position of our parish will be shared at the end of Mass on Sunday 21st January.

****NEW** 50/50 CLUB**

We are hoping to start a Parish 50/50 club.

As the name suggests, 50% of the money goes to support St Mary and St George Church and 50% is paid out in monthly cash prizes. Club members pay £60 per year Or £30 every six months to be entered into monthly draws.

Each number costs £5 per month and you can buy as many numbers as you like!

The more you have the greater your chance of winning...
and the prize fund gets bigger.

In order to assess if we have enough parishioners who would like to join a 50/50 Club we have left some slips at the back of the church. If you're interested in joining please complete a slip and post it into the box. Thank you.

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

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. Although essentially a service for Christian unity, it is also an appropriate time for us to pray for Reconciliation and Tolerance throughout our troubled World, so that countries may peacefully co-exist. There will 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 starting this Sunday 14th January '24 at the Kingsbridge Family Church at 7pm. It will run for several weeks, but each session can be attended individually. All those interested are very welcome to participate, if you haven't attended a course before, you won't regret the experience! (info@kfclife.co.uk) or Family Church - 01548 852770.

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

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

**25th Feb
CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

**29th March
Holy Places Collection**

**21st April
Vocations Sunday**

**12th May
World Comm's
Sunday Collection**

**19th May
Sick and Retired Clergy
Collection**

**16th June
Day for Life Collection**

**30th June
Peter's Pence
Collection**

**14th July
Sea Sunday Collection**

**25th August
CCSP Annual Appeal**

**8th September
Education Sunday**

**15th September
Evangelii Gaudium
Sunday**

**6th October
CAFOD Harvest Fay
Day**

**20th October
World Mission Sunday**

Diocesan News

*****NEW*** DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

With great joy and gratitude, we look ahead to the upcoming Episcopal Ordination and Installation of our new Bishop, Christopher Whitehead on 22 February. Further details to follow soon regarding livestreaming of this event.

GATHER 2024

A weekend of faith, formation and friendship Friday 23 February – Sunday 25 February Livermead Cliff Hotel Torquay. For more information and booking form see flyer at the back of the church, visit Facebook and search gather conference or use the QR code on the poster. Many parishes have expressed interest in attending the Inspire gig. Please complete the form (link below) to express interest in the number of tickets that you would like to reserve: <https://forms.office.com/e/SLhtRkyqDZ> You will be given the chance to review the number of tickets you have reserved at the start of February before you are asked to make a payment.

LATEST YOUTH EVENTS NEWSLETTER

Please find the link for the Youth Events newsletter. <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-5CFF0834ECC0CA552540EF23F30FEDED>

*****NEW*** PEACE SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY**

Peace Sunday 2024 is Sunday 14 January and the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we do need to think about the consequences of the advances in AI for peace and justice. Certainly, governments around the world are taking the development of AI seriously. In November, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak invited experts and world leaders to a summit, expressly to look at AI and safety. Prior to the summit, he affirmed that, whilst we should not be alarmist, and that there are undoubtedly benefits for humanity in the development of AI, "get this wrong," he said, "and AI could make it easier to build chemical or biological weapons." Further he said, in the most extreme case, there is even a risk that humanity might lose control of AI completely, experts warning earlier in the year that, "Mitigating the risk of extinction from AI should be a global priority alongside other societal-scale risks such as pandemics and nuclear war." In that light, Pope Francis is raising a highly contemporary theme and one he has spoken on before when he has addressed the risks in the development of technology, not least in *Laudato Si'* and *Laudate Deum*. He has already said it is a theme he will return to on World Communications Day 2024, when he will consider 'Artificial Intelligence and wisdom of the heart for a fully human communication'. For many of us, the first question is: 'what exactly is 'Artificial Intelligence?' It is a concept that has entered our everyday language and yet we are not quite sure what it encompasses. Inevitably, there are a number of definitions but that used by the UK Information Commissioner is helpful: "AI is an umbrella term for a range of technologies and approaches that often attempt to mimic human thought to solve complex tasks. Things that humans have traditionally done by thinking and reasoning are increasingly being done by, or with the help of, AI."

We are already familiar with a number of its uses – internet search engines like Google, the ability of applications like Amazon, YouTube and Netflix to recommend something to buy, watch or listen to, based on our previous choices, software like ChatGPT which can generate articles and essays, or design software that can generate images.

What are our concerns as peacemakers in the development of AI? First there is the direct impact of AI on war and weapons. Drone Wars UK warn that AI is seen by the world's military powers as a way to revolutionise warfare and gain an advantage over enemies. Worrying military applications of AI are already being rolled out and those in development pose threats to our lives, human rights and wellbeing.

Then there are the fundamental concerns that Pope Francis raised when he announced his theme for the World Day of Peace: the need to be vigilant that a "logic of violence and discrimination" doesn't take root in the development of AI at the expense of the most fragile and excluded; that the advancement of AI does not fuel injustice and inequality and therefore conflict, and, of course, that AI is developed so that it serves humanity and the protection of our common home. It is a theme we will need to keep returning to.

For more information visit [Peace Sunday 2024 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

MARRIAGE MATTERS

09/01/24 Baptism of the Lord (B)

You are my Beloved

Isaiah 42:1-4, 4-7 Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 Mark 1:7-11

How we each adapt to and accept the many differences in each other is a remarkable insight into the Spirit of God deeply seeded within us. It is this which calls us to say to one another: you are my chosen one in whom my heart delights! Let us celebrate with joy God's love for us and for all marriages.



POPE FRANCIS @PONTIFEX

One word in particular resounds in the two principal Christian feasts. That word is "peace". Peace is primarily a gift of God, but it is also a responsibility incumbent upon all of us

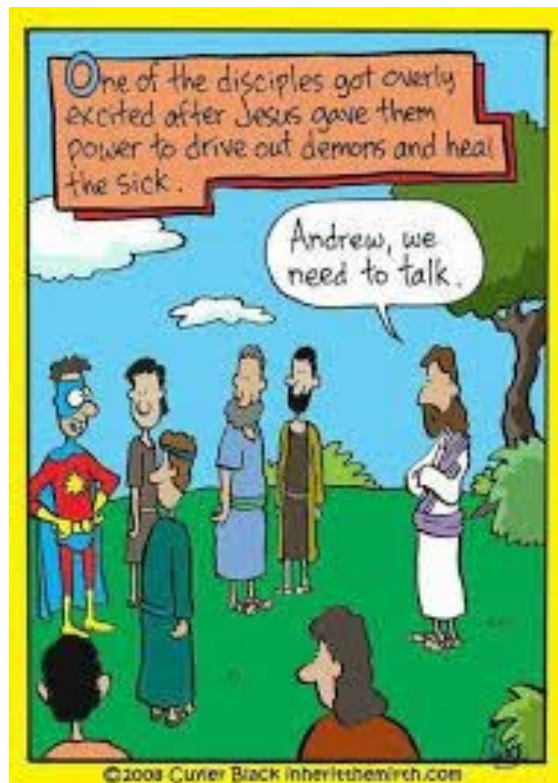
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Phone: 0330 0580960, press option 5 for the Counselling Service. It is completely confidential.

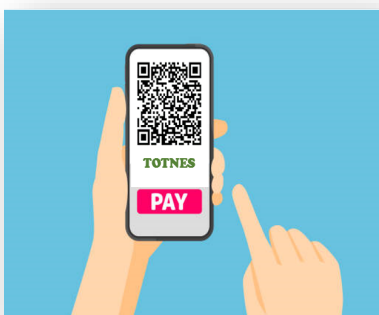
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For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

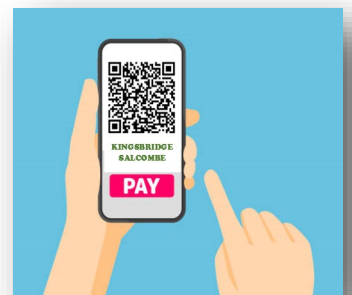
Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



TOTNES



**KINGSBRIDGE
SALCOMBE**



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THANK YOU**