

THE PARISH OF PAIGNTON

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Today is the Second Sunday of Christmass
A warm welcome to you, especially to any visitors.

THE PARISH CHURCH

Our priest today is Fr John Lee

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| Sun 3 Jan | 7.30am | Matins |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am | Family Communion |
| | 11.00am | Alternative Service |
| | 11.00am | Route 11: Kidz Klub Sunday School |
| | 6.00pm | Evensong & Benediction |

The Collect

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Ephesians 1.3-14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an

inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**
(At 8.00am only: the response to the canticle is: **(The righteous sing hymns to your name).**)

The Gospel

John 1.1-18

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon

grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

THE PARISH CHURCH

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| Mon 4 Jan | Feria | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| Tue 5 Jan | Feria | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| Wed 6 Jan | THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| Thu 7 Jan | Feria | 5.30pm | Holy Communion |
| Fri 8 Jan | Feria | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| Sat 9 Jan | Feria | 9.00am | Holy Communion |

ST ANDREWS

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| Sun 3 Jan | 11.00am | Sung Mass |
| | 4.00pm | S Andrew's@4 |
| Wed 6 Jan | 11.00am | Mass |

ST BONIFACE

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| Sun 3 Jan | 9.30am | Sung Mass |
| Tue 5 Jan | 9.30am | Holy Communion |

PARISH DIARY

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| Sun | 3 Jan | 6.00pm | Evensong & Benediction: Parish Church |
| Tue | 5 Jan | 10.30am-1.00pm | Golden Moments: St Boniface |
| Wed | 6 Jan | 10.00am | Mothers' Union Corporate Communion |
| | | 7.00pm | Epiphany of Our Lord Sung Mass: Parish Church |
| Fri | 8 Jan | 7.15pm | Club 2000 – Bingo in the Hall |
| Sun | 10 Jan | 6.00pm | Evening Worship: St Boniface |

NOTICES

On Wednesday 6 January at 7.00pm in the Parish Church there will be a Sung Mass celebrating the Epiphany of Our Lord. You are all welcome to join us for this service.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

