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PARISH CHURCH

Sunday Services:	Morning Prayer	7.30am
	Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Communion	9.30am
	followed by coffee in the Hall	
	The Alternative Service	11.00am
	Route 11: Kidz Klub in Church	11.00am
	Evensong & Benediction (1st Sunday)	6.00pm
	Wholeness & Healing (3rd Sunday)	6.00pm

Weekday Services:	Holy Communion is celebrated as follows:	
	Monday	9.30am
	Tuesday	8.00am
	Wednesday	10.00am
	Thursday	5.30pm
	Friday	10.00am
	Saturday	9.00am

Morning Prayer is said each morning at 8.30am. Evensong is said daily at 5.00pm. A priest is usually available in church after Evensong for consultation on any matter, for the Sacrament of Confession, or to give spiritual advice.

ST ANDREW'S

Sunday Service:	Sung Mass followed by coffee	11.00am
	4th Sunday Evensong & Benediction	6.00pm
Wednesday:	Mass followed by coffee	11.00am

ST BONIFACE

Sunday Services:	Sung Eucharist	9.30am
	Evening Worship	
	(2nd Sunday in the month)	6.00pm
Tuesday:	Holy Communion	9.30am

Fr Bob writes … in baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling .....

We will all have seen, and maybe received a greeting card that says “Life begins at forty” or thirty or fifty.

Don’t believe them, for life begins at baptism. Baptism is the quintessential ‘sign of life’, Jesus himself spoke of baptism in terms of strict obligation: ‘unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God’ (John 3:5). Baptism was the substance of his final earthly command: ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’ (Matt 28:19). When new believers asked St. Peter what they should do, he infallibly declared: ‘Repent, and be baptised every one of you’ (Acts 2:38).

Just as our natural living cannot proceed without a birth, so our spiritual life cannot proceed without baptism.

Early Christians moved easily from the baptism made popular by John along the River Jordan to their own water ceremony. They required it for commitment to the new Way preached by Jesus and for membership in their community of faith. At first it seems that new Christians were accepted into the community through this water ceremony without much formal preparation, but it wasn’t long before persecution made it important to test candidates for their sincerity, both to protect the community and to meet the challenges that lay ahead, the Eucharistic liturgy was usually only witnessed after baptism.

Baptism became associated with the annual Easter Vigil, adults being tested for up to three years while they were instructed, supported in their withdrawal from pagan practices and loyalties, and taught to live a new way. Only then were they admitted to candidacy for baptism. Finally, during what would become Lent, they received intense instruction, submitted to exorcisms and other special rituals, fasted on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and were then baptised during the night of the Easter Vigil. (I tell parents and Godparents when they come to a preparation class how lucky they are – it didn’t used to be the

priest giving them instruction for an hour on a Tuesday evening!!)

Over the centuries, Baptisteries became prominent features of churches, basilicas and cathedrals, some being elaborate separate buildings. Others were built into the entry or vestibules of the place of worship, or some close to the sanctuary. In some the elect were fully immersed, usually three times and in others they stood in shallow water, with the waters of baptism poured over them. Immediately after the water ritual the newly baptised were anointed with sweet smelling oil – the Oil of Chrism. Then they were dressed in white robes that they sometimes wore all of Easter week, and holding a burning candle they were led to the altar for the Eucharist.

The ending of Roman persecution for Christians in the 4th century brought religious freedom and becoming a Christian was the popular thing to do, there was a period of mass conversions to Christianity as the church and state blended together. And eventually most of the unbaptised in Europe were new born infants, and by 11th century babies were baptised as soon as possible after birth – this was a consequence of a high infant mortality rate and the conviction that the unbaptised could not be saved. Adults were baptised in private and the ordinary celebration of baptism became associated with infants, a rather simple service, usually held on a Sunday afternoon with godparents and a few others present. Seldom was the mother present for two reasons. First, baptism usually closely followed birth, and second, the mother was considered ‘unclean’ until a ritual of purification was performed.

Baptism is the first of the Initiation Services, the first stage of our journey of discipleship, a welcoming into the Christian fellowship, and so it is important that the Christian family are there to greet and welcome the newly baptised into the fellowship on the Christian community, and this must surely be around the altar of the Eucharist.

I began by saying that baptism brings us life – new life, and on 4th December, we in this Parish of Paignton, will through the Induction of Fr. Roger, be baptised into a new life, to share in his ministry and that of Gayna, to support and sustain them as

they come to lead us on the next stage of our development as we journey on our pilgrimage as disciples of Christ.

Fr. Roger and Gayna we welcome you into the fellowship of this Parish of Paignton.

Institution, Induction and Licensing

The Bishop of Plymouth will Institute
The Reverend Prebendary Roger Carlton
as Vicar of the Parish of Paignton
on Saturday 4th December 2010 at 4.00pm
in St John the Baptist Church, Paignton.
You are warmly invited to attend this service.
There will be light refreshments afterwards
in the Parish Hall.

St. Boniface

Coffee Morning following our 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 14th December.

Our Prize Bingo this month will be held on Wednesday 15th December, 7.30pm start.

An evening of music and entertainment by Concordia and the Southfield Recorder Group, Monday 20th December at 7.00pm.

St. Boniface Carols by Candlelight 7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd December.

Christingle Service Friday 24th – Christmass Eve – 5.00pm.

Midnight Mass and Blessing of the Crib – 11.00pm.

Look out for posters advertising our future events.

Fr Bob.

St Andrews

November is the month of remembrance – and yet it is through remembrance that we learn lessons, which, in turn, bring hope; the hope of Advent, a New Year and new beginnings.

At St Andrews we were pleased and honoured to host the Royal British Legion launch for their 2010 Poppy Appeal. We were entertained by the Brixham Town Band, soprano Christine Marsden accompanied by Jason Smart at the organ and a duo by the name of Silver Wings. It was most appropriate that "one of our own", Robert Chalmers, was among those who presented a cheque for some £2749.00 to the Paignton Branch President, Major Ron Goodwin. This amount was the total raised by 16 members of the Paignton RBL who had raised the money in a march of 69 miles around local war memorials in June of this year. Thank you all at St Andrews who contributed and supported Robert in his efforts.

We were very proud of the flower arrangers at St Andrews whose displays of poppies around the church were admired and appreciated by some of the senior officers of the RBL present at the launch; so much so that the ladies concerned were persuaded to display the arrangements at the Torbay RBL Festival of Remembrance at the Princess Theatre in Torquay. Well done Anthea and Shirley.

St Andrew's Patronal Festival

The Acting Church Wardens and the congregation cordially invite you to the St Andrew's Patronal Festival on 30th November at 7.30pm.

Please come along to a Sung Mass, followed by light refreshments, and share this special Celebration with us.

Welcome Father Roger

Of course everyone at St Andrews is looking forward to welcoming Father Roger and his family on 4th December. We look forward in hope and faith to sharing his mission for the Parish of Paignton.

Joyce Cappello.

53,000 NEW READERS as a result of the Mothers' Union Literacy Development Programme (MUDLP) to which we were able to send £30 as a result of our collection.

£100 has been sent to help fund MU workers overseas following our recent coffee morning. Many thanks to all who contributed to these projects in any way.

The Deanery Carol Service is to be held at South Brent Church on Wednesday December 8th preceded by a bring and share lunch at 11.45am.

A happy and peaceful Christmas to everyone.

Corporate Communion Wednesday December 1st at 10.00am.

Sue O'Brien

Parish Ladies' Group

An inspirational talk, given in October by Ros Ede of the Street Pastors, has resulted in possible new recruits and in the supportive prayer of our church's Prayer Group and also of many who attended.

Thank you, Ros, not only for your talk, but also for the work you undertake.

Our meeting on Monday December 13th will take the form of a fund-raiser for Paignton Hospital's League of Friends. There will be an afternoon tea and entertainment by 'Rich T'.

Tickets are now on sale at a price of £4. Please buy a ticket, even if you cannot attend, and please sell tickets to your friends, relatives and to members of the congregations.

We are delighted that we now have a new Vicar. Father Roger and Gayna, we extend a warm welcome to you both, and we hope that you will be able to join us at some of our events.

The Ladies' Group wish you all a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Audrey Smith.

Club 2000

Another year has passed and "TIME OUT" Monday mornings have been well supported with many interesting people coming through the door. I would like to thank the committed team who set up and pack away, keep the tea and coffee flowing and maintain a friendly atmosphere. Comments received reflect this. We thank God for this opportunity to serve Him in our Town. We value your prayers. Please help us with any items we can sell, the present climate is affecting us too. Thank you too for your support with the coach outings.

Do hope you all have a lovely time this Christmas and a healthy 2011. Cynthia.

Dates —

Friday 10th December Cash Bingo in the Hall at 7.15pm

Monday 20th December is the last Monday "TIME OUT" until Monday 10th January 2011.

Unfortunately the Coach trip to Truro on the Thursday 16th December has been cancelled.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 20th January – Our Annual 'Tinsel and Turkey' Lunch (your choice from the menu) this year it will be at The Smugglers Inn, Dawlish. Price to be arranged. List will be in the Hall.

Cynthia Borrill

Bell Ringing News

President of Devon Association of Ringers

The Devon Association of Ringers AGM was a pleasure last year with John Kelly BEM, Captain of Paignton Bell Ringers since 1958, being elected President of the Devon Association of Ringers. At the AGM on 13 November this year, John, having completed his term of office, had the honour of passing the presidential sash to the new President.

Surprise 75th Birthday Party

The ringers had a surprise birthday party for John on his 75th birthday in September. Ringers from Devon and Somerset joined him for a day's ringing in Somerset starting at North Curry. After lunch ringing took place at the heaviest set of 10 bells in the world at Wells Cathedral. Further ringing was at Butleigh and then Street, both towers having had works on the tower, bells and frame recently. The evening finished with a celebratory meal at the Redwoods Inn, Uplowman, Tiverton.

Competition Successes

The Paignton ringers have had some remarkable success in the Deanery Festival held at Churston Ferrers. The A team came 2nd and this qualifies them to ring at an Interdeanery Competition next year where they will ring against the top two teams from each Deanery. Congratulations to Harry McAdam, aged 14, in ringing his first competition peal, including a rise and lower, with the B team, and winning the Garner Trophy.

Devon Ringers' Carol Service

This will be held on Saturday 11th December at Heavitree at 3pm. The Ockment Valley, Lamerton and Exeter Cathedral Handbell Ringers will be performing. Just turn up and see what happens, it is an open service organised by bell ringers.

Bells at Christmas

Bells are always associated with churches and the religion of Christianity. The sound of bells announces the birth of Christ on earth. It is said that with Christmas the use of large church bells to call the faithful to worship may have been started by Bishop Paulinus of Nola (431 A.D.) in Campania. For many, the holy sound of church bells ringing out on a Sunday morning brings

to mind the Lord's commandments. Their pitch and rhythm indicate joy, warning, or sorrow so that the community might rejoice with the joyful, and mourn with the sorrowful. Bells are symbolic of the harmony existing in the society. It acts as a medium between heaven and earth, bells and especially their clappers, represent communication and suspension between humans and God.

If you want to know more about church bell-ringing, join John for a practice evening at Paignton Parish Church on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the bell ringers.

Michael Webster

Christmas

Christ is the beginning of Christmas.
He's our Saviour and also our friend,
who was there at our very beginning
and with us right through to the end.

When we feel we need someone to talk to
and discuss any troubles or fear.
We can quietly sit down and tell Him,
For He always is there and will hear.

He won't call aloud with an answer,
but be patient and open your mind.
His calm voice will reply to your questions
and the comfort you seek, you will find.

Ron B

Baptism	21st November	Joshua Felipe Ayala
Funerals	1st November	Irene Trow
	4th November	Albert Whaley
	4th November	Amy Snell
	25th November	Maureen Cunningham
	26th November	Kathleen Hymas

My sincere thanks to Fr Bob and all those who contributed in any way to the evening Memorial Service held on Sunday 21st November. It was truly memorable and touching. I am grateful that I was able to attend.

Sheila Richards

Thank you to everyone who attended my mother's funeral on Monday 1st November at the Parish Church. It was lovely to see familiar faces and your presence was greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Father Bob for such a beautiful service; to Gordon for organising the music for Mom to enter and leave the church; to Jason for playing the organ and to Jean and Alan Beard for distributing the booklets to guests.

Everything went very well and it was wonderful to have so many people there to support us and say goodbye to Mom. Thanks also to everyone who has been so kind to all our family since Mom passed away.

Love from Denise

DIARY FOR DECEMBER

1	Wed	10.00am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion: Parish Church
			Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass
4	Sat	4.00pm	Institution, Induction & Licensing: Parish Church *Please see details in magazine*
5	Sun	6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: Parish Church
6	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish
8	Wed		Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass
10	Fri	7.15pm	Club 2000 Cash Bingo: Parish Hall
12	Sun	10.30am	Traidcraft Stall after 9.30am service: Parish Hall
		6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: St Boniface
13	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish
			Parish Ladies' Group Meeting: Parish Hall *See details in magazine*
14	Tue	10.30am	Coffee Morning: St Boniface following 9.30am Mass
15	Wed		Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass
		1.45pm	Kings Ash Primary School Carol Service: Parish Church
		7.30pm	Prize bingo: St Boniface
16	Thu	10.00am	Hayes School Carol Service: Parish Church
17	Fri	11.00am	Tower House School Carol Service: Parish Church
19	Sun	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight: Parish Church
20	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish
		7.00pm	Concordia & The Southfield Recorder Group: St Boniface
22	Wed		Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass
		7.00pm	6th Torbay Britannia Sea Scout Group Carol Service: Parish Church
24	Fri		Christmas Eve
25	Sat		Christmas Day
26	Sun		St Stephen
30	Thu	7.30pm	St Andrew's Patronal Festival: St Andrew's

Advance Notice – Parish Lunch Sunday February 6th

The following page gives details of all the services held in the three churches in our Parish over the Christmas time.

Services through December in the Parish of Paignton

The Parish Church (Church Street)

Sunday 12 December
Christingle Service 3.00pm
Sunday 19 December
Carols by Candlelight 6.00pm
Christmas Eve
Children's Crib Service 3.30pm
Midnight Mass 11.30pm
Christmas Day
Family Communion with carols 10.00am
Sunday 26 December
Holy Communion (said) 8.00am
Family Communion 10.00am
Thursday 6 January
Epiphany Service 7.30pm

St Andrew's (Sands Road)

Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass 11.30pm
Christmas Day
Family Communion 10.00am
Sunday 26 December
Family Communion 11.00am
Sunday 9 January
Epiphany Carol Service 6.00pm

St Boniface (Belfield Road)

Wednesday 22 December
Carols by Candlelight 7.00pm
Christmas Eve
Christingle Service 5.00pm
Midnight Mass 11.00pm
Sunday 26 December
Family Communion 9.30am

INTERCESSIONS FOR DECEMBER

1	Wed	Feria	Our Mothers' Union
2	Thu	Feria	Our Schools in the Parish
3	Fri	S. Francis Xavier Pr	Migrants & Refugees
4	Sat	S. John of Damascus Pr Dr	Fr. Roger & Gayna
5	**Sun**	**Advent 2**	**Churchwardens**
6	Mon	S. Nicholas	The Children's Society
7	Tue	S. Ambrose B Dr	All Bishops
8	Wed	Immaculate Conception of BVM	Thanksgiving for our Lady
9	Thu	Feria	Racial Equality
10	Fri	Feria	Peace and Justice in the world
11	Sat	Feria	Ordinands & Enquirers
12	**Sun**	**Advent 3**	**Our Christingle Service**
13	Mon	S. Lucy V M	The Blind
14	Tue	S. John of the Cross	The Sick and Disabled
15	Wed	Feria	The Elderly and Housebound
16	Thu	Feria	The Emergency Services
17	Fri	Feria (O Sapientia)	Paignton Hospital
18	Sat	Feria (O Adonai)	The Homeless
19	**Sun**	**Advent 4 (O Radix)**	**Parish Church Carol Service**
20	Mon	Feria (O Clavis)	Our Church's Music
21	Tue	Feria (O Oriens)	Theological Colleges
22	Wed	Feria (O Rex)	The United Nations
23	Thu	Feria (O Emmanuel)	Expectant Mothers
24	Fri	Christmass Eve	Midwives
25	**Sat**	**Christmass Day**	**Thanksgiving for the Incarnation**
26	**Sun**	**S. Stephen**	**The Bereaved**
27	Mon	S. John Apostle & Evangelist	Bible Translators
28	Tue	Holy Innocents	Children who are victims of violence
29	Wed	Thomas a Becket	Parish Clergy
30	Thu	In the Octave	Society of Mary
31	Fri	In the Octave	Thanksgiving for 2010