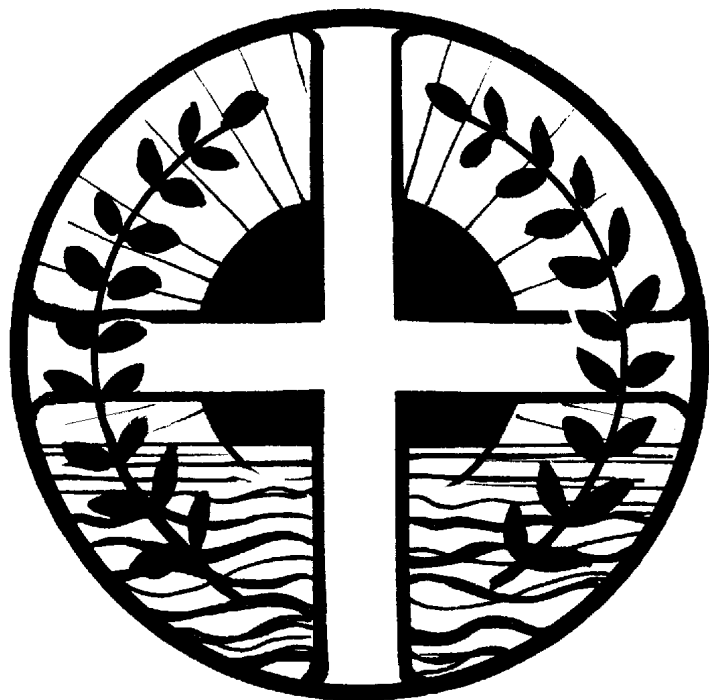


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Sunday Services:	Mattins	7.30am
	Holy Communion	8.00am
	Family Communion	9.30am
	followed by coffee in the Hall	
	The Alternative Service	11.00am
	Route 11: Kidz Klub in Church	11.00am
Weekday Services:	Evensong & Benediction (1 st Sunday)	6.00pm
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

Mattins is said each morning at 7.30am except Saturday when it is at 8.30am. Evensong is said daily at 5.00 pm. 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
	4 th Sunday Evensong & Benediction	6.00pm
Wednesday:	Mass followed by coffee	11.00am

ST BONIFACE

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

Fr Roger writes Thank you for the warm welcome Gayna and I have already received – and we are not there yet!

I am looking forward to joining you in Paignton as your parish priest, being part of the Christian community, and particularly in the 3 churches of our parish. It is an exciting and challenging time – so please remember us in your prayers over the coming weeks – and beyond!

The arrival of a new Vicar often produces anticipation and anxiety in equal measure! I hope that we shall quickly be able to work together for the good of the Kingdom of God and I look forward to meeting you and getting to know Paignton.

So you know a little about me here is the brief history! I grew up in Exeter and after a period of teacher training in York as a Science teacher I taught for 11 years in a Comprehensive School in Bristol, and then for 4 years I was Chaplain to Exeter and St Margaret's School. I served my curacy in Bristol, and whilst in Exeter helped in The Parish of Heavitree. Since 1987 I have been Team Vicar and then Team Rector of The Roborough Team Ministry just north of Plymouth. Married to Gayna (who is Senior Sister on the children's theatre at Derriford Hospital). We have 2 children (Joanna and Tony) and 5 grandchildren. A great deal of my ministry has also been involved in Youth Work, particularly with teenagers.

Arriving in Advent, and at a busy time for the church, means getting to know people may be overtaken by events, but I shall look forward to visiting you at home, and please anticipate this if you can, as I am always pleased to be invited and to call.

In answer to the inevitable question "What shall I call you?" then Fr Roger or Roger is absolutely fine and use the one you feel comfortable with!
Your friend and priest.

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to the Institution and Induction of Fr Roger on Saturday the 4th of December at 4.00pm. There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.

Fr Bob writes ... Continuing our journey through the sacraments, I want this month to look at Reconciliation.

Humans have always found something lacking in their personal behaviour. Moral conduct has always been guided by codes, taboos, and laws within families, clans, or tribes. Some moral codes were very elaborate, as can be seen from the moral legislation in the Old Testament books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy. Some process of making amends for violations – sins, has always been part of human experience, proper behaviour was considered legislated by the gods, atonement for violations was a religious matter. And this varied from temporary exclusion or excommunication from the clan, rituals of purification, special sacrifices as sin offerings, fasting, prayer, and in extreme cases, death.

Jesus himself and the earliest of Christians were used to penitential rituals prescribed by both the Hebrew Scriptures and the Jewish traditions. The chief one being the Day of Atonement when the high priest ritually confessed his and the people's sin to God. He then transferred the sins of the nation to a goat, called Azazel, which was then driven into the wilderness (Lev. 16: 8 – 10). Hence the origin of the term 'scapegoat'. The High Priest then offered the required sacrifice in the Temple in Jerusalem as a sign that all would change their lives.

Jesus preached a Gospel of God's love and forgiveness, he was comfortable in associating with sinners, showing them his sincere love and companionship, hence sinners flocked to him. Later, however, his church, would find it

difficult to deal with the matter of sin and forgiveness. The earliest Christian communities continued their Jewish penitential practices, they expelled members in extreme cases until they repented, in 1 Corinthians 5: 1-13, we see that Paul actually urged this to happen. Baptism was considered to be the means of repentance and response to Jesus' invitation to a new life – the Kingdom of God.

These early Christians were not blind to the reality of ordinary sins, so they confessed their sins to one another and prayed for healing (James 5: 16). When Christ's Second Coming did not happen as quickly as they had once thought, and the church communities had to deal with members who had not lived up to their commitment, there evolved a need for some kind of absolution ritual. At a very early date, a penitential formula was included when Christians gathered for the Eucharist: 'On the dominical day of the Lord (Sunday) come together to break bread and give thanks, after having also confessed your sins so that your sacrifice may be pure'.

By the 4th century a public ritual had evolved to deal with the most serious of sinners. This included a confession of sins to the local bishop, followed by readmittance into the worshipping community after proof of conversion and extensive penance. Penance were harsh and often public, sometimes lasting for years or even a lifetime. Some common penances were: total abstinence from wine, meat, sexual relations with spouse, business dealings, bathing, shaving, or having one's hair cut. It was common to wear sackcloth, ashes, and even chains.

At Mass these penitents were prayed over by the presider and congregation and in some places they had to stand at the doors of the church, begging for the prayers of those who entered. Absolution and readmittance to the community occurred before the Easter Vigil, often on Holy Thursday. A common conviction being there was only one opportunity for repentance after baptism, so it wasn't

unusual for serious sinners to postpone entering the ranks of penitents until old age.

Over the centuries public forms of penance became unpopular, and by the 10th century, absolution was commonly given before the penance was completed, and the penances themselves became lighter.

Private confession followed, which often took place before the altar. It was St. Charles Borromeo (Feast day 4th November) who in the 16th century, designed a confessor's chair boxed in by screens, known to us as 'the Confessional'.

There are many ways of looking at confession and reconciliation, but here in the 21st century we can perhaps look at it as healing – as health care. Confession does for our souls what doctors, dieticians, physical therapists, and pharmacists do for our bodies. Think about the things we do to keep our bodies healthy, go to the doctor, the dentist, the optician etc.....we don't need reminding to shower or clean our teeth..... Shouldn't we really be spending a little more time looking after our souls? After all, our bodies will pass away soon enough, but our souls will live on forever.

What's more, our decisions about our spiritual health and hygiene will have a tremendous effect on the people around us. Nothing serves family life and workplace dynamics so well as a clean soul and the advice of a good confessor. On the other hand, nothing hurts our relationships and our mental health so much as the burden of sin and guilt. Confession is free healthcare, and free life insurance as well!

'It is better to confess one's sins than to harden one's heart'.

And remember your penance will probably not be as severe as your ancestors' was!

It has been decided by the Parish Church Committee, with the approval of the Parochial Church Council, not to hold a Christmass Fayre this year. However we are having a Christmass Draw. This will be drawn at our Christmass Coffee Morning on Friday 26th November in the Parish Hall between 10.00am and 12 noon. There will be stalls and refreshments. Please support this raffle and the event. All welcome.

Raffle tickets are available at your Church now.

St. Boniface

Most of our maintenance projects are now complete in readiness for the Quinquennial Inspection that will be done this month. We hope also to have a new Noticeboard displaying our service times and other information in place soon. All this will enhance our church as we begin to plan our 50th anniversary celebrations next year.

The new Foxhole Community Centre is almost ready for opening, a project that has been long awaited by the community, and we at St. Boniface are looking forward to forming links with them and the school, enabling us all to work together for the good of the community.

Dates for your diary –

Coffee Morning following our 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 9th November.

Our Prize Bingo this month will be held on Wednesday 24th November, 7.30pm start.

Look out for posters advertising our future events.

Fr Bob.

St Andrews

As I look out of my study window it seems that the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness has arrived. Autumn is a season of change, leaves change colour and the landscape becomes draped in hues of gold, russet and amber. These were reflected in our Harvest Festival displays. The nights are drawing in, the days are getting shorter and there is a distinct nip in the air. Soon the late autumn sunshine will be replaced by heavy mists clinging to the bare branches and bringing the curtain down on my views across Torbay.

Change itself is the only constant. Particularly at the moment in the Parish of Paignton and its three churches. The long process of appointing a new priest is over and we eagerly await the arrival of Father Roger Carlton on 4th December. Our prayers are with him as we pledge our support for his mission in Paignton.

In the meantime there is plenty happening at St Andrews in support of the wider community.

The Bishop's Mission In Torbay.

3rd to the 7th November

See the posters in all three churches for more details.

St Andrews Christmass Market.

27th November 11.00am – 3.00pm

Variety of stalls, refreshments and raffle.

St Andrews Patronal Festival

Mass at 7.30pm followed by refreshments

See posters and weekly news sheet for more details

Joyce Cappello.

Harvest Bring and Share Lunch Sunday 3rd October

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who made the HARVEST BRING AND SHARE LUNCH such a success.

- The ladies in the kitchen preparing and setting up the food and refreshments
- All those involved in preparing the hall and the stage for the entertainment
- EVERYONE who contributed to such a varied array of food that was delicious
- Abigail for her talented flute playing which was a joy to listen to
- Elizabeth's clarinet playing that made everyone smile as they reminisced an old tune
- The children of Route 11 (and Moira) for their lovely singing with actions
- JC Gangsters musical and fun insight into their groups' activities with a screen presentation
- Jessica and Gordon for their musical interlude
- Mavis' harvest theme quiz which I am still working out as I missed the answers
- Everyone who supplied prizes for the raffle and the 'willing' young sellers of tickets
- All those generous people who kept buying raffle tickets (especially those who were 'encouraged' to buy extra "winning tickets")

And a special thank you to....

CONCORDIA - a group of 8 singers led by Audrey Strachan. The ladies sang some familiar tunes accompanied by Audrey on the piano and gave us a splendid finale to a special afternoon.

Concordia do not charge for entertaining but any donations are divided between the four charities they support. (Paignton Day Centre, Devon Air Ambulance, Hospice at Home, Torbay Life Boat).

The £70.00 raised by the raffle was donated to Concordia who gave £35.00 towards supporting the young children's groups at the Parish Church.

Finally I would like to give a huge thanks to THE HARVEST SOCIAL COMMITTEE who kept me from panicking (*too much*) and had the knowledge and know-how about such events. A special thank you to Ray Sellers who booked the hall for me.....

How could anyone not know that was the most important thing to do???

It was a great afternoon for all ages and I hope we can go bigger and better next year.

Thank you to everyone; with your support I made it through till the end.

Denise Morris

Club 2000

Dates for your diary –

Friday 12th November. Cash Bingo in the Hall 7.15pm

Thursday 25th November. Coach trip to Sidmouth with a coffee stop at Ottery St. Mary Garden Centre. List is in the hall. Price to be arranged.

Thursday 16th December – coach trip to Truro (visit the Cathedral if you wish) - no Carol Service. Price to be arranged.

Cynthia Borrill

Mothers' Union

We all send our love and congratulations to Marie and Dick Chubb on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Five of us recently attended a service at St Luke's Buckfastleigh at which Vivian Kityo, a Provincial President from Uganda, was the speaker. She spoke of the many challenges facing women in Uganda and other parts of Africa. She runs a centre for young girls who have been victims of rape and abuse. They are trained to cook and sew. She expressed thanks for all the knitted squares which we had sent. After a shared tea we watched a short video in which the girls were seen sewing our squares into blankets. Their rehearsed speech of thanks to us of the Exeter Diocese was very touching.

Thank you to all who have handed in your coin bags. We have had a wonderful response to the project. Any outstanding bags should be handed in as soon as possible as the money has to be counted and sent to Exeter whence it will go to the M.U. Literacy & Development Programme which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Since the year 2000 literacy circles for 73,721 people have been started and more than 53,000 have achieved a recognized literacy and numeracy level as a result. The programme runs in Burundi, Malawi and Sudan and these countries have the highest rates of illiteracy especially among women. As more women become literate their families and communities are transformed and many local issues and challenges can be addressed.

Tributes (£16) are now due for 2011.

Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday November 3rd at 10.00am in the Parish Church.

Susan O'Brien

Parish Ladies Group

September saw our annual Bring and Share Registration Supper and the feast did not disappoint us; neither did Mavis' challenging quiz. Thank you Mavis and all who brought the delicious food. Congratulations, ladies.

Even more gratifying was the enrolment of 38 ladies into our group. This number should increase when those, who were on holiday at the time, return.

Our Snack and Chat meeting on Monday 15th November will be at the Redcliffe Hotel at 12.30pm. Ladies, please come. You do not have to enrol in the Ladies' group to enjoy these lunches with us.

As you know, we have voted to support Paignton Hospital's League of Friends as our charity this year. All parishioners, please keep Monday 13th December free as at 2.30pm we shall host an afternoon tea with entertainment by 'Rich T', who were so popular last year that we have asked them for an encore performance.

Some of us, regretfully, have already experienced the hospitality of Paignton Hospital, and some of us may do so in the future so please support our efforts to help this charity.

In preparation Mr Bodger will talk to us about the League of Friends and their work on Monday 22nd November at 7.30pm in the Hall. This will be an open evening for the gentlemen as well as for the ladies of the parish.

It is with great sadness that we have learned of the sudden death of Marjorie Gillard, one of our members. Marjorie was always so lively, friendly and entertaining, and always willing to help us in our ventures.

We shall miss you, Marjorie.

Audrey Smith

Parish Holiday To The Lake District

Majestic Tours have reserved us places on their 5 day holiday from Sunday 8th May. Cost approximately £279.

We stay at the 3 star Windermere Hydro Hotel, and included in the price is a lake cruise and visits to Grasmere and Holker Hall, the former residence of the Duke of Devonshire.

20 people have their names down already and there are still a few twin rooms available.

Please let me know if you are interested as soon as possible.

Sadie Yates

Send A Cow At Christmas

The 2010 update has just arrived with news of the countries in Africa where our money makes such a difference to destitute families – Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia.

Contributions are used for the purchase of rabbits and chickens (from £6); sheep (from £33) and goats (from £58) up to local cattle and dairy cows. They are given according to need and resources, with appropriate training, and the first female offspring are passed on to another family. Sometimes water storage facilities are badly needed, and this year comes a special gift of Calliandra Tree seeds (£10) which will quickly grow to provide wood, shade, fodder and fertiliser.

Please support our annual Parish Christmas Gift which will help to improve the lives of so many adults and children. Either cash or cheques, made payable to 'Send a Cow', will be very gratefully received.

Sadie Yates

Life's Journey

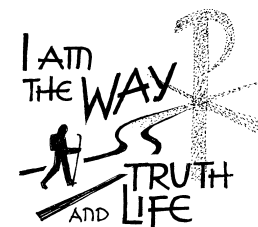
Life is like a journey
that all of us will take.
But where that journey takes us
are decisions that we make.

You may find the road gets very rough
and never seems to end.
Then it suddenly gets better
as your drive around a bend.

There are signposts on our journey,
that point the way ahead.
Yet sometimes we ignore them
and go another way instead.

We may find that we're in trouble
and don't know where we are.
Then a helpful guide appears,
who seems to know just who you are.

He asks us where we want to go,
and says 'It's easy you will see.
You will travel the right road again
if you'll only follow Me'.



Ron B

Wine & Wisdom



The Parish Quiz – Wine & Wisdom – takes place in the Parish Church Hall on Friday, November 19th at 7.30pm. Wine. Pasties. Draw. All welcome to this fun evening. Tickets £5.00 are available at all three churches.

Parish Magazine Annual Subscription

Reserving a copy of the monthly magazine, helps us to save paper & reduce costs. The annual subscription for 2011, remains at £4.00 and is now due.

To become a subscriber or to renew your subscription, please use the attached envelope for your payment and return it to either the Church Wardens or ourselves. Many thanks.

Carol & Bernie Haggett



Baptisms	17 th October	Khloe Ann Milner
	24 th October	Charlie-Rose Pickering
		Gracie-Mai Pickering
Wedding	23 rd October	Ronald Tunkin & Tina Roskilly
Funerals	4 th October	Marion Starkey
	6 th October	Betty Price
	15 th October	James Mason

Sheila, Gordon and Sharman would like to thank all those kind and thoughtful people who contributed to the Parish Church Organ Fund in memory of Gil. The amount raised was £570.45.

Sheila Richards

Gilbert Richards was a sidesperson and a regular member of our Friday morning and Sunday congregations. He regularly administered the chalice at these services and arranged the rota.

Together with Sheila, his wife, they ran an Art Group at St Andrew's Hall and the book stall at our Fund Raising events for many years.

The large attendance at his funeral was a worthy tribute to him. We offer our deepest sympathy to Sheila and her family and thank them for their generosity in contributing over £500 to the Organ fund in lieu of flowers.

My wonderful mother passed away in her sleep on Wednesday 20th October after a sudden diagnosis of terminal cancer.

She became my life and my challenge over the past five years since my father died. Mom's mobility and general health declined over the years and in the last few months she was in pain a lot more.

Thank you to everyone who helped her when she took part in Church events. Hopefully her lovely smile and generous nature brightened your day as it did mine.

Mom is now at peace and I know she has returned to her Holy Father. Thank you in my Church Family for all the kind words and caring actions.

Mom's Funeral Service will be on Monday 1st November at 15:45 at the Parish Church. If you would like to join all the lucky people whose lives she touched, please come.

Love Denise x

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

1	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Hall
2	Tue	9.30am	All Souls Service: St Boniface
		10.30am	Coffee Morning: St Andrew's
		7.00m	All Souls Service: Parish Church
3	Wed	10.00am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion: Parish Church
			Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass
7	Sun	6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: Parish Church
8	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Hall
9	Tue	10.30am	Coffee Morning following Mass: St Boniface
		10.30am	Coffee Morning: St Andrew's
10	Wed		Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass
12	Fri	7.15pm	Club 2000 Cash Bingo: Parish Hall
14	Sun	3.00pm	Remembrance Sunday Service
		6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: St Boniface
15	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Hall
		12.30pm	Parish Ladies' Group Snack & Chat meeting: The Redcliffe Hotel
		2.30pm	Prayer Group Meeting: Parish Church Gallery
16	Tue	10.30am	Coffee Morning: St Andrew's
17	Wed		Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass
19	Fri	7.30pm	Wine & Wisdom Evening: Parish Hall
21	Sun	6.00pm	Memorial Service: Parish Church
22	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Hall
		7.30pm	Parish Ladies' Group Meeting: Parish Hall
23	Tue	9.00am	Magazine material to Ann Howard please
		10.30am	Coffee Morning: St Andrew's
24	Wed		Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass
		7.30pm	Prize Bingo: St Boniface
25	Thu		Club 2000 Coach Trip to Sidmouth
26	Fri	10.00am-12 noon	Christmass Coffee Morning with Raffle: Parish Hall <i>See details in magazine</i>
27	Sat	11.00am-3.00pm	St Andrew's Christmass Market <i>See article in magazine for details</i>
28	Sun	6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: St Andrew's
29	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Hall
30	Tue	10.30am	Coffee Morning: St Andrew's
		7.30pm	St Andrew's Patronal Festival: St Andrew's Church

INTERCESSIONS FOR NOVEMBER

1	Mon	Feria	The peace of the world
2	Tue	All Souls Day	The Faithful Departed
3	Wed	Feria	The Mothers' Union
4	Thu	S. Charles Borromeo	The Elderly
5	Fri	Feria	Our Schools in the Parish
6	Sat	Of Our Lady	All Universities
7	Sun	3 rd Sunday before Advent	Our Parish
8	Mon	All Saints of England	Our Nation
9	Tue	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Roman Catholics
10	Wed	S. Leo the Great	All Theologians
11	Thu	S. Martin of Tours	S. Martin's Church, Barton
12	Fri	S. Josaphat	The Clergy of the Deanery
13	Sat	Of Our Lady	Walsingham
14	Sun	2 nd Sunday Before Advent Remembrance Sunday	Victims of War
15	Mon	S. Albert the Great	The Sick and Disabled
16	Tue	S. Margaret of Scotland	The Church in Scotland
17	Wed	S. Hugh	Paignton Hospital
18	Thu	Feria	The Methodist Church
19	Fri	S. Hilda	All Nuns
20	Sat	Of Our Lady	Torbay Street Pastors
21	Sun	Christ the King	Our Memorial Service
22	Mon	S. Cecilia	Our Organist and Choir
23	Tue	S. Clement	The Poor
24	Wed	S. Andrew Dung Lac & Comp	The Church in Vietnam
25	Thu	Feria	The Housebound
26	Fri	Feria	All Teachers
27	Sat	Of Our Lady	Rowcroft Hospice
28	Sun	Advent Sunday	Our Keeping of Advent
29	Mon	Feria	Our Churchwardens and PCC
30	Tue	S. Andrew Ap	The Church and People of S Andrew's