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**THE LINK**

## **Our Church Mission Statement**

**Fore Street Methodist Church seeks to worship God, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and share God's love with all.**

### **Worship**

The Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.

### **Learning and Caring**

The Church exists to help people to learn and grow as Christians through mutual support, care and teaching.

### **Service**

The Church exists to be good neighbours to people in need, to challenge injustice and care for God's world.

### **Evangelism**

The Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ.



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### PLEASE REMEMBER

The submission date for the April edition of the Link is 11<sup>th</sup> March

Articles can be:

- put in the red box in the Church entrance
- sent by post to 17 North Boundary Road, Brixham, TQ5 8LH
- sent by email to [54aklucas@gmail.com](mailto:54aklucas@gmail.com)

It would be useful if you could provide a contact telephone number or email address in case I have any queries.



It costs 50p to produce this magazine but it is **FREE** to you.

If, however you wish to contribute either monthly or annually to its production it would be very much appreciated.

## The Lectionary - March 2026

The Bible Readings are from the Torbay Circuit Plan and the Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays. Whilst not all preachers will use the lectionary, you might like to use these readings week by week for personal Bible Study and reflection.

1st Mar	Morning	Genesis 12 v1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4 v1-5 & 13-17 John 3 v1-17
	Evening	Numbers 21 v4-9, Psalm 135 v1-14 (15-21) Luke 14 v27-33
8th Mar	Morning	Exodus 17 v1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5 v1-11 John 4 v5-42
	Evening	Joshua 1 v1-9, Psalm 40, Ephesians 6 v10-20 John 2 v13-22
15th Mar	Morning	1 Samuel 16 v1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5 v8-14 John 9 v1-41
	Evening	Micah 7 v1-20, <i>or</i> Prayer of Manasseh v1-15, Psalm 31 v1-8 (9-16), James 5 v1-20, John 3 v14-21
22nd Mar	Morning	Ezekiel 37 v1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8 v6-11
	Evening	Lamentations 3 v19-33, Psalm 30 Matthew 20 v17-34
29th Mar	Morning	Isaiah 50 v4-9a, Psalm 31 v9-16, Philippians 2 v5-11
	Evening	Isaiah 5 v1-7, Psalm 80

## Message from the Minister

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus says that 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:14-16.

When we think of the Sermon on the Mount, we tend to think that Jesus was preaching to a vast crowd, yet if you read the first verse, you find myself wondering whether his words were aimed at his disciples in the main, and for the remainder to overhear. Whichever way you go with this, we find ourselves with this amazing teaching. Simply put, we are to be seen and noticed and how we behave will bring Glory to the Father. Now, you might wonder about this for Fore Street Methodist Church. We have a wonderful church building that people see. We also have a great Community Centre that is well used. Do these buildings help us bring glory to the Father? Do other folk notice us?

Well, yes, people do notice us. Let me give one example. A small group of Fore Street folk meet once a month for Breakfast at Caroline's Kitchen. The owners have made us aware that they really love having us and have been telling others about us, and have pointed people to our Church. This is good news. This little gang of Christians were not looking for praise themselves. And yet, just by 'being,' glory is being brought to the Father in Heaven. How extraordinary is that. Simply by being Christians in the community and by behaving well and by treating the staff with kindness. Just by 'being' the Good News of Jesus is shown.

This is one small example. Over the year, let's do more and more as we ask our question for the year: how does this help us make more disciples?

Emmanuel always.

*Rev Andy*

## Church Family News



It certainly keeps raining doesn't it? Let's hope that by the time the March Link is available we will have seen some sunshine to cheer us! However, with or without sunshine we are delighted to have Eileen Hall back with us again. She has been much missed and we hope and pray that she will continue to get stronger each day.

Gordon Chambers is out of hospital and is now in Horfield Lodge a lovely MHA care home on the outskirts of Bristol. He is deciding his next plan of action and in the meantime he thanks everyone for their good wishes, thoughts and prayers which of course continue for him.

Jean Walkeden is now in Pendennis Care Home in Paignton although we don't know at the moment if this will be permanent. We send her our good wishes and continue to remember her in our prayers.

We are all missing our good friend Barbara Vond. There are certainly lots of Barbara shaped holes!! There was hardly a spare seat for her Thanksgiving Service and it was obvious to all how much she meant to everyone. She had planned her remarkable service and she would have been delighted by the way it went. It was full of singing, laughter, remembrances, prayer and the knowledge that she was with her Lord to whom she had been faithful for most of her life. We all felt privileged to be at the service and we thank God for Barbara and for who she was. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Frank and the family at this time.

Lent is almost here and we pray for each other as we walk this path together to prepare for Holy Week and eventually Easter itself.

## CHURCH DIARY

- Mondays 10:00-11:30 (term time only) Busy Bees
- Tuesdays 10:00-12:00 Watercolour Group in Room 1
- Tuesdays 17:30 (term time only) Rainbows
- Every last Tuesday 13:00 -15:00 Carers Coffee Afternoon
- Every Wednesday 10:00 -12:00 - Church Coffee Morning
- Every Wednesday 11:00 - Prayer Service in Church
- Thursdays 10:00 -11:30 (term time only) Busy Bees
- Every third Thursday 8:30 Bible Breakfast at Caroline's Kitchen
- Every Friday 10:30 (term time only) Friday Fellowship

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Sun 1st	8:30	Breakfast Praise - Rev Andy Chislett-McDonald
	10:30	Holy Communion - Rev Andy Chislett-McDonald
Sat 7th	10:00	C of E Primary School Coffee Morning
Sun 8th	10:30	Morning Worship - Rev Tony Broad
Thurs 12th	14:30	Daffodil Rally
Sat 14th	10:00	Boy's Brigade Coffee Morning
Sun 15th	10:30	Morning Worship - Rev Andy Chislett-McDonald
Sat 21st	10:00	Butterflies Coffee Morning
Sun 22nd	10:30	Morning Worship - Ian Edmonds
Sat 28th	10:00	Cats Protection Coffee Morning
Sun 29th	10:30	Morning Worship - Rev Jeff Short
Mon 30th	11:00	Meditation & Reflection - Rev Andy Chislett-McDonald
Tues 31st	11:00	Meditation & Reflection - Rev Andy Chislett-McDonald



### Please Note:

There are vacancies for Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays and Saturdays. If you are interested please contact Dawn Mortimer by email: [mortimerds@aol.com](mailto:mortimerds@aol.com)

**N.B. Dawn no longer has a home phone number**



## DAFFODIL RALLY



The 2026 Daffodil Rally is on Thursday 12th March at 2:30pm followed by tea in the Christian Community Centre opposite.

Our speaker will be Rev Andy Chislett-McDonald

Please come and join us. Everyone welcome.

*Joan Snell*

## LENT WORD SEARCH

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WEDNESDAY	RELIGION	EASTER	ASHES	CROSS
SACRIFICE	LITURGY	CHURCH	JESUS	PALMS
KINDNESS	FASTING	PURPLE	FORTY	LENT



I live alone, as do many of us. How heartening it is then to know that every Wednesday there is a Coffee Morning in the C.C.C.

The Centre lives up to it's name, providing Conversation, Consideration and Coffee. This is only possible because a small band of people give their time each week to turn up and serve us with warm drinks, biscuits and care. There is even a short prayer meeting at 11a.m. for anyone who wishes to pause in their daily round.

So here is a big 'THANKYOU' and much appreciation for all that you do each week.

*June Anglesea*

## A Prayer for Brixham

Dear Lord,

We thank you that we can bring our requests to you. This month we ask for your blessing on the Health Services provided for us in Brixham. We pray for the staff of Brixham Hospital, Torbay Hospital, Doctors and Dental Surgeries, Care and Nursing Homes, Carers, Health Visitors, special groups such as Brixham Stroke Association, Memory Cafe and all who work for these organisations (paid and unpaid) and those who use these services.

In Jesus name we pray.

Amen

contributed by *May*



**We believe in life before death.**

We have just had our first meeting of the year and are delighted to report that despite missing three of our good fundraisers last year we are slightly up on our money! We again raised over £13,000. Thank You all for your praying, acting and giving, for knowing how great the need is. 'I was hungry and you gave me food'. May God bless you all and THANK YOU.

We have just enjoyed our first occasion of the year - our Quiz and pudding evening in St.Mary's church hall, it was a fun evening with truly delicious puddings and a wonderful £600 winging its way to Christian Aid. Thank you to Marie and her helpers for organising, to Nicola for her preparing and her wonderful delivery of the Quiz and to all our generous supporters.

Lent Lunches start on Wednesday February 25th from 12:15 – 1:30pm. The first lunch will be in the Baptist Church Cafe – a great opportunity to visit this lovely cafe.

The rest of the Lent lunches, are in The Christian Community Centre and are from 12:15 -1:30 every Wednesday.

2nd lunch - Wednesday 4th March- hosted by the Methodist.

3rd lunch - Wednesday 11th March - hosted by All Saints.

4th lunch - Wednesday 18th March - hosted by St. Mary's.

5th lunch - Wednesday 25th March - hosted by Our lady Star of the Sea.

6th lunch – Wednesday 1st April hosted by The United Reformed Church.

These are truly ecumenical lunches. We have people from all the churches and everyone enjoys catching up with old friends or making new ones It is good to share part of the Lenten season together and to think our fun and laughter is helping to bring in God's Kingdom both here in Brixham and to vulnerable people across the world.

Our annual St. Patrick celebrations are on Saturday 14th March in the Scala Hall 7:00-10pm and as always it promises to be an enjoyable evening. Even if dancing is becoming difficult the music is great and our singing will 'Raise the Rafters' with Mark, Hugh and John to lead us. Hoping to see lots of you there.

'Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'  
Corinthians 9:7

This Lent Christian Aid promises to keep you smiling whilst we lighten your purse!

*Marie, Lindsay and Mary*



## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

- on Friday March 6th
- at 10:30am here in Fore Street.

Please come and share in this service which this year is written by the Christian women from the Nigeria.

EVERYONE is welcome and there will be refreshments in the Church after the service.