

Diary

Wed. 4th	11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Thur. 5th	1.30pm	Share & Care (Parents & Toddlers) meet in the Church Hall
Fri. 6th	10.30am	Pilates Group meets in Church Hall
	7pm	Choir Practice in Church
Sat. 7th	7.30pm	Beetle Drive in the Church Hall

Notices

1. Pilates. The Pilates fitness group meet on Friday mornings from 10.30am to 11.30am in the Church Hall. All are welcome and monies raised benefit St. Mary's Church. Contact Derek and Mary Rickard for further information. (771162)

2. Christmas Flowers. Thank you to all those who kindly donated any flowers, or money towards flowers, in memory of a loved one, to decorate the Church at Christmas, and also to those who helped make the Church look so beautiful.

3. Beetle Drive. The next Beetle Drive is this Saturday, 7th January 2006 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Adults £1; Children 50p.

4. PCC Meeting. The next PCC meeting is on Tuesday 10th January 2006 at 7.30pm in the Oasis Room.

5. Confirmation. If there are any adults or young people who would like to be confirmed next year, please let the Vicar or Churchwardens have your names as soon as possible.

6. Church News. Please address all queries and notices for the Church News to Andrew King. (Tel 300758 or e-mail andykingsangels@tesco.net)

CHURCH NEWS



Saint Mary's, Tamerton Foliot
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1st Sunday of Christmas
1st January 2006

Today's Services

8am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
Galatians 4: 1 - 7, Matthew 1: 18 - 25

10am HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
Galatians 4: 4 - 7, Luke 2: 15 - 21
(CAH) 536, 729, 131, 240

6.30pm SERVICE OF THE WORD
Isaiah 35. Luke 2: 41 - 52
(CAH) 486, 664, 36, 619, 326

Welcome to St. Mary's, especially if you are visiting. Crazy Cross Club and Sunday School start again next Sunday and will meet as usual at 9.45am in the Church Hall. Oasis will meet at 10.40am in time to come up to Church with the others. For Sunday School (ages 3-10) contact Anne Cain 709534. For Crazy Cross Club (11-13) contact Brian Clements 709214. For Oasis (14+) contact Debbie King 300758.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

If you do not use the envelopes at present but would like to, please ring Margaret Bolam on 769422. If you are a taxpayer, by using an envelope and signing a declaration, we can reclaim an extra 28p for every £1 you give; at no extra cost to yourself. Thank you for your support in this way. If you would prefer to make your offering by cheque rather than cash, please make your cheque payable to 'The PCC of Tamerton Foliot'. This, too, can be covenanted through the Gift Aid scheme.

Next Sunday **8th January 2006**
2nd Sunday of Christmas

10am HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
Acts 19: 1 - 7, Mark 1: 4 - 11
6.30pm EVENSONG (BCP)
Isaiah 42: 1 - 9, Ephesians 2: 1 - 10

Priest-in-Charge:

Rev. David Gill Mulberry, Whitsoncross Lane, Tel 771033

Churchwardens:

Andrew King 4 Drakes Close, Derriford, Tel 300758
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During the twelve days of the Christmas festival, the Church continues to celebrate the 'Incarnation' (Latin *incarnare* - to become flesh). This means God, in the birth of his Son Jesus Christ, became inextricably involved with human beings. He 'shared in our humanity', as today's Collect puts it, so that we, through Christ's saving work, 'may share the life of his divinity', and enjoy fellowship with God for ever.

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: Grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The sick and those in times of difficulty:

Diane and Nick Berry, Peter Clarke, Alison Connick, Michael Daniell, Beryl Davis, Bob Dawson, Daphne Ebdon, Brian and Eileen Giles, Edna Handley, Alun Harris, Hazel, Heather, Ineka, Dilys Jones, Karen Joseph, Katie, Louis, Matthew, Michael, Helen McCready, Robert Nisbet, Noah, Jack Page, James Parker, Raymond, Richard, Sian, Michelle Tremaine, Trissie, and John Tubbs.

Those living in: Tavistock Road

First Reading **Galatians 4: 1 – 7**

¹ Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; ² But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. ³ Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: ⁴ But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ⁵ To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. ⁶ And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. ⁷ Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Second Reading **Matthew 1: 18 – 25**

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. ²⁰ But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. ²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. ²² Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. ²⁴ Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: ²⁵ And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

6.30pm Service of the Word*Second Reading* **Luke 2: 41-52**

⁴¹ Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you. ⁴⁹ Why were you searching for me? he asked. Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house? ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.

First Reading **Galatians 4: 4 – 7**

⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. ⁶ Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, Abba, Father. ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Second Reading **Luke 2: 15 - 21**

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. ²¹ On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

6.30pm Service of the Word*First Reading* **Isaiah 35**

¹ The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. ³ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you. ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. ⁸ And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹ No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰ and the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.