

# January 2018 Diary



## Monday: 7.30pm

Led by Anne de Looy  
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To check for venue

## Tuesday: 7.30pm at

24 Beech Close  
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## Tuesday: 7.30pm

Led by Penny Rowan  
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## Friday 9.45am at

30 Church Lea.  
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## Every week in The week

Daily Prayer together  
In church 9.-9.30am  
Monday to Friday

Holy Communion  
Thursday 9.30am  
Followed by coffee

Bell Ringers:  
Friday 7.45pm  
In church.  
Contact: Jane Doidge  
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## Events in Whitchurch

**Thursday 4th** 9.30am Holy Communion  
**11<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Coffee in the Stable

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm St Andrew's WI in Whitchurch  
Community Hall

## Events in the Mission Community

**Thursday 11th January:** 12:00 noon . Peter Tavy Methodist Chapel.  
Soup & Dessert Lunch.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm Tavi Prayer at URC,  
Russell St.

**Thursday 25th January:** 7:00 p.m. St. Eustachius' Church,  
Tavistock.  
50th Anniversary Service of  
Celebration & Thanksgiving of  
the Dartmoor Search & Rescue  
Team

**Thursday 25th January:** 7:30 p.m. Peter Tavy Village Hal.  
"Local Mining", a talk by Mr.  
Chris Wordington. **Admission**  
**£4**, with light refreshments



*Healing Rooms - For anyone who needs prayer  
for healing*

**Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) 7.30 - 9.00pm at the Friends  
Meeting House, 4 Canal Road, Tavistock, PL19 8AR.**

Free parking, no appointment necessary, no charge.

**Costa Healing Rooms:** every Tuesday 10.30am-12pm, Costa Cafe, 43  
Brook St, Tavistock

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The whole  
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*January 2018*

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**From the  
Registers**

**Baptisms**  
**Sophie Ewell**  
**3 December**

**Deaths**  
**Martin Beaver**  
**6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Nancy Jane Kent**  
**28<sup>th</sup> November**

**Ann Morshead**  
**6<sup>th</sup> December**

# St Andrew's and St James' Whitchurch

## Viewpoint



Dear Friends,

I am writing this during Advent, a time of waiting, but looking forward to the New Year. During January we celebrate Epiphany, full of awe and wonder. I love the season of Epiphany, but first during Advent I am being reminded about the importance of waiting. At the moment we are on our shared narrowboat, stationary in the marina, waiting for the ice to melt so we can take the boat out on the canal. The boat moored opposite ours is called *Patience*, what an appropriate name! Glancing out of the window the trees beside the canal are tall and motionless. They are beautiful. As they stretch up to the heavens, they seem to say: 'Be still and listen.' Yes, quietly waiting is important but we need to remain alert to the possibility that the Lord will speak in the stillness, in fact the Lord is delighted when we choose to spend time with him.

For me, narrow boating is often the time when the Lord speaks clearly as I enjoy his creation and observe other boats. Early one beautifully still summer morning I spotted a tiny little owl perched on a fencepost beside the canal. It was sitting motionless, quietly watching and waiting. Then I noticed that directly below it the moored boat was called *Silent wings*, and the next one *Sabbaths Rest*. They seemed to be saying: 'Be still, don't worry and remember God loves you.' Seeing the owl and the boats was such a delightful little gift from the Lord who loves to shower his children with precious moments to treasure.

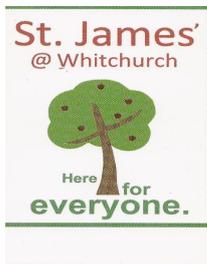
If we are alert, God will often speak to us through the natural world, but during the season of Epiphany we remember those extraordinary moments when God chose to reveal himself in powerful, supernatural ways. It begins with the arrival of the Magi and that wonderful moment when God revealed himself to pagan noblemen through a small child and they fell down and worshipped him. Traditionally the season continues with Jesus' baptism when he declared through baptism that he was ready and willing for the tough journey ahead. Immediately heaven was torn open and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, anointing him with power and strength for his ministry. Finally, he heard the voice of his Father speaking to him: *You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.* (NLT). Wonderful words! But words for us to hear and treasure too. We are all his children and he delights in us as well. Please treasure those words as we enter 2018.

Happy New Year,

*Hazel Butland*

## Local News and photographs

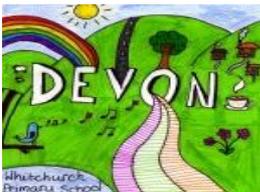
### News from St. James



At St James this month we've been focusing on outreach opportunities. Vicki organised a family 'Christmas Crafts' event that took place in the School Hall on a Sunday afternoon, which went really well. As well as providing creative entertainment and a welcome social event for some 'old hands', we welcomed four new families. It was a lovely afternoon - thanks to Vicki and her helpers from St Andrew's and St James'. A week later our 'Carols by Candlelight' gathering outdoors on Tiddybrook Meadows attracted a reasonable crowd, despite the rain. I'd like to say a big 'thank you' to all who supported us and made it such an enjoyable occasion.

Sue Allerton

### Whitchurch School



Whitchurch School's Christmas celebrations included our traditional Circle of Light when the children sat in silence around a circle of greenery softly lit by candles. We listened to the carol, Silent Night, and thought of those less fortunate than ourselves. Prayers were said for peace and we wish that peace for everyone in the new year, especially all those connected to our school community. May 2018 bring good things for us all!

Janet Clifford



### Film Review: The Return of Paddington Bear

This year's Christmas treat arrived in Tavistock just in time and Paddington Bear 2 has shown us that it is possible for a sequel to be even better than the original.

This is the follow-up to the first Paddington movie of 2014 and it's a tremendously sweet-natured, charming, unassuming and above all funny film with a story that just rattles along, powered by a nonstop succession of top class jokes and humour. The screenplay perfectly catches the tone of the great master himself, Michael Bond, author of the original books, who sadly died in June this year at the age of 91, creative and productive to the end.

Hugh Grant gives a wonderful performance as an outrageously scene-stealing cravat wearing villain appropriately named Phoenix. He steals a precious pop-up book from Mr Gruber's shop— and he frames Paddington for the crime. So poor [Paddington](#) goes to prison for something he didn't do and the story takes off from there.

Ben Wishaw is excellent voicing Paddington himself: curious, puzzled, innocent, but with a clear sense of right and wrong. Hugh Bonneville is the paterfamilias Mr Brown, now experiencing a midlife crisis and experimenting with yoga and moisturiser.

The film has lots of quaint English things, like St Paul's Cathedral, steam trains, and even – astonishingly – more than one fully functioning red public payphone, which – wonderfully - characters use instead of mobiles. The film is pitched at both children and adults; the humour has the sweet/sharp tang of top-quality thick-cut marmalade. And although one could say its work on diversity is not complete, the film has a fair bit of material – now more pertinent than ever – about the way a confident, happy nation welcomes immigrants. The day-glo primary coloured design gives the movie a storybook feel, and the uproarious finale is a more than fitting conclusion

**Whitchurch WI** did not meet during December. The next meeting will be on January 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Quiet Space

### *A prayer for the New Year*

Lord help me to:

Study your word –  
Psalms 119 v18

Listen to your voice –  
Proverbs 8 v 32-34

Forget what's behind  
Philippians 3 v 13-14

Forgive others –  
Colossians 3 v13

Walk in your  
purposes –  
Ephesians 2 v10

Enjoy your love –  
Ephesians 3 v17-19

Trust you fully –  
Proverbs 3 v 5-6

Experience your peace  
Philippians 4 v 6-7

*Amen*

## Sunday Services January

### **7<sup>th</sup> January**

8.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am  
6.30pm

### **Epiphany Sunday**

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion  
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS  
Coral Evensong

### **14<sup>th</sup> January**

8.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am

### **Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion  
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS

### **21<sup>st</sup> January**

8.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am

### **Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion  
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS

### **28<sup>th</sup> January**

8.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am

### **Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion  
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS

### **4<sup>th</sup> February**

8.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am  
6.30pm

### **Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Worship and Holy Communion  
St James Family Service at Whitchurch CPS  
Choral Evensong

### **St Andrew's and St James' Nativity drew a full congregation On Christmas Eve**

