



1st January 2023
 The Naming &
 Circumcision of Jesus

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This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 2nd January John 1: 19 – 28

Public Holiday: No Morning Prayer

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 3rd January John 1: 29 – 34

Wed 4th January John 1: 35 – 42

12.00 noon Holy Communion

7.30 pm Licensing of Fr Steve Turner at
 Great Torrington

Thu 5th January John 1: 43 – 51

Fri 6th January Mark 1: 7 – 11

Sat 7th January John 2: 1 – 11

Next Sunday: 8th January

Epiphany Matthew 2: 1 – 12

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction



Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

10.00 am Music

Entrance hymn	4	A Great and Mighty Wonder
Offertory hymn	341	Jesus, Good Above All Other
Recessional hymn	687	Unto Us a Boy is Born!

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Numbers 6: 22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying 'Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, "Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.'

Second Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel.

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour: grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) In memory of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a flowering cherry tree (*Prunus Kanzan*) will be planted in the northeast corner of the church grounds, near Prince Charles Road. The PCC hopes that a reasonably mature tree will be professionally planted, marked with an approved QGC plaque, and blessed on 15th January. If you wish to make a donation towards the estimated £900 cost of this, please send your payment to St James Parochial Church Council (account number 04716787, sort code 56-00-49, reference 'The Queen').