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Sunday 6 March 2016
Mothering Sunday

Welcome!

We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.

*Please do join us for **Fairtrade** refreshments in the hall after the 10.30am service.*

Today

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>in the Hall with breakfast from 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion with visiting preacher John Samways

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer 9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents & toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i> 7.30pm St Matt's Cats <i>in church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee <i>in the Lounge</i> 12pm Lent Lunch <i>in aid of Christian Aid in the Hall</i> 7.45pm Alpha course <i>in church</i>
Thurs	7.30pm Lent Course <i>in the Hall with speakers Anthony & Sally Hindley</i>
Fri	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast <i>at the Palace Hotel</i>

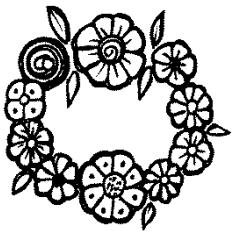
Sunday 13 March

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in church with cup of tea at 5pm</i>

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen





Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
You have called us to live together.
**Make our homes, our families and our church family
your dwelling place
and bless us as we celebrate this holy day.**

Colossians 3: 12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2: 33-35 In this short reading from the very early days of Jesus life, as a young baby, he has just been brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph. The Spirit-inspired and devout Simeon has taken Jesus in his arms, who he now knows and declares to be the 'Light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.' ...

³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

John 19: 25-27 In this, another short reading, Jesus' friends and family have helplessly looked on as Jesus has been arrested, falsely accused and tried, beaten, and now has begun the agony of crucifixion...

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' ²⁷ and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Suggested topics for our personal prayers this week	
Today	Thank God for all mothers, pray for them, and for ourselves that we might be useful to them. Pray, too, for all who find this day difficult.
Mon	For all migrants or refugees that they may find shelter and a welcome.
Tues	For all those who came to find a safe lodging during Lent. May they remember the welcome and all they heard, and may they consider trusting Jesus.
Wed	For the ALPHA course and those who lead it.
Thurs	For the Lent course that we may all learn new ways of praying. Pray for the speakers this week - Anthony and Sally Hindley.
Fri	We pray for all who are unwell at this time. May they know God's healing.
Sat	Pray for all Church leaders, especially John recovering from his sickness. For all staff especially Pere our church administrator.
Sun	For all who are taking any part of today's services, that they will be inspired by God the Holy Spirit.

What's On & News

We welcome Revd John and Mrs Chris Samways today. John is the chair of the 'Church Patronage Trust', who are the 'patrons' of St Matthias. Patrons have a wise and prayerful oversight of the parish and share the responsibility of appointing any Rector, along with the Churchwardens and the Bishop.



Fairtrade Stall Today As part of Fairtrade Fortnight there is a stall in the hall today (and next week) with a display and some goods for sale. Also see poster about a Fairtrade event in Exeter on 7 March.

Tues 8 March 10-12.30pm at St Luke's Church, Buckfastleigh Exeter Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship 'We Preach Christ Crucified' speaker David Harley. For more information contact Ian Lane or see poster in Hall.

The Lent Course on Prayer continues this week **10 March** at 7.15pm in the Hall. Speakers - Anthony and Sally Hindley – 'Deliver us from evil – a spiritual battle'. Scripts of this week's talk by Alison Jackson are available from the office.

Entertaining Angels A 'Friends of St Matthias' special charity performance by TOADS at the Little Theatre, St Marks Rd, Torquay on **12 March** at 7.30pm. Tickets on sale after the morning service priced £8.50. Proceeds to the Friends.

Pam and Kev Sanders' youngest daughter Natasha (she changed her name from Kim), is getting married **on Sat 12 March** at 2pm at Upton Vale Baptist Church. Anyone from the church family here at St Matthias are welcome at UV.

B2gether Celebration Sunday 13 March 3-4pm at Upton Vale Baptist Church – a special inclusive time of worship for everyone, including those with additional needs, their support workers, families and friends, followed by refreshments.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 24 April 11.30am. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please pick up a form from the back of church and return it to the office before 10 April when the Roll will close. Being on the Roll enables you to vote at the APCM and stand for the PCC (if you've been on the roll for 6 months). **NB If you are already on the Roll, there is no need to apply again this year.** If you would like to know more about the PCC, what it does and the areas of business which it considers, copies of the latest minutes are now available to view in the black folder by the door of the Hall.

APCM Reports – if you are the leader of a group in the church, Pere will be writing to you soon to request your report for the APCM meeting. Look out for more information soon!

Help please! The church cleaning and coffee making teams need you!

The existing **church cleaning** team is short of 3 people to clean once every 6 weeks. Please see Jean Fricker.

The **Sunday morning coffee making** team needs swelling too please. Please see Sheila Hart if you can help. Please could existing coffee makers pick up the new rota from their pigeon holes. Thank you.

The St Matthias Pre-School provides an amazing natural outdoor area which the children adore, but we are planning to refurbish and extend the area with the help of a group of parents who have offered their services for free. We'd like to buy some new equipment so donations would be welcome. You can give via a BTMyDonate website we've set up and gift aided if donors are tax payers. Please would you consider supporting this project. The website is:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lizsampson1>

Many thanks, Sylvia (Chair of Pre-School Management Committee)