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**Sunday 24 April 2016**

## Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit. Please do join us for refreshments in the hall after the 10.30am service.*

Today	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship <i>in church</i>
10.30am	Prayzone <i>in the Hall</i>
12pm	Annual Church Meeting
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	9.30-11.30am Open House Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matts Cats <i>in the church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	6.30-7.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>in the Rose Price</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club
Sunday 1 May	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>in the Hall</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

### Collect

Risen Christ,  
 your wounds declare your love for the world  
 and the wonder of your risen life:  
 give us compassion and courage  
 to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
 to the glory of God the Father. Amen

## Readings

### Acts 11: 1-18 (NIVUK)

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him <sup>3</sup> and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'

<sup>4</sup> Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup> 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup> I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup> Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." <sup>8</sup> 'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth." <sup>9</sup> 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>11</sup> 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup> He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved."

<sup>15</sup> 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."<sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?'

<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

### John 13: 31-35 (NIVUK)

<sup>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

## Suggestions for your Prayers

<b>Today</b>	The Annual Parochial Church Meeting after the services for wisdom, vision and harmony especially in appointments.
<b>Mon</b>	Praise God for Peter and Molly Larkin and pray for them as they prepare to move to Truro.
<b>Tues</b>	For Her Majesty the Queen in all the celebrations she is having to celebrate her 90th birthday, pray for strength for her and good health.
<b>Wed</b>	For Stephen and his wife as they look forward to joining us soon as Curate.
<b>Thurs</b>	David and Amy, our CMS mission partners in the Middle East. For Cecil Johnston in his work and witness in Uganda. (News sheet at the back of the church.)
<b>Fri</b>	For all who are sick, bereaved, or who are finding life a strain.
<b>Sat</b>	We think of all our Church leaders. Our two Archbishops, our Bishops in this Diocese, our Archdeacons, our Rural Dean, John our Rector and all members of our staff. May we support them all with our prayers.
<b>Sun</b>	For our services today and for all who lead them.

## What's On & News

**Photos!** 😊 You may have had your photo taken this morning as you came into church. We're using them to create a collage of faces to represent us as 'the church' for a children's activity during the Annual Meeting today. We hope you don't mind and we won't be publishing them anywhere!

**Chat@St Matts** – meeting on 5 May has been cancelled due to the election taking place in the Hall. The next meeting will be on 2 June at 2.30pm.

**Ascension Day Thurs 5 May** there will be a service of Holy Communion at 7pm.

**Men's Breakfast Sat 14 May** – further details to follow – please contact [c.allansen@btinternet.com](mailto:c.allansen@btinternet.com) to book.

**Gift Day on St Matthias Day 14 May** Your annual opportunity to give towards the work of the church in response to God's blessings to you. Special envelopes available in the next few weeks.

**Church Family Lunch 15 May** Please sign your name on the list on the Social Core notice board (by the kitchen) in the Hall. Adults £6, children (under 14) £3, family ticket £15.

**Christian Aid Week 15 – 21 May.** Watch this space for more information soon.

**Curate's garden** The small lawns at 3 Redgate Close where Stephen Yates and his family will be living from mid June, need cutting now and probably once more before they arrive. Can anyone help please? Need own mower! Please let Pere know.

**Queen's Birthday Weekend 12 June** wouldn't it be good to celebrate with a big birthday cake over coffee after the 10.30am service? Are there any 'bake-off' champions who would like to take this on? If so, please see Pere and thank you. 

 **Big Sing** with Geraldine Latty and Carey Luce - Friday 1 July at 7.30pm – music for worship workshop. See posters for details. All welcome!



**Church Family BBQ 10 July** Help to run this is needed please and there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Also, does anyone have a large gas BBQ we could borrow please?

**Elevate 25-29 July Upton Vale Baptist Church** The booking forms for Elevate, an activities week run by LiNX, are now available from Ruth Jones. If you are or know someone who is in year 6 to year 11, please speak to Ruth for more information and to get a booking form, thanks. Ruth

**The Archbishop's call to a Week of Prayer for the Nation  
8-15 May**

- Prayer Meeting Sunday 8 May 5pm-6.30pm
- Praying at home through the week
- 7am-7pm prayer vigil on St Matthias Day Sat 14 May with Holy Communion at 8am
- See sign-up clock at the back of church and choose an hour to pray at home or in church

**Thank you** for your support and prayers over the last few weeks. It has been much appreciated. Suzy Young