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Sunday 1 May 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)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>in the Hall</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	9.30-11.30am Open House Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	7pm Ascension Day – Service of Holy Communion
Fri	12.30pm Funeral of Rhiannon Holden
	2.30pm Funeral of Betty Metheringham

Sunday 8 May

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship
5pm	'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer meeting

Collect

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:

help your Church to obey your command

and draw the nations to the fire of your love,

to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Readings

Acts 16: 9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. ¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. 'If you consider me a believer in the Lord,' she said, 'come and stay at my house.' And she persuaded us.

John 14: 23-29

²³ Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵ 'All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ 'You heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

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

'Thy Kingdom Come'

Pick up a leaflet today

- Prayer Meeting Sunday 8 May 5pm-6.30pm
- 7am-7pm prayer vigil on 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

A prayer that we can use in the lead up to 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer week.

Lord Jesus, when your followers walked the Emmaus road, wondering what was true and what was not, you came alongside them and revealed yourself through opened word and broken bread. Come alongside those we know and love who wonder and seek at this time. (Especially this week we pray for.....) Reveal yourself in your love, and make us ready to walk alongside them too, until they see your face and know your presence. Amen.

Here are five easy ways to pray for five people regularly. Choose the one that suits you best:

1. Take a **piece of string** or cord, and tie five knots in it to represent each of the five people you have committed to pray for. You could carry the knotted string in your pocket, tie it round your wrist or place it somewhere that you'll see it regularly. Use the knots to remind you to pray for each person on your list of five.
2. Find five **small stones** (light coloured ones are best) and write each of the people on your list onto each of the stones. Place them on your desk, bedside table or fireplace as a reminder to pray. Alternatively, you could place each stone in a different room of your home and pray for each person as you enter or leave the room.
3. Grab a piece of **card** that will easily fit inside your wallet, purse or book. Write your list of five names onto the card before putting it in your wallet or book. Use this card as a daily reminder to pray for them.
4. Add your list of five people to the **alerts** section of your phone and set reminders to pray for them. You could choose one name per day, or pray for all five across your day. Remember to set alerts for a suitable time where you can stop to pray for your list.
5. Use five **post-it notes** and write one name onto each. Stick them onto your mirror, above your bed or somewhere that you'll see them regularly and will be reminded to pray.

What's On & News

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.

Men's Breakfast Sat 14 May – speaker Gordon Percy – please contact Charlie to book c.allansen@btinternet.com.

We are sorry to report the sad news that Rhiannon Holden has recently passed away. Rhiannon worshipped here for many years and the family would be glad to welcome anyone who remembers her to the funeral on Friday at 12.30pm. Please pray for her family and the family of Betty Metheringham who both have funerals here this week.

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 at the back of church.

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. It's that time of year again! We would greatly appreciate volunteers for the house-to-house collections. Please put your name on the list in Church or speak to John or Sheila Hart (home tel. 01803 297656) Thank you on behalf of the World's poorest peoples.

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.

Elevate 25-29 July Upton Vale Baptist Church Booking forms for Elevate, an activities week run by LiNX for anyone in year 6 to 11, are now available. For more information please see Ruth. Thanks.

Linx Christian Youth Trust – various events coming up and they have asked for support. For more information please contact Linx on 01803 557044 or <http://www.linxyouth.org.uk/>

- Elevate in July – volunteers needed for kitchen, stewards, minibus drivers.
- Pray for Schools fortnight 2-13 May including Torquay Prayer Walk on Fri 6 May 2pm starting at Hele Rd Baptist Church
- Spring Cleaning? Linx are having their 8th annual book sale (and coffee morning) in November and would welcome any paperback novels or children's books you no longer need. Contact David Scott on 293021.

Do you like polishing and dusting? Well, if you do, the church would welcome your help once every 6 weeks. The team is short of 6 people. Thank you ☺