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Sunday 8 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)
10.30am	All Age Worship
5pm	'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer 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>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	12-1.30pm Josiah Lunch <i>in the Hall</i>
	6.30-7.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>in the Rose Price Room</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats <i>in the church</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club – <i>bowling trip</i>
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast <i>at the Palace Hotel</i>
	7am-7pm Prayer Vigil with Holy Communion at 8am
Sunday 15 May	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
11.45am	I'm New Here <i>meeting in church</i>
12.15pm	Church Family Lunch

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph,
 fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
 that all who are estranged by sin
 may find forgiveness and know your peace,
 to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Readings

Acts 16: 16-34

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.' ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned round and said to the spirit, 'In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!' At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ When her owners realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, 'These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise.'

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, 'Don't harm yourself! We are all here!'

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'

³¹ They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.' ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole household.

John 17: 20-26

²⁰ 'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – ²³ I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ 'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.'

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
- Prayer Meeting Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm – Rose Price Room
- 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 or part of an hour to pray. Please make clear whether you will be praying at home or in church and if in church please leave a contact phone number.

What's On & News

Men's Breakfast Sat 14 May at 9am at the Palace Hotel – speaker Gordon Percy. Please contact Charlie to book c.allansen@btinternet.com.

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 are available at the back of church.

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.



Messy Church 17 May – help required please! One of the regular members of the team will be away and so one person is needed to help Lindsay to serve food and clear away – 3.30pm to approx 6.30pm. You don't need to cook! Please see Lindsay Doidge after the service. 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!



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
- 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. Please see Jean or the office. Thank you 😊

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.

- **Church Family Lunch 15 May** Sign up list in hall on Social Core notice board (by the kitchen). Adults £6, children (under 14) £3, family ticket £15.
- **19 June Church Family Picnic** lunch at Cockington
- **Church Family BBQ 10 July** Help to run this is needed please and there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

