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Sunday 17 July 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)	<b>living well</b>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	
12.30pm	Baptism of Joshua Avery and Poppy Ormsby-Jones	
6pm	Youth Service	
During the Week		
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>	
	9.30 – 11.30am Open House Parent & Toddler group <i>in the Lounge</i>	
	3.15pm	Messy Church 
	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>	
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>	
Sat	12.30pm Wedding of Lucy Collings and Alistair Powe	
Sunday 24 July		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>living well</b>
10.30am	Morning Worship	
10.30am	Prayzone	

**Collect**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.  
You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.  
Honour your father and mother.  
You shall not commit murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not be a false witness.  
You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy upon us and write all these your laws in our hearts.**

### Readings

#### **2 Samuel 11: 1-15 & 26-27**

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman washing. The woman was very beautiful,<sup>3</sup> and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, 'She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.'<sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home.<sup>5</sup> The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, 'I am pregnant.'<sup>6</sup> So David sent this word to Joab: 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent him to David.<sup>7</sup> When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going.<sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house and wash your feet.' So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him.<sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

<sup>10</sup> David was told, 'Uriah did not go home.' So he asked Uriah, 'Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?'

<sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!'

<sup>12</sup> Then David said to him, ‘Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.’ So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. <sup>13</sup> At David’s invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master’s servants; he did not go home.

<sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In it he wrote, ‘Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so that he will be struck down and die.’

<sup>26</sup> When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him.

<sup>27</sup> After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.

### Matthew 5: 27-30

<sup>27</sup> ‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” <sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

For your prayers this week	
Sun	Services today: Communion and the baptism of Joshua Avery and Poppy Ormsby-Jones. Also remember the Youth Service with Ruth Jones.
Mon	For Anode as they extend a Christian welcome to refugees from Syria.
Tues	We think of Messy Church today. Please pray for all who lead and the many children who attend. In all the fun pray they may see Jesus.
Wed	Pray for our country in all the political mess. Remember Theresa May as she takes on the position of Prime Minister.
Thurs	Pray for the preparations for Elevate and the young people taking part.
Fri	Remember our CMS Missionaries in the Middle East.
Sat	Pray for all who are leading services tomorrow. May they know the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Sun	Remember all who are sick, house bound, bereaved or finding life difficult. May God meet them at their point of need.

Comment [1]:

## What's On & News

### Friends of St Matthias Organ Recital by John Brydon 20 August at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 to include wine and nibbles  
- on sale after church or from the office

**Mike Hackeson** Has decided to retire from his role as organist here at St Matthias Church after 34 years! His last official Sunday is not until 2 October when we will be marking his long service but we already know we are going to miss him a great deal – thank you Mike.

**Adrian Prescott** The new Church Army officer for Ellacombe is seeking help to paint the vicarage next week before his family arrive. Anyone able to offer help please phone him on 07930 909941.

**Library** The church is very grateful for the recent donation of books but we are now full and cannot take any more for now. (There are lots of interesting books which you can borrow though....just take one and put your name on the list.)

**'New Winers'** John suggests meeting over coffee next Sunday 24 July to iron out any queries.

**Anode Help for Syrian Refugee Families within Torbay** Anode has asked if anyone would like to join them in extending a loving helping hand to welcome these families by providing some basic household items. In order to do this Anode has created a 'wish list' on Amazon UK. If you feel drawn to help go to amazon.co.uk, then click on 'Your Lists', then 'find a list' and enter 'Anode Charity'. When you get to the checkout, you can put in Anode's address and the goods will be delivered there: The Old Monastery, Berry Drive, Paignton, TQ3 3RD. Any queries please contact Anode on 556571. Once you have ordered it would be helpful if you could ring them to let them know what you have bought so that they can take the items off the list. Thank you.

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