



Sharing the Good News of Jesus



Summer 2016

St Matthias Church, Torquay

The Parish of St. Matthias', St Mark and Holy Trinity, Torquay

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living well

“Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

*³ ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted...*

Matthew 5: 1-4

Most people you meet will agree that Jesus is a great teacher. Most people also agree that Christian values are a good thing. What most people tend to forget is that Jesus’ teaching and the values he sets out for us to live life well by are so countercultural! But since it is much simpler to go with the flow than swim against the tide, even as Christians, we tend to live very much as our neighbours. As a result, we do not break free to learn Jesus’ art of ‘living well’, of living the ‘life in all its fullness’ that Jesus has in store for us.

As we grow in number as a church, with an increasing diversity of congregations, it seems time that we have a fresh look at how Jesus intends us to model a different way of living – whichever worship style we prefer! And through that distinctive living, we may also draw others to know for themselves more of this fullness of life in Jesus.

Over June and July we shall be exploring Jesus’ ‘Sermon on the Mount’ (Matthew chapters 5 to 7) to begin to rediscover our Christian distinctiveness. It is here that Jesus gives us the ‘Beatitudes’ (which he begins as above). He also teaches us how the trajectory of the 10 Commandments does not just relate to our behaviour, but also more challenging still, to heart motives...

I hope and pray that we have the courage to say ‘yes’ to the life Jesus calls us into so that we may truly learn to demonstrate the way of ‘living well’ as his people.

May God bless you

John

living well

June 5	Living well - it's upside down
June 12	Purposeful living
June 19	Gracious living
June 26	Living differently 1—money and ambition
July 3	Living differently 2—honesty
July 10	Living differently 3—hatred and revenge
July 17	Living differently 4—contented living
July 24	Living well—it's inside out/the cost of living

Here are some books you might like to read to explore the Sermon on the Mount in more detail: 'Living Well' by Robert Warren; 'Ten' by J. John; 'The Message of The Sermon on the Mount' by John Stott; and 'Humanifesto' by Gerrard Kelly.



STAFF UPDATES

**Please see articles later on in the magazine
for staffing news**

YOUTH UPDATE



Out and About

As the weather gets better, it's been good to get out of the building and take part in a few different activities. We have had a chip hike, where we tasted chips from 4 different chip shops and rated them in a variety of categories. We then walked back to church to have a bit of exercise after all of those chips! A few weeks later we were out again, this time going bowling. Everyone who came along enjoyed it. We were joined by some of the pupils that I work with from Ilsham School. I hope that they would like to come and see some of the other things that we do as a youth club.

We've got more exciting things coming up as youth, including going to Exeter to join in with a giant party at Exeter Cathedral, which is part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations and going to see a Christian band called Twelve24 who are making a return visit to Torquay, visiting some of the schools in July, before having a big gig at the end of the week.

Please take a look at the updated Youth notice board in the hall for photos from some of the activities that we've been doing recently.

Ruth

Ruth Jones

Youth Worker, St Matthias Church

Josiah Lunches

Come along on the following Wednesdays

12—1.30pm

for food and fellowship in the Hall

Wednesday 15 June

Wednesday 13 July

Wednesday 17 August

Wednesday 21 September



**A donation is requested to cover the cost of the lunch and to
raise funds for the work of Bishop Josiah in Nigeria.**



PRAYZONE

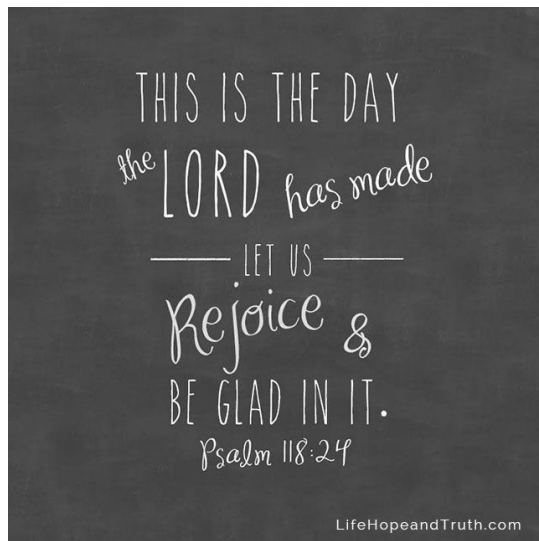
**Relaxed family service in the hall 10.30-11.30am on the
fourth Sunday of the month followed by coffee.**

Sunday 26 June

Sunday 24 July

Sunday 28 August

Sunday 25 September



St Matthias Pre School

Kids HOLIDAY CLUB

Open to ALL Children Aged 2-13 yrs

We are open on the following days

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
July 26th	July 27th	July 28th
August 2nd	August 3rd	August 4th
August 9th	August 10th	August 11th

If you would like your child to join us for any of these days give us a call on 01803 215068 or pop into Pre School and we will book your child in and send you registration forms.

Chat@St.Matts

Everyone Welcome

Friendship, fun, puzzles, games, tea, homemade cakes..... All welcome. Come and join us!

First Thursday of month

2.30 to 4.30 pm

Thursday 2 June
Thursday 7 July

Held in the Church Hall
Minibus lift available – contact:
01803 293721

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What's on this summer at St Matthias

Sunday 19 June after the morning service

Church Family picnic lunch at Cockington Court

Friday 1 July at 7.30pm

Join in a 'Big Sing' workshop with Gospel singer Geraldine Latty and Carey Luce. All welcome! Cost: £10 per ticket. To book see posters in church.

Sunday 10 July after the All Age Worship

Church Family BBQ (with games and a bouncy castle) to welcome our new curate Stephen and his family.

And in the autumn.....

Sunday 11 September 10am

Ordination of Stephen Yates at Exeter Cathedral

Sunday 18 September

Church Family Lunch

Saturday 1 October at 2.30pm

Licensing of Steve Vans Colina at Exeter Cathedral

Sunday 9 October

Harvest Lunch

Saturday 29 October 5-7pm

Jollyween

Saturday 19 Nov

Coach trip to Cardiff





Steve Vans-Colina

Reader - *nearly*

STAFFING NEWS

Two years of training have passed and on October 1st this year I will be granted a temporary licence as a Reader. There is just one more year of training to go before a permanent licence can be granted.

What is a Reader?

Readers are lay people in the Church of England, from all walks of life, who are called by God, theologically trained and licensed by the Church to preach, teach, lead worship and assist in pastoral, evangelistic and liturgical work. That sentence may have triggered the question, what is a lay person? Well, in Catholic and Anglican churches, anyone who is not ordained as a deacon, priest, or bishop is referred to as a lay person ‘most of us’.

The office of Reader was created 150 years ago this year and my licensing service will recognize this milestone. There are now over 10,000 Readers each *called to bring people into a relationship with Christ through caring, nurturing relationships and demonstrating what it is to live a Christian life."*

Readers are a visible part of ministry seen in the world outside the Church and acting as a link to the Church – it's important that they remain rooted in everyday life, each having different gifts and therefore varied tasks. So with the training required by the Church of England, the support of their church and the help of God, Readers are in a position to play a key role helping to build the body of Christ.

If you are thinking that God is calling you to reader ministry, please don't dismiss his calling in the belief that you are in any way unsuited, come and talk to John or me.

God wishes to use every one of us to further his kingdom, in one way or another.

Steve



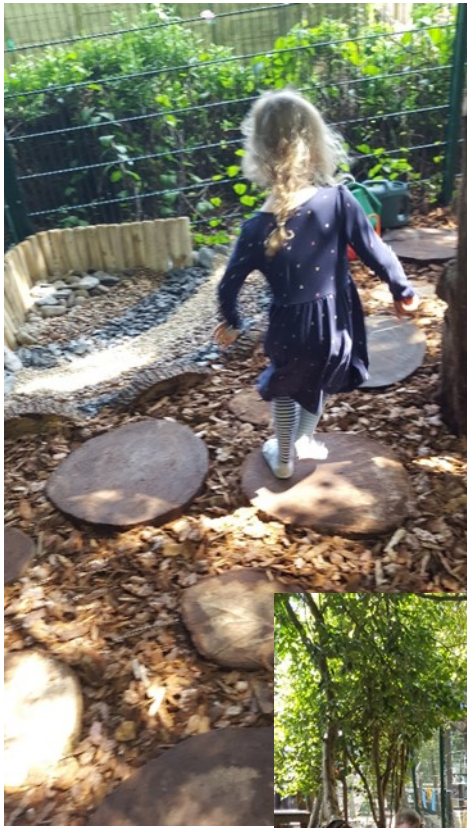
St Matthias' Church Pre School
Update from Liz Sampson
Pre School Leader

Playground news...

Pre School was offered an amazing opportunity from one of the parents. Robin Joint, who works for Sky, offered his team to come and do a Community Project Day improving our outdoor space. Over the past few months the Pre-school staff set to work fundraising, holding a special 'Fun Day' and Liz took sponsorships for running 3 marathons in 5 weeks. Even the Coop in Wellswood supported the preschool by holding a raffle and contributing to our funds. The staff raised over £1800 which meant we could make some great changes to our outdoor area including a decking area, a small water feature, a little greenhouse, and with the fantastic carpentry skills from 'Charlie, the Cheerful Chippie', we even have a treehouse!

Thank you to everyone who has supported preschool over the past few months. The outdoor area is looking incredible and the children will benefit from the enhanced provision allowing them to explore, discover and learn whilst improving not only their physical development but also their personal, social and emotional development, imagination skills and creativity.







STAFFING NEWS

Stephen Yates, the new curate writes:

"I am currently in the last stages of my training. My start at St Matthias will be in two stages - at the end of June I will be licensed as a lay-worker and will begin working in the parish, getting to know people and finding my way around. The rest of the family move when the schools break up towards the end of July. I am finally ordained deacon on the 11th September. As a family (Stephen, Victoria, Peter, Paul and Abigail) we are looking forward to joining you and would really value your prayers as we move, especially for the weeks when I will be living mainly in Torquay and the rest of the family in Bristol."

If you are confused about the way in which Stephen is beginning his time here as curate – you are not the only one!

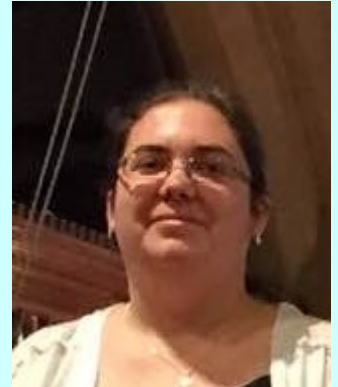
He will be licensed as a lay worker with very little ceremony by Bishop Robert on 29 June in Exeter, mainly so that the family can be provided with a house and some money until the proper start as a curate upon the ordination on 11 September. In those 10 weeks or so, over half of the time will be taken up with finishing off in Bristol, moving home, settling in and taking a family summer holiday. For the remaining four weeks or so, Stephen will keep a fairly low profile, beginning to get to know us and the parish.

*Having said that, we are having a special **Church Family BBQ** (with games and a bouncy castle) on **Sunday 10 July**, after the All Age Worship, to welcome the Yates family - so please put that date into your diary! (John Beckett)*

STAFFING NEWS

I am delighted that I am able to continue here as trainee youth worker. I will enter my 4th year here in September 2016. I am also currently nearing the end of my second year of the BA (Hons) Applied Theology with Youth Ministry degree with Moorlands Bible College and SWYM and will enter my third and final year of the degree in September, with my studies continuing alongside my training here at St Matthias Church.

Ruth Jones



We're delighted that **Andrew Green** now has the Bishop's permission to join our team of preachers. Andrew and his wife Jenny joined St Matthias after Andrew retired as the senior pastor at Upton Vale Baptist church in Torquay.

It's great to have them both part of the church family here, and we look forward to learning from them and serving with them.

Redevelopment update



We are making progress – but it is inevitably slow!

Shortly after Easter we received a report that we had had to commission about the history of the furniture of the church.

This fascinating document helped us to assess the relative historical and social significance of the wooden furnishings that we are considering altering in some way, from the west screen to the pews and choir stalls. Armed with this fresh information (and having visited six local churches who have recently been re-ordered) the PCC have adapted the draft plans accordingly. We hope to submit a revised scheme to the ‘Diocesan Advisory Committee’ for their comments at their July 2016 meeting ahead of sending this out to other public bodies ie the Local Authority, Victorian Society, Historic England (previously English Heritage). We’ll also of course, show the church family as soon as it is sensible to do so!

It may feel frustrating that we are not sharing the draft plans more widely yet, but we hope you will understand that until we have gained reasonable outline support from the Diocesan planners it would be a very confusing exercise. We would simply waste time discussing changes that we then find we are not going to be able to make! Suffice it to say, the plans remain along the lines of those we have shared already, and that there is a reassuringly complete unanimity on the PCC so far over the main areas of redevelopment we believe God is calling us to undertake.¹

Please keep praying about the whole process – including the funding of it – as we seek to make St Matthias church a suitable (and beautiful) building for worship for the next generation. Thank you.

John B

¹ See the website for an outline of the redevelopment process so far.

Breakfastzone



Café church in the hall beginning at 9.15am with breakfast. A relaxed service from 9.30 until 10.10am with plenty of activities for children. Do join us on the first Sunday of the month:

Sunday 3 July, 7 August, 4 September



Come and join us
for Messy Church
on:

Games, crafts, a
Bible story and
supper finishing at
about 5.45pm.

Tuesday 21 June
Tuesday 19 July
Tuesday 20 Sept
from 3.15pm

Men's Breakfast



If you would like to come along to hear a great speaker, enjoy a wonderful full English breakfast and enjoy great fellowship, then why not come along to one of the following meetings:

Sat 9 July—David Wilkinson—Palace Hotel

Sat 13 August—Summer Recess

Sat 10 September—Andrew Green—Kent's Cavern Cafe

All at 8.45am for a 9am start. £7 per head to include breakfast.

For more information or to attend, please let Charlie know by emailing him at c.allansen@btinternet.com.



FUNCTION ROOMS
FOR HIRE

free Wi Fi

Are you in need of a function room or a room for a party?

Here at St Matthias Church, we have five rooms of various sizes which are suitable for all kinds of events for example, children's parties, meetings, quizzes, fund raising events, sewing groups, and keep fit classes to name just a few. Rooms are centrally heated and there are tables, chairs, a projector and kitchen facilities. We also have **free Wi Fi** in all rooms. Rates are competitive and can be found on our website:

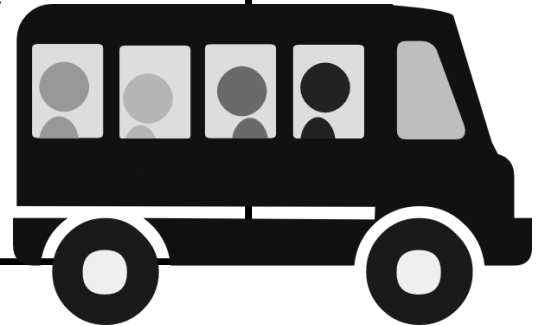
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Please call the church office to check availability: 01803 214175

We look forward to welcoming your group.

Mini Bus

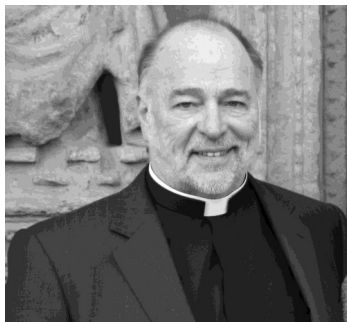
St Matthias now has its own minibus for use by the church and by Pre-School so that we can provide transport for church services and other events. Please let the office know if you would like to make use of it or if you would like to become a driver.



For more information about this simple way to give regularly to the church, please see the leaflets at the back of church.

This scheme is now the preferred method of regular giving at St Matthias and has many advantages including an improved cash flow, more predictable income stream, and gift aid administration carried out on our behalf at no cost to us. If you have any queries please see Tony Barratt, Treasurer.

- A copy of this magazine and the weekly church notices are available to download from the church website:
www.st-matthias-church.org
- The Diocesan magazine can be downloaded from: www.exeter.anglican.org



A Royal Heavenly Banquet

Back in April in the Cathedral we celebrated Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday with a wonderful service of Choral Evensong attended by the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, the Lord Mayor and several hundred others, some representing organisations of which The Queen is Patron. The highlight of the service was our Cathedral Choir singing Hubert Parry's I was Glad including what are called the 'vivats', shouts of acclamation for the Sovereign: these are almost never sung and helped to make the occasion very special indeed. In the middle of this month we will also be joining with people all over the country in celebrating Her Majesty's official birthday, and like many other places, we're having a tea party after Evensong on the 12th of June in the Cloisters. Celebrating Her Majesty's birthday and her long reign of dedicated service by gathering people together in more or less formal ways, to eat and drink, to enjoy each other's company, and to think about our life together is not only a good thing to do in itself and a good way of strengthening the ties that bind us, it's also, happily, a pretty Christian thing to do. It's not for nothing that the great image of eternal bliss with God is the heavenly banquet at which all people and nations sit and where the heavenly choirs provide entertainment and the weather is nice enough to sit outside. Banquet does sound a bit formal: how about the eternal street party without the paper plates and plastic cutlery. Anything we can do that helps bind us together as families, communities, or nations; that helps us remember the many things we hold in common more than the things that divide us; that help us mirror in our lives, even in very small ways, the unity-in-diversity and common life of the Trinity, will help to bring us closer to God and to each other. Irenaeus of Lyon observed that 'The glory of God is a human being fully alive'. We come alive as we celebrate God's love for us by showing our love for each other and for the world around us, and even a Royal Street Party can help us do that.

The Dean of Exeter

The Very Revd Jonathan Draper



Sharing the Good News of Jesus with Everyone

SERVICES

We warmly invite you to worship with us

Sunday	Time	Service
First Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am	Breakfastzone with breakfast from 9.15am (informal family service in the hall)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) (with crèche and groups for children and young people)
Second Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	All Age Worship
Third Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) (with crèche and groups for children and young people)
	6pm	Youth Service
Fourth Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (in the church)
	10.30am	Prayzone (informal family service in the hall)
Fifth Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion with prayers for healing (CW) (with crèche and groups for children and young people)
WEEKDAYS		
Tuesday	9 – 9.30am	Morning prayer in the church
Wednesday	9 – 9.45am	Holy Communion followed by coffee

Personal prayer ministry is offered at 10.30am communion services

Coffee is served in the Peter Larkin Hall after 10.30am services

The church is open each morning from 10 – 12.30pm or at other times on request from the Church Centre office.

For more information please visit the website: www.st-matthias-church.org

ST MATTS YOUTH CLUB

Fridays, 6:30–8:00pm in the Peter Larkin Hall
at St Matthias Church, Babbacombe Road, TQ1 1HW

For Year 6—Year 9

£1 subs

15th April '16: Cocktail night

29th April '16: Chip Hike *more details to follow*

13th May '16: Bowling *more details to follow*

27th May '16: Games Night

17th June '16: Xbox/Wii evening

1st July '16: It's a knockout

15th July '16: Twelve24 *more details to follow*

Come and join us as we meet together to hang out,
play games, have a go at a variety of different
activities and have fun!

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