



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)	living well
10.30am	Morning Worship	
10.30am	Prayzone	

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>

Sunday 31 July

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship with baptism

Collect

Gracious Father,
 revive your Church in our day,
 and make her holy, strong and faithful,
 for your glory's sake
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Galatians 5: 19-25

¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the

like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Matthew 5: 17-20

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7: 7-14 & 24-29

⁷ 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ 'Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

¹³ 'Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

²⁴ 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man

who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.'

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

For your prayers this week	
Sun	Pray for the young people in our Church and today for Prayzone.
Mon	Pray for Elevate – the LiNX activities week beginning today and for Ruth and the other leaders. For the Syrian Refugees coming into our area. May we give them a warm Christian welcome.
Tues	For Stephen Yates as he settles into the Ministry Team.
Wed	For Adrian Prescott, the new Church Army Captain preparing to come to work in Ellacombe.
Thurs	Thank God for Mike Hackeson in the last two months of a 34 years stint as the Church organist, and pray for his future ministry.
Fri	For those who are ill, housebound or bereaved, that God will meet their needs.
Sat	For all those going to New Wine, praying for a real blessing on them.
Sun	For those preaching and teaching each Sunday, that they may be empowered by God through the Holy Spirit.

What's On & News

**Friends of St Matthias
Organ Recital by John Bryden
20 August at 7.30pm**

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

'New Winners' John suggests meeting over coffee **today 24 July** to iron out any queries.

TODAY The hall will be out of action from tomorrow 25 July as the floor is being sanded and re-polished. If you need anything from the kitchen or cupboard then today is your last chance until Monday 1 August.

Help required after church TODAY We need to clear all the chairs etc into the church for the hall floor to be sanded. John Hart would be grateful if a few people could help with this after coffee this morning. Thank you.

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.

St. Matthias' Church Pre-School – A BIBLE FOR A CHILD

As in previous years the Management Committee of our Pre-School are presenting a children's Bible to each of our 30 children leaving the Pre-School at the end of July to go to main school. We would hope that the parents may read the stories to the children and also that the Bible would be treasured in years to come and be a reminder of what they learnt in Pre-School. The cost will be £9.50 per Bible. If anyone would like to 'Buy a Bible' or make a donation towards the cost, please put your donation in one of the blue envelopes in the pews, write 'BIBLES' on the outside and hand it in with the collection or pass it on to our Treasurer, Tony Barratt. Even better, if you are a tax payer then your donation can be gift-aided if you put your name and address (or giving number) on the envelope. Please offer a prayer for the recipient as you give your gift. Thank you so much. **Sylvia Barratt** (Chair of Management Committee)

Chat @ St Matts The next gathering is on Thursday 4 August in the hall at 2.30pm. Come along and bring your friends. Tea, cake, puzzles and fellowship.

Please pray for the **Yates family** as they move in this week to 3 Redgate Close, Torquay. Visitors welcome from the end of the week onwards.

Picnics!

Sat 13 Aug Messy/B'fastzone/Prayzone
12 noon Cockington
Tues 16 Aug Open House toddlers
Pine Room

Harvest Lunch 9 Oct

Volunteers required to coordinate a bread and cheese lunch.

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