

FAITH



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Sunday 7 August 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 with b'fast at 9.15am
10.30	Holy Communion (CW)

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 14 August

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



Alpha course coming soon. With recently updated material, Alpha is a weekly evening course exploring the basics of the Christian faith – questions are encouraged! The course looks at topics like: *Who is Jesus? Why did he die? How should I pray? How and why should I read the bible? Does God heal today? ...* speak to the welcome team for more information.

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hebrews 11-3 and 8-16 (NIVUK)

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible...

...By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. ¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40 UK (NIVUK)

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ 'Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.'

For your prayers this week

Mon	Our bishops Robert, Nick and Sarah
Tues	Those mourning for Peter Thomas his funeral is today
Wed	Capt Adrian Prescott and his wife beginning work in Ellacombe
Thurs	Our government – for wisdom especially post referendum
Fri	All those living in fear of or grieving because of terrorist acts
Sat	The Picnic at Cockington for St Matthias church families
Sun	Norma and Brian Gerry as they lead services today and serve us in so many ways.

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

Summer holiday Picnics!

Messy/B'fastzone/Prayzone: Sat 13 Aug 12 noon Cockington

Open House toddlers: Tues 16 Aug at 10am Pine Room

7 September Licensing of Adrian Prescott Church Army evangelist (who will be living in Ellacombe) 7pm at Torre Abbey.

11 September Stephen Yates is being ordained at Exeter Cathedral at 10am

18 September Church Family Lunch to officially welcome Stephen as curate and to say farewell to Mike Hackeson.

9 October Harvest Lunch. Volunteers required to coordinate a bread and cheese lunch. Please see the office if you would like to help.

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

If anyone would like to 'Buy a Bible' or make a donation towards the cost (£9.50 each) of supplying bibles to the children who leave preschool 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. If you can gift aid this too, great! Please offer a prayer for the recipient as you give your gift. Thank you. Sylvia Barratt.

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Open Church Did you know that St Matthias Church is open every week day from 10am – 12.30pm to welcome visitors to look around, visit the chapel, pray or have a quiet chat and cup of tea? There is a long established team of volunteers who do this but would welcome any newcomers to go on the reserve list to help with holiday cover etc. If you would like to join or would like more information, please see Pere in the office.

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