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Sunday 14 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)
10.30am	All Age Worship

During the Week

Tues	10am Open House Parents and Toddlers picnic <i>in the Pine Room</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	12pm Josiah Lunch <i>in the Hall</i>
	6.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>in the Rose Price</i>
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Sat	7.30pm Organ Recital <i>in church</i>

Sunday 21 August

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

Collect

God of holiness,
 your glory is proclaimed in every age:
 as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
 inspire us to follow their example
 with boldness and joy;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Hebrews 11: 29 – end & 12: 1 - 2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched round them for seven days.

³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated – ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 12: 49 - 56

⁴⁹ 'I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each

other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, "It's going to rain," and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, "It's going to be hot," and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

**A prayer inspired by Hebrews 12:1-2, 2 Timothy 4: 6-8
written by Carol Penner**

At the starting line of this day,
we call on your name, God of grace.
As we run the race you have set before us,
help us to keep our eyes on your goals, not our own.
When we falter, give us fresh strength and courage.
When we are fleet-footed, let us give you the glory.
Keep us from wanting to win at other's expense
or to count ourselves better than those at our side.
All runners are your children.
In the race You imagine,
each one is a winner. Amen.

Prayer posted on **The Contemplative Network**. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Contemplative-Network/219806301435597>



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.

Summer Holiday Picnics!



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

**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

- 7 September** Licensing of Adrian Prescott Church Army evangelist (who will be living in Ellacombe) 7pm at Torre Abbey.
- 10 September** Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cavern Cafe
- 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.
- 29 October** Church Family Jollyween party
- 19 November** Coach trip to Cardiff

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.

A note of reflection on the recent atrocities in France and Germany. Copies are available at the back of church.

Dunsford Rainbow Flower Festival 26 – 29 August at St Mary's Church, Dunsford. See posters.

Thank you all for your prayers for Susan (my god daughter) who is recovering well after 15 hours in theatre though she still needs further treatment in the future. *Elizabeth Thorne*

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