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Sunday 21 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.

21 August

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
During the Week	
Tues	<i>*Church and Centre closed*</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	<i>*Church and Centre closed*</i>
Fri	<i>*Church and Centre closed*</i>

Sunday 28 August

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	6.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>in the Rose Price</i>
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	2.30pm Chat @ St Matts <i>in the Hall</i>

Collect

Almighty God,
 you search us and know us:
 may we rely on you in strength
 and rest on you in weakness,
 now and in all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

⁴The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;

I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'

⁶'Alas, Sovereign LORD,' I said, 'I do not know how to speak; I am too young.'

⁷But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am too young." You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,' declares the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, 'I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Psalm 71: 1-6

¹In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

²In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;
turn your ear to me and save me.

³Be my rock of refuge,
to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

⁵For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD,
my confidence since my youth.

⁶From my birth I have relied on you;
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.
I will ever praise you.

Luke 13: 10-17

¹⁰On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' ¹³Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, 'There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.'

¹⁵ The Lord answered him, 'You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?'

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

Song

Father God, You love me and You know me inside out
You know the words that I will say before I speak them out
You are all around me, You hold me in Your hand
Your love for me is more than I can ever understand.

Father God, from Your love there is nowhere I can hide
If I go down to the depths or cross the ocean wide
There Your love would find me, You'd take me in Your hand
Your love for me is more than I can ever understand.

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Prayer for the Week

The beauty and holiness of Your law is beyond human attainment, but because Christ dwells in me, He can live His life through me. May I invite Him to do this each day, so that I will truly know You and walk before You in ways that are pleasing and honouring to You. Amen.

Kenneth Boa

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.

What's On & News

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*

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.



Alpha Course beginning in October. 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.

Dates for the diary:

- 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 Buffet Lunch to officially welcome Stephen as curate and to say farewell to Mike Hackeson. **In order to help with catering arrangements, please sign the list on the social core notice board in the Hall.***
- 9 October** Harvest bread and cheese Lunch. We now have a coordinator for this (thank you) but will need some helpers. Please see the office if you would like to help.
- 29 October** Church Family Jollyween party
- 19 November** Coach trip to Cardiff

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