



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.

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>
Sunday 4 September	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone with breakfast at 9.15am
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

‘Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.’

⁶ So we say with confidence,

‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?’

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Luke 14: 25-33

²⁵ Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ ‘If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ ‘Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, “This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.”

³¹ ‘Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of

peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Prayer for the Week

God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace.
Amen.

What's On & News

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*

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.



- 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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