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Sunday 11 September 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.

Sunday 11 September	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in the Hall with tea from 5pm</i>
10am	<i>Stephen Yates is being ordained today at Exeter Cathedral</i>
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matts Cats <i>in the church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	6.30-7.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>in the Rose Price</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Sunday 18 September	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
12pm	Church Family Lunch <i>in the hall</i>
6pm	Youth Service

Collect

Lord of creation,
 whose glory is around and within us:
 open our eyes to your wonders,
 that we may serve you with reverence
 and know your peace at our lives' end,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15: 1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.'

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ 'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

⁸ 'Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin." ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Some topics for our prayers this week

Sun	For Stephen Yates being ordained today and for all being ordained with him. Pray especially that we will welcome him, pray for him and support him in his ministry here. For the afternoon prayer meeting, that people will be ready to come to listen and to pray.
Mon	Children at school now, especially those in new schools and with new teachers. Pray for the latter as they teach and prepare for them. Pray, too, as youth activities begin that they may be well supported.

Tues	Pray for the United States of America in their preparations for voting in a new President. May God bless them in their voting.
Wed	For Adrian Prescott starting a new ministry in Ellacombe and for Rev Jon Doble in the Central Methodist Church on the 24 th .
Thurs	For all the social activities being planned, praying for God's hand upon them.
Fri	Pray for the sick, housebound, the dying and the bereaved.
Sat	Pray that our Church will continue being an outward looking people.
Sun	For the services today and leaders including the Youth Service tonight.

What's On & News



Alpha Course begins on Tues 1 Nov at 7.30/8pm.

New minister at Central Church, Torquay Rev Jon Doble's welcome service is on Sat 24 Sept at 7pm. St Matthias has been invited to send some along some representatives. Please let John B know if you could go.

Mike Hackeson Has decided to retire as organist here at St Matthias after 34 years! His last official Sunday is not until 2 October but we will be marking his long service at the lunch on 18 September. If you would like to contribute towards a gift please place it in a blue envelope marked 'Mike H'. Thank you.

Tim van Kroonenburg is being ordained as a Deacon on 1 October at 11.30am at Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth. All welcome.



Gamechangers The young people of the church are supporting Operation Christmas Child. Please pick up a leaflet on your way out today for more information. Thank you for helping us to achieve our aim to make people's lives better in the name of God.

The deadline for bringing in your gifts will be **30 October**. *The Gamechangers*

Thank you to **Cecil for the colourful collection baskets** given as a gift to us from Uganda. Cecil will be returning there next week. Bon voyage.

Exploring Christian Spirituality and Spiritual Accompaniment is a course being planned by the Diocese to start in Jan 2017. For further details contact Revd Helen Bays 07722 106632. Deadline for applications 9 October.

Coffee Rota Please pick up your new rotas from the pigeon holes.

Events at St Matthias:

18 Sept	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 notice board in the Hall.
20 Sept	Messy Church
24 Sept	Friends of St Matthias Blackberry and Apple Fayre 10.30am – 2.30pm in the church and Hall. See posters and pick up a leaflet today. There's a 'bake-off', and a cake decorating tutorial!
1 Oct	Steve Vans Colina licensed as reader at Exeter Cathedral @ 2.30pm.
8 Oct	Callington Community Gospel Choir Concert at 7pm – see posters for details. Tickets on sale today in the hall!
9 Oct	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 Oct	Church Family Jollyween party 5-7pm in the hall – fun, food, games and activities. Please do join us.
19 Nov	Coach trip to Cardiff

Songs for the 10.30am Service Today

Our God is a great big God x 3

And He holds us in His hands.

He's higher than a skyscraper, and He's deeper than a submarine.

He's wider than the universe, and beyond my wildest dreams.

And He's known me and He's loved me since before the world began.

How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan!

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Higher than the highest mountain,

Deeper than the deepest deep blue sea,

Stronger than the love of everyone

Is the love of Jesus for me.

We're talking 'bout Jesus, x 3

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus and His love for me.

We're singing ... We're whisp'ring....We're shouting...