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**Sunday 18 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.*

<b>Sunday 18 September</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
12pm	Church Family Lunch <i>in the hall</i>
6pm	Youth Service
<b>During the Week</b>	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	12pm Josiah Lunch <i>in the hall</i>
Fri	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Pine Room</i>
Sat	10.30-2.30pm Apple and Blackberry Friends Fayre <i>in the hall</i>
<b>Sunday 25 September</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship <i>in the church</i>
10.30am	Prayzone <i>in the hall</i>

### Collect

Gracious God,  
 you call us to fullness of life:  
 deliver us from unbelief  
 and banish our anxieties  
 with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Readings

### Romans 8: 12-17

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘*Abba, Father.*’ <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

### Luke 15: 11-32

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: ‘There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, “Father, give me my share of the estate.” So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup> ‘Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> ‘When he came to his senses, he said, “How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.” <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.

‘But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> ‘The son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

<sup>22</sup> ‘But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> ‘Meanwhile, the elder son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him

what was going on. <sup>27</sup> “Your brother has come,” he replied, “and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.”

<sup>28</sup> ‘The elder brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, “Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!”

<sup>31</sup> ““My son,” the father said, “you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.””

<b>Some topics for our prayers this week</b>	
Sun	For our Communion services that they may remind us afresh of Jesus' love. For the Church family lunch - may we be one as we share our food. For Ruth Jones and those taking part in the youth service.
Mon	Thank God for Rowcroft and other homes for the dying and elderly.
Tues	Pray for Cecil as he returns to Uganda where he serves God.
Wed	Thank God for all who keep our Church going in practical ways: cleaning, polishing, mending, welcoming etc. etc.
Thurs	Think of all who are sick and suffering in any way, especially for the housebound.
Fri	Remember Steve Vans Colina preparing to be licensed as Reader.
Sat	Welcome to Rev Jon Doble at Central Church at 7pm and for the Friends of St. Matthias Church's Blackberry and Apple Fayre at 10.30am.
Sun	Pray for ALL who lead our services today, that they may be empowered by God's Holy Spirit.

**Good good Father, by Chris Tomlim**

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like, But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night, You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

You're a good, good father, It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by you...it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide, But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide, Because You know just what we need before we say a word

You are perfect in all of your ways...

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak, Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still...into love love love CCLI 1833

**Help!** The Harvest bread and cheese lunch is taking place on 9 October and we need some helpers. Would you like to join a team to do this? If so please let the office know. (We have a coordinator so just need help on the day.)

**Alpha Course** begins on Tues 1 Nov at 7.45pm in the Lounge.



**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 along some representatives. Please let John B know if you could go.

**Tim van Kroonenburg** is being ordained as 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.

## Events at St Matthias:

<b>24 Sept</b> 	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!
<b>1 Oct</b>	Steve Vans Colina licensed as reader at Exeter Cathedral @ 2.30pm.
<b>8 Oct</b>	Callington Community Gospel Choir Concert at 7pm – see posters for details. Tickets on sale today in the hall! 
<b>9 Oct</b>	Harvest bread and cheese lunch.
<b>29 Oct</b>	Church Family Jollyween party 5-7pm in the hall – fun, food, games and activities. Please do join us.
<b>19 Nov</b>	The annual coach trip to Cardiff - £16 payable in advance. Sign up in the hall. Numbers limited so hurry and book your place!