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Sunday 30 October 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	Holy Communion (CW) with prayers for healing
12.30pm	Baptism of Reuben Harrison
2pm	Operation Christmas Child – shoebox packing <i>in the Hall</i>

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer	
	7.45pm Alpha Course begins <i>in the Lounge</i>	
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>	
	10-3pm & 7-9pm Fairtrade event at Judi's house	
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>	
	2.30pm Chat @ St Matts <i>in the Hall</i>	
Fri	7pm Youth Club at Brunel Manor	

Sunday 6 November

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone in the Hall with b'fast at 9.15am <i>followed by Fairtrade</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>followed by Fairtrade event</i>

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.

Operation Christmas Child The shoeboxes are being packed this afternoon from 2pm in the Hall. All welcome.



LiNX coffee morning on Sat 5 Nov at Highview, Rosehill Rd, Torquay 10am–1pm. Hundreds of novels, biographies and children's books all in a good cause.

2 & 6 Nov Fairtrade events: Wed 2 Nov at Judi Stannard's house at 6 Wellswood Ave from 10–3pm & 7-9pm.) Also Sunday 6 November after Breakfastzone and after 10.30am service. (5% of takings on 6 Nov to Friends of St Matthias.)

2017 Church Diaries are now available. Please pick one up today. Donation welcomed in aid of the Friends of St Matthias.

Haiti collection We have just received a thank you from Tearfund for the £1,000 cheque sent to them recently following a retiring collection in the church. "Your money will be put straight to work, providing life-saving supplies to those in the most urgent need. Please pray for everyone carrying out this work in what are extremely challenging conditions."

Thank you for praying for the site visit on 6 October. We are waiting for reports from that meeting but are still planning to have a special church family meeting on 20 November as part of the 10.30am service when Alex Coppock, the architect, will outline our re-ordering plans. In the meantime read on...



The reordering begins! The work to install the new audio-visual system starts on Mon 31 Oct and is expected to take two weeks.

During this time the church will be open for services but closed at all other times for reasons of health and safety! **Missing Pews?** You will see that two pews are missing at the back of church. They have been temporarily removed (with the Archdeacon's permission!) to allow us to begin to appreciate a larger space for meeting and greeting and for our worship which is another part of the re-ordering scheme.

Sat 12 Nov Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cavern Café – speaker Andrew Stilliard. Please contact Charlie at c.allansen@btinternet.com for more information.

19 Nov There is still room to join the annual coach trip to Cardiff - £16 payable in advance. Please sign up in the hall and see poster for more details. Money to the office please and cheques to be made payable to 'PCC St Matthias'.

Readings

Ephesians 1: 11-end

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Luke 6: 20-31

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,

when they exclude you and insult you

and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

²³ 'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.

For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ 'But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Some topics for our prayers this week	
Sun	Pray that people will seek prayer ministry today and succeeding Sundays. Remember Reuben Harrison as he is baptized this morning.
Mon	Praise God for the Haiti collection, then pray for people of Haiti facing an unknown future. Pray too, for all refugees and migrants.
Tues	We pray for all who are ill, housebound or bereaved. All who are finding life difficult or wearying, praying God will meet all these where they need it.
Wed	Pray for the "Fairtrade" events in church and at the Stannard's home, and that the people will get a fair deal. Praise God for the young people's work in collecting for "Operation Christmas Child" and pray for the recipients.
Thurs	Pray for David and Amy Roche our CMS Partners serving God in the Middle East.
Fri	For the staff of our Church especially John our Rector, that they may be strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit in all they do.
Sat	Pray for the Alpha Course beginning on 1st. November. Pray that those attending will have their answers met and that all will meet with Jesus.
Sun	Remember the 'Churches Together' in the Bay, praying for unity, fellowship and understanding.

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