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Sunday 27 November 2016

Advent Sunday

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	Morning Worship <i>with Revd Graham Archer from CPAS</i>
10.30am	Prayzone <i>with Revd Graham Archer</i>
12.15pm	Winter Night Shelter <i>meeting in the Lounge</i>

During the Week

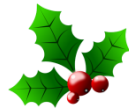
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.45pm Alpha Course <i>continues in the Lounge and Ark</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	2.30pm Chat @ St Matts Christmas Party <i>in the Hall</i>
	5.30-7pm Choir rehearsal for Christmas <i>in the church</i>

Sunday 4 December

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone in the hall with breakfast at 9.15am
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
3pm	Rowcroft 'Light up a Life' Service <i>followed by refreshments</i>

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



Christmas

- **Christmas Services** Dates and times of our Christmas services are now on the website and on posters around the building.
- **Christmas Party for Chat @ St Matts** 1 Dec 2.30pm in the Hall
- **Posada** – would you like to host the Posada this year? It is not just for families with children and if you are new to the church family or would simply like to meet some more people, then hosting Posada is a lovely way to get to know new friends. Either sign up or for more information contact Ruth Beckett, 293119 or jrmp@btinternet.com
- Help needed to **deliver** posters to hotels and shops – if you could help please see Pere in the office.
- **Carol singing** in the residential homes – do join us on Mon 19 and/or Wed 21 Dec. See the posters for details and please sign up at the back of church.
- **Anode** As in previous years Anode are collecting to provide hampers of food for Christmas. Collections for this are ongoing but the deadline is 11 December. There is information in the food collection box at the back of church and also about making a donation.
- **Give a painting this Christmas to raise funds for the St Matthias Christmas collection.** Mike Burt has a number of his watercolours for sale. Phone 01803 328229 to arrange for an open house viewing and a cup of coffee. No obligation to buy...just browse and enjoy the coffee!
- **Don't miss out!** The Friends of St Matthias' Christmas Lunch will be held on Sun 11 Dec at the Headland Hotel, Daddyhole Road. Special Christmas Menu with a glass of mulled wine on arrival and a Christmas gift for every guest. See us after the service to book your place!

Rob Newman

Are you a volunteer at the church? Then please do come to a 'thank you' get together in the Lounge on Friday 6 January at lunchtime – time tbc. Hope you can make it. Pere

Men's Breakfast Saturday 12 December @ Palace Hotel with speaker Keith Yelland. See Charlie Allansen for details or to book.

Rowcroft's 'Light up a Life' Service will be held on Sunday 4 December at 3pm in the church. Everyone welcome.

Christ Church, Ellacombe The Bishop of Exeter has approved proposals for the closure of the parish church of Christ Church, Ellacombe as a place of regular public worship, and further proposes that the parish is divided between St Matthias, St Mary Magdalene Upton and All Saints Babbacombe. Details of the proposals can be found in the entrance porch, the linkway and on the Church of England website.

The Barnabas Sports Trust is a local Christian Sports Trust and on Sat 10 Dec they are organising a cross country run around Cockington Park, based at Occombe Farm. They are looking for people to help with both the marshalling or to be part of the outreach team. For more information speak to Rob Day (326635) or Matt Day (328582).

Coffee Rota Would all Sunday coffee makers please collect the new rota from their pigeon holes. Thank you.

Bible Notes Suzy Young is now taking orders for your bible notes for next year. Different versions will be on display in the hall after the service.

Cleaners requiredoccasionally... to help clean the centre when our regular cleaners are on holiday. This could be paid if necessary although we are trying to keep down costs where we can. Please see Pere if you would like to help.

Some topics for our prayers this week	
Sun	Pray for the services today, especially for Prayzone and all the children in church, and all in a leadership role.
Mon	Remember all who are ill, housebound or who are sad at this time. Pray for families under pressure.
Tues	Pray for our leaders and those of other nations praying for peace and unity.
Wed	Remember all who live on our streets and for plans being made for the "Winter Night Shelter". Pray that Jesus will be seen and felt.
Thurs	Pray for the Christmas Party for "Chat @ St. Matts".
Fri	Thank God for His gifting to Mike Burt of painting and for the paintings he has for sale in aid of St. Matthias' Christmas Collection.
Sat	Pray for the Barnabas Sports Trust who are planning a run around Cockington on 10th Dec. Pray people will respond to their needs of help.
Sun	Pray for the Church Staff Team and others who take part in the services.

Readings

Isaiah 2: 1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

² In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

³ Many peoples will come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.'

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning
hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war any more.

⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Matthew 24: 36-44

³⁶ 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

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