



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)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>in the hall with breakfast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
3pm	Rowcroft 'Light up a Life' Service <i>followed by refreshments</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>
	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	5.30-7pm Choir rehearsal for Christmas <i>in the church</i>
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast <i>at Palace Hotel with speaker Keith Yelland</i>

Sunday 11 December

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship <i>with baptism of Benjamin and Constance Maddock</i>
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in the Hall with tea at 5pm</i>

Collect

Almighty God,
 purify our hearts and minds,
 that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
 judge and Saviour
 we may be ready to receive him,
 who is our Lord and our God. Amen



Christmas

- **Christmas Services** Dates and times of our Christmas services are now on the website and on posters around the building.
- Help needed to **deliver** Christmas posters to hotels and shops – if you could help please see Pere in the office.
- **Carol singing** in the residential homes 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!

Magazine new Christmas edition now available – pick up a copy today.

New sound system should begin to be operational today. Many thanks to the sound team who have worked hard to make this happen. There is now an exciting opportunity for budding sound operators to join the team. Please see John Gingell or the clergy if you think this could be you!

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

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 organising a cross country run around Cockington Park on Saturday 10 Dec. Volunteer helpers required. For more information speak to Rob Day (326635) or Matt Day (328582).

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.

Messy Church Join in the fun on Tues 20 December at 3.15pm.

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 all our services today including Breakfastzone, and 'Light up a Life' - a service in aid of Rowcroft.
Mon	Pray for the staff as they prepare for Christmas, especially those who are preaching.
Tues	Thank God for all who are having the "Posada" figures this week. May they find a blessing in hosting them.
Wed	Pray for David and Amy Roche, our CMS Mission Partners in Beirut, Lebanon. May the Lord be with them and any of their family separated from them at this Christmas tide.
Thurs	Pray for all who are ill or lonely or suffering from the cold.
Fri	Pray for the Men's breakfast tomorrow and for Keith Yelland as he speaks. Thank God that men have this opportunity for fellowship. Please pray for world peace this Christmas season.
Sat	Please remember all involved with the Barnabas Sports Trust run around Cockington. Praying for safety and generosity.
Sun	Pray for each Church member that they may consider giving more to the Church to alleviate a deficit. Thank God for Tony Barrett our Treasurer and all on the PCC.

Readings

Isaiah 10: 33 – 11:10

See, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, will lop off the boughs with great power.

The lofty trees will be felled, the tall ones will be brought low.

³⁴ He will cut down the forest thickets with an axe;

Lebanon will fall before the Mighty One.

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;

from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him –

the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and of might,

the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD –

³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
⁵Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash round his waist.
⁶The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
⁷The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
⁸The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
⁹They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will
rally to him, and his resting-place will be glorious. ¹¹In that day the Lord will reach out
his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people from Assyria,
from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from
Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean.

Matthew 3: 1-12 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of
Judea ²and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'³This is he
who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one calling in the
wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."
⁴John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist.
His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all
Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptised
by him in the River Jordan. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees
coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: 'You brood of vipers! Who
warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with
repentance. ⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our
father." I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for
Abraham. ¹⁰The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does
not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹'I baptise you
with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I,
whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and
fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor,
gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'