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Sunday 8 January 2017

Epiphany

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	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in the Hall with cup of tea at 5pm</i>

(Christ Church Ellacombe's 'last service' due today postponed until 5 February)

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	2pm Funeral of Joan Mason-Martin
	7.45pm Alpha <i>continues in the Lounge and Ark</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Fri	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast <i>at Chelston Manor with speaker Stephen Yates</i>

Sunday 15 January

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
6pm	Youth Service

Collect

Creator of the heavens,
 who led the Magi by a star
 to worship the Christ-child:
 guide and sustain us,
 that we may find our journey's end
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Isaiah 60: 1-6

'Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

² See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

³ Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ 'Lift up your eyes and look about you:
all assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.

⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.’

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

What's on and notices

‘A Miracle in a Bowl’ Christmas Collection *Thank you.* Together we raised nearly £2200 which will allow 34 undernourished children to take part in Tearfund’s feeding programme in Burundi. Wonderful!

Summary of Refurbishment Questionnaire

Thank you to the 123 people who completed this. We are pleased to report that there is good support from the church and the local community for the PCC’s proposals a summary of which is shown below. We are also grateful for the helpful comments and some challenging questions which the PCC will begin to address at their next meeting on 23 January. In the meantime please keep praying as we approach this time of change for St Matthias and look out for the next update.

Yes		<i>This seems a great idea</i>
Yes		<i>But I have these concerns or suggestions...</i>
Don't mind		<i>I am happy to accept the decision of the PCC</i>
No		<i>I really wouldn't want this to happen because...</i>

	Yes	Yes with ?	Don't mind	No
1. West end redevelopment	102	12	8	1
2. Glaze in chapel	109	4	10	0
3. Recover chancel use	103	10	9	1
4. Replace pew with chair	92	12	11	7

Church Family Lunch 29 January Do come and join the family for hot soup and a pud after the 10.30am service. £5 adults, £3 children, £12 family ticket. Please sign up on the noticeboard in the hall.

Messy Church Begins again on Tues 17 Jan at 3.15pm. Come and join the fun!

Men's Breakfast Saturday 14 January @ Chelston Manor – see Charlie Allansen for details or to book c.allansen@btinternet.com.

Help the Friends of St Matthias celebrate the New Year in style by joining us for a meal at Torquay's Amici Restaurant at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th January. The bargain price will be £15 for two courses or £19 for three. All profits will go to our 2017 fund raising. It was a sell out last year so don't delay! Come and see us after the service to book your place and make your menu choices.

For your prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for today's services and all who lead them. Pray that God will meet with all Church members this year in a new way. Pray that the prayer meeting this afternoon will become a power base for all that goes on.
Mon	Praise the Lord for the great response to the "Miracle in a Bowl" appeal. Pray for all who are fed as a result. Pray for the Church in Burundi (and Rwanda) which experienced such Revival in times gone by.
Tues	Praise the Lord for our staff, who minister to us so faithfully. Pray for all those on the Alpha course which continues today.
Wed	Pray for the PCC as they discuss the comments concerning the refurbishment. Pray too for the various outside committees involved in the project.
Thurs	Remember the nations of our world where there is discord and hardship, praying for peace and unity. Remember too those countries having new governments, especially the USA as Mr. Trump takes over. Pray he may have wisdom and discernment in all he says and does.
Fri	Please remember all who are ill, housebound, bereaved or finding life difficult for any reason. May they know the peace and healing of Jesus.
Sat	Pray for Her Majesty the Queen as she recovers and resumes her duties.
Sun	Pray for the preparations for the coming Winter Night Shelter for those in need. Pray, too, for Street & School Pastors who minister in our area.

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