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Sunday 15 January 2017

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)
6pm	Youth Service

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church – <i>come and join the fun!</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
	7.45pm Alpha <i>continues in the Lounge and Ark</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	12-1.30pm Josiah Lunch <i>in the Hall</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>

Sunday 22 January

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone

Collect

Heavenly Father
 at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
 may we recognize him as our Lord
 and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Readings

From Psalm 103

Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.

Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.

Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

John 1: 29-32

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, "A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.'

³² Then John gave this testimony: 'I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One.'

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!'

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?'

They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?'

³⁹ 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter).

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

For your prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray that we may all meet with God as we share around His table. Pray for the Youth Service tonight and for Ruth Jones our Youth Worker.
Mon	Remember those on the Alpha Course, praying it will be a real blessing.
Tues	"Messy Church" today.
Wed	Pray for Amy and David Roche, our CMS Mission Partners in Beirut. Pray for their family in Lebanon and the UK.
Thurs	Think of all in the congregation who are ill, housebound or bereaved, that they may know the love of God comforting them.
Fri	Pray for Donald Trump as he is commissioned as President of the USA.
Sat	Pray for Cecil Johnston as he prepares to return to this country.
Sun	Remember before God all our Staff as they lead us in worship. Pray too that we may know that we are on "Holy Ground".

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!

Church Family Lunch 29 January Do come and join the family for hot soup and a pud after the 10.30am service. Please sign up on the noticeboard in the hall.

New sound system training on Tues 31 Jan for any budding sound operators! We plan to run several sessions through the day. If you think this could be you, please see John Gingell (294914) or the clergy.

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 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
<i>1. West end redevelopment</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>2. Glaze in chapel</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>3. Recover chancel use</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>4. Replace pew with chair</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>7</i>

Friends of St Matthias Places are still available for our New Year meal at Amici restaurant in Torwood Street, to be held on Wednesday 18th January at 7.30pm. See us after the service to book or for more details. *Rob Newman*



One off job – we need someone to put up a rail in each of two cupboards. Can anyone help please? Please see Pere. Thank you.

Bible reading notes – please could you let Suzy Young have any monies owing. Thank you.

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