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Sunday 22 January 2017
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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
10.30am	Prayzone
6pm	<i>Service for Christian Unity at St John the Apostle overlooking Torquay Harbour</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 <i>continues in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Fri	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>

Sunday 29 January

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Family Communion
12pm	Church family lunch

What's on and notices

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.

Winter Night Shelter

5 Feb – 12 Mar St Matthias Church

Donations of warm clothing, underwear, socks etc requested. Please leave at back of church. Can anyone help with laundering of bedding between weeks please? See Cliff, Avril or Malcolm for more info. Thank you.

Readings

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan –

² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news
to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen

Psalm 27: 1-8

The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

³ Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.
⁸ My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!'
Your face, LORD, I will seek.

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Matthew 4: 12-23

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – ¹⁴ to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,

the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –

¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.'

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.'

²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.

What's on and notices

Monday 30 Jan @ 6am Breakfast prayers in the hall – offers to help John B with a breakfast welcome would be appreciated.

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.

Sunday 5 Feb at 3pm Ellacombe's last service. All welcome.

Do you receive bread and wine at our communion services? If not have you thought about confirmation which is the usual 'gateway' to doing this. Bishop Nick is coming to take a communion service here on **18 June**. To find out more please speak to one of 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>	102	12	8	1
<i>2. Glaze in chapel</i>	109	4	10	0
<i>3. Recover chancel use</i>	103	10	9	1
<i>4. Replace pew with chair</i>	92	12	11	7

For your prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Praise God that so many come to Prayzone, and pray they may feel God's presence.
Mon	Remember before God our PCC in all their decisions on our behalf, and ask God for wisdom at all times but especially over the refurbishment.
Tues	Pray for peace in our world and for all who are mediators. Pray especially for the USA as they settle down to their new leaders.
Wed	Pray for all who attend "Home Groups" that they may learn new things and be able to give what God is teaching them.
Thurs	Pray for 'Churches Together' in the Bay, that we may all work together. Pray for the ministry of our Bishops, Archdeacons and Rural Deans.
Fri	Pray for all those who you who are ill or bereaved.
Sat	Pray for John our Rector and Stephen and Paul our Curates.
Sun	Pray for the services today and all who lead them. Pray that we may all feel the presence of God as we worship on holy ground.