



Going Jesus' Way



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Sunday 5 February 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)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>in the Hall with b'fast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
3pm	<i>Last service at Ellacombe with Bishop Nick</i>

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>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>
Sat	Men's Breakfast @ Palace Hotel at 9am <i>with Robin Hart</i>

Sunday 12 February

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in the church</i>
6pm	Winter Night Shelter begins

Collect

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted
and called to your service:
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

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Readings

John 14: 1-9

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'

⁹ Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?'

Isaiah 53: 1-6

Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

What's on and notices

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.

Monday Buddy requiredto join the Open Church team who welcome visitors to the church each weekday morning. In particular we are looking for someone to join Jean on a Monday morning from 10-12.30pm each week. For more details please see Pere in the office.

The Friends of St Matthias will celebrate their 20th anniversary in May of this year. We have worked hard to meet our charitable objects and have raised half a million pounds so far, and completed more than 25 projects.

Would you like to be involved, by becoming one of our trustees or a treasurer? If you would like to know more, then do get in touch with any of the Trustees – see the Friends' notice board or website for contact details. *Rob Newman*

LiNX Elevate 31 July – 4 August The annual Elevate activities week is back and running as above at Upton Vale Church. See Ruth Jones for more information.

DIY SOS! Shelf putter-upper required! We have 3 sets of shelves needing a home in some cupboards. Would anyone be able to put these up please? Tea and biscuits provided! Please see Pere 😊 Thank you.

Winter Night Shelter 12 Feb – 12 Mar Can anyone help with laundering of bedding between weeks please? See Cliff, Avril or Malcolm for more info.

Friends of Rowcroft "Soup & Pud" Event, Sat 18 Feb 12 - 2pm in the Hall, lovely homemade soup and puds, stalls and raffle. See Elaine or Sheila for tickets.

LENT

- **Ash Wednesday** 1 March Holy Communion at 7pm
- **Lent Course – John's Gospel with David Harley:**
 - Tuesdays at 7.30pm:
 - 7, 14, 21, 28 March in the Hall
- **Prayer and Praise** in the Hall Tuesday 4 April at 7.30pm
- **Maundy Thursday** 13 April – Passover Supper

Growing on the journey

Looking at the 2016 figures, we find, thank God, that St Matthias is still growing in number! There are now 225 adults and over 50 children who come regularly – that’s a net growth of about 5% from last year. But with growth, comes the responsibility to ensure we pay for the clergy – here at St Matts and for the Diocesan advisors, and to help support less well-off churches in Devon. So, in addition to paying for the practical running costs of St Matts (which were £380 a year per adult ‘member’ last year), we are asked to contribute a further £435 to the staffing costs. In all, that’s around £60 per month depending on whether or not it is gift aided. That’s a lot of money we know. God also knows that some are able to give more than others, and the biblical principle is that we give in proportion to our income – so we are grateful for any contribution you can make. Last year, we had to dip into our reserves to cover these costs, so please think and pray about whether God is calling you to give more. Let’s be a people known for being generous like Jesus. *Please contact the treasurer Tony Barratt for more information. Email: tony@ab-consulting.org or tel: 07984001973.*



For your prayers and praise this week

Sun	Thank God for our Church - a place where people have found comfort, have rejoiced at good things, and experienced that our God is real.
Mon	Praise God for the "Friends of St. Matthias". Praise God for the help they have given the church over the past 20 years.
Tues	We pray for Cecil as he returns to the UK and that he may settle again well. Thank God his house has been well looked after by the tenants.
Wed	Pray for the plans and preparation of those who want to be Confirmed on 18 June.
Thurs	Thank God for our young people. Pray for Hannah Snow as she works in Senegal - that she may learn the languages and be loved by those she works with.
Fri	Thank God for those who give so regularly and sacrificially to the church. As we're reminded in last Sunday's notice sheet, to take stock of our giving. We may need to amend and give more or even to give less if our circumstances have changed. "God loves a cheerful giver".
Sat	Pray for the Men's Breakfast, for a time of fellowship and blessing.
Sun	Pray for our staff who lead the worship. Pray they may be conscious of God's leading and strengthening.