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Sunday 30 April 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.
Please do join us for refreshments after the 10.30am service.*

Today

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| 8am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 10.30am | Church Family Worship and Annual Meeting |
| 11.45-1pm | Formal part of Church Annual Meeting |

During the Week

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| Tues | 9am Morning Prayer |
| | 9am Open House parent and toddler group <i>in the Lounge</i> |
| Wed | 9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i> |
| Thurs | 230pm Chat@St Matts <i>tea and chat in the Hall</i> |
| Fri | 1pm Funeral of Nick Dunsford |

Sunday 7 May

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| 8am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 9.30am | Breakfastzone <i>in the Hall with breakfast at 9.15am</i> |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion (CW) |
| 12.15pm | Baptism |

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

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Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd...

³⁶‘Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.’ ³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ ³⁸Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.’

⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

John 15:1-8, 16-17

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵‘I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: love each other.

‘Grounded in Faith...Growing to Serve’

Amazing news! Thank you! We have been pledged or given about £190,000. Please continue to pray for the re-ordering scheme as we hope to submit the ‘Faculty’ (= planning permission application) very soon.

Special appeal pens available at the back of church £1 each.

Well done and thank you! The GameChangers and I would like to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who supported them at the Bake Sale last week. Together, we raised £160.21 for the East Africa Crisis Appeal. Ruth J

What's on and notices

A date for your diary: Thursday 18th May at 7pm

Friends of St Matthias 20th Anniversary Celebration Evening.

Musical entertainment, Guest Speaker, Light Buffet. Do join us. *Rob Newman*

Pigeon Holes please pick up your *Daily Readings*

Sticky Faith 10 May @ 7.30pm A free seminar at St Matts about how to help children hold on to their faith as they grow up. Lessons to learn not just for parents, but for any adult in the church family. You need to book your place in advance – please contact Ruth Beckett 01803 293119

Christian Aid Week begins 14th May. Please offer some time for the well supported house to house collection. Sign up sheet at back of church. Thanks

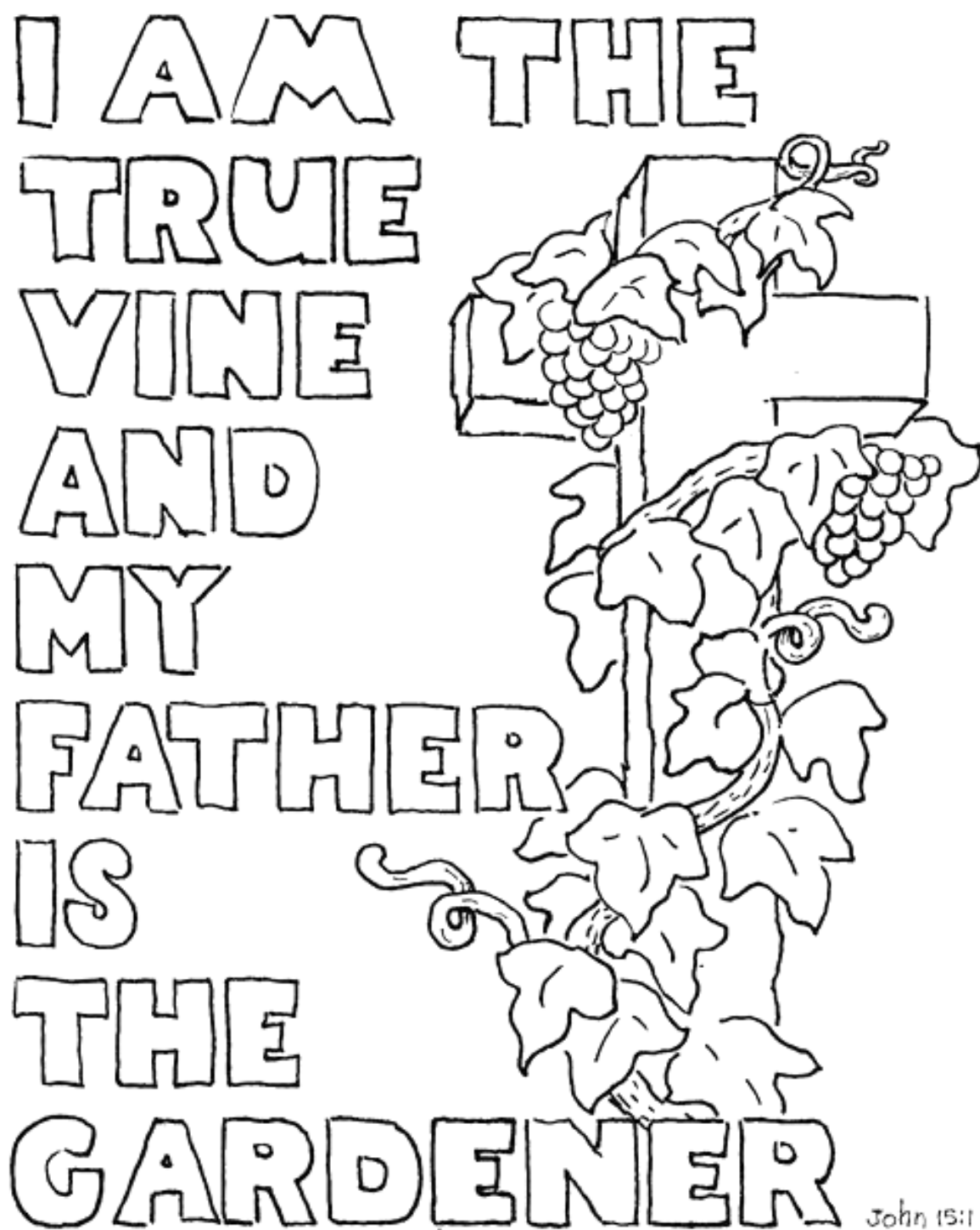
For our prayers and praise this week

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| Sun | Today Pray for ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS that we will be encouraged & challenged in our church life. Praise God for the past year. Pray for the election of a new Church Warden. Praise God for Sylvia's faithful work |
| Mon | Pray for France & other countries facing leadership elections. Pray for our country that all the campaigning may not be all about recrimination |
| Tues | Pray for all those who we know that are ill or who face difficulties in their lives; for Hospital Chaplains and our Pastoral Care Group |
| Wed | Praise God for the young people & pray for their 'fun' times this month. Pray for Ruth Jones as she leads them, & pray about her future |
| Thurs | Thank God for the "Young Royals" who are raising mental health issues so that they may lose any stigma. At the same time let us pray for the whole Royal Family as they represent us so faithfully |
| Fri | Thank God for & pray for all our Church leaders, especially our Diocesan Bishops |
| Sat | for our Rector John and all the Staff team - that they may lead us faithfully and cheerfully 😊 |
| Sun | for today's services and all who are leading. Think too for those who read God's Word, may they really respect this Ministry |

Bishop Robert visits the Deanery next weekend 6-8th May.

Saturday 6th 9am BREAKFAST at the Conference Centre, Paignton Zoo
Full English £6.50, Continental £4 - the Bishop will share a brief talk

Monday 8th 730pm Special Deanery Service at St Matthias . It s the official service at which churchwardens are sworn into office. Deanery Synod members and Welcomers are particularly invited but it is a service at everyone is welcome as we worship together with the Bishop as a Deanery



John 15:1

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