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Sunday 7 May 2017

Fourth 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

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 of Aaliyah
3-5pm	'Prayer School' with Bishop Robert at All Saints Babbacombe

During the Week

Mon	7.30pm Deanery Service with Bishop Robert here at St Matthias
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>
	12-1.30pm Josiah Lunch <i>in the hall</i>
	7.30pm Sticky Faith <i>in the hall</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cavern Café with Roy Brittle

Sunday 14 May – Christian Aid Week

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship with baptism
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in the hall with tea at 5pm</i>

Collect

Risen Christ,
 your wounds declare your love for the world
 and the wonder of your risen life:
 give us compassion and courage
 to risk ourselves for those we serve,
 to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Readings

1 Peter 2: 2-10

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says:

‘See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,’ ⁸ and,

‘A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the message – which is also what they were destined for. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14: 1-14

‘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”? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I

say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for the services this morning that God will be praised and worship in Spirit and in truth. Please pray for the future Music Ministry.
Mon	Please pray for Captain Ade (Church Army) now working in Ellacombe. Pray that he may have vision and courage in his work there. Pray for our outreach into the part of Ellacombe which is now part of our Parish.
Tues	Thank God for Ruth Jones, our Youth Worker. Pray for her as she finishes her studies and pray for God's leading for her future.
Wed	Thank God for all who have been serving the church on the PCC or have newly been admitted to the PCC. Pray for our Churchwardens Phil Miles, and now Paul Stannard.
Thurs	Pray for those who are ill, housebound or bereaved. Also for all who are finding life difficult.
Fri	Pray for our Bishop's visit to the Deanery. Pray that he may be given wisdom and encouragement for our local Deanery.
Sat	Pray for all our leaders in Church and State. For all who are campaigning to become members of Parliament.
Sun	Praise God for John Beckett, for his vision and positive leadership. With him pray for all on the staff team.

What's on and notices

Well done and thank you! The Game Changers 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*

Reminder – new home group 'Just One' will be meeting on Monday 8 May in the Rose Price room 10.30am – 12noon. Queries from Gillian Rose on 414313.

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*

Sticky Faith Wednesday 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 - Urgent Appeal

House to house collectors are needed for our annual collection within the Parish during 14 – 20 May. If you can spare a few hours, please sign the list at the back of church or speak to John Hart 297656. Thank you.

New Youth and Children's Worker? Accommodation needed... Ruth Jones finishes her degree course this summer and will be moving on to find a full time youth work post. The PCC have decided to advertise for another person and we may need to find accommodation for them (allowance paid). If anyone has a spare room/flat please could you speak to John Beckett for more information.

Garage Sale! Sue Gray is moving to Australia and so is having a sale of household items including tools, garden things, bric a brac etc on Saturday 20 May @ 10 am at 6 Woodside Drive TQ1 1QN. Some of the proceeds will go towards the reordering of the church.

Monday 8th 7.30pm 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 which everyone is welcome as we worship together with the Bishop as a Deanery.

Notices by email This week we are going to start sending out the notices to everyone in our contact list who has an email address. It will usually be done on a Friday/Saturday in advance of the Sunday to which they relate and so will be hot off the press!

Lost Property Please have a look at the display of lost property in the hall over the next couple of Sundays and take anything which is yours. Anything not claimed will be given to a charity shop. Thank you. *Pere*

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