



**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.*

<b>Today</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone
6.30pm	<i>Paignton Parish Church special service for the people of Manchester</i>
<b>During the Week</b>	
<b>Tues</b>	<b><i>Church and Centre closed all day – electrical maintenance</i></b>
Wed	<i>9am Holy Communion – to be confirmed subject to above</i>
	<i>7pm Justin Welby’s talks on church unity (video) in the Hall</i>
Thurs	<i>10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting in the Ark – all welcome</i>
	<i>2.30pm Chat at St Matts in the Hall</i>
<b>Pentecost Sunday 4 June – wear orange or red!</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	<i>Breakfastzone with breakfast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
6.30pm	<i>Thy Kingdom Come service at Exeter Cathedral – meet by the Hooker statue on Cathedral Green at 6pm</i>

**Collect**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

## Readings

### **Acts 1: 6-14**

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

<sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

### **1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11**

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

<sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## John 17: 1-11

After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed:

‘Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

<sup>6</sup> ‘I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for the work of LiNX in our schools. For the Team, Tim, Matt, Philip, Charlie, and Jordan. Also the Office Team, Chris and Johnny.
Mon	Pray for the LiNX Team in all our schools in the Bay, praying that some of the students will respond to the challenges made on their lives.
Tues	Pray for all students at University, college or school who are sitting exams at the moment; that they may know God's peace and enabling. Remember Ruth Jones as she finishes her university course and seeks God's guidance for her future ministry.
Wed	Pray for all who are sick or suffering at this time, praying for God's healing.
Thurs	Praise God for our Lord's Ascension and for His intercession on our behalf. Pray for our Communion service that we may see Him in all His glory.
Fri	Pray for all our staff as they minister to us. Pray especially for John and Ruth, that they may have real refreshment in body soul and spirit.
Sat	Pray against all violence in our country and for all parliamentary candidates giving them wisdom and generosity.
Sun	Pray for the services today, that we may worship in Spirit and truth. Pray for all who lead in any way.



**Wine and Nibbles! A date for your diary: Mon 5 June at 7.45pm in the Hall**

An Illustrated talk by Hannah Snow about her recent work in Senegal, W Africa, as a volunteer for Y Care International.

**Church Family Picnic Sunday 25 June** Please join us on the green outside the court at Cockington for a picnic/get together/games after the morning service, weather permitting! It's the day of the Classic Motorcycles Show so there will be a food stall. Anyone needing a lift, please see the Social Core group.



**Thy Kingdom Come** The Archbishop of Canterbury's call to prayer for our country has begun. Various events are planned including a service at Exeter Cathedral at 6.30pm on 4 June, and a church family prayer walk around St Matthias Parish boundary on 11 June. Pick up a leaflet today for further details. Also – Justin Welby's talks on church unity will be shown at St Matthias on 31 May and 6 June.

**STOP PRESS HELP REQUIRED** Additional helpers to clean the church on a rota basis approx once every 6 weeks. Please see Jean. Thank you.



**Sunday Coffee Makers** the new rota is now available. Please pick up your copy from the pigeon holes in church.

**Church Centre Bookings** Church groups are always welcome to use the rooms in the Centre but please book with Pere in advance as we may need to adjust the cleaning schedule accordingly.

**Christian Aid East African Emergency Appeal** Thank you to everyone who donated. £1049.48 was raised.

**Christian Aid house-house collection** We raised £1,333 and with a few more still to come it will probably come to around £1350. Well done and thank you.

**Men's Breakfast Saturday 10 June** Palace Hotel at 9am with speaker Bill Allen. To book please contact Charlie on 07917 005406.

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