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Sunday 25 June 2017

Second Sunday after Trinity

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)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone
12 ish	Church picnic at Cockington ... <i>after the services</i>

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	9am Open House parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Fri	12noon Funeral of George Buckley
	6.30pm Youth Club

Sunday 2 July

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>with b'fast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Readings

Genesis 21: 1-21

Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. ⁴ When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

⁶ Sarah said, 'God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.' ⁷ And she added, 'Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

⁸ The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. ⁹ But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, ¹⁰ and she said to Abraham, 'Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.'

¹¹ The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. ¹² But God said to him, 'Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. ¹³ I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.'

¹⁴ Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went off and sat down about a bow-shot away, for she thought, 'I cannot watch the boy die.' And as she sat there, she began to sob.

¹⁷ God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, 'What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. ¹⁸ Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.'

¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. ²¹ While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

Matthew 10: 24-39

²⁴ 'The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master.²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶ 'So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³² 'Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ 'Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn

“a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law –

³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.”

³⁷ 'Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of

me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of

me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

Prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters: A date for your diary, Friday **7th July** in the hall. This prayer meeting, organised by the SW Open Doors Action Group, starts at 7.30pm and goes through until 12 Midnight. Come for some of the time, or all of the time! "Pray in the Spirit - be alert and always keep on praying for all God's people" Ephesians 6:18

News from Cecil Sunday **9 July** at 5.30pm at the monthly prayer meeting, Cecil Johnstone will be sharing some of his recent experiences of working in Uganda.

Farewell to Ruth Jones There will be a church family lunch after the service on **16 July** to say farewell to Ruth as she finishes her four years of youth work training here. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift please see Pere in the office.

Girls Allowed - our June meeting has had to be **postponed**, because of work on the church kitchen. We plan to meet on **Wednesday 19th July** at 7.30pm in the hall. Tickets £3 from Ruth Beckett (01803 293119). Come for nibbles, chat, heart crafts and have your say about how the group should run.

Kitchen Refurbishment! The kitchen in the Hall is being refurbished and the work will begin tomorrow and take approx 2 weeks. It will be out of action for that time but we have put other arrangements in place for any refreshments required. Any queries please speak to Pere in the office.

Organ Recital Saturday 22 July The Friends of St Matthias' next event will be an organ recital by the very talented John Bryden. Make a diary note now!

Monday Lunch Cook required at Upton Vale – for more info ring 01803 293711.

Hazel and Kevin – we have received a letter thanking the church family for helping to make their wedding day so successful and memorable. Thank you!

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for all leading our worship today and for the church picnic.
Mon	Pray for Mark Searle and Meghan as they prepare to leave St Mary Magdalene to move to All Saints Church, Weston (near Bath) with Langridge and North Stoke. Praise God for his seven years of Ministry and pray for the Parish for guidance to form a Parish profile for a new Vicar.
Tues	Pray too for Upton Vale Baptist Church as they will soon be without a Pastor. Rich Webb will be leaving soon for ministry with “Big Life”. Pray for God’s guidance as they look for a new Pastor.
Wed	Pray for our CMS Linked Mission Partners, Amy and David Roche in Lebanon. Pray for safety and guidance in all they do. Pray for their family, some with them and some back here in the UK.
Thurs	Pray for Ruth Jones as she nears the end of her ministry here and seeks to know where God wants her to work. Praise God for what she has achieved amongst the young people in the Parish and in the Bay.
Fri	Please pray for the Buckley family and their friends as they grieve for George whose funeral takes place today.
Sat	Pray for all who are sick in a variety of ways and praise God for a measure of healing in many of them. Pray that we may all learn to trust God our Father more, and seek His healing.
Sun	Pray for Kevin Foster and Hazel in their newly married life. Pray for our Government and all that is going on right now. Pray for peace in our world.