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Sunday 9 July 2017
Sea Sunday

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	All Age Worship – we hear about “Mission to Seafarers”- one of the main mission agencies we support at St Matts
5.30pm	Cecil Johnston – talk about his recent time in Uganda & prayer time

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	6.30pm Youth Club

Sunday 16 July

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
12 ish	Farewell lunch for Ruth Jones <i>in the Hall – see below</i>
6pm	Youth-led Service

Collect

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our
wayward world:
draw us into harmony with
your will,
that we may find all things
restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Farewell to Ruth Jones There will be a church family lunch (cold buffet) after the service on **16 July** to say farewell as Ruth finishes her 4 years of youth work training here. **Please sign up today** on the noticeboard (numbers for catering) or email admin@st-matthias-church.org or phone the office asap. To give towards a leaving gift please put in the collection in a blue envelope marked ‘Ruth’.

Readings

Acts 27: 13b - 26, 41-44

[13b]...they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. [14] Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the "northeaster," swept down from the island. [15] The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. [16] As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure. [17] When the men had hoisted it aboard, they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Fearing that they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. [18] We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. [19] On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. [20] When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

[21] After the men had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. [22] But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. [23] Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me [24] and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' [25] So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. [26] Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."

[41]...the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf.

[42] The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. [43] But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. [44] The rest were to get there on planks or on pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land in safety.

Matthew 8: 23-27

[23] Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. [24] Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. [25] The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

[26] He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

[27] The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

Psalm 107

[1] Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

[2] Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

[3] those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.

[23] Others went out on the sea in ships;
they were merchants on the mighty waters.

[24] They saw the works of the LORD,
his wonderful deeds in the deep.

[25] For he spoke and stirred up a tempest
that lifted high the waves.

[26] They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths;
in their peril their courage melted away.

[27] They reeled and staggered like drunken men;
they were at their wits' end.

[28] Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and he brought them out of their distress.

[29] He stilled the storm to a whisper;
the waves of the sea were hushed.

[30] They were glad when it grew calm,
and he guided them to their desired haven.

[31] Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for men.

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

Girls Allowed - **Wed 19 July** at 7.30pm in the hall. Tickets £3 from Ruth B 293119 - nibbles, chat, heart crafts & talk about how the group should run.

Kitchen Refurbishment It's almost done! Thank you to everyone for your help with this. Almost there now!



Organ Recital Saturday 22 July The Friends of St Matthias' next event will be an organ recital by the very talented John Bryden. Tickets now on sale.

Food Banks: Remember the new arrangements – all food now going to Torquay Community Larder.



St. Matthias' Church Pre-School – can you help buy a beginner's bible for those leaving pre-school. £9 per bible – please put in the collection marked 'bible'. A lovely reminder for the children of their time here. Thank you. *Sylvia*

"It's Your Move" is a book we are giving to the year 6 children leaving Warberry and Ilsham Schools. If you would be able to help towards the costs please put £2 in an envelope in the collection marked 'school books'. Thank you. *Ruth J*

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for the All Age Service this morning and all who are leading in any way. Pray too for the afternoon Prayer Meeting and for Cecil as he gives glimpses of his work in Uganda.
Mon	Pray for holiday makers visiting the Bay for happy and safe times. Pray for members of our church going away, some of them abroad.
Tues	Praise God that He is with us at all times. Pray that all who are unwell or facing pressures in their lives may know His presence and healing of body, mind, and spirit.
Wed	As the Bible tells us, we are to pray for our leaders. So we hold Her Majesty the Queen and all the Royal family before God, along with her Government.
Thurs	Pray for all who find life difficult and rely on other people's help. Praise God for all who give their time, energy and even finances to help them.
Fri	Pray for all the young people in our Parish as holidays will soon be on us. Pray for Ruth as she leads them - continue to pray about her future.
Sat	Praise God for John and Ruth Beckett and all they do in the Church, and also for the whole staff team.
Sun	Pray for services today and all who play any part. The churchwardens, readers, decorators and welcomers. May everyone know that we are on "Holy Ground".

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