



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 <i>in church</i>
10.30am	Prayzone <i>in the hall</i>

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	12-2pm Ellacombe 'Fun Day' <i>at the park off Princes Road</i>

Sunday 30 July

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Family Communion <i>with prayer for healing</i>

Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Readings

Genesis 28: 10-22

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the Lord, and he said: 'I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.' ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹ so that I return safely to my father's household, then the Lord will be my God ²² and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.'

Matthew 13: 24-30 & 36-43

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ 'The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?"

²⁸ "'An enemy did this," he replied.

'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?"

²⁹ "'No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" ...

...³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.'

³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ 'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

Sermons and services online? We've begun to upload some sermons online as text, so do look these up if you want to look again at a sermon you've heard at St. Matts www.st-matthias-church.org/information/sermons/ The new sound desk means we have the capability to record them too, but we simply do not know anyone who can edit them and upload them – could you take this on?

Sainsburys plan to drop the Fairtrade mark on their own brand tea – for details of how you could change this please see flyer at the back of church.

Beginner's Bibles for the pre-schoolers and book for year 6 leavers – we've nearly covered the cost for these, thank you very much. If you'd still like to help towards these please put money in a blue envelope and mark it 'bibles' (they cost £9 per bible and £2 per year 6 book). Thanks.

Coffee Rota – would you like to join the merry band of coffee makers on a Sunday morning? Everyone's name usually comes around once every 6 weeks. It would be much appreciated. Please let Sheila Hart know. Thank you.

Church Family Lunch last week: many thanks to all who worked hard to put this on (and clear up afterwards!). Unfortunately we haven't covered the cost for this yet so if you just forgot last week and can afford to contribute (it cost about £3 each), please can you put some cash in a blue envelope into the collection. Thank you.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for the services today & all who lead them. May we all remember that we are on Holy Ground & before a Mighty, Just and Awesome God
Mon	Pray for the peace of the world, praying for all leaders and all who have responsibility to work for peace
Tues	Praise God for health & strength pray for all who suffer any sort of illness in the church
Wed	Please pray for all the boys & girls on holiday camps with the <i>Church Pastoral Aid Society & Scripture Union</i> around the country, praying they may find Jesus
Thurs	Please pray for the <i>Churches Together</i> in the Bay, praying that we may get to know & trust each other more. Pray for the churches where Ministers are leaving & for those with new ones
Fri	Pray for the homeless & those in need around the Bay
Sat	Pray for <i>Captain Ade</i> as he gets to grips with evangelism in <i>Ellacombe</i> . May God bless him and his wife Pat. Praise God for all that <i>Ruth Jones</i> has achieved with the young people. Pray that she will soon know what God's plan is for her future. Praise God, too, for her good success in her degree course.
Sun	Pray for our staff team in all they do to grow God's church in St. Matthias Parish

Got questions about life



Try Alpha here

The Alpha Course will be running again this autumn, from October onwards, probably on a Tuesday evening. It's a great refresher of the basics, and a great introduction to the Christian faith.

If you'd like to book on it, enquire more, or would come if it was on at a different time, please speak contact one of the Clergy or Readers, or Pere in the office 214175.



Why not invite a friend along too who you know is interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. And if you do not know who you should invite ask God – and pray!