



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	Family Communion <i>with prayers for healing</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>
	2pm Funeral of Sylvia Hustwayte
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>

Sunday 6 August

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone in the hall with breakfast at 9.15am
10.30am	Family Holy Communion (CW)

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard-seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Readings

Genesis 29: 15-28

After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month, ¹⁵ Laban said to him, 'Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.'

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder one was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, 'I'll work for you for seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.'

¹⁹ Laban said, 'It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.' ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her.'

²² So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. ²³ But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. ²⁴ And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.

²⁵ When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?'

²⁶ Laban replied, 'It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the elder one. ²⁷ Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work.'

²⁸ And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

Luke 5: 17-25

¹⁷ One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal those who were ill. ¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralysed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. ¹⁹ When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'

²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, 'Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?'

²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, ‘Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?’ ²³ Which is easier: to say, “Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Get up and walk”? ²⁴ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.’ So he said to the paralysed man, ‘I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.’ ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	<i>Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here; come bow before Him with reverence and fear ...</i> Pray that we may recognise God like this and really worship Him in our services today. Pray that people find healing through the teams praying for people.
Mon	Pray for all children in church and schools as they begin their holidays. Pray for all who care for them if not in parental care.
Tues	Praise God for Ruth Jones’ ministry amongst our young people. Please pray that she may find what plans God has for her future.
Wed	Pray for our Mission Partners Amy and David Roche serving the Lord in Lebanon. Pray that they may see fruit for their work.
Thurs	Pray for John and Ruth, our Rector and his wife as they lead our Church. And all who maintain our Church spiritually and materially.
Fri	Pray for the Miles family whose home was badly burned last week. Pray that they may know God’s undergirding presence in all that has to be done.
Sat	Pray for the peace of the world and all who suffer due to man’s greed or power struggle.
Sun	<i>Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place: He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace ...</i> pray for Breakfastzone and our communion service, praying that we may indeed feel God moving in our Church.

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?

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.

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 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.



PICNIC MESSY CHURCH/BFZ/TODDLER GROUP 3pm on Tuesday August 8th @ Cockington Court. Bring your picnic and meet on the grass in front of the house. If wet, in the café!

Lord you hear the cry of the widow weeping
Lord you hear the cry of the child ill-treated
Lord you hear the cry of the depressed one sinking
Lord have mercy on us (x 2)

Lord you hear the sound of the proud ones laughing
Lord you hear the sound of the childless hoping
Lord you hear the sound of those in debt and struggling
Lord have mercy on us (x 2)

*Break the heavens Lord you said the poor are not forgotten
Let your justice roar in mighty waves across the earth
Come and whisper peace O God of generous compassion
Lord have mercy on us (x 2)*

Lord you hear the sound of the addict craving
Lord you hear the sound of the greed of nations
Lord you hear the sound of the martyrs praying
Lord have mercy on us (x 2)

Chorus

Lord we hear the sound of your kingdom coming
Resurrection Day for creation groaning
Mercy I receive, pouring out in loving
Lord have mercy on us (x 2)