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Sunday 6 August 2017

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)
9.30am	Breakfastzone in the hall <i>with breakfast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Family Holy Communion (CW)

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	<i>3pm Picnic at Cockington – meet on the grass in front of the house</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	11.30am Funeral of Sylvia Sankey
	1pm Funeral of Thelma Kent

Sunday 13 August

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting at Brewery Park in Ellacombe <i>or at St Matthias if wet weather</i>

Collect

Lord God,
 your Son left the riches of heaven
 and became poor for our sake:
 when we prosper save us from pride,
 when we are needy save us from despair,
 that we may trust in you alone;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Luke 9: 28-36

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.' ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Genesis 37: 1-11 & 17b-36

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

² This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶ He said to them, 'Listen to this dream I had: ⁷ we were binding sheaves of corn out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered round mine and bowed down to it.'

⁸ His brothers said to him, 'Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?' And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. ⁹ Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. 'Listen,' he said, 'I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.'

¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, 'What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers

actually come and bow down to the ground before you?’¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan.¹⁸ But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

¹⁹ ‘Here comes that dreamer!’ they said to each other. ²⁰ ‘Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.’

²¹ When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. ‘Let’s not take his life,’ he said. ²² ‘Don’t shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don’t lay a hand on him.’ Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe – the ornate robe he was wearing –²⁴ and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, ‘What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? ²⁷ Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.’ His brothers agreed.

²⁸ So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

²⁹ When Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes. ³⁰ He went back to his brothers and said, ‘The boy isn’t there! Where can I turn now?’

³¹ Then they got Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, ‘We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son’s robe.’

³³ He recognised it and said, ‘It is my son’s robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces.’

³⁴ Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵ All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. ‘No,’ he said, ‘I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave.’ So his father wept for him.

³⁶ Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray that today's services will go well and all leading will be blessed by God.
Mon	Pray that as the sermons and services go on line they may be a blessing to us and anyone who reads them.
Tues	Pray that the picnic for "little" people and their parents may be a really fun time.
Wed	Pray for all who are ill, housebound, bereaved or homeless that they may know God's presence.
Thurs	Pray for all leaders of nations, praying for peace and harmony.
Fri	Pray that all the plans for an Alpha Course will be done well and that people apply.
Sat	Remember before God all the members of our staff team, especially John and Ruth. Pray too, for all who have been to New Wine, may their blessing radiate to all of us!
Sun	Praise God for all who take part in the leadership of our Sunday services, and today all involved in eight o'clock service and All Age Worship.

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

It is with sadness that we let you know that Patricia Traylor has died. Her funeral will be on Thursday 31 August at 1pm.

Stephen Yates is being priested on Sunday 24 September at 10.30am at St Mary's Church in Totnes. If you would like to go please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or in the Hall.

Friends of St Matthias 2017 Blackberry and Apple Fayre 30th September. Do make a note of this now. We look forward to seeing you there. And if you would like to help by running a stall, contributing on the day or by giving goods for sale please speak to me or to Sheila Hart. Rob Newman

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