



## 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
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting at Brewery Park in Ellacombe

### During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>

### Sunday 20 August

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Family Communion with <i>'Captain Ade' from the Church Army</i>

#### Collect

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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## Readings

### Genesis 41 (NIVUK)

Joseph remained in prison....When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: he was standing by the Nile, <sup>2</sup> when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. <sup>3</sup> After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the river-bank. <sup>4</sup> And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up. <sup>5</sup> He fell asleep again and had a second dream: seven ears of corn, healthy and good, were growing on a single stalk. <sup>6</sup> After them, seven other ears of corn sprouted – thin and scorched by the east wind. <sup>7</sup> The thin ears of corn swallowed up the seven healthy, full ears. Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a dream.

<sup>8</sup> In the morning his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for him. <sup>9</sup> Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, ‘Today I am reminded of my shortcomings. <sup>10</sup> Pharaoh was once angry with his servants, and he imprisoned me and the chief baker in the house of the captain of the guard. <sup>11</sup> Each of us had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own. <sup>12</sup> Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he interpreted them for us, giving each man the interpretation of his dream. <sup>13</sup> And things turned out exactly as he interpreted them to us: I was restored to my position, and the other man was impaled.’ <sup>14</sup> So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh. <sup>15</sup> Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.’ <sup>16</sup> ‘I cannot do it,’ Joseph replied to Pharaoh, ‘but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.’...

...<sup>25</sup> Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, ‘The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>26</sup> The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears of corn are seven years; it is one and the same dream. <sup>27</sup> The seven lean, ugly cows that came up afterwards are seven years, and so are the seven worthless ears of corn scorched by the east wind: they are seven years of famine.

<sup>28</sup> ‘It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>29</sup> Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, <sup>30</sup> but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. <sup>31</sup> The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so

severe. <sup>32</sup> The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.

<sup>33</sup> 'And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. <sup>34</sup> Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. <sup>35</sup> They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food...

... <sup>38</sup> So Pharaoh asked his officials 'Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?'<sup>[a]</sup><sup>39</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. <sup>40</sup> You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.'

### **Romans 8:28-31**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who <sup>[i]</sup> have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

### **Matthew 28:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

### **For our prayers and praise this week**

Sun	Pray for today's services, especially All Age Worship. Pray for the Prayer Meeting at Brewery Park in Ellacombe, that we may be a living witness in that Parish.
Mon	Pray for the peace of the world with several very critical areas around the world where peace can be spoiled.
Tues	Praise God that the picnic last week was a happy time in spite of the rain. So let us praise God for and pray for all families who have contacts here.
Wed	Pray for Stephen Yates and other ordinands being ordained priests at

	Totnes on September 24th. Pray for them as they manage their duties in church and in their spiritual preparation.
Thurs	Pray for all members of the Church who may be ill, housebound or bereaved, especially for the families who had funerals this last week. May they know Jesus' care is with them.
Fri	Praise God for the opportunity of holidays. Pray for all holiday makers visiting the Bay, and may they find a special welcome in our Church.
Sat	Pray for all members of our church staff, all who play any part in our services and our CMS Linked Partners, Amy and David Roche.
Sun	Pray for a greater sense of worship in our Communion services today. May the Holy Spirit be our guide.

## WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

It is with sadness that we let you know that **Dorothy Menzies** has died. Her funeral will take place at St Matthias on Monday 21 August at 2pm.

For safety reasons the **large beech tree** near the pre-school play area is sadly having to be taken down this week. It has basal fungal decay. The car park will be closed from Tuesday to Friday. Thank you to the Friends for paying for this.

**Blackberry and Apple Fayre** 30 September at St Matts. 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. Thank you. *Rob Newman*

**Thank you** to all our church family for your support and prayers during our grandson Ben Cowdry's treatment for a calcified synovial sarcoma. The last op found no further malignancy but he has been advised to have radiotherapy as a precaution beginning on 5 Sept for 7 weeks. We hope it won't interfere too much with his A Level work. We are very grateful for answered prayer and for your continued support. *Jenny and Ian Lane*

**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, enquire more, or would come if it was 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.

