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Sunday 20 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)
10.30am	Family Communion <i>with 'Captain Ade' from the Church Army</i>

#### During the Week

Mon	2pm Funeral of Dorothy Menzies
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>

#### Sunday 27 August

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone

Since we now have part of Ellacombe in our own parish, it is great to welcome 'Captain Ade' (Adrian Prescott) today as the Church Army evangelist who has been living with his wife Pat in Ellacombe for the last year as part of the 'Torbay Centre of Mission'. St Matthias supports the Church Army as one of our main 6 charities and also via contributions to Ade's working expenses via the Torbay Deanery.



#### Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,  
 as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
 give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
 but always to bring our prayers before you;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Readings

### **Genesis 42:1-13, a summary of chapters 43 and 44, and 45:1-7**

**42** When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, 'Why do you just keep looking at each other?' <sup>2</sup> He continued, 'I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die.'

<sup>3</sup> Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. <sup>4</sup> But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. <sup>5</sup> So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for there was famine in the land of Canaan also.

<sup>6</sup> Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the person who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognised them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. 'Where do you come from?' he asked.

'From the land of Canaan,' they replied, 'to buy food.'

<sup>8</sup> Although Joseph recognised his brothers, they did not recognise him. <sup>9</sup> Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, 'You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected.'

<sup>10</sup> 'No, my lord,' they answered. 'Your servants have come to buy food. <sup>11</sup> We are all the sons of one man. Your servants are honest men, not spies.'

<sup>12</sup> 'No!' he said to them. 'You have come to see where our land is unprotected.'

<sup>13</sup> But they replied, 'Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more.'

*Joseph goes on to test his brothers by insisting that one brother remained hostage in Egypt, while the others returned home to fetch Benjamin. To their dismay and confusion, on the way back, they discovered that Joseph had put the silver they had paid for the grain back in their own sacks...*

*Not wishing to grieve their father further, they did not return with Benjamin immediately, but upon running out of food, they knew that they had to do so. This time, they took double the amount of silver they needed, and other gifts, and travelled to stand in fear before Joseph once more – who they still did not recognise.*

*This time, Joseph's trick was to hide his own silver cup and the silver they had paid for the grain with in Benjamin's sack. Then he sent his steward after them, and accused them of stealing, so that terrified, they were all brought before him*

*again. They pleaded for mercy for their own sake and for their elderly father Jacob's sake...*

**45** Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, 'Make everyone leave my presence!' So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. <sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph! Is my father still living?' But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come close to me.' When they had done so, he said, 'I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! <sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. <sup>6</sup> For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no ploughing and reaping. <sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. <sup>[a]</sup>

### **Matthew 28:16-20**

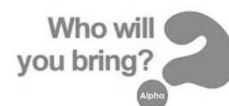
<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore 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.'

<b>For our prayers and praise this week</b>	
Sun	For Revd John Pout as he begins his ministry at St Paul's Preston and Christ Church Paignton.
Mon	For St Mary Mags as they begin to look for a new parish priest and for Revd Simon May who is going to act as an interim minister there.
Tues	For Captain Ade for his ministry in Ellacombe and more widely in the Bay.
Wed	For our neighbouring parishes: for Revd Paul Jones at All Saints Babbacombe and St John the Apostle, Torwood.
Thurs	Neighbouring church communities at Upton Vale, Riviera Life, Zoe Bible Church.
Fri	The Area Dean Revd Roger Carlton and Archdeacon Revd Douglas Detmer.
Sat	For holiday makers over the bank holiday weekend.
Sun	For local businesses.

## WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

**Jean Fricker** sends her thanks for all the cards and flowers and for the prayers and good wishes. She is truly grateful and looks forwards to being back among her church family soon. She sends her love and blessings.

**Alpha** the new course begins on Tuesday 26 September at 7.45pm in the Lounge with coffee and cake. If you would like to find out more please speak to one of the clergy or to Pere in the office or see the posters for more info. And why not invite a friend along too?



**The Community Larder** is grateful for donations but are short of particular items. Please see the list in the basket at the back of church.

**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*

**Crockery to collect** Please take a look in the hall after the service and take away anything which you may have left behind at a social occasion here. Anything not collected today will be given to charity.

**Syrian Refugee Families Appeal** Please see the board in the hall for more information about how we can help with donations through Amazon and coordinated by Anode.

**Captain Ade** needs our help please for a Holiday Club he is running from the Salvation Army Citadel on Market Street on the mornings of Mon 28th Aug - Fri 1st Sept (9.30am – 12pm for volunteers); and also to staff a stall at a 'Fun Day' in the park at top of Market Street in Ellacombe on Saturday 2nd Sept 12 – 3pm. Please see John B or Pere or Ade direct if you are interested. Thank you.

CHURCH ARMY

**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.

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