

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	Evening Holy Communion

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats

Sunday 17 September

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
5.30pm	Youth-led service

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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Readings

Exodus 12: 1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² 'This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire – with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

¹² 'On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴ 'This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD – a lasting ordinance.

John 8: 31-36

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'

³³ They answered him, 'We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?'

³⁴ Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it for ever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for All Age Worship and for the 8 o'clock service. Pray that these congregations will have the chance to meet. Pray too for the 5.30pm Evening Communion Service that many may come and be blessed.
Mon	Remember before God the families of all who have died in recent days, especially for Monica Rook whose husband Chris passed away this week, and for Peter Fox whose wife Mary died recently.
Tues	Pray for Ami and David Roche our CMS Mission Partners in the Middle East and also their family both out there and in England.
Wed	Remember all refugees, asylum seekers and other homeless people. Pray many may respond to the Syrian Refugee Family appeal.
Thurs	Pray for Stephen Yates and family as they prepare for Stephens' ordination in two week's time.
Fri	Pray for all who are sick at this time. For all children back at school, some at new schools. For everyone in town on holiday.
Sat	Remember with thankfulness our Rector John and his wife Ruth. For all they do and are in our midst.
Sun	Pray for all who take part in our services - the leaders, the readers, those who lead the prayers, the musicians and all who have prepared the church. May they all realise how important their "ministry" is.

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

Any of these in your Money Box? Thank you if you have been collecting money at home for the Reordering Project 'Grounded in faith...Growing to serve?' Please bring them in soon so we can rescue any old pound coins before they cease to be legal tender!



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 see the posters for more info. And why not invite a friend along too?



Mary Fox's funeral is at 11.15am on **Mon 18th Sept** at Torquay Crematorium (*not 11th as stated previously*).

Chris Rook has also sadly died. His memorial service will be on Monday 18 September at 2pm at St Matthias. We remember both families in our prayers.

Messy Church Tues 18 September @ 3.15pm

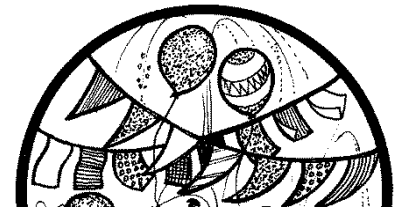
Girls Allowed meet at Brunel Manor on Wed 20th September, 7.30pm. Cost £3 (bar available) Please SIGN UP on the 'church family noticeboard' in the hall (immediately on left inside hall). Bring a book you've enjoyed, to share and swop, or just come to chat and make friends. Details from Ruth on 293119.

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 so we can best help arrange lifts.

Friends of St Matthias

Blackberry and Apple Fayre 30 Sept

Many thanks for all the suggestions and offers of help received so far. We're looking forward to a great fun day and to raising large amounts. Please come and



talk to us in the Hall after the service to let us know how you can help or to give us your ideas. Or ring me at home anytime on 01803 524215. *Rob Newman*

St. Matt's Cats, the church gospel choir, are looking for a pianist to start in September. Choir practices are from 7.15 – 9pm every fortnight. Please contact Anya Jones: jones_anya@yahoo.co.uk Thank you

Coffee Rota Will coffee makers please collect the new rota from the pigeon holes. Thank you for your continued support.

Date for your diary **Barn Dance** for Harvest Saturday 7 October evening.

Where's Paul?

Just in case you were wondering, I am going to be away from St Matthias for the next 2 months, which will include spending time in the Shaldon Benefice as part of my training. Although Bishop Nick has 'signed off' my 3 years as a training curate, I will continue to be developing my ministry, and this is a great opportunity for me. I hope to feed back some of my observations of Parish life in a very different setting and I will be back at St Matthias at the beginning of November. Paul Barton

Events/Notices Elsewhere

Linx Christian Youth Trust Celebration Evening 30 Sept at 7pm Livermead Hotel. Tel: 01803 557044

Storage needed (free) by the Mariposa Trust eg garage – e.info@the-mariposatrust.org for more information.