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Sunday 17 Sept 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	Holy Communion (CW)
5.30pm	Youth-led service

During the Week

Mon	<i>Funeral of Mary Fox at the crematorium at 11.15am</i>
	<i>Memorial Service for Chris Rook at St Matthias at 2pm</i>
Tues	<i>9am Morning Prayer in the church</i>
	<i>9am Open House parents and toddlers in the Lounge</i>
	<i>3.15pm Messy Church</i>
Wed	<i>9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	<i>10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting in the Ark</i>

Sunday 24 September

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	<i>Priesting of Stephen Yates in Totnes</i>
5.30pm	<i>Prayer Meeting in the Hall</i>

We welcome Revd John Samways to our services today. John is a trustee of the Church Patronage Trust and has journeyed with St Matthias over the last few years.

Readings

Exodus 14

⁵ When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, 'What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!' ⁶ So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him....

⁹ The Egyptians – all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops – pursued the Israelites...

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. ¹¹ They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn't we say to you in Egypt, "Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians"? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!'

¹³ Moses answered the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.'

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶ Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸ The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.'

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been travelling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He jammed ^[b] the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, 'Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is

fighting for them against Egypt.’ ²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.’ ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea...The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen – the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived...

³¹ And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

John 8:31-37

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. ³⁷ I know you are Abraham’s descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for today’s services, especially the youth-led service. May it be a means of attracting other young people to the church and to Christ.
Mon	Pray for the family and friends of Mary Fox and Chris Rook both of whose services of thanksgiving take place today.
Tues	Praise God for St. Matts Cats and pray they may find the right pianist.
Wed	Pray for “Girls Allowed” as they meet tonight at Brunel Manor. Pray that there may be real fellowship.
Thurs	Pray for the hungry, sick and homeless people around the world. Pray for all disabled people especially in our church.
Fri	Pray for all young people settling in to new schools or colleges.
Sat	Remember with prayer and thanksgiving all members of our staff team who so regularly and faithfully lead us especially in our worship times.
Sun	Pray for Stephen Yates as he is ordained into the Priesthood this afternoon. May he feel the Holy Spirit filling him anew as the Bishop and other priests lay hands on him. Pray too for Paul Barton as he spends two months on a special placement in the Shaldon Benefice as part of his training.

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

Lifts to the ordination of Stephen Yates Sunday 24 September at St Mary's Church in Totnes at 10.30am. If you have requested a lift, please make your own way to church by 9.15am to get on the minibus. Please see the list at the back of church to check if your name is there. If it isn't and you would like to go and need a lift please contact the office.



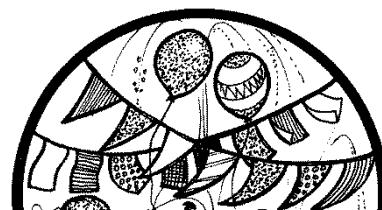
Alpha The new course begins on Tuesday 26 September at 7.45pm in the Lounge with coffee and cake. If you would like to find out more please speak to one of the clergy or see the posters for more info. And why not invite a friend along too?

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.

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*



Harvest Supper/Barn Dance with the Blue Jewel Ceilidh Band
Saturday 7 October to start at 7.30pm. Tickets from the office: adults £8, child £4, family £22 (2 adults, 3 children under 14). Food included, bring your own drink.

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

Gaffer tape team required 😊 We are looking for 2 or 3 people who can meet together to lift the tables out of the store room in the Hall and remove the gaffer tape from the corners and then remove the stickiness and give them a clean! There are approx 20 tables in total. Tea and biscuits provided! Please speak to Pere if you can help.

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*

Children's Advent calendars The church will be giving advent calendars again this year and if you feel you would like to contribute please put your donation in a blue envelope in the collection (marked advent calendars). They cost approximately £3 each. Thank you.

Anode news...very sadly Anode is closing from next month. Please pray for the staff, volunteers and those who rely on this community service.

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?

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!



Ecclesiastical Insurance, our church insurers, are offering to donate £130 to us for each and every new home insurance policy taken out by any member of the congregation. Further information can be found on the notice board in the Hall.



Gamechangers - Christmas is coming, or Christmas Child!

We are not joining the many retail outlets that are already filling the shelves with Christmas goodies but the time has come to inform you that the young people have decided to support the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child project again this year.

Operation Christmas Child works with the local Church worldwide to demonstrate God's love, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ, by sending shoeboxes full of gifts to children who would otherwise not receive presents at

Christmas. We want to thank God that altogether 11,485,662 boxes were collected and sent out in 2016. As a group we are aiming to send 50 boxes and are asking if you could donate any new items that can be put into a shoebox. There are leaflets at the back of the church or on the Notice Board outlining suggestions and items that cannot be included; please feel free to take a leaflet and put in a prominent place at home as a reminder. Over the coming weeks there will be two large boxes at the back of the church for donations. The youth group will be packing these boxes so the deadline for any donations is Sunday 12th November. Each box costs £5 to send; there is a basket at the back if you feel you could cover that cost. If you have any questions or need any further information then please ask the young people, Stephen, Elaine, or Jack and they will be happy to discuss it with you. Many Thanks *Gamechangers*

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](mailto:e.info@themariposatrust.org) for more information.

Young People's Groups Today

0 - 4yrs	Downstairs Lounge with Jan and Ruth
R - Yr 4	Pine Room with Victoria and Lena
Yr5 - Yr8	Upstairs Hall with Lindsay and Pam
Yr9 - 13	Ark with Stephen

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Get on board,
the kingdom train is moving
Get on board,
hear the whistle blow.

Get on board
If you want to follow Jesus,
Shh, Shh, Woo, Woo!
It's time to go.

Woo woo!
We'll keep on moving
Woo woo!
To the journey's end
Woo woo!
by the power of the Spirit

we're travelling with Jesus
on the kingdom train
(last time – x3)

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

From where we are to where you need us,
Jesus now lead on

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,
Jesus now lead on

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,
Jesus now lead on

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,
Jesus now lead on

