



God's Providence



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**Sunday 24 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	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	<i>Priesting of Stephen Yates in Totnes</i>
5.30pm	<i>Prayer Meeting in the Hall</i>
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	9am Open House parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Sat	10.30am – 2.30pm Blackberry and Apple Fayre
Sunday 1 October	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>with b'fast at 9.15am in the hall</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>with children's groups</i>

### Collect

Lord God,

defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Contacting the Church

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## Readings

### Exodus 16: 2-15

<sup>2</sup>In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat round pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.'

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.'

<sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?' <sup>8</sup>Moses also said, 'You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.'

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses told Aaron, 'Say to the entire Israelite community, "Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling."'

<sup>10</sup>While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked towards the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>'I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, "At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God."'

<sup>13</sup>That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, 'It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.'

### Matthew 20: 1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. <sup>4</sup>He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." <sup>5</sup>So they went. 'He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup>About five in the afternoon he went out and found still

others standing around. He asked them, “Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?”<sup>7</sup> “Because no one has hired us,” they answered. He said to them, “You also go and work in my vineyard.”

<sup>8</sup> “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.”

<sup>9</sup> “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.<sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.<sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.<sup>12</sup> “These who were hired last worked only one hour,” they said, “and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.”

<sup>13</sup> “But he answered one of them, “I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?<sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.<sup>15</sup> Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?”

<sup>16</sup> “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**For our prayers and praise this week**

Sun	Pray for Stephen Yates and others being ordained priest at Totnes. May the Holy Spirit fill him afresh as he begins a new stage in his ministry here and in his future Journey.
Mon	Pray for plans being made for the new Alpha course (26 <sup>th</sup> Sept) and for the Blackberry and Apple Fayre (30th).
Tues	Pray for the Harvest Supper/Barn Dance (7th. October)
Wed	Remember Paul Barton on his pastoral placement in the Shaldon Benefice. Pray that he will come back with good ideas and a deepened vision for for his future ministry.
Thurs	Pray for all on holiday at the moment, and for folk in our own church away. Praise God for the beauty around for us to enjoy.
Fri	Praise the Lord that the DAC have agreed that the church can make planning applications for the reordering of the church. Pray for John and the PCC in all that has to be done.
Sat	Pray for all recently bereaved, all who are sick, home bound or facing problems in their lives.
Sun	Praise God we have the freedom to worship freely, so pray we may use our church well and be appreciative of our privilege. Pray for parts of our world where it is dangerous to be known as a Christian.

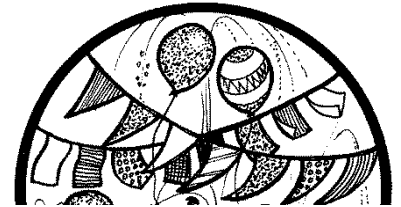
## WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

**Alpha** The new course begins this 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?



### **Blackberry and Apple Fayre 30 Sept** Friends of St Matthias

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 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.

**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.

**Men's Breakfast 14 October** Kent's Cavern see Charlie to book or email him at [c.allansen@btinternet.com](mailto:c.allansen@btinternet.com)



### **Gamechangers - Christmas is coming, or Christmas Child!**

The young people will be supporting the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child project again this year. It works with the local Church worldwide to demonstrate God's love by sending shoeboxes full of gifts to children who would otherwise not receive presents. We are aiming to send 50 boxes and are asking if you could donate any new items that can be put into a shoebox and/or £5 to cover the cost of sending each box. See the leaflets at the back of church or on the notice board. The deadline for donations is 12 Nov. For further info please ask the young people, Stephen, Elaine, or Jack and they will be happy to discuss it with you.  
Many Thanks *Gamechangers*