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Sunday 29 October 2017

Bible Sunday

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 Holy Communion with prayers for healing

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	9-11.30am Open House parents and toddlers group <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm "What has the reformation done for us?" <i>in the hall</i>
	7.45pm Alpha <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting in the Ark
	2.30pm Chat @ St Matts <i>in the hall</i>

Sunday 5 November

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>with breakfast at 9.15am (Traidcraft stalls afterwards)</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>with groups (Traidcraft stalls afterwards)</i>
4pm	All Souls' Remembering Service

Collect

Merciful God,
 teach us to be faithful in change and
 uncertainty,
 that trusting in your word
 and obeying your will
 we may enter the unfailing joy of
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Readings

Nehemiah 8: 1-12

¹ All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. ² So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁴ Ezra the teacher of the Law stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam.

⁵ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. ⁶ Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁷ The Levites – Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiah – instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. ⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. ⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.' For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

¹⁰ Nehemiah said, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

¹¹ The Levites calmed all the people, saying, 'Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.' ¹² Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

Matthew 24: 30-35

³⁰ 'Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send his angels with

a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. ³² 'Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs become tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ³³ Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Song

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path*

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear

As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...



Great moments in history...the Reformation. An evening to learn about how 500 years ago Martin Luther challenged the power of the Church prompting a new era in European history

that still shapes the church we are today. **Tuesday 31 Oct at 7.30pm in the Hall.**

“How to read your bible” - an introductory guide Monday 6 Nov 7.30-9pm in the Hall or Wednesday 8 Nov 10.30-12pm in the Lounge.

“Let’s Walk Through Advent” by Sarah Roberts A book of short bible readings and devotions for each day of Advent. Available to buy at the back of church £4.

Friends Christmas Lunch will be on Sun 3 December, to be held this year at the Livermead Cliff Hotel. This popular event is open to both members and non-members. Last year it was a sell-out, so do book early. Come and see us after the morning service to reserve your place and make your menu choices.

Posada 2017 will you host Mary & Joseph this year? Sign-up sheet coming soon!

Contact List Revision Please have a look today in the Hall or back of church at the contact list – tick your entry if correct or amend if not! Thank you.

All Souls' Remembering Service Sunday 5 Nov at 4pm. You are most welcome to come to a special service which we are holding for those who want to remember loved ones who have died recently.

Children's Advent Calendars & Story Book Donations in a blue envelope in the collection (marked accordingly) – calendars £3, books £1 approx. Thank you.



Christmas Shoeboxes - still collecting until 12 Nov. A donation of £5 to cover postage would also be appreciated. Shoebox packing also 12 Nov in the Hall. *Thank you Gamechangers*

Fair Trade and Handmade – Wed 1st Nov, 10–3pm at 6 Wellswood Ave. Please come for coffee and a browse. Traidcraft only – Sun 5th Nov, after both Breakfastzone and 10.30am service. For further info see Judi.

New Wine and Spring Harvest 2018 Several of us have booked into week 2 of New Wine 5-11 August and there are discounted rates for early bird bookings before 3 Dec. Also both weeks of SH at Minehead 3-8th April and 8-12th April.



Christmas Choir There will be 2 choirs this year and the rehearsals begin soon! Matt's Cats are singing 2 carols at the carol service – you are welcome to join in their rehearsals from now on. And Sarah Roberts is kindly leading a "Christmas choir" to help lead the congregation during the various

Christmas services. If you would like to join in either or both please sign the sheet at the back of church which also has all the rehearsal dates.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for our CMS Linked Mission Partners, Amy and David Roche.
Mon	We pray for peace, justice and mercy in our Nations.
Tues	Pray for the meeting tonight about the Reformation and thank God for saints of old, especially those who gave their lives in defence of their faith.
Wed	The homeless or jobless in Torquay, and all who work for the food banks.
Thurs	Let's pray that we as a church may learn more about praying, and join with others for corporate prayer.
Fri	For anyone you know who is ill, awaiting test results, housebound or lonely. Pray that we may be aware and visit them or contact them.
Sat	Thank God for the staff team led by our <i>Rector, John</i> , and all who play any part in our services. Pray, too, for all who clean or decorate the church.
Sun	Pray for all services today, especially the All Soul's Remembering Service at 4pm, that people with sad memories will find our Lord's peace and comfort.