



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)
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 <i>for those who have lost a loved one</i>

During the Week

Mon	7.30-9pm "How to read your Bible" <i>in the Hall</i>
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	9-11.30am Open House parents and toddlers group <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.45pm Alpha <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	10.30am-12 "How to read your Bible" <i>in the Lounge (repeat of Tues)</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Thurs	11.30am Funeral of Eileen Winstanley
Fri	3pm Thanksgiving for the life of David Ewing
	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall/Lounge</i>
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cavern <i>with speaker Ian Lane</i>

Sunday 12 November

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship for Remembrance Sunday
5.30pm	Evening Service
7.30pm	"Under One Roof 2" <i>at the Princess Theatre</i>

Collect

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

2 Chronicles 6: 18-21

¹⁸ 'But will God really dwell on earth with humans? The heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain you. How much less this temple that I have built! ¹⁹ Yet, Lord my God, give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence. ²⁰ May your eyes be open towards this temple day and night, this place of which you said you would put your Name there. May you hear the prayer your servant prays towards this place. ²¹ Hear the supplications of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling-place; and when you hear, forgive.

John 14: 1-6

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Revelations 21: 1-4

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

Last day for ...checking the contact list in the Hall or back of church. Please tick your entry if correct or amend if not! Thank you.

Girls Allowed on TUESDAY 14th Nov in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Jenny is demonstrating how to make something delicious and we will be sharing a plate of our favourite food with the recipe. BUT just come to chat and enjoy company if you prefer! Sign up on the hall sheet or email Ruth jrmp@btinternet.com. £3 on the door.

“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 - could you host Mary & Joseph this advent? Sign up today in church or email Ruth on jrmp@btinternet.com with possible dates.

Volunteers needed! Would you like to join the team who keep the church open each week day morning to welcome visitors? For more information please have a chat with Pere in the office.

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 - today is the last Sunday for collecting items! Shoebox packing date has changed to 10 Nov during Youth Club. *Thank you Gamechangers*

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 Spring Harvest at Minehead 3-8th April.

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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.

Expanding the AV Team We now have the opportunity to use our new projector and put hymns, songs and sermon illustrations on the large screen. We are endeavouring to find a new dedicated team (perhaps of four to six people) who would be prepared to work on a rota basis and man this for our 10:30 services; full training will be given. If you wish to enquire more about this new venture then please speak to Keith Yelland or contact him 01803 380476.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Pray for all the services today, but especially the Remembering Service at 4pm. Pray for all who still remember loved ones with pain and sorrow.
Mon	Praise God for His Word, for all who translate it, distribute it around the world, and all who read it and find it a help and guide through life. Pray for the two talks about how to read the Bible.
Tues	Praise the Lord for the vision He has given to the young people to organise Christmas boxes for needy children around the world. May they be blessed as they do this wonderful work.
Wed	Pray for the choirs and musicians preparing for special Christmas services.
Thurs	Pray for our CMS Linked Mission Partners, Amy and David Roche in Beirut.
Fri	Remember all who are unwell, awaiting test results, housebound or in hospital.
Sat	Pray for all the young people in our church and schools that as they approach Christmas they may come to a true understanding of its meaning.
Sun	Praise God that we have the freedom to worship together without any hindrance. Pray for all who lead in worship; from the Archbishop, Diocesan Bishops and our own staff members. May they draw us all closer to Jesus.