



**19 November 2017**

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## 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) <i>(new administrators' meeting @ 12noon)</i>
5.30pm	Youth Led Service

### 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>
	3.15pm Messy Church
	7.45pm Alpha <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats <i>learning 'Christmas Choir' songs</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in church/Ark</i>
Fri	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the hall</i>
Sat	7pm Concert – <i>South Devon Choir</i>

### Sunday 26 November

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship <i>(lesson readers' "sound check" @ 11.45am)</i>
10.30am	Prayzone
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in the hall with cup of tea at 5pm</i>

#### Collect

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Readings

### Exodus 24: 3-8

<sup>3</sup> When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, 'Everything the LORD has said we will do.' <sup>4</sup> Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. <sup>6</sup> Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, 'We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.'

<sup>8</sup> Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, 'This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.'

### Jeremiah 31: 31-34

<sup>31</sup> 'The days are coming,' declares the LORD,  
'when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to them,'  
declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup> 'This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel  
after that time,' declares the LORD.

'I will put my law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbour,  
or say to one another, "Know the LORD,"  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,'  
declares the LORD.

'For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.'

## **Matthew 26: 17-30**

<sup>17</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?'

<sup>18</sup> He replied, 'Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, "The Teacher says: my appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house."' <sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup> And while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.'

<sup>22</sup> They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, 'Surely you don't mean me, Lord?'

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.'

<sup>25</sup> Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, 'Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?'

Jesus answered, 'You have said so.'

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.'

<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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## **The Benedictus**

*(From the prayer of Zechariah in Luke's Gospel)*

Now bless the God of Israel who comes in love and power,  
who raises from the royal house deliv'rance in this hour.  
Through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm,  
to save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm.

Remembering the covenant, God rescues us from fear,  
that we might serve in holiness and peace from year to year.

And you, my child, shall go before, to preach, to prophesy,  
that all may know the tender love, the grace of God most high.

In tender mercy, God will send the dayspring from on high,  
our rising sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh.  
God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.  
Sing praises to the Holy One, O worship and adore.

Responsory used in the service:

Leader: The Lord God says "I will be your God"

**All: We will be your people**

### **A covenant with God**

'I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing,  
put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you,  
or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you,  
or brought low for you;  
let me be full,  
let me be empty,  
let me have all things,  
let me have nothing:  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all  
things  
to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.  
And the covenant now made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven.'

*The Methodist Covenant Prayer*

# WHAT'S ON AND NEWS...

**If you're new** - *Posada* is a great way to get to know more folk. Host Mary and Joseph (crib figures) for one night in your home as it travels round the church family. Please sign up **TODAY** at the back of Church. Eight slots left: Dec 5th, 10th and 16th-21st. Or contact Ruth on [jrmp@btinternet.com/01803](mailto:jrmp@btinternet.com/01803) 293119 if you haven't got your diary!

**Carol singing** around the care homes will take place on Wednesday 13th and Monday 18th December. Details on the table at the back of church with sign up list so we know how many are joining us. Please come and take part if free as the residents really look forward to it.

**Friends Christmas Lunch.** Places are selling fast for the Friends of St Matthias Christmas lunch on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the Livermead Cliff Hotel. Come and see us after the morning service to reserve your place and make your menu choices.

**Ladies Breakfast!** Or.... the Men's Breakfast but open to all as a Christmas Special! As of this week there are already 36 seats filled, so please book early and let me know by email or mobile or in person. There will be a choice of the usual Full English, croissants, cereal, toast and marmalade etc @ £8.50. For those who wish to attend, but would rather not eat breakfast, copious quantities of fresh tea and coffee will be available at a bargain price of £4. Our speaker will be Phil Miles, who most of you will know from St. Matthias. His talk promises to be really interesting and will definitely challenge our comfort zones. Final booking numbers must be received by 2 December so hurry and book your place! (Please note: it's important for you to know that there are sufficient funds to pay for 6 seats for anyone struggling. Please don't be shy. If you really want to come, but can't afford it, just ask me, in confidence. It's not a problem.)

**Saturday 9 December 8.45 for 9am start at English Riviera Centre**

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**Lots of Blessings, Charlie**

**Bible Notes for 2018** If you would like to renew your bible notes for next year or if you are starting to read them for the first time, please order from Suzy Young as soon as possible as the order for next year is due in December. Thank you. Tel: 01803 605512.

**Pens £1** a great stocking filler and helps to raise money towards the re-ordering of the church. Available from today at the back of church.

**Gamechangers** wish to thank everyone for their support of Operation Christmas Child. In total **65 shoeboxes** were sent. With your donations and funds from the Youth Bank £406 has been raised so far for Samaritan's Purse. Well done!

We are currently having some **technical problems** with sending the notices out by email. Please bear with us. They can still be found on the website from Fri eve/Sat am each week.

**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 3-8<sup>th</sup> 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 – rehearsals on 21 Nov & 6 Dec. Also Sarah Roberts is leading a "Christmas choir" to help lead the congregation during the various Christmas services. Rehearsals on 29 Nov, 6 & 14 Dec. If you would like to join in either or both please sign the sheet at the back of church which also has rehearsal times.

**For our prayers and praise this week**

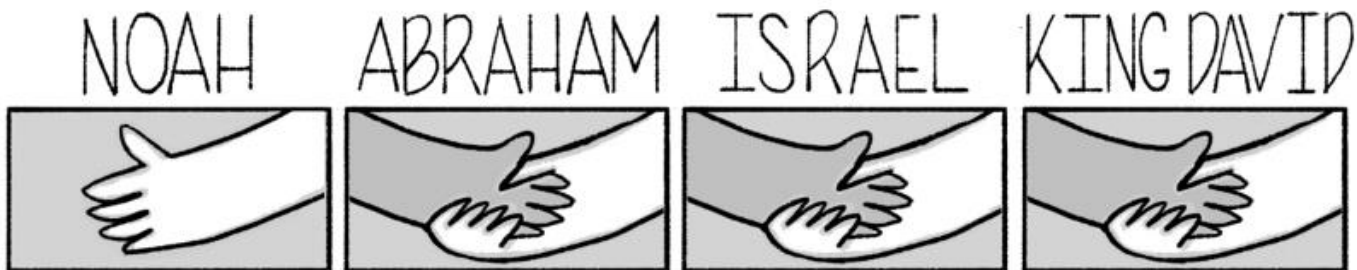
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| Sun   | Remember Amy and David Roche and their family, sometimes in a dangerous situation. Remember, too, the Youth Led service.         |
| Mon   | Please pray for those who volunteer to take Posada around and for those who receive it.                                          |
| Tues  | Pray for peace in our world, for national leaders; and all who suffer as a result of unrest.                                     |
| Wed   | Pray for the Churches Together in the Bay, that people may feel God impacting on their lives.                                    |
| Thurs | Pray for those preparing the Christmas music, that it may glorify Christ.                                                        |
| Fri   | Praise God for our health and pray for so many in hospital, care homes or ill at home. May they feel God's healing hand on them. |
| Sat   | Praise the Lord for our Street and School Pastors and pray that God will bless their Ministry.                                   |
| Sun   | Pray for all our staff team and all helping in the services.                                                                     |

# Storylines: The Covenant Thread



## The Old Covenants

1. Covenant with Noah – promise on God's side only – *Genesis 9:11ff*
2. Covenant with Abraham – mainly *Genesis chapters 15 and 17* (also look at ch 12)
3. Covenant with Israel – mainly *Exodus chapters 20 onwards*, but also in *Deuteronomy*
4. Covenant with King David – *2 Samuel 7*



## The New Covenant

- Prophesied by *Jeremiah 31:31-34*
- **And in the New Covenant (Testament) writings:**
  - Jesus at the Last Supper e.g. *Matthew 26:17-30*, *1 Corinthians 11*
  - Also read *Galatians 3:6-15*; and *Hebrews ch 8 and 9*

Artwork from great short film about Covenant:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ferLlsvlml>

### Contacting the Church

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## The Last Supper

At the last supper Jesus ate with His disciples before His death, He gave thanks and broke bread, and shared it with them. "Take and eat," Jesus said. "This is My body, which is broken for you."

After the bread, Jesus poured wine into a cup. "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you", He told His disciples.