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10 December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

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	All Age Worship <i>(Night Shelter meeting for volunteers at 12pm)</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>
	1.30pm Warberry Carol Service
	6pm Ilsham Nativity
	7.45pm Alpha <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in Lounge/Church</i>
	1.30pm Warberry Carol Service
	6pm Warberry Nativity
	<i>6pm Carol Singing around the care homes</i>
Thurs	10am Pre-School Nativity
	2pm Ilsham Christingle
	5.30pm Choir rehearsal for Christmas
	7pm St Matt's Cats

Sunday 17 December

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
6.30pm	Carol Service (lessons and carols) <i>followed by mince pies and mulled wine ☺</i>

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and Saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. Amen

Readings

Mark 13: 32-37

³² ‘But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ ‘Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: “Watch!”’

**God’s list for me
to get ready for Jesus:**

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For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Praise God for the freedom we have to meet in church as a family to worship. Pray for those in countries where worship is forbidden and it is dangerous to be to be a Christian. Pray for the Youth led service tonight and for the young people leading.
Mon	We remember the turmoil in our world and pray for all leaders who are working for peace and harmony.
Tues	Pray for all who have no homes and are sleeping in the streets. Pray for the Street Pastors who go out to help them to keep safe.
Wed	Pray for the choirs preparing for the Carol Service and other services.
Thurs	Pray for all who are ill that God will meet them at their point of need and that it will not spoil their Christmas.
Fri	Pray for all families who are parted from their families.
Sat	Pray for all the staff as they prepare the last details of Christmas.
Sun	Pray for the carol service tonight and for any visitors who may come. Praise God for His gift of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

WHAT'S ON AND NEWS

TOWNS Winter Night Shelter begins here after Christmas – they would be glad of any warm clothes you may be able to donate. (Bedding not required thank you.)

Christingle Making Friday 22 Dec @ 10am in the Hall (followed by a rehearsal at 11am for anyone involved in the service drama). Please sign up at back of church.

Coffee Rotas New rotas ready for next 3 months. Coffee makers please look in your pigeon holes. Thank you.

Bible Notes for 2018 Please see Suzy Young if you would like to order for 2018.

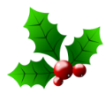
Situation Vacant The Friends of St Matthias are seeking a Treasurer to take over from Chris Payne who will be standing down in June. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please speak to me or to Chris Payne. Rob Newman, Chairman Friends of St Matthias' 07971 186521.

Dementia Friendly Carol Service at Paignton Parish Church at 3pm on Mon 18 Dec.

Welcome Back to Paul and Tessa after their trip to the Nazareth Hospital. They plan to share some of that experience early in the New Year on 14 January at 5.30pm (tbc).

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.

“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.



Christmas

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

Christmas Choir rehearsals this week on Thursday at 5.30pm and St Matts Cats at 7pm.

Carol Singing around the care homes Wed 13th and Mon 18th Dec. Please sign up at back of church.

Note: We’re hoping that most people will join in our Christmas celebrations at the 5pm or 11pm services on Christmas Eve and/or on Christmas Day, but if you cannot make these there will be a Communion Service on Dec 24th at 10.30am.

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