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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.*

Today

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship <i>followed by 'Gideons' stall in hall over coffee</i>
5.30pm	Paul and Tessa Barton talk about their recent trip to Nazareth
Eve	Night Shelter continues

During the Week

Mon	7-9.30pm Safeguarding Training <i>in the Lounge</i>
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
	7.45pm Alpha continues <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30-9pm Puzzling Questions course begins <i>in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	9.30am-12pm Safeguarding Training <i>in the Hall</i>
	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>

Sunday 21 January

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
5.30pm	Youth-Led Service

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Revelation 5: 1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?' ³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.'

⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.'

John 1: 43-end

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.'

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'

⁴⁶ 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked.

'Come and see,' said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.'

⁴⁸ 'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.'

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.'

⁵⁰ Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.' ⁵¹ He then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on" the Son of Man.'

What's On & News

*Puzzling Questions ?
An opportunity to explore
some of life's deeper issues:*

Who am I? Why do I pray?
Why do bad things happen to good
people?

What happens after I die?

*Come along to a new course
which begins this week on
Wed at 7.30pm in the Lounge
to find out more.*

The Hiding Place

Friday 26 January @ 7.30pm

Little Theatre, Torquay

****TICKETS AVAILABLE TODAY****

Girls Allowed (all women welcome)

meet on Wed 17 Jan at Brunel Manor
7.30-9.30pm in the tea room. Gillian
Rose will help us begin the New Year in
a reflective frame of mind and we will
have a quiz. Sign up on the board in
the Larkin Hall please or email Ruth
Beckett on jrmp@btinternet.com

Coffee Morning for the Coffee Makers: If you are on the Sunday morning tea/coffee making rota for the end of the 10.30am service, we would like to invite you to join us for coffee and 'posh' biscuits in the Lounge at 10.30am on Thurs 25 Jan for a get together and discussion on the possible future monthly services pattern at church. If you are not on the rota, but would like to join us and find out what is involved, please do feel free to come as we always welcome new people to join in this very much appreciated activity and would love to have more volunteers taking part! Please come and find out more. Sylvia

Ruth Jones We are pleased to report that Ruth has been appointed as a youth worker in Holsworthy mid Devon based at a local secondary school and begins her role in February. Well done to Ruth!

Friends' New Year Meal at Amici Restaurant Wed 31 Jan Come and see us after the service, to book your place and choose your meal. Rob Newman

Exeter Cathedral - entry cards If you would like to visit the cathedral free of charge we have some

Lent Courses:

Tuesday evenings beginning 20 Feb

Wednesday mornings beginning 21 Feb

A choice of 2 subjects on each occasion:

- i) The Prayer Course
- ii) Spiritual disciplines eg solitude, fasting etc

cards in the office which you can use.

Events Elsewhere: World Holocaust Memorial Day: Inherit the Truth Exeter Cathedral Thurs 1st Feb at 7pm. An evening of words and music reflecting the events of the Holocaust with Raphael Wallfisch and Anita Lasker-Wallfisch. More information on the board in the hall or from Jenny & Ian Lane (607345).

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for the services today, and especially for Paul and Tessa Barton as they share their experiences in Nazareth. Let us not forget to pray for God's special people the Jews, and for the peace of Jerusalem.
Mon	Pray for the Safeguarding Course, that our church work will be a safe place for all especially for children and the vulnerable elderly.
Tues	Pray for Messy Church today that the children while having fun may be pointed to Jesus. Praise God for all who give of their time and energy in leading.
Wed	Pray for all the social events that happen in our church. This week let us remember Girls Allowed and Matt's Cats.
Thurs	Pray for all who are ill, especially with flu, all who are awaiting hospital appointments, and all recently bereaved that God may meet them where needed.
Fri	Pray for those who are coming for night shelter that they may enjoy the welcome and hospitality.
Sat	Pray for John Beckett and all the staff as they serve God in our Parish.
Sun	Pray for all the charities and organisations we support, that God will bless their Ministry.

Dates for your diary:

- Wed 17 Jan Puzzling Questions course begins
- Wed 17 Jan Girls Allowed at Brunel Manor
- Fri 26 Jan The Hiding Place at the Little Theatre
- Sun 28 Jan Social Events 'Fair'
- Wed 31 Jan Friends meal at Amici Restaurant
- Sun 11 Feb Special church meeting @ 11.30am to update about re-ordering project and proposed extra 9.30am service
- Wed 14 Feb Lent lunches begin in the Hall
- Tues 20 Feb Evening Lent Courses begin
- Wed 21 Feb Morning Lent Courses begin
- Sun 4 Mar 'Opportunities to Serve' Fair
- 19 & 20 May Renewal Weekend