



## 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	Holy Communion (CW)
5.30pm	Youth-Led Service
Eve	Night Shelter continues
6.30pm	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Prayer and Praise at Furrough Cross, URC, Babbacombe</i>

### During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30-9pm Puzzling Questions course continues <i>in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30am Coffee makers coffee morning <i>in the Lounge</i>
Fri	7.30pm <i>The Hiding Place at the Little Theatre</i>

### Sunday 28 January

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone
12	Social Events Fair <i>in the Hall after the 10.30am services</i>
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting in the church

### Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

## Readings

### Revelation 19: 6-10

<sup>6</sup> Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

‘Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and be glad  
and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready.

<sup>8</sup> Fine linen, bright and clean,  
was given her to wear.’

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)

<sup>9</sup> Then the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’ And he added, ‘These are the true words of God.’

<sup>10</sup> At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, ‘Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.’

### John 2: 1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, ‘They have no more wine.’

<sup>4</sup> ‘Woman, why do you involve me?’ Jesus replied. ‘My hour has not yet come.’

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’

<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water’; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, ‘Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.’

They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, ‘Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.’

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*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\*\***

**B & B for one night only?** Can anyone put up a gentleman from the Hiding Place theatre company on Fri 26 Jan? Please speak to Sylvia if so. Thank you.

### **Coffee Morning for the Coffee**

**Makers:** in the Lounge this Thursday 25 Jan. Come for coffee and 'posh' biscuits and if you would like to find

out more about joining the team, please come along. We look forward to seeing you. Sylvia.

**Matt's Knits...** watch this space for more information re new group for knitters!

**Scam – beware** – 2 members of our congregation received phone calls on Friday saying they are from HMRC, threatening prosecution and asking for account details. It sounds like a scam so please be careful.

**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

**Sun 11 Feb** Special church meeting @ 11.30am to update about re-ordering project and proposed extra 9.30am service

**Sun 4 Mar** 'Opportunities to Serve' Fair

**19 & 20 May** Renewal Weekend

**Night Shelter clothing** thank you for all your donations – no more required.

**Events Elsewhere: World Holocaust Memorial Day: Inherit the Truth Exeter Cathedral Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> 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 all the services today, especially the Youth led service. Thank God for the young people who take a leadership role.
Mon	Thank God for Amy and David Roche's ministry in Beirut. Pray for their future as they plan to return to this country. Pray for the activities they have set up. Pray too for their family both in England and Beirut.
Tues	Pray for the peace of the world especially in the Middle East.
Wed	Pray for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
Thurs	Remember before God all who are ill or troubled at this time. May God's presence be very real to them.
Fri	Pray that the play about Corrie ten Boom, "The Hiding Place" will be a great blessing to those who attend. May they be inspired by Corrie's testimony.
Sat	Pray for the work of the night shelter people. May they feel a real welcome at all the churches which host them.
Sun	Pray for the Social Events 'Fair'.



### Lent 2018

- Ash Wednesday 14 Feb – Holy Communion @ 7pm (no 9am service)
- Lent lunches – every Wednesday beginning on 14 Feb
- Lent courses begin on Tues 20 evening and Wed 21 daytime – see below
- 'Generous God Generous People' - daily bible readings booklet will be available
- Maundy Thursday 29 March – evening Holy Communion service

This year for our Lent Course we are pleased to bring you not one, but two international speakers. Well, admittedly they are appearing on DVD rather than in person, but we are very excited about their messages and their teaching which is relevant to, and will challenge, every member of St Matthias.

John Mark Comer, who leads a church in Portland, Oregon, unpacks what it means to be "PRACTISING THE WAY OF JESUS", helping us to understand how we can change to become more like Jesus looking at some of the Spiritual Disciplines such as Prayer, Solitude, Quietness and Fasting.

Pete Greig is a senior pastor in Guildford, teaches at St Mellitus College and heads up the 24/7 Prayer movement. He helps us to understand PRAYER in a course which many of us have benefited from in our home groups.

Both will run for 6 weeks on both Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings, and we will gather together for the first 10 minutes each time, before breaking into the two strands. Whilst you will benefit most from attending all 6 sessions, you are welcome to come to any that you are able to.