



## Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.*

*Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am today.*

<b>Today</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Growzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion <i>(with David and Amy Roche from CMS)</i>
12.30pm	<i>Church picnic at Cockington – meet on the green outside the Court from 12.30pm with a picnic lunch</i>
5.30pm	'Route 66' - Youth-led service
<b>During the Week</b>	
Mon	12.30pm Matts Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in church</i>
	9am Open House Toddlers group <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm Matt's Cats
	7.30pm 'Children's Communion before Confirmation' briefing for adults <i>in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark – all welcome</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club
<b>24 June</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Morning Worship
12.05	'Meet the staff' for new members <i>in the church</i>
12.15/12.30	Church Family Lunch <i>in the Hall</i>
2pm	'Children's Communion before Confirmation' briefing <i>Lounge/Pine</i>
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting – <i>all welcome</i>

## Readings

### Romans 8: 12-17

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘*Abba, Father.*’ <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

### Luke 15: 11-32

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: ‘There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, “Father, give me my share of the estate.” So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup> ‘Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> ‘When he came to his senses, he said, “How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.” <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.

‘But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> ‘The son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

<sup>22</sup> ‘But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> ‘Meanwhile, the elder son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> “Your brother has come,” he replied, “and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.”

<sup>28</sup> 'The elder brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, "Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!"

<sup>31</sup> "'My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

***For our prayers and praise this week***

Sun	Pray for the activities today. The Church picnic, and Youth led service. Pray that Amy and David Roche will feel a real welcome to our services.
Mon	Pray for Nicci Maxwell, CMS Mission Partner as she prepares to go to Kisizi, Uganda.
Tues	Pray for countries where there is fighting and unrest, that peace will be sought.
Wed	Girls Allowed tonight. Pray for Marjorie Broadhead as she shares her experiences.
Thurs	Pray for all who are sick, awaiting operations, feel alone or housebound. Those who have been bereaved in recent days, praying they may know Jesus' arms around them.
Fri	Pray for all our young people that they may grow up knowing Jesus in their lives, especially those wanting to share in Communion.
Sat	Pray for the ministry of all our Staff and PCC. Pray that the Chancellor's report may be encouraging.
Sun	Church Family lunch. Pray for Brian and Norma Gerry on this their second retirement. Praise God for all they have done for the Lord and his people over the years.

## ***What's on and notices***

### **Dates for the Diary**

- **19 June 3.15pm Messy Church**
- **20 June Girls Allowed** 7.30 to 9.30pm, Lincombe Manor for chat. Marjorie Broadhead will share some of her story with us. Sign up in the Larkin Hall or email Ruth on [jrmp@btinternet.com](mailto:jrmp@btinternet.com) please.
- **20 June 7.30pm 'Children's Communion before Confirmation'** briefing for adults in the Lounge
- **24 June Church Family Lunch** to mark Brian Gerry's retirement second time around! Please sign up in the hall on the noticeboard. £3 per person please.

(Help on the day with washing up would be fantastic! Thank you.)

- **24 June 2pm 'Children's Communion before Confirmation'** adult and child briefing in the Lounge/Pine Room
- **30 June Co-Op Community Fun Day** on Ilsham Green involving pre-school and young people so far - more details to come



**Lots of forms still outstanding! Without this consent we won't be able to contact you!** *An individual's consent is now needed in order for us to continue to contact you so please pick up and complete a form today. Thank you.*

**ELEVATE 30/7 – 3/8** week of activities for young people from aged 11. £85 incl activities meals and transport from pick up points. See [www.linxyouth.net](http://www.linxyouth.net) Also contact them if you can offer help for a couple of hours with stewarding etc.

**Coffee Rota** for July and August now available from your pigeon holes.

## Events elsewhere

- Victoria Yates is booking **Spring Harvest** this week - please contact her if you would like to go and if you would like her to book on your behalf. The Yates family are going to Minehead 2 which runs from 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April. Details and Pricing can be found here: <https://www.springharvest.org/book/>

### Collect

God our Saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

### St. Matts' Knits

St. Matts' Knits is a social knitting group who meet every Monday (except Bank Holidays) from 12.30-13.30 in the Lounge. Subs £2.00 per week to include tea and coffee.



All welcome.

Please see Elaine Biden, Andrea Crump or Tessa Barton for more information.

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