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Welcome!

We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit. Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am today.

Today		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
9.30am	Prayzone	
10.30am	Coffee in the Hall	
11am	Morning Worship	
12.05	'Meet the staff' for new members in the church	
12.15/12.30	Church Family Lunch in the Hall	
2pm	'Children's Communion before Confirmation' briefing Lounge/Pine	
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting – all welcome	
During the Week		
Mon	12.30pm Matts Knits in the Lounge	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer in church	
	9am Open House Toddlers group <i>in the Lounge</i>	
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge	
	7.30pm Matt's Cats	
Fri	6.30pm TGIF	
1 July		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
9.30am	Breakfastzone	
10.30am	Coffee in the Hall	
11am	Holy Communion	

Collect O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

Readings

2 Corinthians 4: 6-12 & 16-18 & 5: 1-10

⁶ For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Mark 4: 26-34

²⁶ He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰ Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on

earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	At the Church Family Lunch we shall be praising God for the years Brian has given the Church and we also pray for his and Norma's future ministry.
Mon	Praise God for Amy Roche's reflections on their work in the Middle East, and pray for them as they settle in to Parochial ministry.
Tues	Nicci Maxwell is waiting for her work permit so she can get to work at Kisoro, Uganda.
Wed	Pray for all who share in the Communion services, and also for the plans to include children not yet confirmed.
Thurs	Pray for peace and harmony in our world. Pray for all national leaders seeking answers to the problems. Pray for all who suffer from war and friction.
Fri	Pray for Churches Together in Torbay, that there might be a united ministry in the Bay.
Sat	Pray for all our leaders both in Church and the nation, that they may follow God's will.
Sun	Pray that the Chancellor may soon make his report on the Re-ordering. Praise God for our staff and all who share in the leadership of services.

What's on and notices

Dates for the Diary

• Sat 30 June 12-5 Co-Op Community World Cup Family Fun Day on Ilsham Green with the pre-school and young people – come down for some fun including BBQ, pony rides, 'celebrity' footballers and much much more!



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.

• The Yates family are going to **Spring Harvest** next year - please contact Victoria if you would like to go and need more information. They are going to Minehead 2 which

runs from 13th to 18th April. Details and Pricing can be found here: <u>https://www.springharvest.org/book/</u>

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 <u>www.linxyouth.net</u> 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

- Buckfast Abbey 7-8 July storytelling festival with Bob Hartman see <u>www.buckfast.org.uk</u>
- 13 July 7.30pm Exeter Cathedral event to launch a new bible course with Paul Kerensa – script-writer on *Miranda* and *Top Gear;* broadcaster on Radio 2's *Pause* for Thought; and a regular at Spring Harvest etc and Dr Andrew Ollerton – creator of *The Bible Course*". See: www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/ticket-tbc-exeter
- Do take the opportunity to hear from Archbishop Joseah Idowu-Fearon, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion. Renewing the Church: Lessons from Global Anglicanism on Saturday 14th July at the Cardinal Newman Centre, Wonford Road, Exeter EX2 4PF. Please follow the attached link to make your booking, which is a free event. <u>http://exeter.anglican.org/events/archbishop-josiah-idowu-fearon-secretary-general-of-the-anglican-communion/</u>
- 14 September Christian Singer/Songwriter Michael Card evening concert at Christ Church Paignton – further details to follow

HELP REQUIRED 😊

- Open Church would anyone be able to help to open the church for visitors on the morning of Friday 29 June and Wednesday 11 July please. Our regular teams are on holiday! Please contact Pere in the office.
- Washer Uppers can anyone who attends the Breakfastzone or Growzone services help with washing up please on the first and third Sundays after coffee? This will enable the coffee makers to get into the 11am service. If you can, please put your name and contact number on the list at the back of church and we will be in touch re dates and availability. Thank you very much!

Contacting the Church

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