



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	Growzone <i>in the Hall</i>
10.30am	Coffee <i>in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)
3.30pm	World Cup Final screening <i>in the Hall</i>
5.30pm	Youth-Led Service <i>(changed back to normal start time)</i>
During the Week	
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 St Matt's Cats
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Fri	7.30pm-midnight Open Doors Prayer Vigil – <i>see over for details</i>
22 July	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	Coffee <i>in the Hall</i>
11am	Morning Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting

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Alpha

The Alpha course will be running again this autumn from Sept either on a Tues or Thurs eve. For more info please see one of the Clergy or Readers or contact the office.



Readings

Ephesians 1: 3-14

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6: 30-44

³⁰ The apostles gathered round Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognised them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. ³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. 'This is a remote place,' they said, 'and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.' ³⁷ But he answered, 'You give them something to eat.'

They said to him, 'That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?'

³⁸ 'How many loaves do you have?' he asked. 'Go and see.'

When they found out, they said, 'Five – and two fish.'

³⁹ Then Jesus told them to make all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.

Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

<i>For our prayers and praise this week</i>	
Sun	As we worship in peace and safety, pray for our persecuted and suffering brethren elsewhere.
Mon	Pray for our Bishops and Diocesan officers, including the Chancellor as he considers our reordering plans.
Tues	Messy Church today launches an offspring MC ² for the older children. Pray for it and the leaders.
Wed	Pray for all Christian holidays at places like Lee Abbey, Brunel Manor, youth camps as well as the big events.
Thurs	Remember all in Residential and Nursing Homes in our parish and those who regularly visit them.
Fri	Join those praying at church this evening, or pray in your own home, for the persecuted church throughout the world.
Sat	Pray for Street Pastors out again tonight – for their witness and safety. Remember the Prayer Pastors backing them.
Sun	Pray for today's preachers. May the numerical growth at St Matts be matched by spiritual growth.

What's on and notices

Dates for the Diary

- **Messy Church 17 July** – Launching MC² for KS2 and above including those going up to KS2 in September. We'd love to see you and your families there!
- **20 July 7.30pm – midnight** Linda Townsend is hosting an Open Doors prayer vigil for the persecuted church and would love you to come for all or just some of the time, coffee & cake provided!
- **18 Aug** Messy Church/Breakfastzone/Open House picnic at Cockington
- **Sunday 2 Sept @ 5.30pm 'Helping to create dementia friendly communities'**. A talk from 'Dementia Friends' champion Maureen Chivers.



St. Matthias Pre-School & Childcare Centre – A BIBLE FOR A CHILD We are presenting a children's Bible to each of our 27 children leaving at the end of July to go to main school. We would hope that the parents may read the stories to the children and also that the Bible would be treasured in years to come and be a reminder of what they learnt in Pre-School. The cost will be £9.00 per Bible. If

anyone would like to 'Buy a Bible' or make a contribution please put your donation in a blue envelope, write 'BIBLES' on the outside and put it in the collection or pass it to our Treasurer, Tony Barratt. Even better, if you are a tax payer then your donation can be gift-aided if you put your name and address on the envelope. Please offer a prayer for the recipient as you give your gift. Thank you so much.

We are giving an **It's Your Move!** booklet to the Year 6 pupils from the church who are leaving Ilsham and Warberry. The total cost is £160. If you feel you would like to help please put a donation in a blue envelope marked 'It's Your Move'. Thank you.

A message from Barbara Burrows: I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, good wishes, phone calls and cards received whilst recovering from my heart operation. So appreciated and I hope to be back to full strength soon. God Bless. B

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 Also contact them if you can offer help for a couple of hours with stewarding etc.

From Jenny Mason-Putt Thank you to everyone and to the Messy Church family for your good wishes, beautiful cards and gifts. It is much appreciated.

Do you shop at Waitrose? Pre-School are one of the chosen charities for the month of July so please put your green token in the pot for them!

Thank you to everyone who came to support the St Matts Cats concert recently. We raised £900 towards the church refurbishment. Well done!

Lock up garage - does anyone have a lock up garage which could be made available for several months? If so please contact the office.

The Venerable Jackie Searle has been appointed as the new Bishop of Crediton.

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard-seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Form?

**Lots of forms still
outstanding! Without
this consent we won't be
able to contact you! Fill
in one today please!**