

13 September 2026

All are welcome



The 11am on Sunday is live-streamed
so you can join us in Church
or online (or even worship later in the week!)

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Sun	13 Sept	8am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
		9:30am	Explore Together
		10:30am	Gather to Pray <i>please come and join us</i>
		11am	Morning Worship with Worldshare followed by <i>tea/coffee Please use this link to join us during the service or afterwards</i> tinyurl.com/mr443y93
		5.30pm	Prayer @ 5.30
Tue	15 Sept	9-11:30am	Open House Toddlers
		12-1.30pm	St Matt's Knits
Wed	16 Sept	9am	Holy Communion <i>in the St Francis Chapel</i>
		10-12noon	Conversational English Class <i>for those for whom English is a second language</i>
Fri	18 Sept	12-2pm	Welcome Space <i>-coffee, soup and chat!</i>
		9-11:30am	Mummy & Me
Sun	20 Sept	6:30-8pm	Youth Club
		8am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
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Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 for this Sunday

Acts 1:3-11 *NIV (UK)*

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

⁶ Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

Matthew 5:13-16 *NIV (UK)*

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



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News

Eco-Action – September marks the beginning of Creationtide, an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action. Please pray through September for all those suffering from the effects of climate change, but also prayerfully consider those changes **you** can make. Next year is forecast to be the hottest year on record for the world.

School News: This week Monica will be going into Warberry and Ilsham talking about Paul praising God whilst in prison.

Dates for your Diary

Join us on **Saturday 19th September between 09:00-12:00** (or even just for an hour) as we do some general clearing up around the exterior of the church. Potential volunteers can find out more from Paul Sherriff or Keith Yelland. Many hands make light work and the sense of camaraderie and accomplishment cannot be topped.



Dear Ladies, We hope you have all had a lovely summer and managed to keep cool! **Girls allowed** next meet on **Wednesday 23rd September at 2-30 pm** in church, for fellowship, fun, light refreshments and to decorate candles into Advent candles to give to our families who attend Jollyween in October. No skill necessary all resources provided. Please reply to elainebiden@hotmail.com text or phone 07974001227 or 01803390222.



Our next Sunday dine out will be at the Babbacombe Inn at 1pm on Sunday 27 September. Please contact Gill Buick to book, or for further information; 07709727714

Prayer morning: Wednesday 30th Sept. 9.00 - 12.00 noon **"Seeing the vision; providing the resources"**

We are so pleased to have Stephen as our rector; but we need the resources (volunteers) to fulfil our "vision for mission".

We need people like musicians, sound desk operatives etc. ie People to use their gifts in service.

Will you join us on Wednesday 30th as we pray specifically for resources and mission - but also pray for our church and the world.

We start at 9.00 am with communion, then end at 12.00 for Welcome Space. "Come when you can, go when you must"!

Prayers for the week – 'Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within...Romans 12:2

- Mon** Creator God, help us to be strong in our faith as we are distracted and tempted by demanding media. Help us to dig into your word to discover more about Jesus and know him more deeply
- Tue** Lord, we pray for a major reversal of the secular attitudes that pervade many areas of today's society. May the deep roots of Christianity that have shaped our history and culture be reactivated to release the truth into the life of our nation.
- Wed** Loving Redeemer, we pray for a growing number who call themselves 'cultural Christians', identifying with biblical values, but not believing in You. Reveal your truth: that all have sinned and need to seek Your forgiveness.
- Thur** Father; please inspire Your people to declare faithfully the truth and grace of Your Word in creative, accessible ways, without compromising the gospel message. May we share Your wisdom, mercy, and love with others by the power of your Spirit.
- Fri** Holy Spirit, guide MPs as they prepare to vote on the Assisted Dying Bill today. Give them wisdom to work for outcomes that protect the weakest and most vulnerable in society. We pray for those who work in Palliative Care and especially for those who are dying. May they know that you are with them today.
- Sat** Lord Jesus, help Christians who have influence and authority in government, medicine, education, business, entertainment, online culture and other spheres to speak up courageously on behalf of vulnerable people in society to bring Godly solutions to their problems.
- Sun** Sovereign Lord, please teach and empower us to live out our faith with sincerity and love through our Christian witness and works wherever you have placed us. May we shine as lights and live as 'salt', bringing hope and transformation to lost people in our broken world.