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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 in the Pine Room.*

Today		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine Room
9.30am	Growzone	Hall
10.30am	Coffee	Pine Room
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Hall
During the Week		
Tues	9am Morning Prayer	Ark
	12.30pm Matts Knits	Lounge
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	Ark
	10am-12pm Open Church Coffee Morning – all welcome	Ark
Sunday 25 August		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine Room
9.30am	Prayzone	Hall
10.30am	Coffee	Pine Room
11am	Morning Worship	Hall

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Thanks this week go to... our pastoral care team ☺

Readings

Hebrews 11:29-12:3

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched round them for seven days. ³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. ³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated – ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. ³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹ 'I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' ⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, "It's going to rain," and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, "It's going to be hot," and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for today's services and for those leading them. Pray we may all have a real sense of worshipping the living God
Mon	Thank God for how the Wellspring Project is going. Pray for the Contractors as they work; for safety and efficiency. Pray too for the Architect and all his input and our reordering and maintenance group
Tues	Praise God for the Pre-School - staff & students. Pray for work being done on their garden & that their outside work will point them to the Creator God
Wed	Thank God for the sun and the rain we have had. Pray that we may learn to conserve our environment.
Thurs	Pray for all young people who received their A and GCSE level exams. Pray their results will reflect their knowledge. Pray too that they will be guided to their future whether it is further education or some secular employment
Fri	There are many people in our church who are suffering in one way or another - spiritually, physically and mentally. Pray they may all give things to God to sort out
Sat	Pray for all who lead - the countries of the world; this country; our churches, especially our Staff Team. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and ability for people to hear Him
Sun	Praise God we have freedom to worship as we wish. Pray we may never take this for granted. Pray for the persecuted Church

What's on and News

- **Remember** to look at the church family notice board in the Hall – details of events, sponsorship requests etc 😊



Coffee Morning... During the re-ordering there will be an 'open church' coffee morning each Wednesday in the Lounge from 10-12. All welcome.



The Pre-School garden area is having a make over. If you have any spare plants that would go in one of the wooden containers, they would be gratefully received. Thank you.

- Revised diary date: The Blackberry & Apple Fayre has been *cancelled* for 21 September and replaced with a **Christmas Fayre on 7 December** (Friends of St. Matthias).



Performers! Date for your diary...**Open Mic Evening 5 October.**
Interested??

- **Philip Yancey** (Christian author of books including 'What's so Amazing about Grace') will be on tour and visiting Upton Vale on Saturday 28 September at 7pm – tickets £7 from www.eventbrite.co.uk
- **Torquay Community Larder** ... we are still collecting donations of food for the Larder – there is a basket in the linkway under the table. Thank you.
- **Nicci Maxwell** – her latest news sheet is available on the table in the linkway
- **Coffee on a Sunday** – can anyone help us to serve coffee at 10.30am in the Pine Room? You would need to be available from 9.50am to set up and then clear away at the end – there's very little washing up as we're using paper cups ☺ If anyone is available this will be a great help especially during the summer months. Please speak to Sheila Hart or the office. Thank you.
- **Sad news:** Reg Walton died this week. He will be known to many at St Matts, as he was chaplain at the hospital. Please pray for his wife, Mary, sons Matthew and Justin, and his grandchildren.

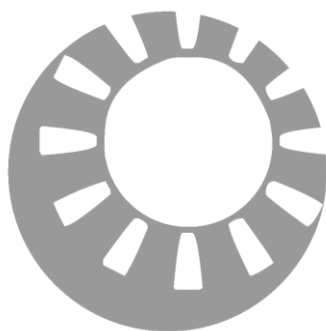


Wellspring Update

The Wellspring Project continues on schedule. Inside, new below-floor radiators have been installed, and glaziers have measured up for the new doors and Francis Chapel. Work has continued on the West entrance and piazza steps and the new outside walls. Please pray for ongoing good progress.

Fundraising continues as we endeavour to reach our target. If you wish to donate, please speak to Alan Poole or any of the ministry team. Please pray that our remaining grant applications will be successful too.

Giving to support the church: We encourage people to give via the 'Parish Giving Scheme' (PGS) from their bank accounts. That's why the collection plate often goes around empty! So, if you are new to St Matthias, please do not feel you need to put any cash into the collection plate but do ask one of the Welcomers or the Treasurer for more information about the PGS. Thank you.



Together at St. Matthias we're

Going Jesus' Way

Knowing God's joy

Generous like Jesus

Growing on the Journey