



**Welcome!**

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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## Welcome! Join us in church or online

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**The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm**

<b>Sun 11 May</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> <a href="https://youtube.com/live/S3inL1ishxl?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/S3inL1ishxl?feature=share</a>
	<b>5.30pm Prayer meeting</b> <i>for the Rector appointment process</i>
<b>Mon 12 May</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on zoom – details below</i>
<b>Tues 13 May</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	<b>9-11.30am Toddlers</b>
	<b>12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits</b>
<b>Wed 14 May</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12-2pm Welcome Space</b> <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers</b>
<b>Fri 16 May</b>	<b>9.30-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>6.30-8pm Youth Club</b> – annual fundraising event
<b>Sat 17 May</b>	<b>10-12pm Coffee Box</b> <i>on the piazza</i>
<b>Sun 18 May</b>	<b>8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	<b>4pm Church Annual Meeting</b>

**Collect** Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**For Morning Prayer online,**  
we use the Church of England  
'Daily Prayer' app and this  
zoom link

<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

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**Thanks go to:**



**PCC Secretary Ester**

## Readings

### John 10: 14, and 22-30

<sup>14</sup> 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me...

<sup>22</sup> Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.'

### Acts 9: 36-43

<sup>36</sup> In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup> About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, 'Please come at once!'

<sup>39</sup> Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

<sup>40</sup> Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, 'Tabitha, get up.' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

**Saying goodbye to John and Ruth** There will be a lunch in church on 1st June after the 11am service to say goodbye and thank you to John and Ruth. Please make sure you sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to come.

#### **Help us to shape the Parish Profile**

Please complete the form online or collect a paper form from the back of the church to help us reflect the views of all the church family as we prepare to recruit John's successor. <https://forms.gle/d4iUHX2VuK7iw4Fr7>

## Dates for the diary

**Youth Club needs your help!** On **16<sup>th</sup> May** our fantastic young people will be helping to clean and tidy some of our grounds in and around the church. They will be fundraising for Open Doors <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/> and Compassion <https://www.compassionuk.org/> **Please sponsor them!** Speak to Ali Buckley, Linda Townsend or Claire Reynolds for more details! Thank you.

**Church Annual Meeting Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.** Please come along as we review the last year and look ahead! We also choose Church Council members and churchwardens. So do please think and pray about whether you sense God calling you to serve in this way – and chat to John, Claire, or one of our wonderful wardens Clare or Cheryl to find out more. Click on the links below to see the reports or a few copies will be available on Sunday

- Annual Report and Financial Statement 2025 <https://tinyurl.com/47d2jsay>
- Report of Activities 2025 <https://tinyurl.com/chnkr4b7>

**Sunday Lunch Club** We are meeting again on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Babbacombe Inn. Please contact Gill Buick by 15<sup>th</sup> May to book 07709727714.

**Girls Allowed Thurs 22nd May @ 7pm** Welcoming all ladies to a quiz evening with cake before Claire Reynolds shares some of her story. Please bring your ideas for raising money for 'Give to Go Green'. A donation of £3 is welcome. Looking forward to seeing you!



10 Years of Thy Kingdom Come  
8 June 2025, 6pm at Exeter Cathedral

**Thy Kingdom Come, 8<sup>th</sup> June 6pm**, Exeter Cathedral – Service of Prayer and Praise. This year's annual "Thy Kingdom Come" Service is taking place this year on 8<sup>th</sup> June in the Cathedral. It promises to be a fantastic time of praise, worship and prayer, which marks the end of the Thy Kingdom Come 10 days of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost. This year's main speaker is Krish Kandiah, who many of you will know from his charity, Home For Good. Last year a group from St Matthias went and had a great time. Do let Claire or one of the wardens know if you'd like to go but don't have transport. If you're planning to go, you'll need to

book a free ticket here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thy-kingdom-come-pentecost-event-tickets-1225045938379>

**'Give to Go Green' DREAM AUCTION CATALOGUES for the auction at the Imperial Hotel on 18<sup>th</sup> June** Now available at the events desk following the 11 am service.

**Save the date! St Matthias Big Day Out! Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July** We would really love to see as many of all the church family as possible so please do pop this in your diary and more details will be sent out in due course.



**Christian Aid Week 11-17 May.** Please see posters to see how you can help. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

**Repairs to the Hall roof** will be taking place from 27<sup>th</sup> May for 3-4 weeks. We are not expecting to have to cancel any events but if you have any queries please speak to Paul Sherriff or Pere Snow.

## **‘Give to Go Green’ match funding campaign**

Dates for your diary in June and July so far include

- 18th June Auction
- 26th June Midsummer Jazz concert (Jane Wibberley)
- 19th July Quiz (David Hodson)
- 22nd July Torbay Folk Choir Concert
- 26<sup>th</sup> July Tea party
- Treasure Hunt

There's a but! We shall need LOTS of people to make all this happen. How can you help? Carrying, lifting, taking out, putting away. And more. There's a list on the Events Table at the back of church where you can let us know how you can help. Come and see us there!

**Revd Gordon Ripley** We have been informed that Gordon has died. Some of you may remember him when he was a curate here some time ago. We remember his wife Sylvia and family in our prayers.

## *Prayers for this week*

**Mon** Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon John and Ruth as they prepare to leave, and we pray that you will guide them as they serve you in North Devon.

**Tues** Loving Lord, we ask your blessing upon our Church Wardens Clare Whittaker and Cheryl Bevins as they take on extra responsibilities in the vacancy.

**Wed** Lord Jesus, just as you enabled the disciples to haul in so many fish, we pray that we may do likewise in drawing in those who don't yet know you, especially young people, who confess to being in need of community and coherence.

**Thurs** Thank you, Lord, for those in our Youth Club, who are raising funds for Open Doors and Compassion. May we give generously to support them.

**Fri** Thank you, also, for the great work done by Christian Aid, and other charities. We ask your blessing upon them all.

**Sat** Holy Spirit, grant us your wisdom so that all who attend the Church Annual Meeting may make the right decisions in choosing the new Church Council.

**Sun** Open our hearts and minds, Lord, so that all that we learn about following you will increase our hunger for more.