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Welcome!

Sunday 21st April

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**The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm for visitors
or for personal prayer**

Sun 21 April	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee https://youtube.com/live/V80rXFfRL6c?feature=share
Mon 22 April	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom
	7pm Girls Allowed fish and chip supper!
Tues 23 April	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom
	9-11.30am Toddlers in church
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits – knit and natter
Wed 24 April	9am Holy Communion
	10am – 12 noon Ukraine support group in the church
	12-2pm 'Welcome Space' in the church
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers practise in church
Fri 26 April	10-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club in the Hall
Sun 28 April	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship followed by tea/coffee
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30pm' informal praise and worship

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**

Thanks go to:



Kevin and Trudy - our
treasurer team

Readings

Acts 4: 5-12

⁵The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?'

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is:

“the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.”

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'

John 10: 1-4 & 11-18

'Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

¹¹'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

Dates for the diary

Girls Allowed Mon 22 April at 7pm – look out for your email for details! Elaine

Sunday 28 April Praise @ 5.30pm Our fantastic youth group have been leading this service for several months now (it's once a month on the 4th Sunday) and are doing a super job...leading us in worship with songs, games, quizzes, dramas and generally having lots of fun as we praise God. It would be great to support them as they do this, so if you can, please join us. All are very welcome.

Thursday 9 May at 9am Service of Holy Communion for Ascension Day

Change of date: APCM now on 12th May at 12 noon - straight after the 11am service.

Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm Friends of St Matthias will once more be welcoming David Davies, formerly of (among others) Exeter Cathedral and Buckfast Abbey, for an Organ Extravaganza evening, featuring a wide range of much-loved organ works, superbly performed by David in his own inimitable manner. Tickets now available on Sunday mornings after the 11 am service. Or email/ring Rob Newman 07305 681522 / rob.thenewmans@gmail.com

Sunday 19 May @ 6pm 'Thy Kingdom Come' celebration service at Exeter Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday. "An inspiring evening of prayer and worship led by Bishop Jackie and Bishop James, with music led by Andy Flannagan and a talk from Ruth Valerio." Free tickets from Event Brite <https://tinyurl.com/yuz69cuk>

Church Family Away Day to Dawlish Warren 29 June - a day to chat, play and eat together for all the generations in our church family – we've booked indoor hall space but there's plenty to do outside too of course. More details to come!

News

Electoral Roll If you have been worshipping here for longer than 6 months you can join the Electoral Roll, which enables you to vote at the APCM and to help to make decisions for our church. Please see Paulina or fill in a form that is at the entrance of the church. (To be able to vote this year the deadline for completion of forms is Sunday 5 May.)

Wednesday Bible Study We would love anyone who is available to join us on a Wednesday morning as we study characters from the bible. The next session is on 1 May @ 10am in the Lounge and then on alternate Wednesdays. All welcome! For more information please contact Ali Buckley on 07800 576818.

Can you help? One of our church family is looking for a one-bed flat to rent. Please contact Pere in the first instance. (01803 214175.)

Have you tried praying? Use it – then lose it!

Look out for this new resource, available this Sunday.

Use it first!

And then 'lose it' by giving the booklet to someone else to try praying!

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Prayer

Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

GLOBAL ACTION WEEK FOR EDUCATION

Monday Please help us to guard our children's hearts and minds by teaching them your ways: at home, in church, among friends and in schools that Jesus' name will be honoured.

Tuesday We pray for our partnership with local schools that children and young people will come into a relationship with Jesus.

Wednesday We pray for church leaders, chaplains, Christian teachers, governors and parents to be 'salt and light' in their schools demonstrating Jesus' love.

Thursday We thank you for statutory requirement for schools to provide RE and daily acts of worship and pray that these are not 'watered down' or even abolished by governing bodies.

Friday We pray that government policies on Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) will not confuse children around issues of sexual identity and gender theories that deny biological and biblical belief.

Saturday We pray for countries around the world where children, especially girls lack opportunities to learn that teachers will be provided to give moral and spiritual guidance alongside academic work.

Sunday Lord, raise up intercessors to pray for children's work in churches; for better facilities; for leaders and volunteers and for congregations to realise its importance for the future.

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