



Sunday 3 August 2025

Welcome!

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

Sun 3 August	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with breakfast</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://tinyurl.com/3d9z5734 <i>Please note that as this service is videoed you may be seen on screen. If you do not wish to be filmed please let a member of the Welcome Team know.</i>
Mon 4 August	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Tues 5 August	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Wed 6 August	9am Holy Communion
Sun 10 August	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Time
Tues 19 Aug	Messy Church – more details to follow! 

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**

For Morning Prayer online,
 we use the Church of England
 'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom
 link: tinyurl.com/2t56wex5
 You are welcome to
 join us! Or follow here:



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Readings

Colossians 3:1-14

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.'

¹⁴ Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?' ¹⁵ Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

¹⁸ 'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰ 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

²¹ 'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

Dates for the diary



Messy Church will be happening on Tuesday 19th August from 3:15 to 5:30pm – more details shortly. If you do know of anyone of primary school age who would like to come along do let them know.

Girls Allowed Our August outing will be on Thursday 21st August taking the ferry to Brixham for lunch at Rockfish. We will meet at 11am for the 11.15am ferry, £10 return (according to the web site) with time to browse in Brixham before lunch at 1pm. We will hope for better weather this year! Alternatively, you can make your own way to Brixham by bus or car and meet us for lunch. Please let Elaine know if you are able to come and whether you plan to catch the ferry or meet at Rockfish for lunch.

Please add your contact number in case we need to communicate with you on the day.

[Email- elainebiden@hotmail.com](mailto:elainebiden@hotmail.com) or phone 01803 390222 (there is an answerphone) or text 07974 001227.

Saturday 23rd August, 1pm – Wedding of Darren and Suzanne Many of you know Darren and Suzanne who have now been part of the St Matthias family for a while. We are really looking forward to their wedding day on 23rd August. There is an open invitation to all the church to join them to celebrate their wedding. Please do come and join in the celebration if you can.

News

Care Home Ministry – Although many of our weekly groups have a break for the summer, much of the ministry provided by our church family continues. One of those areas is care home ministry and we have teams regularly going in to our care homes for communion services, or taking communion to individuals. If you'd like to be part of this team and ministry, do contact Claire, Elaine, or any of the staff team to find out more.

Prize! The team that came second at the Local Quiz Night on 19th July left their prize behind! Please phone Judi on 01803 211947 if you were a member of that team.

Thanks go to: 😊
Our home group and
life group leaders and
hosts

Prayers for this week

Prayer bookmarks available from the welcome desk today

Monday Praise God that we were able to come to worship yesterday and pray that all we learnt will stay with us in the coming week and we will act accordingly.

Praise Him for what he is doing in our lives now.

Tuesday: Pray for parents who have to work trying to juggle child care during the holidays.

Wednesday: Pray for all involved in choosing our future minister.

Thursday: Pray for the hospitality industry at this busy time of year. Pray that staff will be valued for all they do.

Friday: Pray for all people known to us working to spread the Gospel in other countries, many in very unsafe environments.

Saturday: Pray for all taking part in our service tomorrow. Pray for their final preparations for these services.

Sunday: Pray that we may all come to worship today, leaving behind our worries to concentrate solely on the things of God.

Give to Go Green Match Funding Campaign

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We've Gone Green!

The takings have been banked, the collecting buckets put away and the SumUp card reader has been returned to Exeter. The Cream Tea in the Church on the 26th July and the three individual tea parties were all enjoyed and were successful. We still have items for sale on the craft and plants table at the back of the church, and Helen's Mystery Trail still continues so, you can still give! At today's date though we are delighted to say that we've far exceeded our aims and we can announce the final figure. A remarkable **£17,758!**

It's been wonderful to see people's generosity and enthusiasm for the cause. I'd love to mention names but there's simply not room here! We are really grateful to have so many skilled, talented, generous, and enthusiastic people in the church. Can I just say thank you so much to all of you who have contributed in so many ways to the success of the project since we first discussed it in February. It's been quite a journey.

Feedback We'd welcome feedback and comments about the project as part of a virtual wash-up session. All comments, negative or positive, are important. Send to rob.thenewmans@gmail.com or (anonymously?) in my tray at the back of church. Thank you all. Rob Newman

