



Sunday 6 July 2025 Welcome!

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The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm		
Sun 6 July	8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	
	9.30am Explore Together with breakfast	
	10.30am Gather to Pray	
	11.00am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee tinyurl.com/mwkffu4r 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.	
Mon 7 July	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below	
Tues 8 July	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below	
	9-11.30am Toddlers	
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits	
Wed 9 July	9am Holy Communion	
	12-2pm Welcome Space coffee, soup and chat. All welcome!	
	7.15pm St. Matt's Gospel Singers	
Fri 11 July	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me	
	Youth Club walk to Babbacombe Downs and chips 😊	
Sat 12 July	9am Men's Breakfast at the Grand Hotel	
Sun 13 July	8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	
	9.30am Explore Together	
	10.30am Gather to Pray	
	11.00am Morning Worship followed by tea/coffee	
	5.30pm Evening Prayer	

	For Morning Prayer online,
Collect God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your	we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom
promises of peace won for us by your Son,	link: tinyurl.com/2t56wex5
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen	You are welcome to
	join us! Or follow here:

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Readings

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
³ he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord

Revelation 3:14-22

To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. ¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so that you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so that you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so that you can see.

for ever.

¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. ²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

²¹ To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Luke 22:14-20

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of God.'

¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, 'Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.'

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

Dates for the diary

Saturday - 5th July - at Dawlish Warren 11am – 4pm (St Mary's Church Hall - 4 Mount Pleasant Road, Dawlish Warren, EX7 ONA, at the end of the right hand car park at the Warren).

Come and join in the FUN at the BEACH - a day to spend time together having fellowship and **fun**. There will be a **sandcastle competition** and other activities, as well as it also being an opportunity to spend time exploring the activities at the Warren.

A **BBQ lunch** will be provided. If you would like to join us please email Claire.

SOUTH WEST AWAKE is an exciting prayer initiative involving Christians from all over Devon and Cornwall with hundreds of people praying all around the South West Coast Path on Saturday 12th July at 10.30am.

16th July at 7pm Ruth Beckett's licensing as Team Vicar in the Bideford

and the Four Villages Mission Community at St Mary's Church in Bideford. Everyone is welcome to join this celebration, and it would help the people in Bideford to know how many people are likely to attend, so please add your name to the list in church if you are planning to be there. We are not able to organise transport, but hope that people will be able to share lifts to reduce our carbon footprint!

Sunday lunch at the Babbacombe Inn on Sunday 27th July at 1.30pm. For further information or to book a place, please contact Gill Buick 07709727714.

Sunday 27th July Praise and Puddings @ 5:30! Our 5:30 service on 27th July is going to be a bit different...we're planning a praise service with lots of songs and a chance to enjoy good fellowship together. So the Praise service will be accompanied by puddings! All are very welcome to come, to enjoy an evening of singing and sweets. Do bring a pudding to share as well, if you can.



New Wine Festival - 30 July - 4 August at the Bath & West Show Ground. New Wine will be hosting its annual summer festival - a six-day gathering of Christians from all around the UK and beyond with worship, inspiring talks and seminars, and also spaces for

kids, teenagers and young adults. Click here for more information New Wine Festival or scan the QR code

News

Open the Book - As part of our ongoing mission to share the good news of Jesus with the community, a small team of people deliver Collective Worship services at Warberry and Ilsham Academies. This week the children will be hearing from Monica Rook, about how Jesus healed a man who was blind. Helen

Claire's holidays Claire will be on holiday for the next 2 weeks, 7th to 21st July. Her email and phone will be switched off during this time, but she will reply when she's back. Thanks.







Volunteers for church groups Could anyone help on a rota basis with either of two of the weekly groups running in the church? Mummy & Me meets on a Friday morning (help with refreshments) and Toddlers a Tuesday morning (general help). Please contact the office for more information. Thank you \mathfrak{S} (Both are term time only.)

Welcome Space is taking a summer break. The last session will be on 16th July and will start again on 3rd September.

Consecration of the new Bishop of Crediton The Venerable Moira Astin will have been consecrated a bishop by the Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral on 3 July and will then be installed and welcomed at Exeter Cathedral on Sunday 6th July at 4pm.

Prayers for this week

Mon – Thank God for the beauty of His creation. Spend time outside and consider Psalm 8, 3-6.

Tues – pray for those in care homes, the elderly, the anxious and the confused, that they may know the Peace of the Lord, which passes all understanding.

Wed– pray for all carers, that they may see Christ in those they are looking after. **Thurs** – pray for those coming to the end of their lives, that they may have peace and hope in the Lord.

Fri – pray for homeless people in Torbay, what response would Jesus have to those people?

Sat – pray for those wrestling with addiction. Are you addicted to anything? Pray for grace and ask for God's strength, which is greatest in our weakness.

Sun – pray for those grieving and going through bereavement. Reflect on how Christ is close to the broken hearted.

GIVE TO GOGREEN

Give to Go Green Match Funding Campaign

Sincere thanks to everyone who has supported the campaign so far. The Auction and Jane Wibberley's Summertime Concert were both successful and fun events. We are already beyond the half way point in our fundraising with some great further events planned between now and the end of July. See you there!

- 19th July Sparkly Summer Party
- 19th July Quiz hosted by David Hodson
- 22nd July Torbay Folk Choir Concert
- 26th July Family Cream Tea Party
- Now! Treasure Hunt organised by Helen Baker

Details are at the Events Table at the back of church. Come and talk to us, find out more and buy your tickets supporting our Give to Go Green campaign.