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**The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 12 July 2015**

Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.
Please do join us for refreshments in the hall after the 10.30am service.*

Today	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
11am	Open Air Service on Ilsham Green
During the Week	
Tues	9.30am 'Open House' parents & toddlers - Lounge
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge
	7-8pm Prayer Meeting – Rose Price room
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting – Ark
	3-5pm Cream Tea - Hall
Sunday 19 July	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
6pm	Youth Service

Collect for Today

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What's On



Choral Evensong at St John the Apostle, Torquay today at 6.30pm

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the ending of WW2.

Factory Row and Anode are grateful for any supplies of non perishable food. Boxes for donations are at the back of church.

New Wine 2-9 August Bath & West Showground. Half week tickets now available £85 per adult as well as day tickets £27.50 per adult (£17.50 5-18 yrs). Please speak to John or Ruth B if you'd like to know more...there are 3 couples and one family from St Matts going so far.

Street Pastors are looking for new recruits for Friday and Saturday nights. For more information please contact the Street Pastors office on 01803 411214 or see one of the Pastors from St Matts.

Help! We are losing some of our stalwart coffee-makers, some through infirmity or illness - and we urgently need some new volunteers to take on this very worthwhile task. Could you help in a team of three, say every six weeks or so? If so, please contact Sheila Hart (or leave a message in the Office) before the next rota is prepared. Thank you.

Bible Reading Notes I am very grateful that Suzy Young has kindly offered to take over the ordering and distribution of your bible reading notes. If you do not already take them, they are an invaluable way of drawing closer to God on a daily basis and if you wish to know more Suzy will be more than willing to help. Tel: 01803 605512. God bless you all. **Barbara Cook**

St. Matthias Pre-School – A BIBLE FOR A CHILD We would like to present a children's Bible to each of our 29 children leaving the Pre-School in July. We hope that the parents may read the stories to the children and that the Bible would be treasured in years to come. If you would like to 'Buy a Bible' (£8.50) or donate towards the cost, please put your donation in a blue envelope in the pews, write 'BIBLES' on it and put it in the collection. Even better, if you are a tax payer please put your name and address (or giving number) on the envelope so that it can be gift-aided. Please offer a prayer for the recipient as you give your gift. Enough for 12 already received – thank you. **Sylvia Barratt (Mgt Cte)**

Favourite hymn or song and an encouraging story to go with it? Let us have your suggestions as soon as possible please for our 'Summer Songs of Praise' on 30 August at 10.30am. Email or phone the office. Thank you.

Charlie and Janie's wedding on 15 August Please let the Office know if you would like to attend the ceremony and cream tea after the service. The list will close after today so that preparations for this can be made.

Cream Tea We want to hear from you about how St Matthias can meet the needs of older people within the church family and in the local community on a Sunday and also during the rest of the week? Come and air your views and enjoy a cream tea on Thursday 16 July from 3-5pm in the Peter Larkin Hall. Why not bring a friend? Please let the Office know if you would like to attend.

Readings for 8am Service Today

Amos 7: 7-15

⁷ This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied. Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. ⁹ "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam." ¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. ¹¹ For this is what Amos is saying: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.'" ¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. ¹³ Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴ Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Mark 6: 14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" ¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is

not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." ²³ And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. ²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Suggested topics for our personal prayers this week

Today	Pray for the open air service today on Ilsham Green and for the Choral Evensong tonight at St John the Apostle.
Mon	Thank God for those who decorated our church recently and for those who have spring cleaned it.
Tues	Pray for all those in care, in nursing homes, for those who are ill or housebound and for those who care for them.
Wed	Pray for the work of Factory Row and Anode.
Thurs	Pray for the preparations for the holiday club at the church.
Fri	Pray for John our Rector and all who take part in services.
Sat	Pray for peace and unity throughout our world.
Sun	We pray for our services today and that we may be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

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