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**Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 19 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)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
6pm	Youth Service
During the Week	
Tues	9.30am 'Open House' parents & toddlers - Lounge
	3.15pm Messy Church 
	6.30pm Youth Club – the Lounge
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge
Thurs	10am Pre-School Graduation
Sunday 26 July	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship (in the church)
10.30am	Prayzone (in the hall)
12.15pm	Baptism of Thea Caine

Collect for Today

Generous God,
 you give us gifts and make them grow:
 though our faith is as small as a mustard-seed,
 make it grow to your glory
 and the flourishing of your kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What's On and Notices

A **'huge thank you'** to all at St Matthias for your very many letters and cards of condolence and support and for being there at Joan's Thanksgiving. It has meant so much to all our family. Mike

Exhibition of children's work from Ilsham School Tuesday 21 July in the hall 9.15-10.15am "The Space Age" (beauty of the universe).

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.

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)**

Alpaca St Matthias is home to an Alpaca for the summer. It has been painted by children from Ellacombe and Ilsham Academies and is part of a Torbay-wide art project. Look out for more around the Bay!

Lee Abbey – a church weekend away? If you'd be interested in coming to the beautiful North Devon Christian Conference Centre www.leeabbey.org.uk, please register your interest on a sign-up sheet at the back of church. We're probably looking at the autumn or winter of 2016 to get their cheapest rates, but it is still quite expensive (£120 per adult, less for children) for Friday night to Sunday lunch all meals and children and youth work provision included. Please let the office know privately if either you would like to contribute to a bursary fund, or else need to raid such a fund! Thank you.



Dates for
the Diary:

**Social Core Events
for the whole church family:**

Sun 11 Oct	Harvest Lunch
Sat 31 Oct	Jollyween
Sat 21 Nov	Coach trip to Cardiff

Readings for Today

Ephesians 1: 3-14

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6: 30-44

³⁰ The apostles gathered round Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognised them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. 'This is a remote place,' they said, 'and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.' ³⁷ But he answered, 'You give them something to eat.'

They said to him, 'That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?' ³⁸ 'How many loaves do you have?' he asked. 'Go and see.' When they found out, they said, 'Five – and two fish.'

³⁹ Then Jesus told them to make all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Suggested topics for our personal prayers this week	
Today	Pray for the Youth Service tonight, for all taking leadership roles and that more young people are drawn in. Pray for Ruth Jones our Youth worker.
Mon	Pray for everyone on holiday in Torquay. Pray especially for any who come in to worship - may they find a warm welcome and their needs met.
Tues	Praise God for Messy Church and so many who come to it. Pray that more will come and perhaps eventually come into the Church Family. Pray for the Ilsham School Leavers Assembly today at 1.45pm.
Wed	Pray for Canon Dame Sarah Mullally being Consecrated today in Canterbury Cathedral prior to becoming our next Bishop of Crediton.
Thurs	Pray for Pre-School Graduation and pray for them as they start a new school next term.
Fri	Please pray for our Street Pastors and those who support them in prayer. Pray that they will know God's protection and guidance. They need more people to help, so ask God to touch people's hearts to think about joining them.
Sat	Pray for children as they start their holidays. Pray, too, for their parents/guardians. May they be kept well and safe at all times.
Sun	Pray for our services today and especially for the Baptism of Thea Caine. Pray that God's Holy Spirit will fill the Church and touch us all afresh.

Songs for Today

1. Come all you people, come and praise your maker (x3)

Come now and worship the Lord!

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2. Lord you hear the cry of the widow weeping

Lord you hear the cry of the child ill-treated

Lord you hear the cry of the depressed one sinking

Lord have mercy on us (x2)

Lord you hear the sound of the proud ones laughing

Lord you hear the sound of the childless hoping

Lord you hear the sound of those in debt and struggling

Lord have mercy on us (x2)

Chorus

Break the heavens Lord you said the poor are not forgotten

Let your justice roar in mighty waves across the earth

Come and whisper peace O God of generous compassion

Lord have mercy on us (x2)

Lord you hear the sound of the addict craving

Lord you hear the sound of the greed of nations

Lord you hear the sound of the martyrs praying

Lord have mercy on us (x2)

Chorus

Lord we hear the sound of your kingdom coming

Resurrection Day for creation groaning

Mercy I receive, pouring out in loving

Lord have mercy on us (x2)

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Creche, Toilets, Baby Changing Facilities

At 10.30 communion services there is a staffed crèche in the Lounge downstairs, but if you wish to stay in the service, toys are available at the back of the church. Baby changing facilities are available in both toilets on the lower ground floor. There is a disabled access toilet at this level on your left as you exit church.

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Send us out in the

power of your



Spiritual work to

your praise and glory. Amen.



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