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**Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 26 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 | |
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| 8am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship (in the church) |
| 10.30am | Prayzone (in the hall) |
| 12.15pm | Baptism of Thea Caine |
| During the Week | |
| Tues | Pre-School holiday club begins |
| Wed | 9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge |
| | 7-8pm Prayer Meeting – Rose Price room |
| Sunday 2 August | |
| 8am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 9.15am | Breakfastzone |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion (CW) |

Collect for Today

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

What's On & News

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.

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 & 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.

Wondering what life is all about? Wanting to find out more about the Christian faith? We're running two courses exploring the Christian faith...In early October and November, the 6 session course 'START!' and beginning January 2016, the more in-depth 'Alpha' course runs again

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for 8 weeks. To find out more, please email or phone the office (details at end of this notice sheet) or have a look at



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Ordination of Paul Barton Saturday 26 September at 3pm at St Matthias Church. Further details to follow.

Choir rehearsals - advance notice: 24 Sept, 1 Oct, 8 Oct for Harvest on 11 Oct and for Paul's ordination service on 26 Sept. Further details to follow.

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

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

Readings for Today

2 Kings 4: 42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe corn, along with some ears of new corn. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said.

⁴³ 'How can I set this before a hundred men?' his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, 'Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: "They will eat and have some left over."' ⁴⁴ Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

Ephesians 3: 14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Suggested topics for our personal prayers this week

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| Today | Pray for all the services today and for the baptism of Thea Caine. Pray for all reading the lessons – such an important part of our worship. |
| Mon | Pray for our Home Groups, especially where there is to be a change of their leadership. |
| Tues | Pray for the holiday club starting today. Pray too for all the young people's house parties and camps soon to take place in many parts of our county. |
| Wed | Pray for all who are suffering in our church family through bereavement, sickness or disabilities. Pray that God will meet them at their point of need. |
| Thurs | Pray for volunteers for Street Pastors and for coffee makers on Sundays. Pray for both groups who do different, but wonderful work. |
| Fri | Pray for all who come to look around our church, especially for recent visitors from the Netherlands and from Norway. May all visitors feel a warm welcome and the presence of Jesus. |
| Sat | Praise God for and pray for all who clean, tidy and care for our church and keep it in a welcoming state. |
| Sun | Pray for our Rector, John Beckett, and all the staff as they lead the worship. Pray they will know the Holy Spirit's guidance in all they do. |

Creche, Toilets, Baby Changing Facilities

At 10.30am 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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