



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	Family Holy Communion (CW)
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Ark
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting in the Ark
Sunday 23 August	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone

Collect for Today

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

What's On & News

Summer Cleaning Please can anyone help to give the kitchen in the main hall a spring clean either tomorrow Monday 17 from 2pm or Tuesday 18 August from 10am. Coffee and cakes will be provided! Date will be decided depending on response.

HUGE THANKS from Colin and Barbara for all the kind wishes, cards, pressies, lunches, tea and cake, evening meals and most of all prayers lavished upon us for our move to Dorset. We will miss our St Matthias family greatly, you really are very special but please keep in touch. Our new address is: 51 Mudeford Lane, Mudeford, Dorset, BH23 3HN and not too far to visit! We will continue to remember you fondly with love and prayers. Barbara and Colin Cook

Summer Praise 30 August @ 10.30am With a theme of 'Salt and Light' this will be a service of favourite hymns and songs introduced by people from St Matt's church family.



The Friends - Dates for your Diary

18 Sept @ 7.30pm **Organ Recital given by David Davis**
3 Oct @ 10.30–2.30pm **Blackberry & Apple Fayre**

For more information about these events please see posters.

Ordination of Paul Barton Saturday 26 September at 3pm at St Matthias Church.

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.

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

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



www.st-matthias-church.org

Church Cleaning We are just putting together the next cleaning rota for the church. Since Barbara and Colin are leaving we have vacancies – male or female. This involves working with a team once every six weeks. If you can help please let the office know. Thank you.

Spiritual MOT How did you get on? If you missed the information which was in a recent notice sheet, please pick up a copy from the back of church (yellow leaflet).

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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

Acts 8: 26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.

³¹ 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: 'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

John 6: 51-58

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' ⁵³ Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.'

Suggested topics for our personal prayers this week	
Today	Pray for Amy and David Roche and for their five children as they visit us today and tell us about their life and work.
Mon	Pray for peace and unity in our world especially in the Middle East.
Tues	We pray for those in leadership within the church and country.
Wed	Pray for all on holiday that they may have refreshment in body and soul. May all visiting have a warm welcome from our churches.
Thurs	Pray for Steve Vans Colina and Paul Barton, both training for roles within the church.
Fri	Charities in our area especially Rowcroft, Anode and Factory Row.
Sat	Thank God for our rector John and his wife Ruth in all the ways they lead us as the Church of God in this Parish.
Sun	We remember those taking part in the services praying that they will know the Holy Spirit's presence in their ministry.