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Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 4 October 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.*

Sunday 4 October

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone in the Hall
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

During the Week

Mon	7.30pm Meeting of Welcomers in the church
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' Parents & Toddlers - the Lounge
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge
	2pm Pre-School Harvest Service
Thurs	5.30-7pm Harvest Choir rehearsal in the church
Fri	6.30-8pm Youth Club in the hall
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cavern Café – with John Wibberly
	Sponsored sleepover for the Youth Bank! See Ruth for more info.

Sunday 11 October

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship – Harvest Thanksgiving with lunch & I'm New meeting
5.30pm	Prayer meeting in church with cup of tea at 5pm

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
 teach us to be open to your truth
 and to trust in your love,
 that we may live each day
 with confidence in the salvation which is given
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

What's On & News

Paul, Dan, Matthew, Chris, Anne and Barry want to thank the church family for the host of cards, messages, flowers and hugs we have received since losing Sarah. The support of the family at St Matthias, in so many ways over the last four and a half years, has made an enormous difference. We can't thank you enough – but we shall go on trying.

The youth bank are having a sponsored sleepover on the 10th-11th October 2015 where they will be giving up technology and trying a range of challenges related to the persecuted church. If you would like to come please speak to Tessa Barton or Ruth Jones or email Ruth, ruth.stmatthias@gmail.com. If you have any boardgames that we can borrow for this sleepover can you let Ruth know ASAP please? Many thanks!!

Anode Thank you for your ongoing support of Anode. In the last year they have given out 2100 emergency parcels to local families who would otherwise have nothing. Further donations welcomed especially in time for Harvest.

Torquay Celebrate Weekend 2015 17th & 18th October at St Cuthbert Mayne School Torquay TQ1 4RN. See poster in porch for details.

Torbay Deanery Evensong 11 October at 6.30pm at St John's Church, Torquay with the choir and organists of Exeter Cathedral.

The autumn edition of the church family magazine is now available. Please take a copy home.

The church family contacts list will be published very soon. Watch this space!



Wondering what life is all about?

Wanting to find out more about the Christian faith? We are going to be running a course

exploring the Christian faith beginning on Monday 12 October at 8pm. It's called 'START!' and will consist of 6 sessions. 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

Readings for Today

Genesis 2: 18–24

¹⁸ The LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found.²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman", for she was taken out of man.'

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Mark 10: 2-16

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' ³ 'What did Moses command you?' he replied. ⁴ They said, 'Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.' ⁵ 'It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,' Jesus replied. ⁶ 'But at the beginning of creation God "made them male and female".⁷ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,⁸ and the two will become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this.¹¹ He answered, 'Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.'

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

