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Sunday 25 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.

Today	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship - Bible Sunday with a presentation by the Gideons
10.30am	Prayzone - Bible Sunday with a presentation by the Gideons
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats in the church
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge
	6-7pm Prayer Meeting in the Rose Price room
Sat	5-7pm Jollyween party in the hall
Sunday 1 November	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
4pm	All Souls Thanksgiving and Remembering Service

Contacting the Church

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Creche, Toilets, Baby Changing Facilities

At 10.30 communion services there is a staffed crèche in the Lounge downstairs and children's groups, but if you wish to stay in the service, toys are available at the front 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.

Readings for Today

Isaiah 55: 1-11

'Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
² Why spend money on what is not
bread,
and your labour on what does not
satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is
good,
and you will delight in the richest of
fare.
³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant
with you,
my faithful love promised to David.
⁴ See, I have made him a witness to
the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the
peoples.
⁵ Surely you will summon nations
you know not,
and nations you do not know will
come running to you,
because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with
splendour.'

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be
found;

call on him while he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he
will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely
pardon.

⁸ 'For my thoughts are not your
thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,'
declares the LORD.

⁹ 'As the heavens are higher than
the earth,

so are my ways higher than your
ways

and my thoughts than your
thoughts.

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower
and bread for the eater,

¹¹ so is my word that goes out from
my mouth:

it will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I
sent it.

John 5: 36b to end

³⁶ 'I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish – the very works that I am doing – testify that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, ³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. ³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

⁴¹ 'I do not accept glory from human beings, ⁴² but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

⁴⁵ 'But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. ⁴⁶ If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?'

Suggested topics to help in our private prayer time	
Today	Today is kept as Bible Sunday. Thank God for His word and pray we may use it regularly and thoughtfully. Pray for our services today - especially for Phillip Morrison our preacher from the Gideon's Society and for all who read our lessons from the Bible.
Mon	Pray for the Nations of the world that there will be real endeavours toward peace and unity. Pray that relations with China will improve especially with their attitudes to human rights.
Tues	Pray for all in our Parish who are ill at this time, for the housebound, the elderly, those in Care Homes. Pray they may know the peace and presence of Jesus at all times and experience His peace and healing in body, soul, and spirit. Pray for "Matt's Cats" as they meet to make music. Pray for all who play instruments or sing in our worship.
Wed	Thank God for the work of Anode and the way they help provide the needy in Torbay with goods. Thank God too for all the Churches which helped with harvest gifts. Pray they have real wisdom in the distribution

	of these goods. Pray for the prayer life of the church, tonight the prayer meeting. Pray more people will come and pray corporately.
Thurs	Pray for Bishop Josiah in his awesome work within the Anglican Communion. With him pray for his wife and family as they come to terms with living in England away from the extended family and friends.
Fri	Please pray for all preparing for the All Souls Thanksgiving and Remembrance service on 1 November and even now that those who come with memories will be comforted.
Sat	Pray for the "Jollyween" party today. Pray that people taking part in Halloween will not endanger or frighten people and may see what spiritual harm they could be doing.
Sun	Pray for all taking part in our services today. Pray especially for John Beckett, our Rector, and all on the staff as they lead us on our Faith Journey. Pray for our Mission Partners, Amy and David Roche in their work for the Lord.

Collect
 Merciful God,
 teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
 that trusting in your word
 and obeying your will
 we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

What's On & News

The Start course has begun but it's not too late to join in – week 2 will be on Monday 2 Nov at 7.30pm in the Lounge - please speak to John Beckett or ring the office.

Does anyone speak Portuguese? If so please see John Beckett or Pere in the office.

All Souls Thanksgiving and Remembering Service Sunday 1 Nov at 4pm

A special service of thanksgiving at St Matthias Church, an opportunity to come together with other people who have faced the loss of a loved one, to give thanks to God and to draw fresh strength and hope from Him.

Rosemary bush for service on 1 Nov Does anyone have a large rosemary bush which would be able to spare 40 sprigs to give out at this service – if so please speak to Steve or the office. Thank you.

Curtains in the Hall are now fixed! Please use corded pulleys to open and close.

Diaries for 2016 are now available at the back of church. Donations welcome and will be given to Friends of St Matthias.

The church family contacts list is now available at the back of church. £1.

Jollyween on Saturday 31 October A family party celebrating light from 5-7pm in the Hall. Fun, games, food, all welcome. *No fancy dress please.*

Tea towels..... thank you to the current and past members of the tea towel team for their good work. We are looking for someone to join the team for the 4th Sunday of each month. Can anyone help please? If so please contact the office.

Linx (Christian Youth Trust) are holding their seventh annual coffee morning and book sale on Sat 7 Nov 10am - 1pm at Highview, Rosehill Rd, Torquay. They have more than 800 novels, biographies and children's books all in excellent condition at a bargain price of £1.50!

Coach Trip to Cardiff Saturday 21 November A great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping, enjoy lunch and explore this lovely city. £16 payable in advance and please put your name on the list in the hall. Cheques or cash can be handed into the office (clearly marked Cardiff) or to Sue Gray.

On the Journey Together – dementia and the local church A workshop on Tues 3 November 10-4pm at Central Church. Please contact Suzy Young for more details.

If you are a regular giver who uses the numbered yellow envelopes and do not have your pack for the next 12 months then please collect them from the back of church. Please also see the enclosed letter about the Parish Giving Scheme. Thank you. *Tony Barratt (treasurer)*

Remembrance Service 11 November 2015 Ilsham School would like to create a display board for this joint school/church service and have asked if anyone has a photo of anyone who has served in the armed forces at any time. If so, please could you take in to the school office. They will take a photocopy for the display. Needed by 6 Nov and please note next week is half term so the school will be closed.

Speak up for Fairtrade Workshop on 21 November 10.30-2.30pm The Old Deanery, Exeter

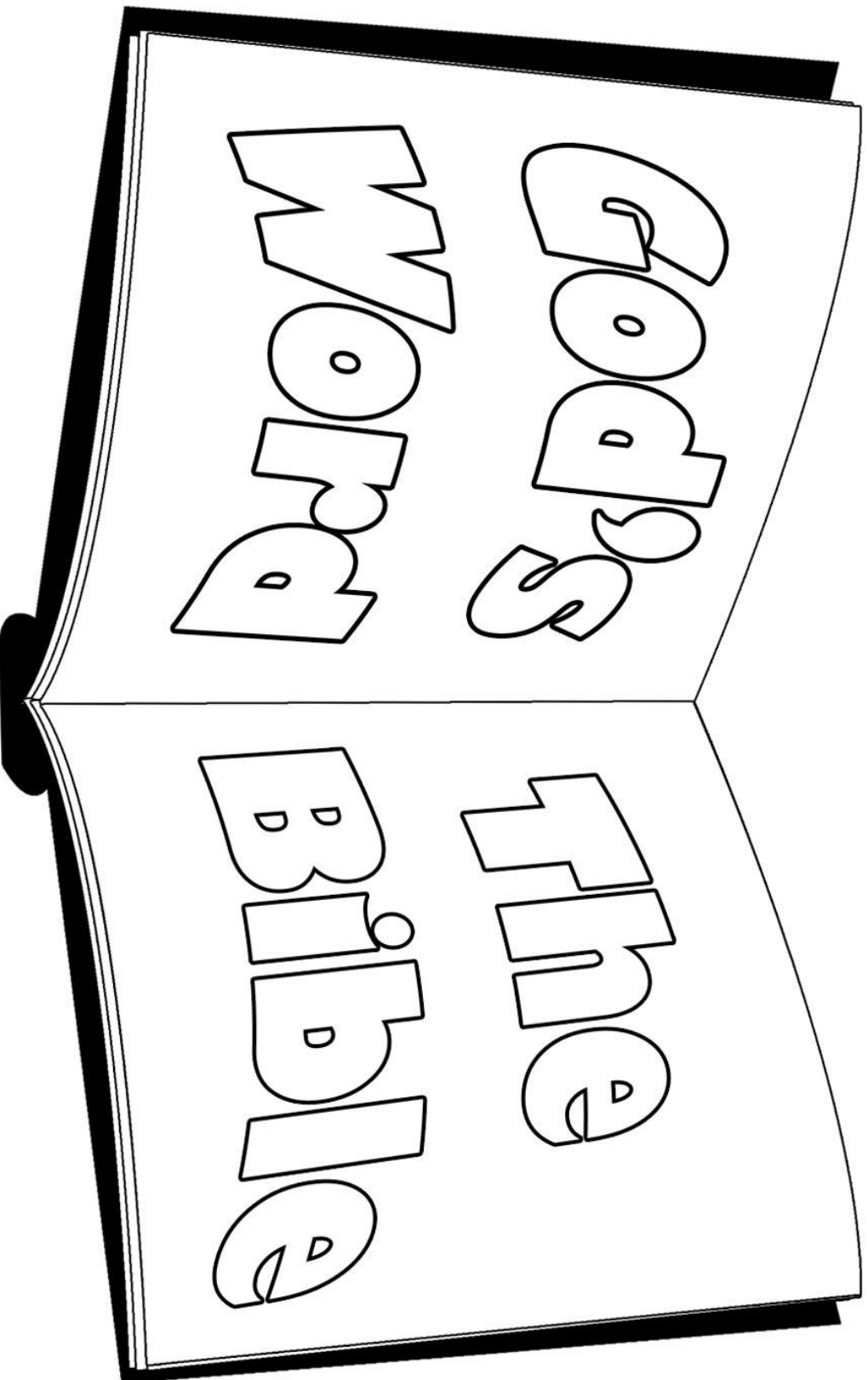
Ways to help you read the bible regularly:

- ✓ **Find a translation that you can read easily** (you can browse selection over coffee today)
- ✓ **Pick up a Gideon bible** today if you do not have a bible at home
- ✓ Use **Daily Bible Reading Notes** – see Suzy Young or the clergy for more details
- ✓ **Try this Daily Bible reading app – free** – from Nicky Gumbel and Alpha <http://www.bibleinoneyear.org/>
- ✓ **Try these daily notes email feeds**
 - **“Word Live” by Scripture Union.**
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