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Sunday 10 January 2016

We're in the Epiphany Season: 'Baptism of Christ'

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	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Prayer meeting with cup of tea at 5pm
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am Open House parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats <i>in the church</i>
Sunday 17 January	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion with the Rev Andrew Green as our preacher
6pm	Youth Service

Collect

Heavenly Father

at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
 may we recognize him as our Lord
 and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Readings

Acts 8: 14-17

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-23

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

²¹ When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'²³ Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli...

...the son of David...the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Suggestions for your own prayers	
Today	Praise God for Stephen Yate's appointment to be our new Curate. Pray as he and his family prepare for Ordination and for coming to Torquay in the Summer.
Mon	Praise God for all who came into Church for the Christmas services.
Tues	Pray for all the social functions in these weeks.
Wed	Pray for John and the church staff that they be envisioned to do God's work this year.
Thurs	Pray for all who are or have been ill during this season, that they may feel God's healing at their point of need.
Fri	Pray about the final preparations for the new Alpha Course, and for all who will attend.

Sat	Pray for the preparations for the Winter Night Shelter project providing food and shelter for those who are homeless and in need. Pray for all the volunteers.
Sun	Pray for today's services and for all who lead them.

What's On & News

Today – Winter Night Shelter in February at St Matthias – meeting today 10 Jan at 12.15pm in the Lounge to finalise arrangements. Thank you for volunteering to help – without you all it would not be possible. Malcolm and Avril.

Friends of St Matthias 13 January Places still available for a meal with the Friends at Amici's, Torquay from 7pm. Tickets will be available today after the service – 3 courses £19, 2 courses £15.

New curate for 2016! We're delighted that Stephen Yates will be our new full time curate from late summer. He and his wife Victoria and children Peter, Paul and Abigail, will be living in Redgate Close. They've been studying at Trinity College, Bristol, though prior to that lived in Paignton.

Cecil Johnston and the Roches See the back of church for an update from Cecil in Uganda and the Roches in Lebanon.

Christmas Giving An amazing £2000 was raised from the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services to give to our Christian Aid partners in Nigeria who are working hard to teach communities how to protect themselves from malaria. Our money will go towards buying mosquito nets and for primary health care worker training. Thank you.

Messy Church The next session will be on Tuesday 19 January from 3.15pm.

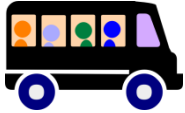
St Matthias Church Family Lunch Sunday 31 January Please sign up at the back of church/hall noticeboard if you would like to attend. £6 adult, £3 under 14, £15 family ticket.

Ice Skating The Youth Club will be going ice skating in Plymouth on Sat 27 Feb. This is open to all young people in years 6-9 – you don't have

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to belong to the youth club. Please let Ruth Jones know if you would like to come along (ruth.stmatthias@gmail.com).



St Matthias now has its own minibus and we are trying to establish how many people would appreciate being picked up on a Sunday morning to attend the 10.30 service. We would also like to know of any people who would be prepared to go on a rota of drivers for the minibus (to do this you need to be between 30 and 70 years old and have a minibus entitlement (D1) on your driving licence). There is a board at the back of church and if you are a potential user or driver or know of any other church members who would appreciate a lift then please indicate on the appropriate list. If you would like any further information please contact Tony Barratt.



The Alpha Course
an evening course exploring the basics of
the Christian faith
beginning on
Wed 20 January 2016

You're welcome to just come along to the first session and see what it is like, but please let us know that you plan to come.

We expect to run around 8 sessions, 4 before half and 4 after half term.

For more information please contact the office on 01803 214175 or see John or Paul.

Help for Alpha course Help is needed please to make coffee, serve puddings and to move chairs to set up the room from 7.15-8pm on each of 8 sessions beginning on Wednesday 20 January. Please let the office know if you would like to help.

Lent Course on prayer "Finding the heart's true home" 5 x Thursday evenings beginning on 18 February. Pick up a leaflet from the back of church for more information.