



JOHN 11:27



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Sunday 17 April 2016

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	Holy Communion (CW)
6pm	Youth Service

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in the church</i>
	9.30-11.30am Open House Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>

Sunday 24 April

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship <i>in church</i>
10.30am	Prayzone <i>in the Hall</i>
12pm	Annual Church Meeting

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Readings

Acts 9: 31-43

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

³² As Peter travelled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda. ³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralysed and had been bedridden for eight years. ³⁴ 'Aeneas,' Peter said to him, 'Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat.' Immediately Aeneas got up. ³⁵ All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, 'Please come at once!'

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, 'Tabitha, get up.' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

John 10: 22-30

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.'

Suggestions for your Prayers

Today	Our services and their leaders, especially the Youth Service.
Mon	We think of all migrants and refugees that their plight will be eased.
Tues	For MESSY CHURCH today - that the children will come to know Jesus.
Wed	For all who help the homeless - especially Anode, the Living Room, Factory Row (Leonard Stocks) and others.
Thurs	For all the young people of the parish and Ruth Jones their leader.
Fri	Pray for all who are unwell at this time that they will know the special love of our Lord.
Sat	Thank God for the work Rowcroft do in their Hospice and charity shops and for their St. Georges Day Annual Dinner.
Sun	Today the church holds its Annual Meeting where we can look back over the last year and forwards to what lies ahead. It is an opportunity to share our views. Pray it will be a constructive time.

What's On & News

Farewell to Peter and Molly Larkin who are off to Cornwall to Truro to be close to family. We will miss them and wish them God's blessing in their new home.

Sunday 24 April The 10.30 Prayzone and Morning Worship congregations will join together in the church at about 11am to give thanks for all that God has been doing among us in 2015 and to look ahead into the next year. (This will be part of the reporting of the annual church meeting.) We'll pause for coffee at 11.30 and then continue with the meeting at 12pm. Please plan to stay on for this if you can. We hope to show a film in the hall to entertain any children between 12 and 1pm!

Photos! 😊 You may have had your photo taken this morning as you came into church. We're using them to create a collage of faces to represent us as 'the church' for a children's activity during the Annual Meeting next week. We hope you don't mind and we won't be publishing them anywhere!

Sat 23 April St George's Day Annual Dinner and Entertainment in aid of Rowcroft. 7 for 7.30pm in the Hall at St Matthias. Tickets £12.50 available from Sheila (297656) or Elaine (390222). Traditional roast dinner, followed by musical entertainment and community singing of well-known English songs.

It Takes Two – Building a Lasting Marriage Together 7.30pm on Thurs 12 May at the Riviera Centre - a Care for the Family event. For more info see www.careforthefamily.prg.uk/ittakestwo

Going shopping? Why not put an extra can of food in your trolley and donate to the Anode and/or Leonard Stocks boxes at the back of church. Thank you.

Curate's garden The small lawns at 3 Redgate Close where Stephen Yates and his family will be living from mid June, need cutting now and probably once more before they arrive. Can anyone help please? Bring own mower! Please let Pere know.

Is God calling you to serve on the PCC or as a church warden? If so there are forms at the back of church – please complete before the APCM on 24 April and return to David Wilkinson (PCC secretary) in person, via the office, or pigeon hole. You will need someone to nominate you – a form is available for this too.

Queen's Birthday Weekend 12 June Wouldn't it be good to celebrate with a big birthday cake over coffee after the 10.30am service? Are there any 'bake-off' champions who would like to take this on? If so, please see Pere and thank you.



Friends of St Matthias Westminster visit All the places for our planned visit to Parliament on 26th/27th June have now been taken. There are still seats on the coach though, as well as the possibility of joining the tour of Lambeth Palace and/or Westminster Abbey. If you are interested or want to know more, do let me know. Rob Newman 01803 524215.



Church Family BBQ 10 July Help to run this is needed please and there is a sign up sheet at the back of church. Also, does anyone have a large gas BBQ we could borrow please?

Elevate 25-29 July Upton Vale Baptist Church The booking forms for Elevate, an activities week run by LiNX, are now available from Ruth Jones. If you are or know someone who is in year 6 to year 11, please speak to Ruth for more information and to get a booking form, thanks. Ruth

Christ is Risen!
Alleluia!
He is Risen Indeed!