



**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.*

<b>Today</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone in the Hall with b'fast at 9.15am <i>followed by Fairtrade</i>
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>followed by Fairtrade event</i>
<b>During the Week</b>	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' parents and toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matts Cats
	7.45pm Alpha Course continues <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	10.45am Funeral of Janet Villiers
	6.30-7.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>in the Rose Price</i>
Fri	10.45am Remembrance Day Service
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast <i>at Kents Cavern Cafe</i>
<b>Sunday 13 November</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship for Remembrance Sunday
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting in the Hall with cup of tea at 5pm



**Collect**

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:  
 stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess  
 and revive in us new hope  
 that all creation will one day be healed  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# What's On & News

**Church Family Meeting** On 20 November as part of the 10.30am service, Alex Coppock, the architect, will outline our re-ordering plans. Alex will also be staying on to answer questions between 12 and 3pm that day when the plans will be available for members of the public from the Parish to look at.



**Meanwhile the work to install the new audio-visual system** has begun and is expected to take a further two weeks. During this time the church will be open for services but closed at all other times for reasons of health and safety! **Missing Pews?** You will see that some pews are missing at the back of church. They have been temporarily removed (with the Archdeacon's permission!) to allow us to begin to appreciate a larger space for meeting and greeting and for our worship which is another part of the re-ordering scheme.

**Operation Christmas Child** 104 shoeboxes were packed last Sunday ready to be sent off soon. Thank you to everyone who donated and to those who stayed to help. An amazing effort. *(No more donations can be accepted now.)*



**TODAY! Fairtrade event today in the Hall after the services** (5% of takings today to Friends of St Matthias.)

**2017 Church Diaries** are now available. Please pick one up today at the back of church. Donation welcomed in aid of the Friends of St Matthias.

**Sat 12 Nov** Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cavern Café – speaker Andrew Stilliard. Please contact Charlie at [c.allansen@btinternet.com](mailto:c.allansen@btinternet.com) for more information.

**17 Nov at 7pm** Help is needed to serve tea/coffee for the Deanery Synod meeting and to set up chairs (approx 50 attending). Please speak to Pere.

**19 Nov** There is still room to join the annual coach trip to Cardiff - £16 payable in advance. Please sign up in the hall and see poster for more details. Money to the office please and cheques to be made payable to 'PCC St Matthias'.

**Don't miss out!** The Friends of St Matthias' Christmas Lunch will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Headland Hotel, Daddyhole Road. Special Christmas Menu with a glass of mulled wine on arrival and a Christmas gift for every guest. See us after the service to book your place! *Rob Newman*

**Autumn Leaves....** help is requested urgently to sweep up all the lovely leaves which have been falling in the car parks and gardens. Please see John Hart for more details.

**Messy Church** will take place on Tuesday 15 November from 3.15pm.



**Singers are invited** to come together to lead the Carol Service on Sunday 18 December at 6pm. Barry Dunnage will be leading the choir and he invites singers of all ages to come and sing. We shall rehearse at a 'mutually inconvenient' time of 5.30 to 7pm to enable singers to maintain other commitments and to commit to rehearsals knowing that there will only be five. We shall rehearse on Thursdays, starting on 17 November, in the church and will invariably finish on time. Singers with some experience of four part singing are particularly welcome but previous experience is not a requirement. If you want to use your singing voice to praise God you qualify! Please contact Barry by phone (616454), note in pigeon hole 'D' or ideally by e mail at [barrydunnage@aol.com](mailto:barrydunnage@aol.com) with your name, vocal part (if known) and contact details so that we can be sure music is available for you at the first rehearsal.

**To all yellow envelope givers** We are no longer receiving supplies of dated yellow envelopes but the blue envelopes in the pews can be used for the same purpose by just writing your number on the outside. It is very easy to change over to the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) as many have already done so I would urge you to please consider this and talk to me if you need any further information. The PGS is also available to anyone who wishes to make a regular gift to support St Matthias and can be used for both gift aided and non gift aided donations. Please contact me if you wish to consider this.

Many thanks, Tony Barratt (Treasurer)

**Harvest Lunch** We would like to express our thanks to the owners of the Babbacombe Cliff Railway Café who kindly donated the food for our Harvest Lunch this year. This was a generous gesture and much appreciated. Thank you.

**Winter Night Shelter** Reminder that there is a training session on 15 Nov at 7pm (and repeated on 22 Nov) at Endeavour House. Anyone interested in attending please see either Cliff Adcock or Malcolm and Avril Ford.

## Readings

### Psalm 17: 1-9

Hear me, LORD, my plea is just;  
listen to my cry.

Hear my prayer –  
it does not rise from deceitful lips.

<sup>2</sup> Let my vindication come from you;  
may your eyes see what is right.

<sup>3</sup> Though you probe my heart,  
though you examine me at night and test me,  
you will find that I have planned no evil;  
my mouth has not transgressed.

<sup>4</sup> Though people tried to bribe me,  
I have kept myself from the ways of the violent  
through what your lips have commanded.

<sup>5</sup> My steps have held to your paths;  
my feet have not stumbled.

<sup>6</sup> I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;  
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

<sup>7</sup> Show me the wonders of your great love,  
you who save by your right hand  
those who take refuge in you from their foes.

<sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings

<sup>9</sup> from the wicked who are out to destroy me,  
from my mortal enemies who surround me.

### John 6: 25-40

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, ‘Rabbi, when did you get here?’

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.’

<sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, ‘What must we do to do the works God requires?’

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.’

<sup>30</sup> So they asked him, 'What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?' <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

<sup>34</sup> 'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.'

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. <sup>40</sup> For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.'

## Songs

***Our God is a great big God  
Our God is a great big God,  
Our God is a great big God  
And He holds us in His hands.***

***He's higher than a skyscraper  
and He's deeper than a submarine.  
He's wider than the universe  
and beyond my wildest dreams.  
And He's known me  
and He's loved me  
since before the world began.  
How wonderful to be a part  
of God's amazing plan!***

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the powers of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.**

**At His feet the six winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!**

## Readings

### **2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end**

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us – whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter – asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. <sup>3</sup> Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. <sup>4</sup> He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

<sup>5</sup> Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

<sup>13</sup> But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

<sup>16</sup> May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <sup>17</sup> encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

### **Luke 20: 27-38**

<sup>27</sup> Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. <sup>28</sup> 'Teacher,' they said, 'Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. <sup>30</sup> The second <sup>31</sup> and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. <sup>32</sup> Finally, the woman died too. <sup>33</sup> Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?'

<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, 'The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. <sup>35</sup> But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, <sup>36</sup> and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord "the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob". <sup>38</sup> He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.'

<b>Some topics for our prayers this week</b>	
Sun	The Fair Trade events today. As we look and buy may we remember areas of the world which do not trade fairly and for people being exploited.
Mon	Praise God for "Operation Christmas Child" and for the young people who made the collection. One hundred or so boxes were packed and are being sent to needy children.
Tues	Pray for the USA voting for their new President. Pray for wisdom and integrity.
Wed	Remember before God all Church members at risk in the Winter months, and all who are ill or housebound.
Thurs	Our Rector and PCC are busy planning the re-ordering of the Church. Pray for them and the various organizations involved, praying that the right decisions will be made.
Fri	Pray for all our leaders in Church or State. All who influence our thinking and behaviour.
Sat	Pray for the " Men's Breakfast" today and for Andrew Stilliard as he speaks. Praise God for so many men in our Church.
Sun	Remember the services in our Church today and all who are leading the worship. May we all 'Worship in Spirit and in truth'.

To a troubled world  
**peace from Christ.**  
To a searching world  
**love from Christ.**  
To a waiting world  
**hope from Christ.**

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