

WEEK 3

# Journeying

**paraclesis**  
Coming alongside others



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## Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.  
Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am today.*

### Today

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Growzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion
5.30pm	'Route 66' - youth-led service

### During the Week

Mon	12.30pm Matt's Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in church</i>
	9am Open House Parents and Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matts Cats
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club <i>in the Pine Room</i>

### 23 September (John 5: 1-15)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Morning Worship
3.30pm	"The Story so Far" – <i>a talk in the Hall – see over for details</i>
5.30pm	Prayer meeting <i>in the church</i>

**Alpha ... starts  
here on 25 Sept...**



### Collect

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**"Paraclesis"** - What's that?! It's the Greek New Testament word for how we '**come alongside**' one another to offer comfort, love and help, following the example of the Holy Spirit, or '*paraclete*' who comes alongside us and is the basis for our teaching this month.

## Readings

### 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. <sup>5</sup> For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. <sup>6</sup> If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. <sup>7</sup> And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

### Luke 24: 13-35

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognising him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

<sup>19</sup> 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts

burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’ <sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, ‘It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.’ <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

## SONG

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

<b>For our prayers and praise this week</b>	
Sun	Praise God that we are seeing new people in our Church. Pray the welcome to them may encourage others to come.
Mon	Pray for the Rev Sam Leach as he is being licensed as Vicar of St. Mary Mags this evening at 7pm. Pray he may have a wonderful ministry and have some fellowship with us “up the hill”.
Tues	Praise for all who helped at the Blackberry & Apple Fayre.
Wed	Praise the Lord that Nicci Maxwell has arrived at Kisoro where she will work in the hospital and surrounding area - please pray for her as she settles in.
Thurs	Pray for the Alpha Course soon to start. Pray that people will have their questions answered and get to know Jesus more.
Fri	Pray for our world with so many political, human and natural disasters. Pray, too, for all the aid agencies.
Sat	Praise God for all who help maintain the church spiritually and materially and for John Beckett as he works to get the re-ordering started. Pray for those who are finding the idea difficult.
Sun	Pray for the services today as we continue the theme of “Paraclesis” (coming alongside). May we all come alongside members of the church we do not know and people we meet outside of the church.

# What's on and notices



## Re-ordering – The Story So Far

We're holding two opportunities to hear and ask questions about the background to the re-ordering project and how we got to where we are now: **Sunday 23 Sept @ 3.30pm** and repeated **Sunday 30 Sept @ 6.30pm**.

The sessions will be particularly helpful for anyone new to St Matthias and if you have questions about what is planned. You may also like to watch the video made in November 2016 at the initial presentation by our Architect Alex Coppock – either via the church website 'latest news' page, or on this link

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=FREKbe9n0wl&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FREKbe9n0wl&feature=youtu.be)

- **Girls Allowed** meet on Monday **24th September** in the hall from 7.30 to 9.30pm for chat & crafts. £3 donation on the night. Sign-up sheet in hall or email Ruth at [jrmp@btinternet.com](mailto:jrmp@btinternet.com). On October 10th we plan an evening trip to a Care for the Family women's event "Free to be" in Plymouth. Cost about £5. We will carshare or get a minibus. Sign up ESSENTIAL by 24th September please. More info 293119.
- **Friends of St Matthias – Dream Auction VI** – The Friends cordially invite you to a Prosecco and canapes Reception at the The Imperial Hotel from 6.30pm on Sat 6 Oct followed by the auction itself with 100 Lots on offer. Catalogues (£1) available at the Friends Desk today or from the office during the week.
- **Harvest Lunch** at 1pm on **Sunday 14 October** – further details to follow. 
- **Sat 24 Nov** Church outing to Cardiff by coach 8.30 to 8.30pm approx. See Marilyn, Diane or Alan today in the Hall if you would like to go. Cost £18 adults, £9 children.
- A new Rector at **Mary Mags**: Rev Sam Leach is being licensed on Monday 17th September at 7pm to which anyone is welcome to attend.



**Good news!** CMS partner Nicci Maxwell has now received her work permit and arrived in Kisoro, Uganda, to carry out her medical missionary work with babies and children. Thank you for praying. Copies of Nicci's

latest newsletter are at the back of church.

- On the theme of paracletus – coming alongside one another - does anyone think God might be calling them to join the **pastoral visiting team**? If so please speak to the clergy or to Suzy Young.

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