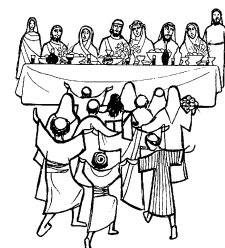


11 October 2026

HARVEST SUNDAY



The 11am on Sunday is live-streamed
you can join us in Church or online (or even worship later in the week!)

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Sun	11 Oct	8am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
		9:30am	Explore Together
		10:30am	Gather to Pray <i>please come and join us</i>
		11am	Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee. Please use this link to join us tinyurl.com/bdfhrv8j</i>
Tue	13 Oct	5.30pm	Prayer @ 5.30
		9-11:30am	Open House Toddlers
Wed	14 Oct	12-1.30pm	St Matt's Knits
		9am	Holy Communion <i>in the St Francis Chapel</i>
		10-12noon	Conversational English Class <i>for those for whom English is a second language</i>
Fri	16 Oct	12-2pm	Welcome Space <i>-coffee, soup and chat!</i>
		9-11:30am	Mummy & Me
		6:30-8pm	Youth Club – Taskmaster
Sun	18 Oct	8am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
		9:30am	Explore Together
		10:30am	Gather to Pray <i>please come and join us</i>
		11am	Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>

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Collect: Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

For the Sundays in October, particularly Bible Sunday, please remember to bring with you your favourite Bible

Readings for this Sunday

Philippians 4:1-9 NIV (UK)

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

3 Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! **5** Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. **6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. **9** Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22:1-14 NIV (UK)

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: **2** 'The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. **3** He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

4 'Then he sent some more servants and said, "Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet." **5** 'But they paid no attention and went off – one to his field, another to his business. **6** The rest seized his servants, ill-treated them and killed them. **7** The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

8 'Then he said to his servants, "The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. **9** So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find." **10** So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. **12** He asked, "How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?" The man was speechless.

13 'Then the king told the attendants, "Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

14 'For many are invited, but few are chosen.'

Sermon Outline

Phil 4:1-9 Standing Firm (as the season changes)

- 1. Standing firm - Relationally (v2)**
- 2. Standing firm - Spiritually**
 - a) Pleasure of God (v4)**
 - b) Presence of God (v5)**
 - c) Prayer to God (5-7)**
- 3. Standing firm - Mentally (v8)**
- 4. Standing firm - Practically (v9)**

News

Harvest Sunday – Gifts can be financial and/or items for the Food Bank. We will be collecting all week.

Tins – Meat in sauce, Cold meat (ham etc.), Vegetables, Tomatoes, Soup, Fruit, Rice Pudding, Custard

Cartons – Long Life Milk, Long Life Fruit Juice, Squash

Treats – Chocolate, Sweets, Crisps

Jars – Coffee, Marmalade/Jam, Peanut Butter, Pasta sauce

Packets – Dried Rice, Mashed Potato, Cereal, Sugar, Biscuits, Tea, Cuppa Soup

Toiletries – Loo Roll, Toothpaste, Deoderant, Shampoo, Shower Gel, Washing Powder, Washing up Liquid

School News: This week Monica will be going into Ilsham and Warberry and sharing the story of the Two Sisters – Leah and Rachel, and the schools will be celebrating Harvest in Church on 8th and 15th October.

Children's club: We are hoping to start a new activity club for children in school years 4-6 after half term, running on alternate Thursdays, from 4pm - 5:30pm. This is an exciting opportunity to connect with more children in our community but we need your help. Are you able to offer your time to help once a fortnight or once a month? All volunteers will need to follow the safer recruitment process and need a DBS check. See Helen if you're interested.

Dates for your Diary

Girls Allowed - SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday 21st October 6pm – Soup and Pudding – details to follow

Thursday 12th November 2-30pm and Monday 7th December 10am



Our next **Sunday dine out** will be at Central Conservative Club at 1pm, on 25th October. Please contact Gill to book **before the 18th**, or for further information: 07709727714

Brave Women's Conference Friday 6th November 7-9pm and Saturday 7 November 10am-5pm. The theme is AWAKEN, around Ezekiel 37 and 2 Timothy 1:6. 'I have such a sense of God wanting to breathe on His daughters again; awakening what He has placed within us, refreshing us by His presence and stirring us again for what He is calling us into.'
www.plymouthchristiancentre.org

Friends of St Matthias Christmas Market - Saturday 14 November from 10am to 1pm.

TearFund Quiz - 21st November at 7:30 PM

Friends of St Matthias Christmas Lunch on Sunday 6th December.

Prayers for the week –

- Mon** Our sermon yesterday reminded us of the importance of good relationships (Euodia & Syntyche disagreed!) Pray for our community life that it will reflect Jesus so that we will do nothing out of "selfish ambition or vain conceit (Phil 2:3)
- Tue** Our Harvest Festival has been able to contribute to the Food Bank. Pray for this project that it may meet people's needs and give hope.
- Wed** Myanmar is still mired in a terrible civil war. The Christian church is often caught in the crossfire as national identity is intrinsically connected with being a Buddhist. Pray that the Lord would protect his church and make it fruitful despite persecution.
- Thur** The Drumcree standoff has echoes of the "Troubles". Pray for N. Ireland that people of peace will prevail over those who would like to stir up trouble. The good influence of all churches is crucial to this process.
- Fri** The Christian, Jimmy Lai (78), was recently sentenced to 20 years imprisonment. His case drew international attention, but there are many thousands of other political / religious prisoners without that profile. Pray for lawyers and politicians who advocate their cause.
- Sat** We thank God for those who work faithfully in church administration & finance. Pray for Susie Williams (office) Margaret Munday, Trudy Guy (finance).
- Sun** Pray for God's presence and power to be evident at all three services today.