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Sunday 6 December 2015
Second Sunday of Advent

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)
9.30am	Breakfastzone
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
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>
	12pm Josiah Lunch <i>in the Hall</i>
	1.45pm Warberry Carol Concert
	6-7pm Prayer Meeting <i>in the Rose Price room</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats <i>in the church</i>
Thurs	12-2pm Volunteers Party <i>in the Lounge</i>
	6pm Ilsham Nativity
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cavern Cafe
	7.30pm Big Noise Concert
Sunday 13 December	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship with the baptism of Victoria-Rose
5.30pm	Prayer meeting in the church <i>with cup of tea at 5pm</i>

To contact the church

Tel: 01803 214175 or www.st-matthias-church.org

Suggestions for your private prayer time

Today	Pray for Breakfastzone and all our young people.
Mon	Pray for the school concerts and services this week.
Tues	Please pray for the charities of the Bay as they help people in need.
Wed	Warberry Carol Concert - pray for the children and staff. St Matts Cats rehearsal - pray for a really happy time.
Thurs	Thank God and pray for every volunteer in Church. Pray for the Ilsham Nativity - for the children and staff.
Fri	Please pray for John and all the staff with Christmas preparations.
Sat	Pray for the Men's Breakfast and the Big Noise Concert.
Sun	Pray for the service today and for the baptism of Victoria-Rose. Also for the prayer meeting this afternoon when we remember God's work in the Parish.

What's On & News

Magazine The Christmas edition of the magazine is available today from the back of church.

Friends of St Matthias The programme of events for 2016 is coming together well and the first of these is an evening meal at Amici's in Torquay on 13 January. Further details to follow.

Lessons and Carols 20 December at 6pm The service will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine/coffee. If you are able to bring any mince pies, that would be very welcome. Please sign the list at the back of church.

Christmas Posters The posters are now almost ready (see the list of services on the back page of this notice sheet) and we would like to distribute them this coming week to local hotels and shops. If you feel you would be able to help with this even to just one or two hotels/shops, that would be much appreciated. Please put your name on the list at the back of church and when the posters are ready we will contact you. Thank you.

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For Today's Service

Advent Wreath Prayer

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love. Amen



We use this sung confession. The words are from the Greek language of the New Testament and mean 'Lord have mercy' and 'Christ have mercy' and was composed especially for St Matthias by Janyce Pringle in 2004.

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri -
Chri - ste, Chri - ste, Chri -
e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e, ky - ri -
ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste, Chri -
e, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
ste, Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and Saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Readings

Philippians 1: 3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God's salvation.’”

Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Hills of the North, rejoice,
echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice
him who made earth and skies:
he comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the southern seas
sing to the list'ning earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of the world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made a new,
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
the God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the longing earth be blessed.

What's On & News

Volunteers party A thank you get-together for all the volunteers who help out on the many and various rotas in the church. **Thursday 10 Dec 12-2pm** in the Lounge. Please wear something red or green and bring a nibble! Please sign the list at the back of church to say that you are coming.

Men's Breakfast 12 December - Kent's Cavern Café, 8.45 for 9am start. The speaker will be John Beckett. To book please see Charlie or email him at c.allansen@btinternet.com.

Christmas Hamper Appeal Please see the Anode information at the back of church on the red notice board. Donations will be shared with Factory Row and the Windmill Food Bank in Torquay. Thank you. Donations by 13 Dec please.

Welcomers If you would like to help welcome visitors to the school Nativity and Christingle services and to the 'midnight' Christmas communion, please sign the sheet at the back of church. Thank you.



Alpha A new Alpha course will begin on 20 January. Please see Paul or John for more information.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Singers required for the candlelit service of carols and readings on Sunday 20 December at 6pm. Rehearsals will take place on 17 December at 5.30pm for approximately 1 hour. Please let me, Mike Hackeson know as soon as possible if you wish to join us for this great celebration! Thank you.

Christingle Volunteers needed for drama, stagehands, firecrew and for creating the Christingles (Wed 23 Dec 9.30am in the hall) – please sign up at the back of church if you would like to help.



Singing in the Care Homes If you would like to join a group of people to sing carols in the care homes on 14 and 16 December you would be most welcome! Please sign the list at the back of church.



Christmas starts with Christ



Celebrate Christmas at St Matthias Church Babbacombe Road, Torquay

Sun 20 December	6pm	Carol Service <i>Lessons and Carols</i>
Wed 23 December	9am	Holy Communion
Christmas Eve	5pm	Family Christingle Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day	8am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Christmas Communion <i>with carols around the Christmas tree</i>
Sun 27 December	8am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship <i>a traditional service</i>
	10.30am	Prayzone <i>an informal service in the hall</i>