



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	All Age Worship
5.30pm	Prayer meeting <i>in church with cup of tea at 5pm</i>
6pm	Winter Night Shelter

During the Week

Mon	12pm Funeral of Sheila Norrish-Werry
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	12pm Funeral of Dorothy Blandford
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12pm Lent Lunch <i>in aid of Christian Aid</i>
	6-7pm Prayer Meeting <i>in the Rose Price</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	7.15pm Lent Course <i>in the Hall</i>

Sunday 21 February

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) with the Bishop of Exeter
6pm	Youth Service

What's On & News

We are sorry to report that Bill Smith has recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. The funeral will be held on Thursday 25 February at 11am.

Lent Lunches begin on Wednesday 17 Feb from 12 – 1.30pm and every Wednesday during Lent. Delicious bread and cheese with fruit and tea or coffee. All proceeds to Christian Aid. Do come and bring a friend for good food and fellowship.

Soup and Pud The Friends of Rowcroft will be hosting another popular fundraising event on Saturday **20 February** 12 noon to 2pm. Delicious homemade soup and puddings plus bric-a-brac stalls and raffle. £5.



Sat 20 Feb The Pegasus Trio will be performing in church at 7.30pm. See posters for details.

21 February We will be delighted to have the Bishop of Exeter, the Right Revd Robert Atwell, with us to preach at the 10.30am service.

Passionate about Fairtrade? It's Fairtrade Fortnight from 29 Feb – 13 March and we would like to create a display of Fairtrade goods to remind people about its importance. If you feel you would like to help please speak to John or Pere.

Guinness World Records Would anyone like to help Ilsham School to achieve a 'quiz' world record on Monday 22 Feb at 2pm in the Hall. If you could help with stewarding duties please contact the church office by Wed 17 Feb - am.

PCC If you would like to know more about the PCC, what it does and the areas of business which it considers, or if you are considering standing for the PCC at the annual meeting in April, copies of the latest minutes are now available to view in the black folder by the door of the Hall.

Messy Church The next meeting is on **Tues 23 Feb** (not 16 Feb as half term).

27 February @ Princess Theatre, Torquay. A musical production about homelessness 'Under One Roof' in aid of Leonard Stocks Centre. £12. Age 12+

Church Army Collection Boxes Please would collectors with boxes ready to be opened let Anne Dunnage have them or ring her for collection on 616454. If you would like to get involved with this valuable work please contact Anne.

Entertaining Angels A 'Friends of St Matthias' special charity performance by TOADS at the Little Theatre, St Marks Rd, Torquay on 12 March at 7.30pm. Tickets on sale after the morning service priced £8.50. Proceeds to the Friends.

Readings

Romans 10: 8b-13

⁸...that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.' ⁴ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."'

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.'

⁸ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."' ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

¹² Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Suggested topics for our personal prayers this week

Today	Today's services and the Church Prayer meeting in Church – with tea at 5.00pm. Pray for all who mourn especially the two families having funerals this week.
Mon	Please pray for John and Ruth having a short break. Pray they may have a really refreshing time.
Tues	We pray for the work of Christian Aid.
Wed	We thank God for the Lent lunches today, for the food and fellowship.
Thurs	Pray for the Lent Course on prayer beginning today and for Alan Poole, the speaker this week.
Fri	Pray for all who are ill, or finding life difficult or are housebound.
Sat	Pray for the Pegasus Trio - music for Voice, Violin and Piano (see notices).
Sun	Pray for our Bishop preaching this morning as part of our Lent course.

LENT

- The Lent Course on prayer begins on 18 February at 7.30pm in the Hall. 'What is prayer and its importance' An introduction to prayer, what it is and what is effective prayer. Speaker Alan Poole.
- Lent Book 2016 – the recommended book this year is 'Dust and Glory' by David Runcorn containing daily bible readings and reflections. Available to buy in church £8. Please put money in a blue envelope marked 'lent book' and put in box on wall or in the collection. Other Lent books are also available and can be borrowed from the Library.

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