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Sunday 21 February 2016

Second Sunday of Lent

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	Holy Communion (CW) with the Bishop of Exeter <i>"Listening to God with the ear of our heart"</i>
6pm	Youth Service
6pm	Winter Night Shelter

During the Week

Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	3.15pm Messy Church
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats <i>in church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12pm Lent Lunch <i>in aid of Christian Aid</i>
	7.45pm Alpha course <i>in church</i>
Thurs	11am Funeral of Bill Smith
	7.15pm Lent Course <i>in the Hall</i>

Sunday 28 February

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Morning Worship
10.30am	Prayzone

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Psalm 27

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life –
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

³ Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the
LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep
me safe in his dwelling; he will hide
me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

⁶ Then my head will be exalted above
the enemies who surround me;

at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with
shouts of joy; I will sing and make
music to the LORD.

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, ‘Seek his face!
Your face, LORD, I will seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in
anger; you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Saviour.

¹⁰ Though my father and mother
forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.

¹² Do not hand me over to the desire
of my foes, for false witnesses rise up
against me, spouting malicious
accusations.

¹³ I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.

Luke 13: 31-35 ³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, ‘Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.’ ³² He replied, ‘Go and tell that fox, “I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.”’ ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! ³⁴ ‘Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”’

Song

Prayer is like a mobile phone for us to talk to Jesus.
Prayer is like a mobile phone for us to talk to God.
Prayer is like a mobile phone for us to talk to Jesus.
Pick it up and use it every day.

We can shout out loud, we can whisper softly,
we can make no noise at all, but he'll always hear our call.

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LENT

- The Lent Course on prayer continues this week on 25 February at 7.15pm in the Hall. Speaker Maureen Douglas from Exmouth 'Hearing God Speak'.
- 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.

Suggested topics for our personal prayers this week

"If you declare with your mouth that 'Jesus is Lord' , and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. " Rom 10: 9

Today	We pray for our Bishop Robert as he preaches this morning.
Mon	We pray for all who suffer, the bereaved, the sick and the housebound.
Tues	Messy Church today - pray for children, parents and helpers.
Wed	Pray for the Wednesday morning Communion each week and those who lead them.
Thurs	Pray for the second of our Lent courses - speaker Maureen Douglas from Exmouth. Pray for the funeral of the late Bill Smith and for his family and friends.
Fri	Pray for all those who have slept in our buildings on the Sundays in February. May they have experienced the love of Jesus.
Sat	Pray for the play, "Under One Roof" at the Princess Theatre, Torquay in aid of the Leonard Stocks Centre.

Sun	For the services today: all who lead and all of us in Church. Pray that the news of Jesus may go out into our town and touch people's hearts.
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What's On & News

Sat 27 Feb @ 7.30pm at Princess Theatre, Torquay. A musical production about homelessness 'Under One Roof' in aid of Leonard Stocks Centre. £12. Age 12+

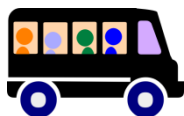
Young people's Ice Skating Sat 27 Feb Plymouth on. Last chance to book today – please see Ruth Jones. (You don't have to belong to the youth club.)

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.

Tues 8 March 10-12.30pm at St Luke's Church, Buckfastleigh Exeter Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship 'We Preach Christ Crucified' speaker David Harley. For more information contact Ian Lane or see poster in Hall.

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.

B2gether Celebration Sunday 13 March 3-4pm at Upton Vale Baptist Church – a special inclusive time of worship for everyone, including those with additional needs, their support workers, families and friends, followed by refreshments.



St Matthias now has its own minibus. If you'd like to use it; or have a lift to church on Sundays at 10.30, or know of anyone who might, please sign up on list at back of church or see Pere in the office.

John Leigh OBE would have been 100 years old on 1 March. There are copies of a letter from Peter Larkin at the back of church with more information about John who was a previous churchwarden here.

Help please!

Coffee for Lent Course 25 Feb to be ready for 7.15pm. Please see Pere in office.

Church cleaning We are still looking for 2 people to join the wonderful cleaning team on a rota basis once every 6 weeks. See Jean Fricker or the office. Thanks.

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.