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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	Prayzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Morning Worship
3.30pm	<i>"The Story so Far" – a talk in the Hall – see over for details</i>
5.30pm	Prayer meeting <i>in the church</i>
During the Week	
Mon	12.30pm Matt's Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm Girls Allowed <i>in the Hall</i>
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in church</i>
	9am Open House Parents and Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.45pm Alpha course begins <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Fri	6.30pm TGIF
30 September (Luke 13: 10-17)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Family Communion
6.30pm	<i>"The Story so Far" – a talk in the Hall – see over for details</i>

Collect

Gracious God,
 you call us to fullness of life:
 deliver us from unbelief
 and banish our anxieties
 with the liberating love
 of 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

John 5: 1-15

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, the lame, the paralysed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, ‘Do you want to get well?’ ⁷ ‘Sir,’ the invalid replied, ‘I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.’ ⁸ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.’ ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, ‘It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.’ ¹¹ But he replied, ‘The man who made me well said to me, “Pick up your mat and walk.”’

¹² So they asked him, ‘Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?’

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. ¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, ‘See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.’ ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Psalms 25: 1-12

In you, LORD my God,
I put my trust.

² I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

⁴ Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶ Remember, LORD, your great mercy
and love,
for they are from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth

and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, LORD, are good.

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his
ways.

⁹ He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.

¹⁰ All the ways of the LORD are loving
and faithful
toward those who keep the demands
of his covenant.

¹¹ For the sake of your name, LORD,
forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

¹² Who, then, are those who fear
the LORD?
He will instruct them in the ways they
should choose.

Isaiah 42: 1-7

'Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the
nations.

² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smouldering wick he will not
snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth
justice;

⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put
their hope.'

⁵ This is what God the LORD says –
the Creator of the heavens, who
stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all
that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

⁶ 'I, the LORD, have called you in
righteousness;

I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,

⁷ to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon
those who sit in darkness.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Praise God that we have freedom of worship - pray that we will have freedom in our worship today and bring glory to HIM.
Mon	Pray for the meeting of " Girls Allowed " this evening, praying that they may grow as a fellowship having fun and getting alongside each other.
Tues	Pray for all who suffer through natural disasters - floods, hurricanes etc. For all who suffer as a result of bad governance. Pray for the homeless in Torbay.
Wed	In accordance with Scripture we pray for those set over us in Church and State, and for leaders all over the world.
Thurs	Praise God that Nicci Maxwell , our CMS Mission partner is back at work in Kisoro in Uganda. She asks for prayer for the promise of a nurse/midwife to join her.
Fri	Please pray for the Youth Club meeting tonight. Pray for those who have gone to university or high schools that God will bless them and that they will know He is with them.
Sat	Pray for the work of all our Patrons who support the ministry of the Church, pray for them especially as they appoint clergy around the country.
Sun	Praise God for our Staff Team and especially for those leading the services today. May the Lord guide them in what they do.

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=FREKbe9n0wI&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. 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 Imperial Hotel from 6.30pm on Sat 6 Oct followed by the auction itself with 100 Lots on offer. Our grateful thanks to the many local businesses and parishioners who are supporting this event. 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 8.30am to 8.30pm approx. See Marilyn, Diane or Alan today in the Hall if you would like to go. Cost £18 adults, £9 children.
- On the theme of 'paraclesis' – 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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