



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	Growzone <i>with visiting speaker from Tearfund</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>with visiting speaker from Tearfund</i>
4pm	<i>Confirmation Service at Exeter Cathedral</i>
5.30pm	'Route 66' youth led service – all welcome
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9am Open House Parents and Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12.30pm Matts Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	11.30am Funeral of Pam Sanders
	7.30pm Riverford cooking and tasting evening <i>hosted by the Friends</i>
Fri	6.30pm TGIF
Sunday 26 May	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Morning Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting

Thanks go to... those who help to set up the services and clear away afterwards 😊

NB voting taking place elsewhere on Thursday...not here this time 😊

Readings

Romans 8: 26-31

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Matthew 6: 5-8

⁵ 'And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Giving to support the church: We encourage people to give via the 'Parish Giving Scheme' (PGS) from their bank accounts. That's why the collection plate often goes around empty! So, if you are new to St Matthias, please do not feel you need to put any cash into the collection plate but do ask one of the Welcomers for more information about the PGS. Thank you.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for today's services
Mon	Continue to pray for students taking exams
Tues	For the work of our mission partners especially Tearfund
Wed	For our politicians and civic leaders
Thurs	For the candidates and those involved in the administration of the European elections
Fri	For those who volunteer in church in any way
Sat	For those who are suffering either through illness or bereavement
Sun	For school children and their families as they begin half term week

Wellspring Update The PCC has now agreed that the Re-ordering will go ahead as planned. We are aiming to start mid June and so it is likely our final service in the church will be on 9 June – Pentecost Sunday.

Fundraising continues as we endeavour to reach our target. Thank you to those who have pledged money – we would ask that you now consider redeeming your pledges or consider making one if you have not yet done so. If you donate via the blue envelope please mark the envelope 're-ordering'.

What's on and News

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May

This year, Christian Aid has a particular focus on supporting expectant mothers in parts of the world where childbirth is risky. This year there will be no house to house collections, and so you are invited to donate using the envelopes in the pews, and to place your gift in the collection plate today.

AN INTRO TO RIVERFORD ORGANIC VEG "Colourful, inspiring, outstanding!" The Friends of St Matthias are looking forward to welcoming you at the Riverford evening on Thurs 23rd May at 7.30 pm in the Peter Larkin Hall. Join us for a demonstration and tasting session.

Tickets just £7.50 of which £2.50 will go to the Wellspring Appeal. Tickets available from the Friends table over coffee today or from the Church Office during the week.

Torbay Domestic Abuse Service is launching a new workshop to assist the recovery of victims. They need 3 new or nearly new sewing machines. Do you have one sitting idle that you could donate? If so, please call Val Burch on 01803 916338. (Thank you for those already donated.)



The new **Open Doors World Watch List 2019** is now available. Open Doors is one of the charities we support as a church family. This booklet gives information on the top 50 countries where persecution of Christians is the highest, it's a great resource to help you pray for these countries. There are copies available on the table at the back of church or you can call Linda Townsend on 07790640372 for a copy.

Sad news We are sorry to announce that Pam Sanders has died. Her funeral will be held on 23 May at 11.30am. The family have requested that friends wear jeans if possible (no black) and family flowers only. Thank you. Please pray for her family and friends at this time.

Congratulations to Liz Sampson, Pre-School Manager, for becoming the Guinness World Record Holder for the fastest marathon dressed as Elvis in the recent London Marathon and for raising £1495 towards the upgrading of the Forest School play area. Well done!



'Thy Kingdom Come' is the Archbishop of Canterbury's initiative for prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. Our teaching this week and next will be on the Lord's Prayer. Look out for resources to help you pray in the coming week.



Love South West is a united weekend of worship, service and invitation. There will be an evening celebration at Plymouth Pavilions on Friday 7 June at 7.30pm. See lovesouthwest.org.uk for more info.



Do you like going to art exhibitions, with coffee and a chat too? Then why not visit Mike Burt – an award winning artist – who is currently hosting an exhibition of pictures in St Marychurch. Phone Mike on 01803 328229 to arrange a time. No obligation to buy, just a chance to browse and chat. More information in the Linkway. (If any money is raised though, it will go to the Wellspring Project.)

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