



**Welcome!**

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**2 June 2019**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.  
Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am in the Hall.*

<b>Today</b>	
8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	Breakfastzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11:00 am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>with renewal of wedding vows for Colin and Wendy</i>
<b>During the Week</b>	
Tues	9.00 am Morning Prayer
	12.30 pm Matts Knits <span style="float: right;"><i>in the Lounge</i></span>
Wed	9.00 am Holy Communion <span style="float: right;"><i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i></span>
Thurs	10.30 am Prayer Meeting – <span style="float: right;"><i>all are welcome to join us in the Hall</i></span> <i>This week showing a Justin Welby DVD from Spring Harvest 2019</i>
	2.30 pm Chat @ St Matts <span style="float: right;"><i>in the Hall</i></span>
Fri	6.30 pm TGIF Youth Club
<b>Sunday 9 June – PENTECOST</b>	
<i>You may like to wear something Red or Orange to symbolise the Holy Spirit!</i>	
8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11.00 am	United Family Service <i>with baptism of Amelia Isabella Mucklow</i>
12:30 pm	Friends of St Matthias AGM <span style="float: right;"><i>followed by Lunch</i></span>
6:30 pm	<i>Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Even</i> at Exeter Cathedral

**Collect**

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

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## Readings

### **Luke 24:44-53**

<sup>44</sup> Jesus said to the disciples,

‘This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.’

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, ‘This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

#### ***The ascension of Jesus***

<sup>50</sup> When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

### **Acts 1:1-11**

#### ***Jesus taken up into heaven***

**1** In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:

‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered round him and asked him,

‘Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.’

## For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Praise God for each family that attends <b>Breakfast zone</b> . Pray that every child may be drawn to Jesus as Lord and Saviour
Mon	Pray for <b>Her Majesty the Queen &amp; all the Royal Family</b> as they welcome <b>President Trump</b> for the State visit. May positive things come out of it all
Tues	Praise God for those who had the vision for the <b>Wellspring Project</b> Pray for the safety of all the Contractors as they begin the work this week,
Wed	Pray for the Church Family during the re-ordering, that there will be a unity of vision, a willingness to accommodate and a witness of God's Gospel message.
Thurs	Pray for all who are unwell in hospital & at home, for healing and peace. Pray for all who mourn, especially <b>Norma &amp; Brian Gerry</b>
Fri	Pray for <b>John and Ruth</b> on Sabbatical, Pray for all <b>the Staff Team</b> , that they may have strength and wisdom in all they do
Sat	Pray for all our young people, especially those sitting exams or awaiting results. May God help them plan out their future in the way they have planned and worked
Sun	Pray for today's services and for <b>Amelia</b> as she is welcomed into God's family May we all remember that we stand on <b>Holy Ground</b> , and worship him in <b>Spirit and in truth</b> as the Bible teaches us.

**Wellspring Update** Our final services in the church will be next Sunday, Pentecost, 9 June. Thereafter services will be in the Church Centre.

**PLEASE SEE NOTICES ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE RE-ORDERING**

**Fundraising continues** as we endeavour to reach our target. Today, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, is a gift day, and details will be given in each of the services. Thank you to those who have pledged money – please consider redeeming your pledges making one if you have not yet done so.

If you donate via the blue envelope please mark it '**re-ordering**'.

## What's on and News

The **Friends of St Matthias** have an unexpected vacancy for a **treasurer**. If you are interested or would like to know more please speak to the chairman of the Friends, Rob Newman, on 01803 524215 or 07305 681522.

**Pigeon holes** back of church – please empty them this week before we close for the building work to begin. We understand that there are still some Christmas cards!

**Car parking** – from Monday 3 June the car park by the West Door will be closed as the building work gets under way. From Sunday 9 June the main car park will be for disabled use only on Sundays. (Limited space available during the week.)

**Open Doors World Watch List 2019** is now available. This booklet gives information on the top 50 countries where persecution of Christians is the highest. There are copies available at the back of church or contact Linda Townsend on 07790640372.

**Spring Harvest** bookings for next year open soon. For more information please have a chat with someone who went this year.



**Christian Aid Week** Many thanks to everyone for your generous giving in the Christian Aid envelopes, which raised a wonderful total of £855.22 (including Gift Aid). This will go to support people living in very poor communities and provide them with urgently needed health care.

**'Thy Kingdom Come'** is the Archbishop of Canterbury's initiative for prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. 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 next Friday 7 June at 7.30pm. See [lovesouthwest.org.uk](http://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.)

Riviera Centre, 11 & 12 June 6-8pm **'Voices from our Community'** (music, dance and drama from Cuthbert Mayne and other schools) in aid of Rowcroft Hospice, Young Carers Torbay, Compassion UK. Tickets can be bought at the Riviera centre <https://www.rivieracentre.co.uk/events/detail/voices-from-our-community>

**girls allowed - Wednesday June 19th 7.30 to 9.30pm**, in the lounge at church. We will be watching a film with popcorn and soft drinks! Donations accepted towards a new chair for the church. **Please reply to Judi - [judithstannard@outlook.com](mailto:judithstannard@outlook.com) – or sign the sheet in the hall.**

**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.

**Thanks go to...Pere and the Centre Staff**