



## Welcome!

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

Today		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Pine Room</b>
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	<b>Pine Room</b>
11am	United Family Service	<b>Hall</b>
12.15pm	Baptisms at Meadfoot Beach - meet at small car park at 12.15pm followed by a picnic on Ilsham Green – all welcome	
During the Week		
Tues	9am Morning Prayer	
	12.30pm Matts Knits	<i>Lounge</i>
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	
	10am-12pm Open Church Coffee Morning – all welcome	
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting	<i>Ark</i>
Sunday 18 August		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Pine Room</b>
9.30am	Growzone	<b>Hall</b>
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	<b>Pine Room</b>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	<b>Hall</b>

### Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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## Readings

### Revelation 1: 4-18

<sup>4</sup>John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup>'Look, he is coming with the clouds,'

and 'every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him';

and all peoples on earth 'will mourn because of him.'

So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup>'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup>which said: 'Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.'

<sup>12</sup>I turned round to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash round his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. <sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: 'Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup>I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

### Revelation 22: 13 & 17

<sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let the one who hears say, 'Come!' Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

We're back from our sabbatical, which, thank God, has been a refreshing time. It's good to be back and great to see how well the church has been led in our absence through a fair bit of change! **John and Ruth**

## John 8: 48-59

<sup>48</sup> The Jews answered him, 'Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?'

<sup>49</sup> 'I am not possessed by a demon,' said Jesus, 'but I honour my Father and you dishonour me. <sup>50</sup> I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.'

<sup>52</sup> At this they exclaimed, 'Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?' <sup>54</sup> Jesus replied, 'If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. <sup>55</sup> Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.' <sup>57</sup> 'You are not yet fifty years old,' they said to him, 'and you have seen Abraham!' <sup>58</sup> 'Very truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am!' <sup>59</sup> At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

### For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Praise for being able to worship freely at all times. Pray for our services today that we may "worship in Spirit and in truth" and feel the love of Jesus.
Mon	Let us pray for the contractors working here - may they know they are working for the Kingdom of God and may they be kept in safety and peace.
Tues	Pray for all in our congregation who are hurting through bereavement, tensions, illnesses, those in pain, ill in hospital, or waiting for appointments.
Wed	Pray for our Government that the arguments over Brexit will be sorted amicably and justly.
Thurs	Thank God for all who do practical jobs to keep the church welcoming, safe and tidy and especially for our Churchwardens who do so much unknown and unacknowledged especially in this time of upheaval.
Fri	Pray for all we try to help through the charities we support as a church and those that individuals support. Think especially of those in Torbay.
Sat	Thank God and pray for Nicci Maxwell our CMS Link Mission Partner. Pray for strength to do her work which is over and beyond her remit and for new staff for the hospital and for the whole work in Potters Village.
Sun	Pray for our services today and all who help; our clergy and Readers, Intercessors, Lesson Readers, our Welcomers, those who manage the audio/visual machinery. We thank God for each of them.

**Thanks go to...** our minibus drivers and those who give lifts 😊

# What's on and News

- **Remember** to look at the church family notice board in the Hall – details of events, sponsorship requests etc 😊



**Coffee Morning...** During the re-ordering there will be an 'open church' coffee morning each Wednesday in the Lounge from 10-12. All welcome.



**The Pre-School garden** area is having a make over. If you have any spare plants that would go in one of the wooden containers, they would be gratefully received. Thank you.

- **Date for your diary:** 21 September **Blackberry & Apple Fayre** 10.30am-2.30pm (Friends of St Matthias)

## Wellspring Update

The Wellspring Project continues on schedule. This week work has begun on the West entrance and piazza steps, on the heating system and the cupboards are being made off site and some are soon to be installed. Please pray for ongoing good progress. **Fundraising continues** as we endeavour to reach our target. If you wish to donate, please speak to Alan Poole or any of the ministry team. Please pray that our remaining grant applications will be successful too.

Jesus says "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,  
the Beginning and the End" *Revelation 22:13*

