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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 in the Pine Room.*

Sunday 15 September "A new hope" - lessons from Jesus in John's gospel		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine Room
9.30am	Growzone	Hall
10.30am	Coffee	Pine Room
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Hall
5.30pm	Youth-led service	Hall
During the Week		
Tues	9am Morning Prayer	
	9-11.30am Open House Toddlers	Lounge
	12.30pm Matts Knits	Lounge
	3.15pm Messy Church	Hall
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	Lounge
	10am-12pm Open Church Coffee Morning – all welcome	Lounge
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats	Pine Room
	7.30pm Girls Allowed	Hall
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting	Ark
Fri	6.30pm TGIF	
Sunday 22 September		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine Room
9.30am	Prayzone	Hall
10.30am	Coffee	Pine Room
11am	Morning Worship	Hall
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting	Lounge

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Readings

Romans 5: 1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

John 4: 1-30, 39-42

Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptising more disciples than John – ² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptised, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

¹¹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?'

¹³ Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.'

¹⁷ 'I have no husband,' she replied. Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.'

¹⁹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.'

²¹ 'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.' ²⁵ The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.'

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you – I am he.' ²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, 'What do you want?' or 'Why are you talking with her?' ²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ 'Come, see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?' ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way towards him...

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I've ever done.' ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers. ⁴² They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.'

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for our services and the sermon series, " Lessons from Jesus in John's Gospel ". May we learn about our journey of faith.
Mon	Pray for all involved in the Wellspring Project , that the money will continue to come in and for those finding the project difficult to understand or accept.
Tues	Continue to pray that the Brexit 'mess' will be sorted soon. Pray that the atmosphere in Westminster will become more gentle and polite .
Wed	Pray for all in our church family who face stressful situations, who are finding life hard - especially the very old, sick or recovering from illness.
Thurs	Remember before God all our Patrons , and the charities we support.
Fri	Pray for all our church leaders at this time, especially our Archbishops and our Diocesan Bishops .
Sat	Pray for the suffering church in so many parts of the world.
Sun	Pray for the services today, that we may worship in Spirit and truth. Remember those serving today. May they know God's wisdom and power.

What's on and News


Sad news We are very sad to say that Andrea Perry has died. Her memorial service will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 3rd October here at St Matthias Church – time tbc. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

Girls Allowed are back on Wednesday 18th September, 7.30 to 9.30pm in the Hall. Bring along a Christian-themed book that's inspired you, to share. There will be lots of time to chat together too. Please sign up by emailing Ruth jrmp@btinternet.com or on the sheet in the hall. £3 donation suggested.

OPEN MIC EVENING

Saturday 5th October

For One Night Only

 The opening you've been waiting for!! A fantastic opportunity to showcase your talents in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere: singing, playing an instrument, poetry, jokes... Please contact Charlie Allansen, Dean Winter, Rob Newman or Christine Tibbetts for details and tickets.

Confirmed? Bishop Jackie is coming here for a confirmation service in March 2020. If you've not been confirmed but would like to find out more, please speak to one of the clergy and also join one of the Alpha courses which we're running.

Thanks go to... Mark and Clare, our Centre cleaners
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Q & A Wellspring Update

The builders continue to make progress and some of the paving stones have arrived this week. There have been some difficulties obtaining the right stone for the detailed pattern on the piazza which means that the project will be a couple of weeks later than originally planned. However we are still hoping to be back in the church around the end of October. The new S Transept cupboards have been made and look beautiful and others are continuing to be made off site. The templates for the glass for the St Francis Chapel are being made and the electricians are busy sorting new wiring.

Save the Date! A celebratory weekend with Bishop Nick Friday 22 – Sunday 24 November

Alpha – come along and try it! It's a great refresher of the basics, and a great introduction to the Christian faith. We're running a daytime Alpha course beginning on Monday 7 October (morning) and an evening course in January and we're hoping to arrange childcare. If you or someone you know is interested, please let the clergy or office know.



Messy Church at St Matthias

Messy Church is for Parents, Grandparents and Children. Come and join us for Bible Stories, Crafts, Celebrations and Supper. (No fixed charge, but contributions welcome.)

After school from 3.15pm:

17 Sept, 15 October, 19 November (tbc but likely to move to Friday 22 Nov), 17 Dec