

Humility

is not thinking less of yourself
but thinking of yourself less
- CS Lewis

28 June 2020

www.st-matthias-church.org

Welcome

Services online

Services – all available on the church YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

or via the church website:

<https://st-matthias-church.org/about-us/covid-19-corona-virus/>

(or follow links from 'covid/coronavirus' or 'services' tabs on home page)

**Sunday
28 June**

9.30am Prayzone

10.30am Coffee on Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73949588004?pwd=WHhZVkVMRnBIV1RXSmtLTWk2TVIEZz09>

Meeting ID: **739 4958 8004** Password: **Coffee**

11am Morning Worship

5.30pm Monthly Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77713807538?pwd=TGI2OXhybnRlL1ZNNVpUYWtUNmxwQT09>

Meeting ID: **777 1380 7538** Password: **6e8jug**

Bible reading for today: Philippians 2: 1-11

Find it in your bible or at:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=phil+2%3A1-11&version=NRSVA>

Next week

**Sunday
5 July**

9.30am Breakfastzone

10.30am Coffee on Zoom

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11am Holy Communion

Collect

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALPHA?

**Questions about life?
and about the Christian faith?**

We hope to begin an **Alpha Course**
over the summer, face to face or online!



Contact the Church Office if you'd like to find out more

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For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	We are thankful that we have been able to re-open the church for private prayer and we give thanks for those acting as stewards.
Mon	We pray for those in the church family who are unwell and for those looking after them.
Tues	We pray for those areas of society and business now being allowed to re-open. We pray for the safety of all as we begin to take up activities once again and to begin to socialise.
Wed	We pray that there may be thoughtful and wise dialogue in relation to the current issues of racism.
Thurs	We pray for all food banks, for the volunteers and that needs will be met.
Fri	We pray for those who care for others, at home, in care homes and in hospital
Sat	We pray for our children, both those being home schooled and those now attending school again. We pray for all teachers.
Sun	We pray for those leading our church and for all those involved in putting together the online church services.

Learning from Philippians this week:

Marks of the community – part 1 – humility

So far, we've learned from the way Paul encourages and is thankful for his brother and sister Christians in Philippi. The way he prays for them models how we are to pray for one another, and his confidence in God's plans show how even the most difficult situations of lockdown allow the Good News, or gospel, to be spread.

Today, we look at chapter 2, which offers us insight into unity, harmony, and especially humility as are urged to follow the example of Jesus.

Church Opening and Online Worship Update



Thanks again to everyone who completed the survey about online worship and use of the church as we emerge from lock-down. While we still await some of the replies from people who are not on the web, an interim summary can be found on the church website here: <https://www.st-matthias-church.org/whats-on/latest-news/>

As we shared last week, most people have found them very valuable but we are also grateful for the constructive critique as well. Here are some changes we are making in the light of the replies:

We are planning to continue offering online services for at least as long as we are unable to have 'normal' services in church – and are aiming to have some online material available even when we are back in the building.

- We are also going to attempt to make the earlier parts of the 930am services in particular more 'child-friendly', and then move on to 'deeper' material as the service progresses. This is to encourage more families to watch together.
- We are exploring how to use other YouTube or recorded music within our services as well as our own great musicians – however, under the current copyright rules, we cannot simply incorporate them directly into our recordings without specific permission to do so (which we have gained for some songs). It's fine to use them when in church, but we can usually only upload our own 'cover' versions of worship songs.

The PCC are meeting on Monday 6th July to review how the 'private prayer' opening has worked out, and to digest the latest guidelines, with a view to deciding what sort of church services we can hold – so the earliest we will have any services in church is 12th or 19th July. Until then, do join in the online worship! However, bear in mind the challenge from one wise online pastor last week: unlike other TV or online material we watch, as we gather for worship together, let's *try to be participants and not just spectators...* That way, we might find, as one of our survey replies wonderfully put it '*God speaks to me in my home*'. God bless, *John B*



Other News

Taking Part? It's been a real joy to see people of all ages contributing to the online services. Some of you might be longing to take part, but haven't yet been asked. PLEASE do let us know - we'd love to encourage you to serve the church by using your gifts. Either phone the church office 214175 or email us admin@st-matthias-church.org and we'll be in touch. Thank you.



Book Recommendation

The Circle of Love

Praying with Rublev's icon of the Trinity - *Ann Persson*

Whatever we gaze at for a long time, we remember.

Ann had eye surgery and recovery meant that she had to lay on her front for two weeks. Rather than looking at the carpet she asked that her favourite icon be placed where she could see it. Rublev's icon of the Trinity became the start of a journey into the deeper meaning of iconography which this book follows. It tells us where the art came from, how it is done; and of Ann's physical journey to Russia to see the icon for herself. The Circle of Love is a devotional book and a bible study. At this time of uncertainty in our lives I would recommend this book, it centres me in the everlasting love of God. I hope it does for you too. *Gillian Rose* (Published by BRF, also available from Amazon.) Picture: wiki commons

Good News 😊

Well done to Ruth B who has just been accepted for Ordination training! As you may know, the discernment process the Church follows takes a couple of years, though Ruth has sensed God's call on her life for this role for some time now.

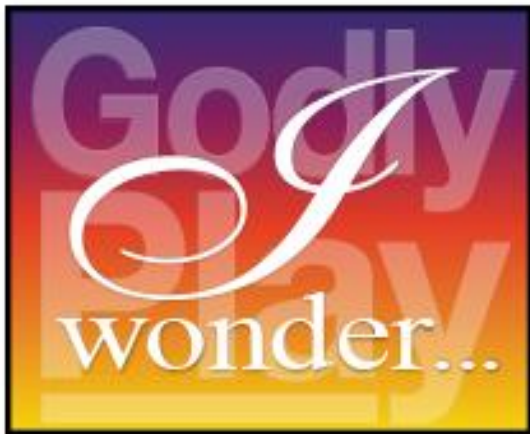


While Ruth expects to train full time at St. Mellitus College in Plymouth – she is hoping that St Matthias will be her placement church, and so we are not anticipating any significant changes for the way that John and Ruth minister with us here. They want to say 'Thank you for all the encouragement that St Matthias has blessed us with on the journey so far.'

Thanks from Compassion UK Last Christmas, St Matts supported a project by Compassion UK raising money for solar lamps for Togo, to enable children to study in the evenings and to protect them and their families, by reducing their use of kerosene lamps, which emit dangerous fumes. Compassion's target of 2,113 solar lamps has now been met! They send thanks for our part in helping them to enhance so many lives. For more info about Togo and Compassion's work there, go to: www.compassionuk.org/togo



Do you have a flat available for rent? One of our church family, together with her young child, needs a 2 bedroom flat to rent as soon as possible. Could you help? Please contact Paul on 07807636470 or revpaulbarton@gmail.com



Although the church building is closed you can still contact us:

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(Pere Snow is on Furlough but the phone is still being answered)

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New from the Godly Play Room at St Matthias Church **Godly Play Lessons** starting this Sunday 28th June and then every two weeks

<https://www.st-matthias-church.org/children-youth/godly-play/>

Starting with... **Creation**

Sit back and join the circle – have fun as Lena brings these stories into your home, accessible from St Matts website and supported with parents' notes. Each lesson will follow the format we use for Godly Play on Sundays in Church which your child may be familiar with. Free resource packs to support your children's learning will be available to go with each story. Email lenafearnley@googlemail.com to receive yours NOW in advance of this lesson!!