

18 October 2026

Welcome



The 11am on Sunday is live-streamed
you can join us in Church or online (or even worship later in the week!)

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Sun 18 Oct 	8am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9:30am	Explore Together
	10:30am	Gather to Pray <i>please come and join us</i>
	11am	Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee. <i>Please use this link to join us tinyurl.com/3w4m62hp</i>
Tue 20 Oct	9-11:30am	Open House Toddlers
	12-1.30pm	St Matt's Knits
Wed 21 Oct	9am	Holy Communion in the St Francis Chapel
	10-12noon	Conversational English Class for those for whom English is a second language
	12-2pm	Welcome Space -coffee, soup and chat!
	6pm	Girls Allowed – Soup & Pudding in Church
Fri 23 Oct	9-11:30am	Mummy & Me
Sun 25 Oct BIBLE SUNDAY 	8am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9:30am	Explore Together
	10:30am	Gather to Pray <i>please come and join us</i>
	11am	Morning Worship followed by tea/coffee
	5.30pm	Praise@5.30

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Collect: God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For the Sundays in October, particularly Bible Sunday which is next week, please remember to bring your favourite Bible with you!

Readings for this Sunday

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 NIV (UK)

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

2 We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.

3 We remember before our God and Father your **work** produced by **faith**, your **labour** prompted by **love**, and your **endurance** inspired by **hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you,

5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. **6** You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. **7** And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, **9** for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, **10** and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Matthew 22:15-22 NIV (UK)

15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. **16** They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. **17** Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the poll-tax to Caesar or not?'

18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, 'You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? **19** Show me the coin used for paying the tax.' They brought him a denarius, **20** and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?'

21 'Caesar's,' they replied.

Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.'

22 When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

News

The office will be closed for part of the day on Wednesday 21st as Susie goes to a UCAN meeting in Exeter

The Thanksgiving Service for John Broadhead will be in the church on Wednesday 4th November at 2.30pm
Marjorie wishes to thank the church family for their love and support.

School News: This week Helen will be going into Ilsham and Warberry and telling the story of Joseph the Dreamer



Don't forget that the clocks change on Sunday 25th October. The good news is that you'll get an extra hour in bed!

Youth Club are having a 2-week break for half term (so won't be here 23rd & 30th).

Jollyween is on Saturday 31st October from 4pm-6pm – a fun evening for primary school aged children and families. Please wear bright clothes.

Children's club: We are planning to start a new activity club for children in school years 4-6 after half term, running on alternate Thursdays, from 4pm - 5:30pm. This is an exciting opportunity to connect with more children in our community but we need your help. Are you able to offer your time to help once a fortnight or once a month? All volunteers will need to follow the safer recruitment process and need a DBS check. See Helen if you're interested.

Dates for your Diary

Girls Allowed -

Ladies, please join us for an evening of fellowship and food at 6pm on Wednesday 21st October in church for a light supper of soup and pudding. Please reply to Elaine Biden by email elainebiden@hotmail.com or text 07974001227 or phone 01803 390222. RSVP by Monday 19th October latest for catering and please include any dietary requirements.
Hold the dates - Thu 12th November 2-30pm and Mon 7th December 10am



Our next **Sunday dine out** will be at Central Conservative Club at 1pm, on 25th October. Please contact Gill to book **before the 18th**, or for further information: 07709727714

Friends of St Matthias Christmas Market – Saturday 14th November from 10am to 1pm. *If you would like to donate a bottle for the Bottle Tombola stall at the Friends Christmas market, please can you leave it in the linkway at a Sunday service (not alcohol please) or (especially alcohol) in the church office, or contact Clare or Andrew."*

TearFund Quiz – Saturday 21st November at 7:30pm – further details to follow.

Friends of St Matthias Christmas Lunch -Sunday 6th December at Headlands Hotel – further details to follow.

Prayers for the week –

- Mon** Thank God for faithful servants who minister the love of God to us week by week. We continue to pray for the Staff Team and for Stephen as he settles in as Rector.
- Tue** Mali in West Africa has a population of 25 million with 867,000 Christians. Some parts are too dangerous for Christians to live in because Islamist extremists target believers with violence, abductions & burning Churches. Pray for political stability and peace so that both Church and country can flourish.
- Wed** There is a lot of activity on a Wednesday: prayer & communion at 09:00hrs, Conversational English Classes 10:00-12:00hrs, then Welcome Space from 12:00-14:00hrs. Pray that each activity will be infused with God's love and grace.
- Thur** Theos has found that Christianity is being invoked as a marker of British identity amid wider anxieties about immigration, cultural change and what it means to be British. This does not reflect a 'spiritual revival'! Pray that 'nationalism' and genuine spiritual life are not confused. Pray that God does revive us!
- Fri** A Scottish school has dropped the word 'Christmas' from its seasonal card. Pray for our civic life that the Advent story will not be lost but that it will be celebrated and bring people together.
- Sat** We are thankful for our Church premises. Pray for all those who maintain the buildings and for Cliff who gets things physically ready for worship services, Sunday by Sunday.
- Sun** Today is Bible Sunday. Pray that our Church will prosper as we 'live in Scripture'. That is, learning through teaching on Sundays and in Home Groups, but also through personal study day by day.