

20 September 2026

All are 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	Sept 20	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. Please use this link to join us https://tinyurl.com/5xkxnsbk
Tue	22 Sept	9-11:30am	Open House Toddlers
		12-1.30pm	St Matt's Knits
Wed	23 Sept	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!
Fri	25 Sept	9-11:30am	Mummy & Me
		6:30-8pm	Youth Club
Sun	27 Sept	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

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Collect:

Lord of creation,
 whose glory is around and within us:
 open our eyes to your wonders,
 that we may serve you with reverence
 and know your peace at our lives' end,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for this Sunday

Philippians 1:21-30 NIV (UK)

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1-16 NIV (UK)

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. 3 ‘About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. 4 He told them, “You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” 5 So they went. ‘He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. 6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, “Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?” 7 “‘Because no one has hired us,” they answered. ‘He said to them, “You also go and work in my vineyard.” 8 ‘When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.” 9 ‘The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 “These who were hired last worked only one hour,” they said, “and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.” 13 ‘But he answered one of them, “I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?” 16 ‘So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

News

Eco-Action – September marks the beginning of Creationtide, an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action. Please pray through September for all those suffering from the effects of climate change, but also prayerfully consider those changes **you** can make. Next year is forecast to be the hottest year on record for the world.

School News: This week Helen will be going into Warberry and Ilsham and sharing the Parable of the Sower: let's pray that the seeds she sows will come to fruition.

Dates for your Diary

Dear Ladies, We hope you have all had a lovely summer and managed to keep cool! **Girls allowed** next meet on **Wednesday 23rd September at 2-30 pm** in church, for fellowship, fun, light refreshments and to decorate candles into Advent candles to give to our families who attend Jollyween in October. No skill necessary all resources provided. Please reply to elainebiden@hotmail.com text or phone 07974001227 or 01803390222.

Saturday 26 September at Upton Vale Baptist Church – Rev Dr Peter Morden, Principal at Bristol Baptist College will be teaching on Revival? Past, Present and Future. Peter will blend biblical teaching with teaching on 'revivals' of the past. There will be an opportunity to pray together for God to work in power, both in our own live and in the lives of others. Find out more/book your **free** place at: www.uptonvale.org.uk/equip.



Our next Sunday dine out will be at the Babbacombe Inn at 1pm on Sunday 27 September. Please contact Gill Buick to book **before the 20th**, or for further information; 07709727714

Prayer morning: Wednesday 30th Sept. 9.00 - 12.00 noon

"Seeing the vision; providing the resources"

We are so pleased to have Stephen as our rector; but we need the resources (volunteers) to fulfil our "vision for mission".

We need people like musicians, sound desk operatives etc. ie People to use their gifts in service.

Will you join us on Wednesday 30th as we pray specifically for resources and mission - but also pray for our church and the world.

We start at 9.00 am with communion, then end at 12.00 for Welcome Space. "Come when you can, go when you must"!

Prayers for the week –

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God,” Matthew 5:9

Mon INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Prince of Peace, bring warmongers to their knees wherever they are and in our world of strife please intervene and draw people to receive your peace.

Tue Father, where suspicion, envy, enmity, and fear pit nations, religious and ethnic groups, and superpowers against one another, we ask you to raise up peacemakers who can guide their leaders to seek peace for the sake of their people.

Wed Sovereign God, many countries are engaged in major conflicts and suffering the effects of cyber-attacks, terrorist threats, drug wars, and oppressive governments. Please help all who care for the victims of these tragic events.

Thur God of love, we lift our communities and pray for harmony: for generous responses to those in need, unity through shared commitment, and cooperation that brings increased safety, peace, and prosperity for everyone.

Fri Dear Lord, we pray for reconciliation for families whose members are estranged from one another. Please heal the hurt of broken relationship, bring reconciliation and give that peace which only you can give to families in conflict.

Sat Lord, where unnecessary disputes, wrongdoing and pride have fractured relationships among your people and dishonoured Your name before the world, please help leaders, and all believers to seek Your forgiveness, wisdom and peace to rule in our hearts.

Sun Thank you, Jesus, for your promise that, “The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you. I’m leaving you well and whole. That’s my parting gift to you. Peace.” *John 14:26-27* Msg