

Sunday 30th August 2026

All are welcome

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

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Sun 30 Aug 	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 <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://tinyurl.com/2s4ufa2d to join online
Mon 31 Aug		Bank Holiday – church & centre closed
Tue 1 Sept	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom – see below*
Wed 2 Sept	9am	Holy Communion <i>in the St Francis Chapel</i>
	12-2pm	Welcome Space - <i>coffee, soup and chat!</i>
Sun 6 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>
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* **For Morning Prayer online**, we meet on ZOOM [tinyurl.com/2t56wex5] and use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app -you are welcome to join us!
The words we use can also be found here, with an audio version: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f

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Collect: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Or Alternative 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**

Readings for this Sunday

Romans 12:9-end NIV (UK)

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.



'Let love be genuine –
Extend hospitality to strangers'
Romans 12; 9,13

Matthew 16:21-end NIV (UK)

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!'

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.'

²⁸ 'Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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 now and in the coming year from the effects of climate change, but also prayerfully consider those changes **you** can make. El Niño is expected to bring us storms this autumn and extreme hot weather affecting southern continents next spring creating real likelihood of drought and loss of livelihood for many. Next year is forecast to be the hottest year on record for the world.



Dates for your Diary

tearfund

An exciting message with the opportunity to join in.



Dear Friends,

'... at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' (Philippians 2:9–11)

Imagine – people from every nation of the world, joining together at the same time to honour Jesus and pray in his name. It's a small glimpse of heaven... and it's happening here on earth. From 6 to 13 September, our friends at 24-7 Prayer are inviting the global Church to pray non-stop in every nation on earth during a Global Week of Prayer. We are excited to be partnering with them and adding Tearfund voices to lift up the name of Jesus together. Will your church join hundreds of thousands of Christians around the world praying for people experiencing extreme poverty and injustice?

Injustice is loud, but Jesus' love is louder

After decades of decline, extreme poverty is on the rise. More than 800 million people are still living in extreme poverty worldwide.

Conflict, natural disasters and injustice are the main drivers of this, devastating communities around the world. but that's not the end of the story, because Jesus' love leads us to pray for people in extreme poverty. Use the resource below to pray for and with your global neighbours.

Get inspired to pray in new ways and find guidance on how to pray for people living in poverty and other global issues.

see www.tearfund.org/get-involved/pray/prayer-resources/prayer-guides

Singer Paul of **Manfred Mann & The Blues Band** with his wife, Actress/Singer Fiona of the TV series "Widows", leading roles at the Royal National Theatre, the Royal Shakespeare Company and West End productions including the award-winning musical "City of Angels", will sing and talk about their life in show business and their remarkable journey to faith.

Free Admission with Light Refreshments (Donation box available)

**For more information and to reserve a place call Rick Hillard on
Mobile 07969 077243 or email at rickjhillard@gmail.com**

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



Prayers for the week – *An intelligent heart acquires knowledge and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. Proverbs 18:15*

- Mon** Thank you, Father, for holidays, rest and restoration. As the new education term begins we pray for all involved; those waiting with expectation or anxiousness. Please be with each one of them.
- Tue** We pray for all those involved in leading in our preschool and all who are planning to visit schools in the area to share the good news that Jesus loves and cares for children of all ages
- Wed** Thank you for all who take responsibility for safeguarding in our churches and schools. Help them to be strong and faithful to you as you guide them in this difficult role.
- Thur** We pray for all those who work in education from nursery age to young adults: teaching staff, support staff, special education teams, caterers, cleaners, administrators and technicians. Please help them daily.
- Fri** We intercede for children across the world unable to go to school because of poor health, extreme poverty, political or religious pressures, and victims of war. We long for this to change.
- Sat** Thank you, father, that a third of our schools are 'faith schools'. Please help them to maintain their Christian ethos educating children in a spirit of truth and love.
- Sun** Holy Spirit, please continue to raise up Christians with a vision to see every school and child is prayed for in our ever increasingly secular society. Encourage Christian teachers to be 'salt & light'.