

Jesus' 'upside-down' teaching


Welcome! Join us in church or online

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The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm

Sun 16 Feb <i>with Revd Jo McKee</i> <i>From CPAS</i> 	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee https://youtube.com/live/maKFRriusjs?feature=share
	Mon 17 Feb
Tues 18 Feb 	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt’s Knits
	3.30-5.30pm Messy Church
Wed 19 Feb	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome
	7.15-9pm St Matt’s Gospel Singers
Fri 21 Feb	2pm Funeral of Dennis Stannard
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 23 Feb	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship followed by tea/coffee
	5.30pm ‘Praise @ 5.30’ informal praise and worship

Collect Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:

 Treasurer team

For Morning Prayer online,
 we use the Church of England ‘Daily Prayer’ app and this zoom link
<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵This is what the Lord says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from
the Lord.

⁶That person will be like a bush in the
wastelands;

they will not see prosperity when it
comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of
the desert,

in a salt land where no one lives.

⁷“But blessed is the one who trusts in
the Lord,

whose confidence is in him.

⁸They will be like a tree planted by the
water that sends out its roots by the
stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”

⁹The heart is deceitful above all things
and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

¹⁰“I the Lord search the heart
and examine the mind,

to reward each person according to
their conduct,

according to what their deeds
deserve.”

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. ²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

²³ ‘Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For
that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ ‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Dates for the diary



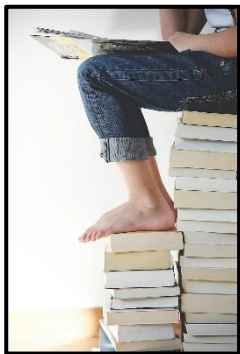
Love Messy! Tuesday 18th February from 3.30 to 5.30pm. Come along to Messy to hear about God's love for everyone with crafts, games and stay for a meal at the end.

Keswick in Devon 3-7 March at All Saints Church Sidmouth – bible teaching, fellowship and worship. www.keswickindevon.org.uk or call Carole Hawkins on 01395 515674

News

New Year... why not explore life, faith and meaning?

We will be running an Alpha course this spring. Starting Monday 24th March. Please contact the office if you would like to know more.



Library

Did you know we had a library in the church building? It has a large selection of books which you are very welcome to borrow including some for Lent reading. Why not have a browse after church on a Sunday? You can find it downstairs half way along the corridor on the right. Books are also available in church on the shelf near the kitchen.

LENT 2025

Lent Course "Streams of Living Water" by Richard Foster

Over six weeks we will explore six distinct spiritual traditions: Contemplative, Holiness, Charismatic, Social Justice, Evangelical, and Incarnational. We'll be learning how each tradition offers unique pathways to deepen one's relationship with God, fostering a holistic Christian spirituality for us as individuals and as church. Each week, we look at a different bible character, historical figure and practices within Christianity.

Tuesday evenings beginning 11th March in the Hall.

Repeated on **Wednesday mornings** in the Lounge at 10am from 12th March

Ash Wednesday 5th March

- Join Bishop James for prayer at St. Matthias 1.30pm – 2.30pm
- Service of Holy Communion at 7pm

Prayers for this week

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Mon Father, thank you for the integrated care system in the UK that bring together partners from the NHS, local councils and voluntary community groups. Help them as they work together to improve people's health and wellbeing in adult social care.

Tues Father, we ask that anyone who needs mental health assessment will be assisted and enabled to access services and benefits to support them and their carers.

Wed We remember the 1.5 million individuals working in adult social care. We ask for fair pay and conditions and for enough workers to fill these important roles.

Thurs We pray especially for everyone who is caring for a person with Alzheimer's and other conditions that affect brain and body functions. Give them the physical and emotional strength to keep going, especially in the dark times.

Fri We pray for our Youth Alpha course, for the leaders and participants, which runs on Fridays from 8-9pm. Thank you for their commitment and enthusiasm to teach and learn about the good news of Jesus.

Sat Thank you for those who look after people who need extra support, including the 5.7 million unpaid carers. Please give them strength, peace, patience and hope to carry out their daily tasks with compassion.

Sun Father, all good gifts come from you, and we ask that those who turn to you to ask for extra help will find us, your church, and other Christian groups ready and willing to come alongside them, so demonstrating your love for everyone.

Girls Allowed Thursday 27th February Meet in Church at 2.30 pm for an afternoon of table talk and light refreshments with the return of a mystery speaker! Everyone welcome. Please let Judi know if you are able to come.

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Money raised for our Christmas appeal this year went to the Nazareth Trust to support their fundraising to convert an area into a bomb proof ward providing essential safe beds. A total of £1000 was raised at the end of Christmas services but some people may have donated via the QR code so the total may well have been more than this. We have received a letter of thanks from the newly appointed Christian CEO, Waseem Dibbini thanking us for the donation.

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