



Sunday 19 June 2022

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Welcome!

Join us either in church or online via our YouTube channel

<https://tinyurl.com/88s6x6fd>

or via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' home page

Today	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30pm Explore Together <i>Activity Sheet:</i> Jesus in the Temple aged 12
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i> https://youtu.be/AFmAPSbMS88
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting

Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

Thanks go to:

Our church
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Church open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm

Tues 21 June	9.00 -11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matts Knits <i>in the Hall</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed 22 June	9am Holy Communion
	10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	10.30am Girls Allowed <i>see notice</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
Fri 23 June	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i>
	6.30pm Youth Club
Sun 26 June	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	10am Prayer for Ukraine
	11am Morning Worship
	4pm Explore @ 4

Readings for Today

1 Kings 19: 1-16

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, 'May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.'

³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. 'I have had enough, LORD,' he said. 'Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' ⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.' ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he travelled for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰ He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.' ¹¹ The LORD said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.'

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

¹⁴ He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.'

¹⁵ The Lord said to him, 'Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.'

John 10:1-5 and 10:14-16

‘Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger’s voice.’

¹⁴ ‘I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

What's on?

Messy Church Saturday 18th (3.30pm) or Tuesday 21st June (3.15pm). Both days, we will be looking at the 'Fishers of People' through fun, craft and worship. Supper is included for all! Please do contact Lena to book in, so that I have an idea for catering numbers! stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org or 01803 295268. Looking forward to seeing all our Messy families!



Girls Allowed are having a catch-up and coffee in the Rectory garden on Wednesday 22nd June, 10:30-12. Please phone Ruth (293119) if you can join us.

‘**Living in love and Faith**’ - for those who attended the Lent Course this year, there’s a follow-up session on Wednesday 6th July at 2pm, repeated at 7.30pm – in the Lounge specifically to look in more depth at related key biblical texts and themes.

The St Mary Magdalene Foodbank is open on Tuesdays 2-6pm. We’re expanding and need more people to serve in this ministry – help needed with preparing food parcels and engaging with those who come to the Foodbank - for more information talk to Pete Norris, or contact Emma Dornan (Curate at St Mary Mags) at foodbank@stmarymagdalene.org.uk.



Minibus lifts are starting again on 3 July (11am service) with a view to operating monthly to begin with. Please contact the office if you would like a lift.

The Friends of St Matthias AGM 7pm Thurs 30 June.

Afterwards, from 7.45pm, all members are invited to join us for Pimm's (and strawberries) on the Piazza. Details have been sent by post or by email. Early reports suggest

that in some cases the message has gone into the junk mail box. If you are not a member but would like to join – do get in touch. Rob Newman Chairman



Prayer

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

Sun. Praise God for the family of the church and pray that we might grow together in faith.

Mon. Pray for our Government in such disarray, and pray for unity and positivity.

Tue. Pray especially over the plans to send asylum seekers to Rwanda and the general dismay this suggestion is causing.

Wed. Pray for the meeting in church for some of the Ukrainians in Torbay, and continue to pray for peace in that country.

Thu. Please pray about the interrelationship between government and work undertaken by lawyers in the context where there is much criticism by the former of the latter. Please pray for the rule of law and for the operation of an independent legal profession.

Fri. Remember all who are ill, awaiting treatment in hospital, those recently bereaved.

Sat. Think of all young people just finishing their exams and now have to make decisions about their future. Pray they will know the wisdom of God.

Sun. Pray for the worship of St. Matts that it may deepen in prayer and greater spirituality.

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