



Sunday 5 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

Pentecost Sunday <i>Why not wear something red or orange?</i>	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with activities for children</i> The Holy Spirit Comes
	11am Holy Communion (<i>Common Worship</i>) <i>followed by coffee</i> https://youtu.be/5XuZrbKOfsc
	PLATINUM JUBILEE – Church Family Lunch
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>do join us as we pray together</i>

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:



Everyone who has helped to get the church, pre-school & piazza ready for the Jubilee

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

Mon 6 June	1.30pm Safeguarding Training <i>in the Lounge</i>
Tues 7 June	9.00 -11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matts Knits <i>in the Hall</i>
	7pm CAP Finance Course <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed 8 June	9am Holy Communion
	10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
Thurs 9 June	7pm Deanery Synod
Fri 10 June	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i>
	6.30pm Youth Club - Rounders
Sat 11 June	10am – 12pm Coffee Box on the Piazza
Sun 12 June Trinity Sunday	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	10am Prayers for Ukraine
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by coffee</i>
	4pm Encounter

Readings for Today

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues! ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

John 14: 15-17, 25-27

¹⁵ 'If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

²⁵ 'All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

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What's on this week?

MON Safeguarding training sessions for anyone working with adults *eg part of the Open Church team or one of the welcomers or prayer ministry team or home group leaders.* Basic Awareness and Foundation Course on **Mon 6 June 1.30pm** in the lounge. The presentation from Sue Davies (safeguarding rep) will take about two hours. (Training for those working with children to follow.) Please email Sue Davies if you are able to attend on safeguardingstmatthias@gmail.com

TUES CAP money course at St Matthias – we're running a free CAP money course to help us think about how to spend, save and budget more wisely. If you would like to come along please email talktous@st-matthias-church.org or call the office on 214175. It'll be in the Lounge on 7, 14, 21 June from 7-9pm.



TUES Street Pastors Celebration evening Tues 7 June 6.30 – 9pm, Upton Vale Church, pizza and refreshments, all welcome - current and past street pastors, family and friends and those interested in the work. It will be great to see you.

Other News

Messy Church Saturday 18th (3.30pm) or Tuesday 21st June (3.15pm). Fun, craft, worship and supper is included for all! Contact Lena to book (for catering numbers) stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org or 01803 295268. Looking forward to seeing all our Messy families!

A message from Linda Townsend – thank you to everyone for their kind cards, messages and flowers following her recent accident.

Read **Nicci Maxwell's** latest Link Letter here [Nicci Maxwell Latest Link Letter May 2022](#)

Prayer

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

- Sun.** Praise God for the Holy Spirit and pray He falls upon our Church
- Mon.** Thank God for our Queen and pray that she enjoyed her Jubilee
- Tue.** Nicci Maxwell - that she may be well and back in Uganda (see her newsletter for much more information)
- Wed.** Pray for all who worked so hard to help the Jubilee Celebrations
- Thu.** For all those Ill, bereaved or waiting for treatment
- Fri.** Pray for our Leadership Team and all they do for us
- Sat.** For peace in our world, especially in Ukraine
- Sun.** Pray that we may know about God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

OUR FAITHFUL QUEEN

70 YEARS OF FAITH AND SERVICE*



Empowered to serve

In preparation for her Coronation, the Archbishop of the time, Geoffrey Fisher, gave her a small book of “Devotions”. Among those readings, the Queen was reminded of her role as a Christian monarch in the Church:

“In the gospel of Christ is Light out of darkness, Freedom out of bondage, Life out of death, that we may walk in the power of God as his servants and witnesses. It belongs to my care that the true profession of this gospel shall be strong amongst my people and throughout the world. Wherefore I must seek by God’s grace to be a true and faithful witness unto the Lord.”

Faithful witness

The Queen has certainly taken her role as upholding and sharing her faith seriously, and remains an encouragement to us to do likewise:

“Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith... It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God’s love.” (Christmas 2011)

“For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and anchor in my life....” (Christmas 2014)

“...Christ’s example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love...” (Christmas 2016)

“The teachings of Christ, have served as my inner light...” (Christmas 2020)

At her coronation, the Queen also said this remarkable prayer:

“Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and all my will, all I have and possess. Thou hast given all this to me: to thee, Lord, I restore it; all is thine, dispose of it entirely according to thy will. Give me thy love and grace, for this is enough for me.”

Today, we thank God for, and celebrate the life of the Queen and her long reign. We thank God for her example of faithful service and faithful witness.

As this Jubilee celebration coincides with the celebration of Pentecost, we are invited afresh to submit to God’s Lordship ourselves, and, as we believe the Spirit has anointed and equipped her, pray for more of God’s Holy Spirit to empower and equip us also to serve and to bear witness to the Good News of Jesus.

* The title of a booklet by Catherine Butcher, published by Hope Together www.hopetogether.org.uk from which quotes above are taken