

Sunday 19 July 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 19 July	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/hmetsuu4
Mon 20 July	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 21 July	9am	Morning Prayer
	7pm	Institution of the Rev Stephen Yates as Rector and licensing of Helen Baker as an LLM <i>the service will be livestreamed</i> https://tinyurl.com/4s5t3zpx
Wed 22 July	9am	Holy Communion
	10-12:30	Girls Allowed Coffee on the Piazza- lounge if wet
	12-2pm	Welcome Space – <i>coffee, soup and chat!</i>
Thurs 23 July	10:30-12	Girls Allowed Coffee at Susie Higgins'
Sun 26 July	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 <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	2pm	Friends of St Matthias Car Treasure Hunt
	5.30pm	Praise @ 5.30

For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom link: tinyurl.com/2t56wex5 You are welcome to join us! The words we use can be found here, with an audio version: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f

Collect: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Our thanks go to: those who have spent time preparing for the return of the Yates family to St Matthias at either their new home, The Rectory, or Church.

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Reading for this Sunday

Romans 8:12-25 NIV (UK)

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 NIV (UK)

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ ‘The owner’s servants came to him and said, “Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?”

²⁸ “An enemy did this,” he replied.

‘The servants asked him, “Do you want us to go and pull them up?”

²⁹ “No,” he answered, “because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”’

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.’

³⁷ He answered, ‘The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ ‘As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

News

Eco-Action - still thinking of our Marine environment, try to reduce the amount of single use plastic that you use - eg buy things loose or packed in cardboard and paper.

School news: There is only **1** week of school assemblies left to deliver for this academic year! This week Helen will be going into school with the Lord's Prayer.

Pre-school – We have a vacancy for 3 mornings a week for a pre-school administrator: please contact Sylvia for further information. A good knowledge of Excel Spreadsheets is required.

At the service for Stephen's Institution, and Helen's Licensing, there are a few worship songs with which you might be less familiar, we are playing them at coffee time after the 11am service, but you might find it useful to listen to them online beforehand: links appear in the electronic newsletter and on the **website**. **Living Hope, Boldly I approach, I see the King of Glory, Holy Forever.** If you are unable to attend the service, it is being live-streamed, please see the link on the front page.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for calling Stephen to lead us. Surround Stephen and Victoria with your love and protection. Equip Stephen for this new ministry with wisdom, resilience, compassion and grace. Bless us, and especially the staff team, as we seek to serve you in our community. May we be drawn together in love, patience and mutual respect and shine as a beacon of light that you will draw others into your Kingdom here. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

As a church we commit to praying for the first 3 months of Stephen's ministry: if you haven't already done so, please pick up a prayer card from the back of church.

With the exception of Welcome Space (which continues this month, but not in August), our groups are on holiday until September. We would like to thank all our volunteers who run them, and hope they enjoy time with family and/or friends over the next few weeks.

Please ensure that submissions for next week's notice sheet are received by the office by Tuesday lunchtime.

The office is open Monday to Friday 09:00-12:30 and 14:00-16:00hrs.

Dates for your diary

The Reverend Stephen Yates will be instituted as Rector at 7pm on **Tuesday 21st July**, and **Helen Baker** will be licensed as a Lay Worker: you are warmly invited to join the celebration. Please consider using public transport, car-sharing, or walking; the car park has been reserved for those officiating and blue badge holders.

Girls Allowed Please join us for a coffee morning *either* on **Wednesday 22nd July** on the church piazza (lounge if wet) from 10.30 to noon (to book please text 07974001227 or email elainebiden@hotmail.com or on **Thursday 23rd July** at Susie Higgins's (TQ1 2** full address from Susie or the office) from 10.30 to noon (to book susieehiggins@btinternet.com or text 07900362055). We look forward to seeing you.

Dine out Sunday – our next lunch out together will be at 2pm on **26th July** and we will be back at the Babbacombe Inn. Please contact Gill Buick on 07709727714 for further information or to book a place.

Friends of St Matthias. Our next event is the **Car Treasure Hunt** on **Sunday 26th July** from 2pm. **Registration by Sunday 19th** The entry fee is £10 per car and full details, and how to register, will be found at the Friends' table in the hall. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Prayers for the week –

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. *James 5:16*

Mon Dear God, we pray for peaceful outcomes to all current wars.

Tue Lord, we pray for Helen and Stephen and this evening's service.

Wed Lord, thank you that you hear my prayers and meet me where I am.

Thur Lord, thank you for sending Jesus to save our suffering world.

Fri Heavenly Father, please help me to see those whom you might want me to encourage amid their struggles and pain.

Sat Dear God, help me to keep my heart open to you.

Sun Lord, we pray for all our services in church today. May we all be encouraged as we worship you.