



Sunday 10 July 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>)
	10am Prayer for Ukraine <i>all welcome</i>
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by coffee</i> https://youtu.be/AWAV41WIBqk Activity sheet: Jesus heals a paralysed man
	4pm Encounter <i>informal service for all</i>

Introduction to the teaching series on 1 Corinthians which begins today:

"Paul's first letter to Corinth – a lively seaport where people and cultures of every sort jostled together, just like so many places in today's world – is full of wisdom and challenge... The church there was as lively as the place itself, with as many questions and problems – and as much joy and excitement – as any growing church today. Paul's pastoral sensitivity and deep insight come together to make this letter one of his crowning achievements, full of good things for us to ponder and enjoy today..." Bishop Tom Wright

Sometimes it's a bit of shock to see church folk behaving badly. For example: having factions, falling out with each other, doing morally questionable things, trying to look "spiritual" but actually being unloving, having worship services that are less than the best. All this and more is found in the Corinthian church – with many, many echoes of our culture and age. Paul deals with these issues practically and with a big pastoral heart. He understands human weakness but has the unshakable confidence that the Spirit of God is always healing, directing and loving us. In a very imperfect world, 1 Corinthians is a letter of glorious hope. It deals with real people and real issues – but in fact people just like us. AG

Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Thanks go to:

The Ukrainian Support Group



Church open for visitors/prayer Tuesday – Thursday 12-2pm	
Tues 12 July	9.00 -11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits – <i>knitting group all welcome in the Hall</i>
Wed 13 July	9am Holy Communion
	10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
Fri 15 July	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i>
	6.30pm Youth Club
Sun 17 July	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>all welcome</i>

Readings for Today

1 Corinthians 1:1-13 & 3: 1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: one of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another, 'I follow Christ.'

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?...

3: 1-9 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly – mere infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³ You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? ⁴ For when one says, 'I follow Paul,' and another, 'I follow Apollos,' are you not mere human beings?

⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe – as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. ⁹ For we are fellow workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

John 1: 14-23

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, ‘This is the one I spoke about when I said, “He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.”’) ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in the closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

¹⁹ Now this was John’s testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ ²¹ They asked him, ‘Then who are you? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the Prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’

²² Finally they said, ‘Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’

²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, “Make straight the way for the Lord.”’

What's on?



From Laura Guihen – our new Youth Worker!

I just wanted to say a BIG thank you to you all for such a warm welcome. I'm really looking forward to serving at St Matthias.

There are some exciting summer events for our young people below - watch this space for more in the coming months!

Youth Summer Social – In Years 6 – 11? Come and join us at Goodrington beach on Sunday the 17th of July for our multi-church youth summer social! We are meeting at the bandstand at 3pm for lots of games, fun and hot dogs. We will finish at 5pm. We’d love to see you there.

Youth Slip and Slide - Come to the last youth club of this academic year on Friday the 22nd of July at 7pm. Weather depending, we will be having a water fight and enjoying a Slip and Slide with our friends at Riviera Life Church. Meet us at Torwood Gardens (the green opposite Riviera Life Church) at 7pm with a towel and a drink to keep you hydrated. It will be lots of fun! Please sign up for these events here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1g5SDF69MA5I_G2VkuDW0VPSe553L-al4Molzqx1v_nc/edit or email Laura at stmattsyw@st-matthias-church.org for more information.



St Matthias Church Pre-School Job Vacancy – Assistant Manager...we are looking for a very special person to join our team. It's a leadership position managing a small team of staff and the daily running of a Pre-School. Previous leadership experience preferable. Hours: 8.30am – 3.30pm daily plus 1 staff meeting per week (19.5 hours minimum to 32.5 hours depending on applicant). Enquiries to the church office (admin@st-matthias-church.org) or indeed.com

How do I share my faith? Join a 2-hour session with Steve Rouse and Lyn Weston from London Institute for Contemporary Christianity on Thurs 14 July 7-9pm on zoom. Book via this link, cost £5: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sharing-your-faith-tickets-349883921227>

Messy Church Tues 19 July at 3.15pm
Please pre-book on 295268 or stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org



Next Bishop of Plymouth It has been announced that the next Bishop of Plymouth will be the Reverend Prebendary James Grier. He will be welcomed and installed as Bishop of Plymouth in the Cathedral during Evensong on Sunday 9th October to which all are welcome.

Prayer	Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer
Sun	Praise God for our worship leaders and pray that they will lead us all to the Throne Room of God where we can worship Him.
Mon	We pray for Her Majesty the Queen and all the Royal Family praying that they may heal their divisions.
Tue	We continue to uphold the country and people of Ukraine, and we pray for peace. No more and no less. Peace soon we desperately ask O God.
Wed	We pray for Laura in her new job with the young as well as all who help our young people in any way. May they turn to you.
Thu	We pray for the United States of America, asking God that they may discern the right and compassionate laws about abortion.
Fri	We pray Heavenly Father for all who are ill, have recently been bereaved, or are finding life difficult.
Sat	As the Bible tells us we should, we pray for our leaders in this time of chaos and division and pray they may turn to you for guidance.
Sun	Pray that we never take for granted all that we have as Christians especially the freedom of worship.

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