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The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm for visitors
or for personal prayer

Sun 12 May	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am United Family Service <i>followed by APCM with coffee/tea</i> https://youtube.com/live/UgNOZxk8_I?feature=share
	12pm APCM <i>in the Hall</i>
Mon 13 May	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Tues 14 May	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i>
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits – <i>knit and natter</i>
Wed 15 May	9am Holy Communion
	10am – 12 noon Ukraine support group <i>in the church</i>
	12-2pm 'Welcome Space' <i>join us for soup, coffee and a chat</i>
Thurs 16 May	10.30-12 noon Girls Allowed <i>in the church</i>
Fri 17 May	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sat 18 May	10am – 12 noon Coffee Box on the Piazza
	7.30pm Organ extravaganza <i>in the church!</i>
Sun 19 May PENTECOST SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>

Collect Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature
to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Thanks go to:



Our wardens, Clare
& Cheryl and
PCC Sec Suzy

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Readings

Acts 1:1-11; 15-17 & 20-26

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

⁶ Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, 'Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.'

²⁰ 'For,' said Peter, 'it is written in the Book of Psalms:

“May his place be deserted;

let there be no one to dwell in it,”

and, “May another take his place of leadership.”

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.'

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.' ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Luke 24:44-end ⁴⁴ He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Dates for the diary

TODAY! APCM 12 noon - straight after the 11am service.

At this meeting we vote in a new 'PCC' the Parochial Church Council – who make the key decisions about church life.



To view the annual reports before the meeting click below: A small number of hard copies will be available this Sunday and on the day.

[Annual Report & Financial Statements 2023](#)

[Annual Report of Activities for APCM 12.5.24](#)

Organ Extravaganza The Friends of St Matthias are delighted that David Davies will be returning here on **Saturday 18th May** (at 7.30

pm). Tickets available after the 11am service or contact **Rob Newman**, Chairman 07305 681522 rob.thenewmans@gmail.com

Girls Allowed Thursday 16th May 1030-1200 in church, all ladies welcome.

Sunday 19 May @ 6pm 'RENOVATION' celebration service at Exeter Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday. "An inspiring evening of prayer and worship: with Andy Flannagan and Ruth Valerio." Free tickets from Event Brite <https://tinyurl.com/yuz69cuk>

Understanding Younger Generations **Mondays 3rd and 10th June 7.30pm** in the Centre Lounge with Hannah Aske. All church family welcome.

Church Family Away Day to Dawlish Warren 29 June - a day to chat, play and eat together for all the generations in our church family including an act of worship and BBQ – we've booked indoor hall space but there's plenty to do outside too of course. Easy access from train station, car park and we hope to share lifts. More details to come!



News

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May Christian Aid works with local partners and communities providing disaster relief and resourcing disadvantaged people to improve their lives. This year, the focus is on Burundi. Please donate via their website (which can be gift aided) or phone 020 7523 2269. By post, send to Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL. www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week



Help please!

Mummy & Me is a weekly (term time) get together for new parents and their babies and they would love to welcome some more helpers from the church – to serve coffee and help with registration/welcome – 9.30-11.30. Please let Pere know if you would like to get involved (weekly, fortnightly or to suit you.) Thank you.

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Today, please pray for our church leaders and PCC members, as they meet for the first time next week after the AGM, that they make decisions in line with God's direction and purposes.

Tues Prayer enables us to be influencers, pleaders and workers in a kingdom that counts. Pray that we can resist distractions as we try to spend more time with Jesus.

Wed As the wars around the world continue to bring destruction and suffering, pray that leaders of the countries involved will place people before pride and quickly agree to end the violence.

Thurs Pray for parents that they will support new government measures to protect children from harmful use of smartphones.

Fri By the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, pray for healing of those known to us who are ill, both in body and mind.

Sat Pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones that they will come to know the God of peace and so to know the peace of God.

Sun Pray for Your Holy Spirit to be powerfully felt at the 'RENOVATION' celebration service at Exeter Cathedral today.

Use it – then lose it!

Look out for this new resource, still available this Sunday.

Use it first! and then 'lose it'

by giving the booklet to someone else to try praying! <https://www.trypraying.org/>

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