



Sunday 14 May 2023

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Sun 14 May <i>Christian Aid</i> <i>Week</i> <i>14-20 May</i>	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am United Family Service <i>followed by coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/GKfPbzYyzNs?feature=share <i>where we welcome Tim Funnell from LiNX</i>
	4pm Annual Church Meeting <i>in the Hall</i>

Collect Risen Christ,
 by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
 help your Church to obey your command
 and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
 to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Thanks go to:



Suzy, our PCC
Secretary

Readings Acts 17: 22-34

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: 'People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ 'The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ "For in him we live and move and have our being." As some of your own poets have said, "We are his offspring."


²⁹ 'Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the

world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.'

³² When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, 'We want to hear you again on this subject.' ³³ At that, Paul left the Council. ³⁴ Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

John 14: 15-21

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. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

Church usually open for visitors and prayer Monday to Friday 12-2pm	
Mon 15 May	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
	2.30pm Girls Allowed <i>in the Hall</i>
Tues 16 May 	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
	9am Toddlers <i>in the church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>knit and natter in the church – all welcome</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
	7.30pm Ukraine presentation <i>with refreshments in the Hall</i>
Wed 17 May	<i>No Holy Communion today – tomorrow instead</i>
	9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	12-3.30pm 'Welcome Space' <i>in the church</i>
Thurs 18 May	Ascension Day 9am Holy Communion <i>with Ilsham School</i>
Fri 19 May	10am Mummy & Me <i>in the church</i>
	6.30pm Danceathon <i>in aid of the Bin Twinning appeal for Tearfund</i>
Sat 20 May	10-12 Coffee Box <i>on the piazza</i>
	10.20am South West Awake prayer initiative – <i>join Dallas on Babbacombe Downs – see note below</i>
	7.30pm Concert – South Devon Choir – Haydn's Creation
Sun 21 May	8am Holy Communion <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>

Events and Dates for the Diary

Annual Church Meeting – is in the Hall this **Sunday, 14th May 2023** at 4pm. We receive the Annual Report & Financial Report for 2022 and elect Churchwardens and PCC members. All are welcome to attend. Please try to read the reports before you come [Annual Report 2023](#) and [Report of Activities 2023](#) or paper copies will be available in the church on Sunday.

Enjoy a glass of wine while you listen to a presentation from Charlie (Allansen) and Rick (Tyler) on **Tuesday 16 May at 7.30pm** about their recent trip to get generators and other aid to Ukraine. Free entry but donations towards Ukraine welcome.

Everybody Welcome? Please help us make the church as welcoming as we can by joining the 'Everybody Welcome Course' coming up soon. Four Tuesday evenings in the Larkin Hall – 13th, 20th, 27th June & 4th July.

Twin your Bin

Youth Group Sponsored Event Our thriving youth group will be doing a Danceathon on **Friday 19th May** in aid of Tearfund's bin twinning programme. This enables projects in developing countries to tackle their own plastic pollution and turn it into useful products. We're hoping to raise at least £150 to twin the church recycling bin or any other wheelie bins if possible. To support us, please contact Ali Buckley (07800 576818) or Linda Townsend (07790 640372). Thank you.



Christian Aid Week 14-20 May Christian Aid works with local partners and communities across the world, providing disaster relief and equipping disadvantaged people with the resources they need to improve their lives. Climate change is leading to increasing periods of drought, pushing more and more people into poverty. **You are invited to donate in support of Christian Aid's vital work.** If possible, please give via their website (which has the option to gift aid your donation) or by phone: 020 7523 2269 or by post, please send to their Head Office at: Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Coffee Box is back on the Piazza on Saturday morning 20th May. If you are able to help for a couple of hours from 9.30am, serving hot drinks and pastries and chatting to passers-by, please contact either Joanna Wilkinson on 07910 828321 or Andrew Stilliard on 07729 362802.

Tues 23 May 12.30-2.30pm First Aid Course – parents, grandparents, carers of babies and young children £20 – contact Lena on 01803 295268.

News

We are sad to let you know that Les Noakes died recently. His funeral will be held at St Matthias on Thursday 25th May at 2.15pm.

Home needed for Christian family of 4. They come from Donetsk and they are being evacuated due to the danger they are in. In addition to the 2 parents and children,

there is the 65 year old grandmother seeking refuge. If you are able to help, please speak to Tessa or Paul.

Prayer

South West Awake On Saturday 20th May we are invited to stand on the SW Coast path with hundreds of other Christians to pray for God's blessing on Devon. As part of this initiative, Dallas Ayling will be standing at 10.20 am on Babbacombe Downs (opposite the Royal). If you can, please join us for about half an hour of prayer/ praise at that spot.



Pentecost Sunday 28 May – the birthday of the church! There will be a special prayer focus on our needy world and the church. Please join us at 10am.

'Morning Prayer' You're most welcome to join in - **on zoom** at 9 – 9.30am on Monday, Tuesday and now Thursdays as well (but not this week – Ascension Day).

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79289480664?pwd=d1hJendrSmVzdVhvZEk0UGdCZmJzZz09>

Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 Password: Pray

We use the 'Daily Prayer' app – it's free:

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer>

Suggestions for our prayers this week

Sun Today, please pray for our church leaders and PCC members as, during the AGM, they reflect on life in and outside our church last year.

Mon A week on from the Big Help Out events, pray that volunteers will choose to continue the activities they tried.

Tues Pray for carers that the Lord will provide strength and support for their own physical and mental wellbeing.

Wed Think of a street near you and pray for a revelation of God's love to the residents there.

Thu Pray for children that the Lord will protect them from harmful images and words on social media and internet sites.

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

Sat Remember all the good things that God has done and pray for the families and friends who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

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Please note that our services are often live-streamed