

Sunday 14 August 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 Gather for Prayer <i>all welcome</i>
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by coffee</i> https://youtu.be/DW5JWv2q-cs The Holy Spirit's Gifts for Service
	5.30pm Encounter <i>outside in the Forest School</i> Activity Sheet - Gifts of the Spirit

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:

The Summer Social team



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

Tues 16 August	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits – <i>knitting group all welcome in the Hall</i>
Wed 17 August	9am Holy Communion <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
Sun 21 August	8am Holy Communion (<i>from the Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>in the Hall</i>
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>

Readings for Today

1 Corinthians 12

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed...

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

¹²Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴And so the body is not made up of one part but of many...

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

²⁸And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Matthew 3: 13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?'

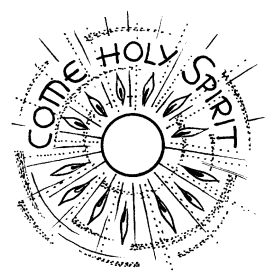
¹⁵Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

*Find out more about the **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** with this leaflet of some bible notes and simple questionnaires to explore more about how God has gifted you.*

[The Holy Spirit's Gifts for Service](#)

Paper copies are also available in the church building.



What's on?

Girls Allowed are meeting for coffee and a catch-up in the garden at 6 Wellswood Avenue on Tuesday 16th August from 10am – 12 midday. Please phone Judi on 01803 211947 if you can join us.

'Explore' and 'Explore @ 4' Services

A simple table to help remember what time our informal services take place! If you have never been to one of these, then we would love to see you.

1 st Sunday: Explore Together at 9:30am
2 nd Sunday: Encounter at 5:30pm
3 rd Sunday: Explore Together at 9:30am
4 th Sunday: Explore Together at 9:30am
5 th Sunday: United Service at 11:00am

Other News

Sad news Lilian Bosley, a long-standing friend of St Matthias, has recently died. Her thanksgiving service will be held here on 23 August at 12.15pm.



Dear Friends at St Matthias,

Thank you so much for sending me out last Sunday with such kindness and encouragement. I will treasure using this beautiful home communion set. Journeying with you has been such a joy, love Ruth

Alarming the building...we are looking for someone who may be willing to alarm the building regularly on a Saturday evening or possibly on a rota. It is often at about 5pm but on a few occasions each year it may be at 10.30pm if there is an event or concert. For more information please contact Pere in the office. Thank you.

Ordination Ruth has spare places for the ticket-only Ordination at Exeter Cathedral on Sat 10/9 at 3pm. If you'd like to go, please phone her on 01803 293119. The service will be live-streamed.



New course in September Mini first aid course 15 Sept 10am-12pm for parents, grandparents and carers of babies and young children £20 per person. Book with Lena on 295268 or stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org

Bacon chef! Can anyone help on the 1st Sunday of each month to cook some bacon for the Explore Service which starts at 9.30am in the Hall. Please contact Lena on 295268 or same email as above.

Homes for Ukraine Olga, Danyil 16 and Alisa 12 have been staying with Paul and Tessa having fled Ukraine. Unfortunately due to a change in circumstances they can no longer host from October. We are looking for new hosts for them or somewhere to rent. They require 2 or 3 bedrooms. If you think you may be able to help then please speak to either Paul or Tessa 07968121923.

Bible Story Challenge

If you have young children – or are looking after some over the holidays – do have a look at the box by the North Porch at the back of church. Lena has put together packs each with a great Bible story and relevant crafts to do together. She promises a (chocolate) prize to everyone who completes 6 packs during the holiday period!

Prayer

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

Sun Pray for those facing financial hardship due to the increased cost of living and pray that the church will stand in the gap.

Mon Please pray for all receiving A-level results, for decisions about University and further education and for possible employment, for those disappointed and reappraising, for those anticipating a significant change in their lives in moving away from home for education.

Tue Pray for all who are ill, awaiting procedures, those recently bereaved, those facing difficulties of different sorts at home or at work.

Wed Pray for all the emergency and caring agencies in the Bay; to name a few: the NHS, the Police, the Fire Brigade, teachers on holiday, those who clean the streets and beaches for visitors.

Thu Continue to pray for Ukraine and all her needs. Pray that the start of shifting grain to needy parts of the world will continue unhindered.

Fri INDIA which is feeling vulnerable between Pakistan and China, with increasing religious intolerance, with continued abuses of women, with its apparent refusal to acknowledge the need for urgent global changes and with its very large population.

Sat Please pray for the Pastoral Team as they care for people's practical needs and pray for the Prayer Ministry Team as they pray for people's spiritual and practical needs.

Sun Many families of the church are separated by many miles and even continents. Thank God for modern technology that makes it possible to keep in touch and even see each other!

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