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

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> https://youtube.com/live/2RLK32fNo5Q?feature=share
	6pm Renovation Service at Exeter Cathedral
Mon 20 May	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Tues 21 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>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed 22 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>
	7.15-9pm Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
Fri 24 May	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sun 26 May	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	5.30pm 'Praise@5.30' <i>informal praise and worship led by our youth group – all welcome</i>

Collect Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your
children with the gift of faith, revive your
Church with the breath of love, and renew
the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:



The Coffee Crew!

Readings

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "'In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.

John 16:5-15

⁵But now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, "Where are you going?" ⁶Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹²'I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.'

Dates for the diary

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>

'Gen Z', 'Millennials'...who are they and what makes them tick?

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

Church Family Outing - 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. Please sign up on the list if you are coming.



Rector's Annual Report given at the meeting on 12 May 24

[Rector's Report from APCM 12.5.24](#)

[Annual Report & Financial Statements 2023](#)

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

Help please!

Help! No-one to welcome Mummy & Me new parents and their babies ☹ on some weeks now. Could you help to serve coffee and help with registration/welcome

please – not necessarily every week – 9.30-11.30. Please let Pere know if you would like to give it a try. Thank you.

News



The loo! We are pleased to report that the ‘disabled loo’ in the linkway is having a make-over! Work will begin on Tuesday 28th May until Tuesday 4th June and so it will be out of use during that time and particularly on Sunday 2 June. The loos downstairs will still be available. Thanks go to The Friends for the generous funding of this project and for making it possible to update our facilities.

Nicci Maxwell – our CMS partner – click below to read her latest newsletter. Nicci is coming to visit us at St Matthias on Sunday 9th June and will be giving an update on her work and future plans. [Newsletter Nicci Maxwell May 2024](#)

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Praise God that He is in control of our chaotic world and continue to pray for an end to the wars in Ukraine and Gaza.

Tues Pray that more church family members will come forward to be involved with groups for children (especially Mummy and Me) and explore new ways to serve. Pray for those who feel heavily burdened by responsibilities that they might feel God’s presence with them in their daily routines.

Wed Thinking of those known to us who are suffering from illness of any kind, pray for healing, patience and perseverance with the medical treatment they receive.

Thurs Continue to pray for young people to recover from mental health issues arising from lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Fri Pray for our government that they will uphold freedom, truth and democracy in our nation in line with God’s kingdom values.

Sat Placing Jesus in the middle of a broken relationship, pray for healing and reconciliation of the people involved.

Sun Think about the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22) – and pray that we shall nurture and sustain them.

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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