



Sunday 21 May 2023

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Welcome! Join us in church or online via our YouTube channel

<https://tinyurl.com/5dp72vs6> or via the church website www.st-matthias-church.org

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Sat 20 May	10-12 noon Coffee Box <i>on the piazza</i>
	10.20am South West Awake – <i>prayer on the Downs</i>
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> https://youtube.com/live/LpNf9HNm_eE?feature=share

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:
Yourselves!



Church usually open for visitors and prayer Monday to Friday 12-2pm

Mon 22 May	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Tues 23 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>
Wed 24 May	12.30-2.30pm First Aid course – <i>see below</i>
	9am Holy Communion
	9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
Thurs 25 May	12-3.30pm 'Welcome Space' <i>in the church</i>
	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Fri 26 May	2.15pm Funeral for Les Noakes
	10am Mummy & Me <i>in the church</i>
Sun 28 May Pentecost Sunday	6.30pm Youth Group 'Bake Off'
	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	10am Special time of Prayer – please join us
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30pm'

Readings

Acts 1:1-11

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.'

John 17:1-11 and 20-26

After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed:

'Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. ⁶ 'I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

²⁰ 'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we

are one – ²³I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ ‘Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ ‘Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.’

Events and Dates for the Diary

Last Chance to book for the First Aid Course - Tuesday 23 May 12.30-2.30pm – parents, grandparents, carers of babies and young children £20 – contact Lena on 01803 295268.

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.

News

Home needed for Christian family of 4. They come from Donetsk and they are being evacuated due to the danger they are in. Please speak to Tessa or Paul.

Clavinova (digital piano) free to a good home! Speak to the office. (A few of the keys need some attention.)

Cleaning Party! We’re having a cleaning party in the church on 1st June from 2-4.30pm – dusting, vacuuming etc. Come and join the party with tea and cake! Cleaning materials provided. We’re also looking for more to join the monthly rota – please see Pere if you feel you can help. Thank you 😊

Internet We have new and faster broadband in the church and the centre! To log in go to ‘St Matthias Guest’ – the password is stmatts2011

“Stay Safe” Come and meet the people from the NGO (non-government organisation) who risk their lives to save others in Ukraine – and who Charlie worked with recently to distribute gifted generators. Thursday 29 June at 7.30pm at the Grand Hotel. Contact Charlie Allansen on 07917 005406.

Prayer

Thy Kingdom Come: Wave of Prayer Starts on Thursday! Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that starts on Ascension Day (18 May) and runs until Pentecost (28 May). It invites Christian from all around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. **For Thy Kingdom Come this year, we are**

encouraging churches to pray for the 'Come and See' Mission Weekend on the 10-12 November 2023 (Remembrance Weekend).

Archbishop Justin Welby will be spending the weekend in Devon taking part in a number of missional outreach events. Each mission community is being encouraged to host a missional event over the weekend. Now is a good time to be praying for people in your community to come to know Jesus during Come and See.

For resources to help your churches, households or small groups to get involved (including resources for children, a prayer journal, social media graphics and videos) see [here](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/). <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

South West Awake 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.

Dallas Ayling will be standing at 10.20 am on Babbacombe Downs (opposite the Royal). Please join us if you can 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.** And please come dressed in something orange or red or yellow as we meet to celebrate this day!

'Morning Prayer' You're most welcome to join in - **on zoom** at 9 – 9.30am on Monday, Tuesday and now Thursdays as well.

<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 Praise God for the wonder of His creation. Pray for all those who take part in caring for our environment, both at home and at work.

Mon Pray that more church family members will come forward to be involved with groups for children (of all ages) at our church and explore the new ways of serving.

Tues Many of us feel pulled in different directions by responsibilities and commitments, pray that we make time to spend with God.

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

Thu Pray for family and friends who do not yet know Jesus as Lord that they will be open to listen as we witness to them.

Fri Pray for our government that they will uphold the freedom and democracy of our nation within God's will.

Sat In preparation for the celebration of Pentecost, pray that we shall know the blessing of the Holy Spirit deep in our hearts.

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