



Sunday 21 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>from the Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>in the Hall</i>
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i> https://youtu.be/63AbS48KTM

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:

AV Team



***Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm
(not Tuesday this week)***

Tues 23 Aug	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits – knitting group all welcome in the Lounge
	12.15pm Thanksgiving Service for Lilian Bosley followed by refreshments in the Hall
Wed 24 Aug	9am Holy Communion Do join us and have a coffee afterwards
	10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
Sun 28 Aug	8am Holy Communion (<i>from the Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>in the Hall</i>
	10am Gather for Prayer
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by coffee</i>

Readings for Today

1 Corinthians 13: 1-7 NRSV

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

John 15: 9-17 NIVUK

⁹ ‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: love each other.



*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?



St Matt's on Mission We are excited to welcome back our friends from Through Faith Missions on Friday 16th September to work with us for the weekend in our parish. We would like help with accommodation, catering and joining the team on the piazza and nearby areas to speak to folk and engage in faith conversations. Please contact Andrew Stilliard (07729 362802) or Joanna Wilkinson (07910 828321) or church office for more details. Also please pray for the weekend to be fruitful.



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

'Explore' and 'Encounter' 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.

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 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.

Nicci Maxwell Click [here](#) to read Nicci's latest newsletter from Uganda.

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 It would be lovely to see people around the Church praying for each other. Let's pray for the gift of prayer in our Church.

Mon Thank the Lord for the rain this week and pray for continued rain to restore water levels, and pray for better management of water supplies in this country.

Tue Pray for all who are ill, in hospital, or who are suffering as a result of the recent heat wave. Pray God will heal them.

Wed Pray for peace in our world, especially for the sad looking Ukraine. Pray that their grain will continue to be exported and bring relief in many parts of the world.

Thu Please pray for measures to be taken at government and at community level to prepare for the cost of living increases in the autumn and winter, and pray for those reasonably anxious about how to afford heating, energy and food.

Fri Please pray for Afghanistan, one year after the takeover by the Taliban, for severe drought across the country, for teenage girls prevented from attending education, for the lack of work opportunities for women and for those still being persecuted for their faith.

Sat Pray for our Leadership Team, that they may trust the Holy Spirit to guide them. Also for those in other churches in the Bay.

Sun Pray that we see people coming to faith in Jesus through the activities taking place in our Church.



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