



Sunday 22 May 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>)
	11am Holy Communion followed by coffee https://youtu.be/20tY5HDy4sg On the Road to Emmaus
	4pm Explore @ 4

Our readings today are:

Acts 16:9-15 <https://tinyurl.com/2p95drdx>

John 14:15- 31 <https://tinyurl.com/5y894stf>

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:

Ukrainian
Support
Group



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

Mon 23 May	7-9pm Safeguarding Training <i>in the Lounge</i>
Tues 24 May	9am Toddlers <i>in the church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matts Knits <i>in the Hall</i>
Wed 25 May	9am Holy Communion
	10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers practice <i>in church</i>
	7.30pm Alpha <i>on zoom</i>
Thurs 26 May Ascension Day	9am Holy Communion
Fri 27 May	10-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30pm Youth Club – Jubilee Celebration <i>in the Hall</i>
Sun 29 May	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	11am Family Holy Communion

Readings for Today

Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. 'If you consider me a believer in the Lord,' she said, 'come and stay at my house.' And she persuaded us.

John 14:15- 31

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.'

²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, 'But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?'

²³ Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ 'All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ 'You heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. ³⁰ I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, ³¹ but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

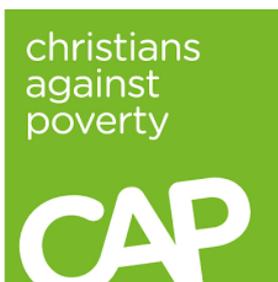
'Come now; let us leave.

News

Praise God! We've found the Youth and Outreach Worker we've been praying for in Laura Guihen 😊 Laura has recently already taken over leading the Friday evening Youth Groups with a great team alongside. We expect Laura to begin her employment here for 4 days a week in late June. Thank you for praying, and thank you for giving to the Youth worker fund.



Living in Love and Faith Thank you for returning the feedback forms. There is some interest for some further bible study sessions– more info to follow!



CAP money course at St Matthias – we're running a free CAP money course to help us think about how to spend, save and budget more wisely. If you would like to come along please email talktous@st-matthias-church.org or call the office on 214175. It'll be in the Hall on 7, 14, 21 June from 7-9pm.

Street Pastors Celebration evening Tues 7 June 6.30 – 9pm, Upton Vale Church, pizza and refreshments, all welcome, current and past street pastors, family and friends and those interested in the work. It will be great to see you.

Safeguarding training sessions for anyone working with adults eg part of the Open Church team or one of the welcomers or prayer ministry team or home group leaders? Basic Awareness and Foundation Course on **Mon 23 May 7pm or Mon 6 June 1.30pm** in the lounge. The presentation from Sue Davies (safeguarding rep) will take about two hours. (Training for those working with children to follow.) Please email Sue Davies if you are able to attend on safeguardingstmatthias@gmail.com

Nicci Maxwell latest newsletter here [Nicci Maxwell's latest update May 2022](#)

Jan and Phil Miles have felt God calling them to support the new 'Bay Church' in Paignton – much to their surprise! We're really grateful for their fellowship and service over many years, and pray that they would be a blessing in this new church.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the lovely thanksgiving service for Avril. Thanks also to John, Monica, Cecil, David, Mike on the organ and Cliff who did everything so well and to all who helped provide the refreshments after the service. It was a fitting tribute to Avril. Thank you. Malcolm and Ashley

Saturday 4 June – a chain of prayer and praise!

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How can you serve?

Minibus drivers required to give lifts to church on a Sunday. Please speak to Andrew Stilliard on 07729 362802 or to the office on 214175. Thank you



We need help with serving coffee on a Sunday particularly on 29th May and 5th June! Please see Pere in the office or ring on 214175.

Platinum Jubilee - Celebrations



Dates for your diary:

Thursday 2 June 1-3pm – Community Party on the Piazza including Hog Roast and entertainment

Sunday 5 June - church family lunch after the service – sign up at the back of church today

Prayer

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

Sun. Praise God for the appointment of Laura Guihen as our new Youth and Outreach leader. Pray for her, her family, and that she will help the youth to know and be loyal to Jesus, and have fun at the same time.

Mon. Please pray for Her Majesty the Queen as she soon celebrates her Platinum Jubilee. Pray that what everyone does makes her realise the love and respect she has in the country.

Tue. Thank God for the work of Christian Aid to help people in great need. Praise God for all who were generous in their giving last week.

Wed Ukraine has the best educated army in the world, including judges, professors and journalists! Pray for the civilians now fighting for Ukraine.

Thu. Pray for the Homegroups that all in them will grow closer in fellowship and nearer to Jesus. May they be a place where each helps the other.

Fri. East Africa drought: 'The suffering here has no equal' – so said the BBC. Pray for the struggles in Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and Ethiopia. The situation is really dire.

Sat. Pray for all the activities that happen in our church life and that we may learn how to help each other and live the lives Jesus would have us lead.

Sun. Today we have the joy of worshipping together without hindrance. Pray for the areas where it may be hard or dangerous to meet together – like India, Nigeria and Iraq.

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