

Sunday 28 August 2022

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## Welcome! Christ is risen!

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| <b>Today</b> | <b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>  |
|              | <b>9.30am Explore Together</b> <i>in the Hall</i>  |
|              | <b>10am Gather for Prayer</b>  |
|              | <b>11am Morning Worship</b> <i>followed by coffee</i><br><a href="https://youtu.be/t0CVFhNetSI">https://youtu.be/t0CVFhNetSI</a> |

### Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Thanks go to:

The Clergy



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

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| <b>Mon 29 Aug</b>  | <b>Bank Holiday – Church and Centre closed</b>  |
| <b>Tues 30 Aug</b> | <b>12-1.30pm Matt's Knits</b> – <i>knitting group all welcome in the Hall</i>   |
| <b>Wed 31 Aug</b>  | <b>9am Holy Communion</b> <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>  |
|                    | <b>10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>  |
| <b>Sat 3 Sept</b>  | <b>9am Torbay Men's Breakfast at Livermead House Hotel</b>  |
| <b>Sun 4 Sept</b>  | <b>Lessons from Luke no.1 'Good Housekeeping'</b>   |
|                    | <b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>   |
|                    | <b>9.30am Explore Together</b> <i>in the Hall</i><br><i>Breakfast with bacon returns! A great opportunity for families to get together but everyone is welcome!</i> |
|                    | <b>10am Gather for Prayer</b>   |
|                    | <b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by coffee</i>  |
|                    | <b>12.30 Baptism of Darcie-Rose and Taio</b>  |

## Readings for Today

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-19; 20-28; 50-58

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

<sup>12</sup> But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For he 'has put everything under his feet' ... <sup>28</sup> When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself

with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

<sup>55</sup> 'Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?'

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

## John 20: 24-31

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## 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](mailto:stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org)

**Growing in Prayer** course beginning on 8 September – see here for more information <https://exeter.anglican.org/ministry/lay-ministry/lay-learning/>

## '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.

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

## Other News

**Bacon chefs** needed for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

The challenge for young children continues! Do have a look at the box by the North Porch at the back of church for some holiday packs. There is a (chocolate) prize for everyone who completes 6 packs during the holiday period!

## Prayer

### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

**Sun** Pray for our clergy and their ministry in our church.

**Mon** Pray for the cleanliness of our beaches and seas in the context of the anxiety by visitors and locals who swim regularly.

**Tue** After the Lambeth Conference, pray for the leaders of the Anglican Communion, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and our local Bishops.

**Wed** We need peace in our world. We continue to pray for Ukraine and all countries where there is no harmony.

**Thu** Pray for our criminal justice system - many courts are shut or in a poor condition, there are long delays in cases being heard. Pray for an effective prosecution service, for proper remuneration on legal aid for defence lawyers.

**Fri** Pray for all in the Church family who are in need or trouble of any kind, praying that they may look towards God for their help.

**Sat** Pray for the countries in South America; some oil-rich but not sharing with their residents, for continued drug related violence, for poverty, for preservation of their natural resources, for their governments and democracy.

**Sun** Pray for Ruth Beckett in these last weeks before her Ordination. Also pray for Sharon Hiley as she confirms what God's will is for her life and Ministry.

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Curate: Pete Norris [pete@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:pete@st-matthias-church.org) Please note that our services are often live-streamed