

Sunday 3 July 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

<b>Today</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Common Worship</i> ) followed by coffee <a href="https://youtu.be/6BvZ22Rb_nY">https://youtu.be/6BvZ22Rb_nY</a> <a href="#">Activity Sheet: Naaman and the Servant Girl</a>
	<b>5.30pm Sorry, no prayer meeting this week</b>

### Collect

God our saviour,  
 look on this wounded world  
 in pity and in power;  
 hold us fast to your promises of peace  
 won for us by your Son,  
 our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### Thanks go to:



Musicians

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

<b>Tues 5 July</b>	<b>9.00 -11.30am Toddlers</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>12-1.30pm Matt's Knits</b> <i>in the Hall</i>
<b>Wed 6 July</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>
	<b>2pm LLF Lent follow-on course</b> <i>in the lounge</i>
	<b>7.30pm LLF Lent follow-on course</b> <i>in the lounge</i>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers</b> <i>practice in church</i>
<b>Fri 8 July</b>	<b>10-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>6.30pm Youth Club</b>
<b>Sat 9 July</b>	<b>10am – 12pm Coffee Box</b> <i>on the piazza</i>
<b>Sun 10 July</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>10am Prayer for Ukraine</b>
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> <i>followed by coffee</i>
	<b>4pm Encounter</b> <i>informal service for all</i>

## Readings for Today

### 2 Kings 5:1-19a

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

<sup>2</sup> Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, 'If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

<sup>4</sup> Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. <sup>5</sup> 'By all means, go,' the king of Aram replied. 'I will send a letter to the king of Israel.' So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. <sup>6</sup> The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: 'With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy.'

<sup>7</sup> As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, 'Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!'

<sup>8</sup> When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: 'Why have you torn your robes? Make the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.' <sup>9</sup> So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, 'Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.'

<sup>11</sup> But Naaman went away angry and said, 'I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?' So he turned and went off in a rage.

<sup>13</sup> Naaman's servants went to him and said, 'My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, "Wash and be cleansed"!' <sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

<sup>15</sup> Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.'

<sup>16</sup> The prophet answered, 'As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing.' And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

<sup>17</sup> 'If you will not,' said Naaman, 'please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. <sup>18</sup> But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: when my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and

he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also – when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this.’

<sup>19</sup> ‘Go in peace,’ Elisha said.

### **Luke 4:13- 30**

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup> He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> ‘The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’

<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. ‘Isn’t this Joseph’s son?’ they asked.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘Surely you will quote this proverb to me: “Physician, heal yourself!” And you will tell me, “Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.”’ <sup>24</sup> ‘Truly I tell you,’ he continued, ‘no prophet is accepted in his home town. <sup>25</sup> I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. <sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup> And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed – only Naaman the Syrian.’ <sup>28</sup> All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

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## What's on?

'Living in love and Faith' - for those who attended the Lent Course this year, there's a follow-up session on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm, repeated at 7.30pm – in the Lounge specifically to look in more depth at related key biblical texts and themes.

**Open Church**...did you know that the church is open for visitors and prayer every weekday from 12 – 2pm? And on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (12-1) the church is staffed so why not drop in to say hello and have a coffee too! You will be made very welcome.



**St Matthias Church Pre-School Job Vacancy – Assistant Manager**...we are looking for a very special person to join our team. It's a leadership position managing a small team of staff and the daily running of a Pre-School. Previous leadership experience preferable. Hours: 8.30am – 3.30pm daily plus 1 staff meeting per week (19.5 hours minimum to 32.5 hours depending on applicant). Enquiries to the church office ([admin@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:admin@st-matthias-church.org)) or indeed.com

**How do I share my faith?** Come and find out how during a 2-hour session with Steve Rouse and Lyn Weston from LICC – London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. This session is open to all Christians in Torbay. Thursday, 14th July 2022 7pm - 9pm by zoom. Book yourself a place £5 via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sharing-your-faith-tickets-349883921227>



### Prayer

#### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

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| <b>Sun</b> | The church is open every day for prayer. Pray that we will become more a community of prayer.  |
| <b>Mon</b> | Pray that Nicci Maxwell in Uganda may find friends for fun, freedom and fellowship, apart from her work.   |
| <b>Tue</b> | Pray for those who are ill, facing treatment, recently bereaved - may all know God's touch of love and healing.  |
| <b>Wed</b> | Pray for the follow up to the Lent course as relevant Scriptures are studied.  |
| <b>Thu</b> | Covid has increased recently. Please pray for those suffering serious illness as a consequence and for those living with Long Covid.   |
| <b>Fri</b> | Pray that the vacancy in the Pre-School will be filled by just the right person.   |
| <b>Sat</b> | Ukraine is a leading country in international surrogacy. Many babies have not been collected by the parents from around the world and some have been abandoned. Pray for these children, their futures and for those looking after them. |
| <b>Sun</b> | Pray for those who preach week by week that they will know from God what we all need to live for God effectively.  |