

Sunday 4th September 2022

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Lessons from Luke

'Good housekeeping'

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 in the Hall <i>Breakfast with bacon returns! A great opportunity for families to get together but everyone is welcome!</i>
	10am Gather for Prayer
	11am Holy Communion followed by coffee https://youtu.be/DstEzSMEpf4
	12.30pm Baptism of Darcie Rose & Taio

Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:
 remind us of your goodness,
 increase your grace within us,
 that our thankfulness may grow,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:
 Tony the PCC
 treasurer 😊

Please pick up a copy of
 the **'2022 Give to God'**
 leaflet today!

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

Tues 6 Sept	9-11.30am Toddlers is back! <i>In the church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
Wed 7 Sept	9am Holy Communion <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
Fri 9 Sept	10-11.30am Mummy & Me is back! <i>In the church with Lullabubbas Music Company – all families with babies up to 12 months welcome!</i>
Sat 10 Sept	Ruth's ordination at Exeter Cathedral at 3pm – to watch live click on this link: facebook.com/CofEDevon
Sun 11 Sept	Lessons from Luke no.2 'FINANCIAL TIMES'
	8am Holy Communion <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	10am Gather for Prayer
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by coffee</i>
	5.30pm Encounter <i>informal worship</i>

Readings for Today

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Luke 16:1-15

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg — ⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶ “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵ He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

What's on?

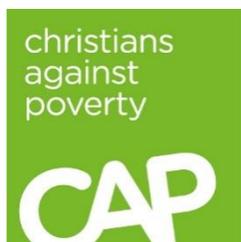


St Matt's on Mission We are excited to welcome back our friends from Through Faith Missions on Friday 16th September to work with us for the weekend in our parish. We would like help with accommodation, catering and joining the team on the piazza and nearby areas to speak to folk and engage in faith 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.

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

Music for our Time and all that Jazz Sat 1st Oct at 7.30pm The Friends of St Matthias are pleased to welcome back the always entertaining Jane Wibberley’s “*Wibb Trio*” (Jane, David and Mark). Christine Tibbetts and her team will be at her desk with tickets before and after the 11 am service on Sunday and every Sunday during September. Music, entertainment and instruction. And food. What better way to celebrate the start of our autumn season? Rob Newman Chairman



CAP Course

Worried about your finances? We’re running a free CAP MONEY COURSE to help us all think about how we can spend, save and budget more wisely.

When? 12, 19, 26 Oct at 7pm

Where? St Matthias Church Lounge

How do I book? Email: talktous@st-matthias-church.org

Or call the church office on 01803 214175

Begin Well - our free 5 week antenatal course returns for the 6th time on Thursday 6th October at 7.30pm in Church. For further information, contact Lena on 01803 295268 to book. Just a few places remaining!

‘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

Pete Norris. We're sad to report that Pete is off ill at present – and, while he is getting better, he is unlikely to be back before October. This also means he will miss the ordination of priests at the end of September. Please keep Pete, Rachel, Evie and Ella in your prayers. Thank you. John B.

Bacon chefs needed for 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.

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

Remember Andrew Tremlett? Andrew was a curate here some years ago, and will be installed as the new Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London at 3pm on 25th Sept 😊

Prayer

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

Sun Thank God for Sunday. Pray that Christians will keep Sunday special to worship and relax with other Christians.

Mon Praise the Lord for the life of Mikhail Gorbachev, and all that he accomplished through glasnost and the huge change in the world as a consequence. We pray for Russian people at this time of mourning and reflection on the openness he brought to that country.

Tue Pray for Pete Norris's healing, for his family and for all in our church fellowship who are suffering hardship in any way.

Wed Please continue to pray for our Queen, for her health, for the stresses upon her from within her family, and for overseeing the transition to a new prime minister.

Thu Please pray for our new Prime Minister that she or he may run the country with wisdom, integrity and looking out for the poor and less privileged.

Fri We pray wisdom in dealing with the energy crisis, cost of living anxieties and appropriate response to the war – and for wisdom for us as a church to respond to local peoples' needs.

Sat Ruth Beckett is Ordained Deacon today. Praise God for her witness and work as a Reader. She will need our prayers as she begins this new Ministry in Preston and Paignton.

Sun Pray for all our Church leaders, national, county, local and parochial. Pray for them wisdom, humility and courage.



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when you can 😊**

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Please note that our services are often live-steamed