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Sat 6 May	Coronation Service – live-streamed in the church from 10am order of service here https://tinyurl.com/deccackb
Sun 7 May	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with breakfast!</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee on the piazza</i> https://youtube.com/live/vD5a-7EPZKc?feature=share
	...and Family Lunch in the church

Church usually open for visitors and prayer Monday to Friday 12-2pm

Mon 8 May	Bank Holiday – church and centre closed <i>9am Litter Pick beginning on Wellswood Green opp Kents Pub or join at Meadfoot beach (Kilmorie end) circa 9.30am – all welcome</i>
Tues 9 May	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom
	9am Toddlers in the church
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>knit and natter in the church – all welcome</i>
Wed 10 May	9am Holy Communion
	9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	12-3.30pm 'Welcome Space' <i>in the church</i>
Thurs 11 May	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom
Fri 12 May	10am Mummy & Me <i>in the church</i>
	6.30pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall 'Taskmaster'</i>
Sun 14 May <i>Christian Aid Week</i> <i>14-20 May</i>	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am United Family Service <i>followed by coffee</i>
	4pm Annual Church Meeting <i>in the Hall</i>
Next Week	Wed 17th – no 9am Holy Communion – on Thurs 18th at 9am instead (Ascension Day)

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Please note that our services are often live-streamed

Readings for today

1 Kings 3:5-10

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, 'Ask for whatever you want me to give you.'

⁶ Solomon answered, 'You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.'

⁷ 'Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?' ¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this.

Luke 22.24-30

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

Collect Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:
Everyone
helping with
preparation for
the APCM



Events and Dates for the Diary

Annual Church Meeting – is in the Hall on **Sunday, 14th May 2023** at 4pm. We receive the Annual Report & Financial Report for 2022 and elect Churchwardens and PCC members. All are welcome to attend. Please try to read the reports before you come [Annual Report 2023](#) and [Report of Activities 2023](#) or paper copies will be available on request next week from the office and on Sunday 14th.

Girls Allowed – Monday 15th May @ 2.30pm – ‘Poetry with a difference’ plus tea and cake in the hall. Please bring a poem or song lyric to share – or come to listen and enjoy the cake! £3 donation welcome. Reply to Judi on 01803 211947.



Messy Church Tues 16 May at 3.15pm ending with supper together. To book contact Lena on 295268 or email: stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org

Enjoy a glass of wine while you listen to a presentation from Charlie (Allansen) and Rick (Tyler) on **Tuesday 16 May at 7.30pm** about their recent trip to get generators and other aid to Ukraine. The presentation will include photos and videos and there will be a complimentary glass of wine. No need to book. Free entry but donations towards Ukraine welcome.

Everybody Welcome? Please help us make the church as welcoming as we can by joining the ‘Everybody Welcome Course’ coming up soon. Four Tuesday evenings in the Larkin Hall – 13th, 20th, 27th June & 4th July.

Twin your Bin

Youth Group Sponsored Event Our thriving youth group will be doing a Danceathon on **Friday 19th May** in aid of Tearfund’s bin twinning programme. This enables projects in developing countries to tackle their own plastic pollution and turn it into useful products. We’re hoping to raise at least £150 to twin the church recycling bin or any other wheelie bins if possible. To support us, please contact Ali Buckley (07800 576818) or Linda Townsend (07790 640372). Thank you.



Christian Aid Week 14-20 May

Christian Aid works with local partners and communities across the world, providing disaster relief and equipping disadvantaged people with the resources they need to improve their lives. Climate change is leading to increasing periods of drought, pushing more and more people into poverty. **You are invited to donate in support of Christian Aid’s vital work.** If possible, please give via their website (which has the option to gift aid your donation) or by telephone: 020 7523 2269. For donations by post, please send to their Head Office at: Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Tues 23 May 12.30-2.30pm First Aid Course – parents, grandparents, carers of babies and young children £20 – contact Lena on 01803 295268.

News

We are sad to let you know that Les Noakes died on Sunday. His funeral will be held at St Matthias on Thursday 25th May at 2.15pm.



Did you know? You can now make donations to the church with this QR code (*though if you want to give more than £30 and can claim Gift Aid, please let the treasurer team know you have done that treasurer@st-matthias-church.org*) Thank you 😊

Still Going Strong with Open the Book at 104!!!

Open the Book volunteer John Allen from Crediton has just celebrated his 104th birthday with a celebration at the primary school where he still regularly volunteers. John is part of the [Open the Book](#) team at Haywood's Primary School, Crediton. Open the Book is a [Bible Society](#) initiative which gives primary school children the opportunity to hear Bible stories during 'assemblies'. We have a team at St Matthias that visit Warberry and Ilsham academies each week – find out more on Sunday 14th May at the United Family Service.



Prayer

Prayer South West 20 May beginning at 10.30am
www.southwestawake.com for more information.



Pentecost Sunday 28 May – the birthday of the church! There will be a special prayer focus on our needy world and the church. Please join us at 10am.

'Morning Prayer' You're most welcome to join in - **on zoom** at 9 – 9.30am on Monday, Tuesday and now Thursday as well.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79289480664?pwd=d1hJendrSmVzdVhvZEk0UGdCZmJzZz09>

Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 Password: Pray

We use the 'Daily Prayer' app – it's free:

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer>

Suggestions for our prayers this week

Sun As we meet with one another over this weekend of Coronation celebrations, pray for absent relatives and friends.

Mon Pray for anyone needing diagnosis or surgery for a health condition, that they will not have to wait much longer or have an appointment cancelled.

Tues We can all be good stewards of the resources available to us. Pray for a responsible approach to our own waste management.

Wed The number of displaced peoples around the world, whether from war or natural disaster, continues to grow. Pray that aid will quickly reach those in most need.

Thurs We praise and thank you for the ministry of John and all our church leaders and volunteers. Pray for refreshment of spirit and extra support for those feeling burdened by their work.

Fri Pray for unity in your church and the will of leaders to keep talking about the issues that create divisions.

Sat Think about those who are lonely and pray that they will discover the joy of the Lord's presence.