



Sunday 8 May 2022

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<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>11am Morning Worship</b> <a href="https://youtu.be/Qla4zbPeQ4Q">https://youtu.be/Qla4zbPeQ4Q</a> followed by coffee
	<b>4pm Encounter</b> <a href="#">dorcus.pdf - Activity Sheet</a>
	<b>5.30pm Annual Church Meeting</b>

Our readings today are:

**John 1: 35-46** <https://tinyurl.com/2p8f55vv>

**Acts 11: 19-30** <https://tinyurl.com/yfmu4d2u>

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**Collect**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**Thanks go to:**

Our musicians



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

<b>Mon 9 May</b>	<b>7.30pm PCC</b> <i>in the Hall</i>
<b>Tues 10 May</b>	<b>9am Toddlers</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>12-1.30pm Matts Knits</b> <i>in the Hall</i>
<b>Wed 11 May</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers</b> <i>practice in church</i>
	<b>7.30pm Alpha</b> <i>on zoom</i>
<b>Fri 13 May</b>	<b>10-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b>
	<b>6.30pm Youth Club – Rounders</b>
<b>Sat 14 May</b>	<b>10am – 4pm Begin Well Ante-Natal Course</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>10am – 12pm Coffee Box</b> <i>on the piazza</i>
<b>Sun 15 May</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> followed by coffee
	<b>5.30pm Prayer Meeting</b>

## Readings for Today

### John 1: 35-46

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!'

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?'

They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?'

<sup>39</sup> 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.'

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.'

<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' <sup>46</sup> 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked.

'Come and see,' said Philip.

### Acts 11: 19-30

<sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. <sup>20</sup> Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

<sup>22</sup> News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. <sup>24</sup> He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. <sup>27</sup> During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) <sup>29</sup> The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. <sup>30</sup> This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

**TODAY**

## 5.30pm Annual Church Meeting – all welcome

Copy of reports available on the church website and some hard copies available in church – one per family please.

[Annual Report 2022](#) & [A.P.C.M report 2022 - activities and groups.pdf](#).

**A thanksgiving service** for the life of Avril Ford will be held on Wed 18 May at 12pm. All welcome. Please wear bright colours! *Thank you – Malcolm and Ashley*

**Funeral** The funeral of Wendy Hastings will be on Friday 20 May at 12.30pm.

**Messy Church**...reserve the date for our next event on Tuesday 17th May at 3.15-5.30pm. Full details next week! Our next Saturday Messy will be in June in addition to the Tuesday. Contact Lena to book on 01803 295268.

For Easter we held two events and had a total attendance of 112, including 70 children and welcomed 12 new families. Many thanks to our tremendous helpers which this time included, Val, Elaine, Diane, Linda, Archie, Lindsay, Holly, Laura, Rachel, Paul and Giles.

**Begin Well** SPECIAL ONE DAY FREE ANTENATAL COURSE Saturday **May 14<sup>th</sup>** St Matthias 10am-4pm to include lunch. Book at [www.beginwell.org.uk](http://www.beginwell.org.uk) or contact Lena Fearnley on 01803 295268 for further information.

**Next Friends Event** 14 May at Little Theatre “The Passing of the Third Floor Back” by Jerome K Jerome. Tickets from church on Sundays or from Christine Tibbetts on 291033. (The recent Organ Concert was a great success and raised almost £500!)  
Rob Newman

**LLF questionnaire** – a questionnaire will be emailed early next week to everyone who attended the recent Lent course to find out how it went and if there are any subjects you would like to learn more about. If you haven't received one by the end of next week please contact the office. Thank you.

## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



### *Dates for your diary:*

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

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

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**Sun.** As we worship together today may we really give God the glory, honour and praise He deserves, worshipping Him in spirit and truth.

**Mon.** We pray for all those who have recently been bereaved, those who are ill or in pain, those whose procedures have been delayed, that God will meet them where they need.

**Tue.** There are 40 million people, of which 25% are children, in slavery in the world today. Please pray against human trafficking, for better criminal justice and effective preventive measures, for identification of the problem and joined up intergovernmental work.

**Wed.** Pray for all who are finding the cost of living prohibitive and affecting their lives. Pray especially for any in our church and that we may help with sensitivity.

**Thu.** Remember all in the emergency services, especially in the ambulance service where they have the trials of having to wait to hand over their patients to the hospitals.

**Fri** We continue to pray for war torn Ukraine and for all those who have been bereaved, made homeless, injured or stateless.

**Sat.** Pray for Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal family as they prepare to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Thank God for her good example.

**Sun.** Pray that we will be better listeners to one another just as the love of God begins in listening to His Word.



### Christian Aid Week 15-21 May

Christian Aid works with local partners and communities across the world, providing disaster relief and equipping disadvantaged and marginalised people with the resources they need to improve their

lives. As a result of the Covid pandemic, conflict, and increasing periods of drought due to climate change, more and more people are being pushed into poverty, particularly in Africa. On top of all this, the war in Ukraine is now driving up food prices and limiting supplies of fertiliser.

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>



**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](mailto:talktous@st-matthias-church.org) or call the office on 214175. It'll be in the Hall on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> June from 7-9pm.