

Lord
 ✦ JESUS
 ✦ have
 ✦ MERCY
 ✦ ON ME
 ✦ A SINNER

IMAGINE
 Extraordinary
 Forgiveness!



13 September 2020

www.st-matthias-church.org

Welcome

Services online

Services – all available on the church YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

or via the church website:

<https://st-matthias-church.org/about-us/covid-19-corona-virus/>

(or follow links from 'covid/coronavirus' or 'services' tabs on home page)

Sunday 13 Sept	8am Holy Communion <i>online</i> (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am United Family Worship Service <i>online</i>
	9.30am Godly Play Story <i>online</i> – Joseph www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk
	10.30am Coffee on Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73041356839?pwd=Y3B0TWNVdENjdlh5eTMrRmMvSWY1UT09 Meeting ID: 730 4135 6839 Passcode: j8xeRR
	11am Morning Worship <i>in church</i> <i>(Please see note below about wearing a face covering)</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>on Zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78798188368?pwd=Rmd1ZGF0ZnhUVDNNMEZFaGE1YThDQT09 Meeting ID: 787 9818 8368 Passcode: 0MaesQ

Bible readings for today: Matthew 18:21-35 NIVUK

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+18%3A++21-35&version=NIVUK>

Today, as we **IMAGINE** what the 'new normal' could look like, we explore another of Jesus' parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and consider what the

church, and our society would look like with **God's Extraordinary**

Forgiveness. As Jesus reminds us, God is still at work. He has an amazing vision. His invitation to partner with Him to bring in more and more of his Kingdom – where everything runs as God intends it to run – hasn't changed because of covid-19 – indeed there are more things than ever that are not as God wants them to be.

FORGIVENESS

Next week, 20th September for the first time for months, we're planning to celebrate Holy Communion at 11am 😊

The usual sanitising and face covering rules still apply – removing your face covering just to receive the bread of communion (and sadly we still cannot sing). This is all of course subject to detailed guidance from the government and Church of England in the light of the recent change in law to restrict social gatherings to a group of six. At present, we do not expect this to change the way we have church services. On 9th September, the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally is quoted as saying:

“I welcome confirmation from the Prime Minister that places of worship can still hold more than six people in total, despite the new restrictions on gatherings, and the reassurance that public worship can continue.

“We will continue to work with the Government on specific areas relating to our churches and church-based activities.”

Please do not come into church if you are unwell, self-isolating, in the shielded group or looking after someone who is in that category.

Next week	
Wed 16 Sept	10-12.30pm Church open for private prayer
Fri 18 Sept	6.30-8pm Youth Club begins again 😊 <i>online</i> If you want to get in contact with the youth team with any queries please email stmattscandy@gmail.com
Sun 20 Sept	9.30am Growzone <i>online</i>
	10.30am Coffee on Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73041356839?pwd=Y3B0TWNVdENjdlh5eTMrRmMvSWY1UT09 Meeting ID: 730 4135 6839 Passcode: j8xeRR
	11am Holy Communion in church – this will be live in church and will also be live-streamed on our YouTube channel <i>(As usual, we ask that you stay at home if you are unwell or have a health condition making you particularly vulnerable. Please see note about wearing a face covering.)</i>

Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Thanks go to... 😊

The stewards who
enable the church
to open midweek
and on Sundays



ENJOY GODLY PLAY! THE STORY OF JOSEPH This is the latest of six Old Testament stories NOW available on www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk or through St Matthias Church's website. All sessions last around 20 minutes. Lena has put together fantastic free activity packs which support children to explore each of these stories further. Just email lenafearnley@googlemail.com and you will be sent one!

Sponsor a child who is living in 'the developing world' and see through their letters and photos the amazing difference that sponsorship is making. £28 a month provides for their education and basic needs, additional gifts can be given at birthdays and Christmas. Or why not consider doing this as a homegroup or two or more individuals joining together? Compassion provide opportunities via the internet to send and receive news and photos. For more information about this unique way of showing Christ's love to a stranger or about joining with someone else please contact Keith or Cherry Yelland keith@yellands.com

For our praise and prayers this week

Sun	Pray that the prayer life and worship in our Church will be deepened. We pray especially that our services in Church and online will be a real blessing.
Mon	Praise the Lord for the visit (via zoom) of Mike Robins last week on behalf of Compassion, who we support. Pray for Mugisha sponsored by our young people. Pray that others will take up the challenge to sponsor a child.
Tues	In our Church family remember those who are bereaved, those who are dangerously ill, others awaiting treatment or in hospital or care homes.
Wed	At this critical time in the pandemic we pray for those suffering from the virus, the bereaved, those afraid and those confused about what they should be doing about mixing with people.
Thurs	Pray for the needy folk of the Bay and for those trying to help them, especially Torquay Community Larder.
Fri	As our Church, and the Church generally, struggles to find the best way to be "Church", pray for the leaders, Archbishops, our Bishops Robert, Nick and Jacqui and all the Parish Incumbents that they may have wisdom in their planning.
Sat	As the Bible commands us we pray for the Queen, Prime Minister, Members of State and Parliament and all who govern our country.
Sun	Pray for peace in the world remembering those countries where there is violence and suffering through natural and manmade disasters.

News

Good News! **Lena Fearnley** has offered to work part time as the Children's lead for around 12 hours a week. She will become the first point of contact for children and families in the church. Please pray for her and her family, as we look forward to seeing Lena's energy and passion released further in the nurturing of faith in our children and families. To contact Lena, please either text her or email: 07903 376340 lenafearnley@googlemail.com

Torquay Community Larder is still operating and in need of donations. Please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372 to make arrangements for collection. (Donations cannot be left in the church at the moment.) Thank you.

Open Doors magazine & prayer diary If anyone would like a copy please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372.

Torbay Food Alliance – volunteer drivers required – could you help?

As more and more people return to work, we have been losing our wonderful volunteer drivers. Torbay Community Development Trust were helping us to find volunteers, but their list has dwindled. Although we do not need drivers as frequently now as we did during lockdown, we are still in need of occasional support. More broadly, we are occasionally offered donations of fresh produce and other goods, which we now struggle to collect. Given the challenges the Bay is going to face economically over the coming months, and the possible increase in demand for food support, this is a concern for us. The Food Alliance does pay mileage, to ensure that no volunteers are out of pocket. Please contact becky.morgan@nhs.net



To contact the church:

Office: 01803 214175 admin@st-matthias-church.org

(Pere is back at work full time and the centre will be open again during office hours: 9-12.30pm & 2-4pm Monday to Friday)

Rector: John Beckett 01803 293119 **Asst Minister:** Paul Barton 07807 636470