



IMAGINE Outrageous Grace



20 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 'online services and worship resources on home page)

**Sunday
20 Sept**

9.30am Growzone *online*

The reading can be found in Matthew's Gospel and is on Biblegateway here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yyml443h>

During the prayers we will be using the sheet at the end of this week's notices, and it can also be found here <https://tinyurl.com/yyolz4u6>

There is a simple activity sheet you might want to download

<https://tinyurl.com/y3pg3yl3> and a video to show the craft activity:

<https://tinyurl.com/y3vdnpz>

9.30am Godly Play Story *online* – Love – the Ten Best Ways

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 Holy Communion *in church and live streamed* – **this will be live in church and will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube channel](#)**

(As usual, we ask that you stay at home if you are unwell or have a health condition making you particularly vulnerable. Please wear a face covering.)

Bible reading for today: Matthew 20:1-16 NIVUK

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+20%3A1-16+++&version=NIVUK>

Outrageous Grace Today, as we IMAGINE what the 'new normal' could look like, we explore another of Jesus' parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and consider God's outrageous Grace - how he values every person and invites them to work with him.

To contact the church: Office: 01803 214175 admin@st-matthias-church.org (Pere is back full time and the centre is open during office hours: 9-12.30pm & 2-4pm Monday to Friday) Rector: John Beckett 01803 293119 Asst Minister: Paul Barton 07807 636470

Today, 20th September, for the first time for months, we will be celebrating Holy Communion at 11am 😊

The usual sanitising and face covering rules still apply – removing your face covering just to receive the bread of communion. Sadly, we still cannot sing and the new rules banning social interaction in groups of more than six people means we need to be more careful as we enter and leave the church.

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 23 Sept	10-12.30pm Church open for private prayer
Fri 25 Sept	6.30-8pm Youth Club 😊 <i>online</i> If you want to get in contact with the youth team please email: stmattscandy@gmail.com
Sun 27 Sept	9.30am Prayzone <i>online</i>
	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 and live streamed – this will be live in church and will also be live-streamed on our YouTube channel</i> <i>(As usual, we ask that you stay at home if you are unwell or have a health condition making you particularly vulnerable. Please wear a face covering.)</i>

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... 😊

Mark, Clare and
Lisa who clean the
Centre for us.



GODLY PLAY Love God - Love People - God Loves Us - The Ten Best Ways The Next New Godly Play Story is NOW Available on www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk or through St Matthias Church's website. All sessions last around 20 minutes. For a fantastic free activity pack which supports children to explore each of these stories further, just email lenafearnley@googlemail.com and you will be sent one!

Funeral Jeyde Waite Jeyde's funeral will be a private family burial at Torquay Crematorium on Tuesday 29th September. However, on 1st November, All Saints Day, we plan to have a special service in the afternoon to remember those who have died recently from our church family, but where, with the covid restrictions we have not been able to attend a funeral. More details to come.

For our praise and prayers this week

Sun	Praise the Lord that the “Lord’s Supper” is being celebrated in our Church building once again. Pray that those who attend or who watch on line will thank God for Jesus’ sacrifice.
Mon	Praise the Lord that Lena Fearnley has heard God’s call to head up the Children’s Work. Pray for her as she starts this alongside all else.
Tues	Pray for all in our Church Family who are ill, in pain or suffering. Remember the elderly, housebound or fearful, may they find comfort in Jesus.
Wed	Pray for the great work of “Torquay Community Larder”. They need money and helpers as some of those who were able to help during the lockdown are now unable to do so.
Thurs	In Jesus Name we come against the power of Covid 19, praying the scientists may find a solution. Pray for those who have the virus and those who have been bereaved.
Fri	Pray for preparations for the up-coming Alpha Course. Pray that the right people will want to come and explore more about the Christian life.
Sat	Pray for all who lead the church in any way, especially John our Rector, and Paul, Associate Minister, who carry the main load of God’s work here.
Sun	Praise God for all who are leading or helping in any way in today’s services.

News

Church Annual Meeting – Sunday, 18th Oct at 4 pm in church and online by Zoom. This is the occasion, postponed from April, when we meet to elect our churchwardens, PCC and Deanery Synod members, consider the Annual Report and look back over the past year. Anyone in the church may ‘attend’ but to vote you need to be on the electoral roll. If St Matthias is **your** church and you are not already on the electoral roll (most already are) do consider joining. Application forms are available from the office and the rear of the church. If you can’t get to church at present, phone the office and we’ll send one by email or post. Forms need to be returned by 3rd Oct. to David Wilkinson, PCC Secretary/Penny Whitaker, Electoral Roll Officer. To read the Annual Report and Reports from Church Groups go to the bottom of this webpage www.st-matthias-church.org/whats-on/latest-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

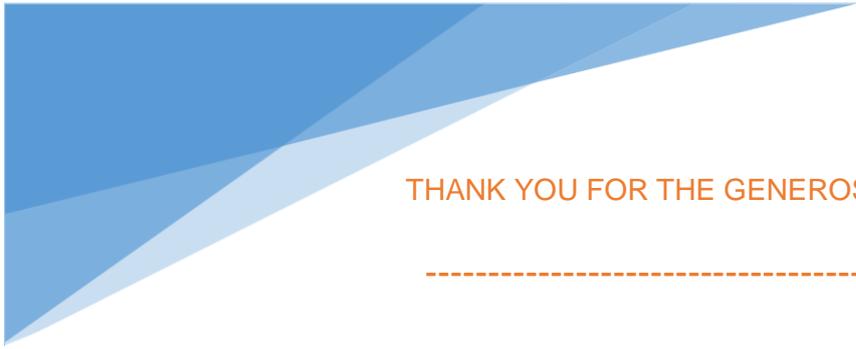
Sponsor a child who is living in 'the developing world' and see through their letters and photos the amazing difference that sponsorship is making. £28 a month provides for their education and basic needs. Or why not consider doing this as a homegroup or two or more individuals joining together? Compassion 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 & Cherry Yelland keith@yellands.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.

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.. We do not need drivers as frequently as we did during lockdown, but are still in need of occasional support. The Food Alliance does pay mileage, to ensure that no volunteers are out of pocket. Please contact becky.morgan@nhs.net



For use during the prayers in GrowZone – 20th September



DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY SHOWN TO ME BY

PLEASE BLESS THEM.
AMEN



DEAR GOD,
PLEASE HELP ME TO BE A BLESSING TO THIS PERSON:

HELP ME TO SHOW THEM YOUR LOVE THIS WEEK.
AMEN