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27 September 2020

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## Welcome

### Services online

Services – all available on the church YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJJf6YQ>

or via the church website:

follow links from 'online services and worship resources' on home page

**Sunday  
27 Sept**

**9.30am** Prayzone *online*

**10.30am** Coffee on Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77750765090?pwd=SHNHS25QSSswdGpZb3BDckpBeWordz09>

Meeting ID: 777 5076 5090

Passcode: GZE5PD

**11am** Morning Worship *in church and live streamed* – **this will be live in church and will also be live-streamed on our [YouTube channel](#)**

If you do not find the live stream service on the St Matthias Church YouTube channel home page, then it will be listed under the 'Playlist' tab as 'Live Services'

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJJf6YQ/p/laylists>

*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. 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.*

**5.30pm** Prayer Meeting *in church*

**Bible reading for today: Matthew 21: 23-32**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+21%3A++23-32&version=NIVUK>

**Thanks go to... 😊**

Torquay Community  
Larder and everyone  
who works there



A note from the Rectory...

As we face the reality of the 'second wave' of covid-19, and all of the restrictions, fear and uncertainties that go with it, it is easy to begin to lose hope and feel more depressed than ever.

The fact that we are restricted in who we can meet, and how we cannot meet in church as we once did, means that we feel a real sense of disconnection and loss.

But rather than spend all our time worrying about the news, there are some things we can do.

**First**, we can remember that we are not on our own - almost everyone will struggle to maintain hope in this sort of crisis.

And we are never actually on our own because we have a God who knows us and is always with us – as Jesus said 'I am with you always'.

Do you remember the word **“Paraclesis”**? Last year in our teaching at church, we looked at how this Greek word is used in many places in the New Testament – it means *'coming alongside to comfort'*.

The same root word describes God, the Holy Spirit, **the** 'Paraclete' – God who comes alongside us to help comfort us.

**Second**, we can put that '**paraclesis**' of God into practice ourselves!

You can come to church once more! The Staff team and PCC have been working on a 'Road Map' for getting safely back into the church building and also for continuing to value the online church community. We plan to continue with the 11am services in church (including Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays) and live- stream these so you can still watch from home if you prefer<sup>1</sup>. We hope to be able to introduce the 930 services back into the church from 1<sup>st</sup> November.

And whether you prefer to stay at home, or need to – you can still offer 'paraclesis' to someone else! Find one or two other people you can speak to this week – a phone call is great; 'Zoom' or 'Facetime' works well for many; and even better of course, provided you can do this safely, go out to meet someone!

God bless, John



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<sup>1</sup> You might have to search for the 'live' option for these live streamed services on St Matthias YouTube channel for the first 24 hours until they appear with the other pre-recorded services

<b>Next week</b>	
<b>Wed 30 Sept</b>	<b>10-12.30pm</b> Church open for private prayer
<b>Fri 2 Oct</b>	<b>6.30-8pm</b> Youth Club 😊 <i>online</i> If you want to get in contact with the youth team please email: <a href="mailto:stmattscandy@gmail.com">stmattscandy@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sun 4 Oct</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Breakfastzone <i>online</i>
	<b>10.30am</b> Coffee on Zoom <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73041356839?pwd=Y3B0TWNVdENjdlh5eTMrRmMvSWY1UT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73041356839?pwd=Y3B0TWNVdENjdlh5eTMrRmMvSWY1UT09</a> Meeting ID: 730 4135 6839 Passcode: j8xeRR
	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion <i>in church and live streamed</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.)

### Collect

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Questions about life? and about the Christian faith?

We're starting an online **Alpha Course**  
in October!



**Contact the Church Office** if you'd like to find out more

[admin@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:admin@st-matthias-church.org)

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May our Lord Jesus Christ himself  
and God our Father, who loved  
us and by his grace gave us  
eternal encouragement and good  
hope, encourage your hearts and  
strengthen you in every good  
deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17





# News



**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](http://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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> September. However, on 1<sup>st</sup> 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	
<b>Sun</b>	<i>"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"</i> Pray that as we worship we may always remember that we are on holy ground and in the presence of a Holy and awesome God.
<b>Mon</b>	Pray for Her Majesty the Queen, the two Archbishops, Bishops, Priests and Lay Leaders of the whole Church. May they be faithful to God.
<b>Tues</b>	Remember Boris Johnson and all the politicians seeking to find a way out of this present pandemic. Pray for people to be responsible in their actions and behaviour.
<b>Wed</b>	Think of all involved in Covid 19; especially those ill with it, the bereaved from it, those frightened by it, those angry at it.
<b>Thurs</b>	Pray for those in our Church family who are ill, or suffering in any way. May they know the presence of Jesus meeting their needs where they need it.
<b>Fri</b>	There are many families at the moment unable to meet together because they are too many for Covid rules, those whose families are many miles away or abroad and so cannot meet. May they know Jesus' peace which passes all understanding.
<b>Sat</b>	Pray that Christians Together in Torbay may be a shining witness of God's love.
<b>Sun</b>	Pray for John our Rector, Paul his associate minister, for the lay readers, Lindsay, Norma, Alan and Ruth now also an Ordinand, Lena our Children's worker, and Liz head of the Pre-school.

**Church Annual Meeting – Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/](http://www.st-matthias-church.org/whats-on/latest-news/)

**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](mailto:becky.morgan@nhs.net)



**Christmas Shoebox Appeal** for the charity ‘Christian Response to Eastern Europe’ (CR2EE) Launched last week at our services and being coordinated by our young people, shoeboxes will be sent to Moldova not just to children but to parents and grandparents too! If you would like to join in please look out for more details or email [stmattscandy@gmail.com](mailto:stmattscandy@gmail.com). The deadline for the boxes is 14 November. Let’s try and send as many shoeboxes as we possibly can do as a church 😊

<b>HARVEST SERVICES</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion <i>online</i></b>
<b>11 October</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>All Age Harvest Service <i>online</i></b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving <i>in church</i></b>

**To contact the church:**

**Office:** 01803 214175 [admin@st-matthias-church.org](mailto: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

# HARVEST FOOD



for the Torquay Community Larder

Donations of non-perishable food  
being collected at St Matthias Church

**Monday 28 Sept – Monday 5 October**

**9-12 noon and 2-4pm**

The Larder will be grateful for the  
following items:

**Tins of:** Meat, rice pudding, veg,  
custard, fruit

Small jars of coffee

Bottles of squash

Long life milk

Sugar

Cereal

Treats!

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YOU!