

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

6 December 2020

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## Collect

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes  
again as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God. Amen

## Welcome

### Services online

available on the church YouTube channel

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

or

from specific links below in the notice sheet

or

via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' on home page

Sun 6 Dec

**9.30am Breakfastzone online**

Colouring sheet [1607016629.pdf \(d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/1607016629.pdf)

**10.30am Coffee on zoom**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09>

Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16

**11am Holy Communion online**

<https://youtu.be/jdQTbOHPPXo>

**7pm SW Carol Service – see note – [www.southwestcarols.com](http://www.southwestcarols.com)**

**Bible Readings:** Isa 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8, 14,15

<https://tinyurl.com/y2lrovfw>

<https://tinyurl.com/y56gs32s>

<https://tinyurl.com/y3vswdxd>

### Next week

Daily  
Prayer

**9-9.30am Morning Prayer** Join John and Paul on zoom using words from the Church of England Daily Prayer App if you have that - if not we can provide the words 😊

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

Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 Password: Pray

Mon 7 Dec

Tues 8 Dec

<b>Wed 9 Dec</b>	<b>10am - 12 midday Church open</b> for private prayer
<b>Fri 11 Dec</b>	<b>6.30pm Youth Club <i>online</i></b> If you want to get in contact with the youth team please email: stmattscandy@gmail.com
<b>Sun 13 Dec</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (BCP) <i>online</i></b>
	<b>9.30am Ozone <i>online</i></b>
	<b>10.30am Coffee <i>on zoom</i></b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09</a> Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16
	<b>11am Morning Worship <i>online</i></b>
	<b>5.30 Prayer Meeting <i>on zoom</i></b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71085893344?pwd=TXYYMk0yRWVJU1F6bVpHSFNDWXdrQT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71085893344?pwd=TXYYMk0yRWVJU1F6bVpHSFNDWXdrQT09</a> Meeting ID: 710 8589 3344 Passcode: XcNw5q

## News

### What's next after lockdown 2.0?

We're going to continue our service pattern as if in lockdown still for the next two Sundays, and then re-open the church building for the 11am Holy Communion service on 20<sup>th</sup> December. After that, we're in Christmas Week, and details are on the next page and the flyer at the end.

## Christmas



*How will you Share God's  
'Comfort and Joy'?*

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Carol Service online @ 7pm –**

**South West Carols** is going to be a high quality production including performances from the **London Community Gospel Choir, Exeter Cathedral Choir, Wildwood Kin** and the biggest ever local nativity performance involving around 27 schools including **our own Pre-School!** As well as all of this, there will be a mixture of traditional carols and a clear gospel message.



Do put the dates in your diary and **invite a neighbour to watch at the same time** and celebrate with people from all over the South West tuning in from their home for a festive online production featuring home grown talent and headline acts. For more information and to join in, go to [www.southwestcarols.com](http://www.southwestcarols.com) (also on Facebook and YouTube)



**Shoebboxes** Please drop off your shoeboxes in the **car park** at church on **Saturday 5 December** between **10am and 12 noon** – there will be a table to put them on. Thank you!

### **Christmas Services** *online and in church*

19 Dec @ 11am Carol Singing *on the piazza* – *pre-book on 311488*

24 Dec @ 11am Carol Singing *on the piazza* – *pre-book on 311488*

24 Dec @ 5pm Christingle *online*

24 Dec @ 5.45pm Lighting of the Christingles *on zoom*

25 Dec @ 8.30am Holy Communion (*Common Worship*) *in church* – *pre-book on 311488*

25 Dec @ 10am Christmas Family Communion *online*



### **Christmas Flyer deliveries**

While we simply cannot host people in the church building as we usually do, we have a great opportunity to connect with more people than ever from their homes 😊 So, we'd like to hand deliver as many Christmas flyers as we can – could you deliver some to your neighbours? Please phone the Church Office to arrange collection of flyers and say which areas you can deliver to. Thank you.

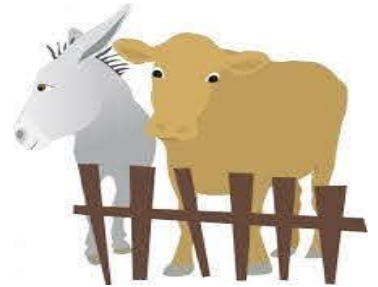


**Advent and Christmas Packs** - we are going to be giving our church family children an Advent and Christmas pack full of interesting stories and activities for each day of advent. They cost around £6 each – thank you to everyone who has already donated towards this. We are still a little short so any further donations would be appreciated. To donate please do so in the usual way marking your donation 'Advent books'. Thank you.

### **MESSY CHRISTMAS X 3!**

Following phenomenal demand, this event is now running on 3 days!! There are just a very few places left on each day - Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th and Monday 21st at 2-3.30pm. Come and take part in our Christmas Nativity Story Trail! Pre-booking essential - each day is limited to 30 – it will go ahead, whatever the weather, so dress appropriately!

Contact: Lena Fearnley on 01803 295268 or [stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org)



**Daily Advent Readings** – go to: [1606394308.pdf \(d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://1606394308.pdf(d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net))

## Wondering through Advent

Join Lena Fearnley for

## Godly Play

Each week of Advent

A reflective space for us  
to explore the  
Christmas Story together

These stories will be available  
from these dates:

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December

www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk or  
through St Matthias Church's website



## Godly Play – ADVENT

In preparation for Christmas, there will be a new short story released each Sunday of Advent.

This week: <https://youtu.be/MogC20GnVhg>

## Christmas Hope in Torquay Town Centre

Christians Together in Torquay are bringing Christmas hope into the heart of Torquay this year. There will be a nativity tableau, a Christmas Tree of Hope, a Nativity Trail, a miniature pony from Cockington and the project will run on market days throughout December. For more info contact Barney on **01803 606807** or **email: [barney@bettesworths.co.uk](mailto:barney@bettesworths.co.uk)** .



**CHRISTMAS WREATHS** to raise money for The Church Mission Society supporting **Nicci Maxwell** and her Christian Mission for babies and children in Uganda. Contact Lena Fearnley to place an order for one of these lovely wreaths at [lenafearnley@googlemail.com](mailto:lenafearnley@googlemail.com) 01803 295268. £15 and available to collect from 14 December.



### For our praise and prayers this week

**Sun** Remember John, Paul and all others involved in planning the services, that they may feel inspired by God, Holy Spirit. May their work be an inspiration to the whole Church family.

**Mon** Pray for the country as it comes to terms with the tier system of rules. Pray we may all be responsible in keeping them and keeping one another safe.

**Tue** Pray about the distribution of the anti Covid 19 vaccination. Pray this will be a way of ending the life of the virus in this country. Pray for all those in self isolation, especially the Bevins.

**Wed** Pray for our leaders, especially our members of Parliament, for Kevin our MP, our local councillors and all who work for the local Councils.

**Thurs** Praise God for our teachers, youth workers and all who influence the young.

**Fri** Pray for the sick, the lonely, the bereaved, those who have lost jobs and their livelihood, all who are worried or angry – especially as a result of the Coronavirus.

**Sat** Pray for doctors and nurses, care workers and all who work among the sick. May they be given the strength to carry on even against all the odds.

**Sun** Pray for the spiritual life of our church, that we may grow in faith. Pray for the prayer life of the church which is so important and keeps us near our Lord. Pray for all the plans being made to praise God for Jesus during this strange Christmas season.

## *Other News*

**Update on Mission Torbay** – for more information go to:  
[1606394970.pdf \(d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/1606394970.pdf)

**Next prayer walk:** Saturday 5 Dec at 2.30pm - meet at Central Church, Torquay.

**Torquay Community Larder** is still collecting food supplies. Food can be left on Wednesday mornings when the church is open 10 -12, but alternatively Linda will happily collect. Please phone/text her for details on 07790 640372.

**No internet access?** Do ring free on the Daily Hope line 0800 804 8044.

**Good news testimonies** – how has God touched your life or blessed you this week? If you have some news to share please ring or email one of the clergy. Thank you.

**John and Sheila** would like to thank friends who have sent them kind messages, gifts and prayers at this difficult time. It is greatly appreciated. (And they will still be pleased to receive phone calls or emails.) Thank you.

## Advent:

Waking in a cold house,  
hear the heating tick  
and hum into life.  
Warmth is on the way.

#TinyAdventPoems 11/24  
Text - Amy Scott Robinson | Design - Richard Lyall



Take a look at #TinyAdventPoems by [www.engageworship.org](http://www.engageworship.org)

**To contact the Church:**  
**Although the building is closed**  
**you can still get in touch:**  
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### Thanks go to:

The amazing scientists  
working on the vaccine



# Celebrate Christmas

with  
**St Matthias  
Church**

[www.st-matthias-church.org](http://www.st-matthias-church.org)

YouTube channel:

[tinyurl.com/t2ejz2a](https://tinyurl.com/t2ejz2a)



# Comfort and Joy

## **Saturday 19 December**

11am Carol Singing

*on the piazza (limited numbers and masks please!)*

## **Christmas Eve**

11am Carol Singing

*on the piazza (limited numbers and masks please!)*

5pm Christingle Service

online <https://youtu.be/LkLVloxxnwQ>

5.45pm Lighting of the Christingles

*together on zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/yxipjks9>*

## **Christmas Day**

8.30am Holy Communion

*in the church – please phone to book 01803 311488*

10am Christmas Family Communion

*online*

## **Sunday 27 December**

Prickly Hay

*children & youth production online from 9.30am*

11am Morning Worship *online*

Please check the website for up to date information as government guidance may change what is possible.

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**Prayer Card**

To cut out and hang on your  
Christmas Tree

*God of comfort and joy  
May we know your presence  
with us today  
And bring your gentle, joyful  
love to others  
This Christmas and always  
Amen*



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**Christmas Charity Collections**



This year our charity collection is:

Christian Aid

[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

To donate please go to their website

Thank you

**Questions about Faith?**

Look out for the next alpha  
course which we plan to run  
early in the New Year