

4th Sunday of Advent

20 December 2020

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Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Sat 19 Dec	11-11.30am Carol Singing on the piazza – please book on 311488 <i>Please note the car park will be closed.</i>
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	2-3.30pm Messy Christmas (pre-booked only)
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Sun 20 Dec	9.30am Growzone online https://youtu.be/AqEzJJuO5YU
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	10.30am Coffee on zoom
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	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxIVzkyQT09
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	11am Holy Communion in church – please book on 311488
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	Bible Readings: Luke 1:26-38
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	https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A26-38&version=NIVUK
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Next week

Daily
Prayer

Mon 21 Tues 22

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=d1hJendrSmVzdVhvZEk0UGdCZmJzZ09>

Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 Password: Pray

Mon 21 Dec	2-3.30pm Messy Church (<i>pre-booked only</i>)
Wed 23 Dec	10am - 12 midday Church open for private prayer
Christmas Eve	11am Carol Singing <i>on the piazza – please book on 311488</i>
	5pm Christingle Service <i>online</i> https://youtu.be/LkLVloxxnwQ
	5.45pm Lighting of the Christingles <i>on zoom</i> https://zoom.us/j/99662654977?pwd=K2JDbHdoMGJOUdRTbnRzaFV1Vm5Mdz09 Meeting ID: 996 6265 4977 Passcode: 339141
Christmas Day	8.30am Holy Communion (<i>Common Worship</i>) <i>in church – please pre-book on 311488</i> Or join in at home if you prefer for this slightly more formal service than the 10am service – service sheet link: d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net
	10am Christmas Family Communion <i>online</i>
	11am Coffee (or something in a glass?!) <i>on zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09 Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16
Sun 27 Dec	9.30am Prickly Hay Join us for some stable fun! Performed by our very own St Matthias Children and Youth Watch on St Matthias YouTube channel
	11am Morning Worship <i>online</i>
Centre and Church closed. Will re-open on Sunday 3 January.	
Sun 3 Jan	9.30am Breakfastzone <i>on zoom - link to follow</i>
	11am Holy Communion <i>in church – please phone to book on 311488</i>

Christmas



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

Messy Christmas – 19, 20, 21 December 2-3.30pm – a few places still available – book now – ring Lena on 01803 295268

Messy Christmas

In case it rains... does anyone have a gazebo which we could borrow this weekend??? Please let me know - I can collect and return. Contact: Lena Fearnley on 01803 295268 or stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org



Advent and Christmas Packs - thank you to everyone who has donated towards this.



Daily Advent Bible Readings – go to:
[1606394308.pdf\(d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://www.cloudfront.net/d3hgrlq6yacptf/1606394308.pdf)



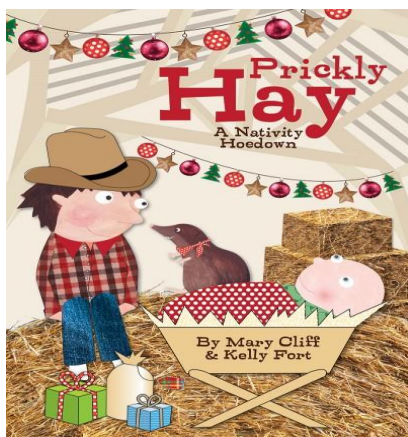
Wondering through Advent
Join Lena Fearnley for
Godly Play
Each week of Advent
A reflective space for us to explore the Christmas Story together
These stories will be available from these dates:
Sunday 29th November
Sunday 6th December
Sunday 13th December
Sunday 20th December
Friday 25th December
www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk 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. Available from 8am. Week 4 can be found here

<https://youtu.be/AqEzIJuO5YU>



Musical Nativity on Sunday 27 December

Join us for some stable fun!

Performed by our very own St Matthias Children and Youth. Watch on St Matthias YouTube channel available from 10am



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)

Other News

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

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.

Exeter Cathedral: Nativity Service this Sunday 20th December

Exeter Cathedral will be showing *Not the Exeter Nativity - Covid or not it's Still Christmas* this Sunday 20 December at 3pm. The service can be [watched online](#) or if you would like to attend in person, [tickets can be booked online](#).

For our praise and prayers this week

Sun Pray for our services this weekend, especially for Messy Christmas. Pray that we may all know the joy of Jesus' birth as we worship.

Mon Praise God for the scientists who have found a vaccine against Covid 19. Pray people will not be afraid to have this and may it help to stop the spread of the pandemic.

Tue We pray for Her Majesty the Queen and all the Royal family and thank God for their obvious faith. Pray too for her Government and leaders in these difficult times.

Wed Pray for all who find Christmas a difficult time with sad memories, and those who are not in a position to celebrate with their families in the usual way because they are suffering as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Thu. Praise God that some can sing carols on the piazza. Pray that passers by may listen for a while and join in and be filled with joy. Also pray for the Christingle service on line and may this be a real time of worship and praise.

Christmas Day *Praise God for His gift of Jesus, and for all He did for us as a man on this earth. Let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Sat Pray for all who are ill or suffering in any way; those in Care Homes, hospital or at home. May they know the healing power of Jesus.

Sun Praise God for the life and witness of St. Matthias Church here in Torquay. Pray for John our Rector, Paul Assistant Minister, Sylvia and Paul our Churchwardens, the Lay Readers and all the staff Team. As we approach another year may they be given grace and strength to minister God's love to all.



Advent:
Below the balcony,
a hush falls.
The door opens.
Flags wave.
Royalty is expected.

#TinyAdventPoems 22/24
Text - Amy Scott Robinson | Design - Richard Lyall



Take a look at #TinyAdventPoems by www.engageworship.org

To contact the Church:
Although the building is closed
you can still get in touch:
Office: 01803 214175
admin@st-matthias-church.org
Rector: John Beckett 01803
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Asst Minister: Paul Barton
07807 636470

Thanks go to:
All church
administrators 😊

Celebrate Christmas

with
**St Matthias
Church**

www.st-matthias-church.org

YouTube channel:

tinyurl.com/t2ejz2a



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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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Tel: 01803 214175

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Christmas Charity Collections



This year our charity collection is:

Christian Aid

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