



**'Candlemas' or the  
'Presentation of Jesus at  
the Temple'**

**Sunday 31 January 2021**

in the Epiphany season

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

## Welcome

In the face of increased risks associated with the new variant of covid-19, and rising numbers of local cases, the Church Council decided that we will close the church completely for a few weeks. Sadly, that includes closing even for 'private prayer'. However we have suggested some alternatives to help us pray – see below!

### Services online

available on the church YouTube channel

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

It may be simpler to find all the services by looking at the different **PLAYLISTS** on St Matthias YouTube channel

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

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

**Sun 31 Jan**

**10am United Family Service** *on zoom and livestreamed*

**Do please join on zoom if you can – it's really good to be meeting together in this way. We hope to live stream too, or have it available by midday to watch – but please join in live at 10am if you can!**

<https://tinyurl.com/yyyeav65>

**Meeting ID: 915 8414 6538 Passcode: 410515**

**Link for the children's activity sheet:**

<https://d3hgriq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f107d5e319c5/content/pages/documents/1611770191.pdf>

**11am following on from service - Coffee** *on zoom – same link as the 10am service above*

**Readings: Luke 2:22-40**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A22-40&version=NIVUK>

**Thanks go to:**

😊 all school staff

**Collect**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. **Amen**

**Next Week**

<b>Mon 1 Feb</b>	<b>Early Morning Torbay prayer meeting at 0630 (until 0730)</b> ID 822 8650 3207 Password: 032602
<b>Tues 2 Feb</b>	<b>7pm Antenatal course begins today <i>on zoom</i></b> <i>See advert below</i> 
	<b>Diocesan Day of Prayer for our Schools – please find time today to pray</b>
<b>Sun 7 Feb</b>	<b>9.30am Breakfastzone <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 Holy Communion <i>livestreamed</i></b>



See what's happening in the Rectory garden... watch the short video  
<https://youtu.be/pnrpqR2geOc>



## Prayer

While we are not able to open the church building for private prayer, we have provided a 'Prayer Space in the North Porch and a simple 'labyrinth' type of prayer using the pattern on the piazza – there are leaflets in the West porch.

We would also be glad to pray with you over the phone. Please phone our usual Office number 01803 214175. You are more likely to be able to speak to someone quickly Monday to Friday in office hours, but even at weekends, the messages are checked at least twice a day so someone will return your call.

Some local churches have decided to remain open for private prayer, and for Holy Communion. One near here is All Saints, Cary Ave, Babbacombe, Torquay, TQ1 3NY which is open as below:

- Open every day for private prayer between 9.30 am and mid-afternoon Monday to Saturday (from 11.45 on Sundays). The public Holy Communion services are Sunday at 9.30am and 10.30am.

Join in the **Early Morning Torbay prayer meeting on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** at 0630 (until 0730) – a group from across the Bay from many different churches who meet each week to pray together. At present this is on Zoom: ID 822 8650 3207 Password: 032602

## News

**#take3** a new series of 2 minute reflections from the Diocese...have a browse...  
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDz-Tb3G12iA6o1Mib-A4n42ht6IbWTLF>

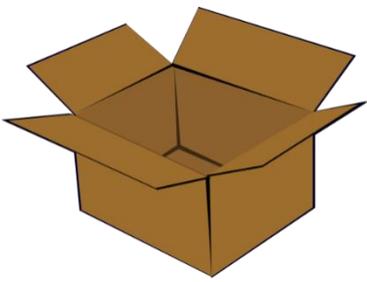
**Mission Torbay update 3 – see website – link:**

[MissionUpdateJanuary2021.pdf \(d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/MissionUpdateJanuary2021.pdf)

**17 Feb Ash Wednesday** – Holy Communion service online from 930am which includes an introduction to the Lent Course on Nehemiah.

**Nehemiah Lent Course** – Three Tuesday evenings in Lent – online (so you can join in any time) however there will be a zoom discussion group immediately after each Tuesday session. Introduction on Ash Wednesday. More details to follow.

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



**Fair Shares? It looks as if we will be able to get this project going 😊 Thank you to Rob and Sue who have offered to take on keeping an eye on the boxes.**

**We're still looking for someone to provide a box though – please read below and if you think you can help please get in**

**touch. Thank you.**

As a Lent initiative we are hoping to be able to offer a 'Fair Share' box to be positioned outside the church, for members of our community to be able to bring and take useful items free of charge. We envisage it being used for articles such as seeds and bulbs, books and toys and other small household goods in good condition. In order to get the scheme off the ground we need 2 or 3 people to own it. Could anyone make a suitable wooden box (to be placed by the west door or in the north porch under the seats)? Would anyone be interested in regularly checking the box/ensuring items are in good condition/ having a watching brief over the project? Please let Pere know if this is something you could be involved in. Thank you. To see an example of how this is working elsewhere see the website below:

<https://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/parks-and-open-spaces/wild-about-sharing/>

### **Suggestion for our Praise and Prayers this week**

Sunday Pray for congregations who cannot meet for worship normally today, that they may be encouraged to live their lives in devotion to the Lord.

Monday Pray for our Archbishops and Bishops that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in their leadership in these difficult times.

Tuesday Pray for our Rector, John, and our Associate Minister, Paul, as they continue to hold our church together in these socially distanced times.

Wednesday Pray for our wardens and other staff members who work so hard to maintain the church premises and allocate tasks each week.

Thursday Pray for the members of our congregation who are unwell and for those who have lost loved ones this last year.

Friday Pray for the members of the Government who have a special responsibility for seeking to control the spread of Covid.

Saturday Pray for good health, safety and happiness for all whom we know, particularly our friends and loved ones.

Sunday Pray for the members of the NHS who work tirelessly for the benefit of us all.



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# Starting Blocks For Family Life

## NEW **FREE** ANTENATAL COURSE IN TORQUAY

Starting 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Dates: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> February,  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Time: 7 - 8.30pm

Due to Covid this course will be delivered on zoom.

## Book your free course NOW

Find us on face book: [www.Beginwell.org.uk](http://www.Beginwell.org.uk)

Begin Well is a charity formed four year ago, which understands the importance of preparing families for the arrival of a new baby.

Run by : St Matthias Church, Babbacombe Road,  
Wellswood, TQ1 1HW

### To contact the Church:

Although the building is closed you can still contact the church as follows:

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01803 293119

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