



Welcome!



Sunday 1 October 2023

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Our Generous God – there’s always more

Join us in church or online

www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

Renewal Weekend

Saturday 30th September with Stephen & Janet Dinsmore

9.30am (with coffee from 9am) **‘Always more to Jesus’**

11am ‘Always more to the Spirit’

7pm Evening Celebration ‘Spiritual blessings in Christ’

a special service with hymns, songs, teaching and prayer for renewal

<https://youtube.com/live/MZzDmavejUg?feature=share>

Sunday 1st October ‘Always more to worship’

8am Prayer Book Communion

9.30am ‘Explore Together’ with breakfast

11am Holy Communion followed by coffee/tea

<https://youtube.com/live/1tckGTcYkTI?feature=share>

Church open for visitors and prayer Wednesdays 12-2pm	
Mon 2 Oct NB new time 1pm	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i> 1pm Funeral of Bernard Johnson followed by light refreshments in the Hall – please let family know if you can come – 07726 941407. Also online: https://youtube.com/live/rWgrlo-pv2c?feature=share
Tues 3 Oct	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i> 9-11.30am Toddlers 12-1.30pm Matt’s Knits <i>knit and natter in the church – all welcome</i>
Wed 4 Oct	9am Holy Communion 9.40am Ukrainian support group 12-2pm ‘Welcome Space’ <i>in the church</i> 7.15-9pm St Matt’s Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
Thurs 5 Oct	7.30pm Alpha course begins tonight <i>in the lounge</i>
Fri 6 Oct	10-11.30am Mummy & Me 6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sat 7 Oct	9am Men’s Breakfast at the Grand Hotel torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com
Sun 8 Oct	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
HARVEST	10.30am Gather to Pray
THANKSGIVING	11am United Family Service followed by coffee/tea

Generous God – Generous People

This year, our regular 'Give to God Sunday' is being extended over a number of weeks to explore biblical teaching about money and giving.

If you missed the **important presentation about the church finances** on 17th Sept, please pick up a leaflet in church, or download here [Financial Update Sept 23](#)
[All about Money 23](#) or you can watch here https://youtu.be/2S7Q0Yv9K_A

The **second part of our teaching** on money from 24th September can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/g5vRO7jrim4>

Generous God – Generous People

Bible study booklets available on Welcome Desk in church

Harvest Thanksgiving Gift forms

This week we are distributing Gift forms to everyone in the St. Matthias church family. Please think and pray about your giving in response to God's gifts to you and the particular need of the church.



We're collecting these either by placing them in the large barrel in the church at the Harvest services on 8th October, or if you cannot be in church that day, please get them to Kevin Francis the treasurer, either via the Church office or via email to him treasurer@st-matthias-church.org They will only be viewed by the small treasurer team.

News & Events

THIS WEEK!

ALPHA Do you want to know more about the Christian faith? Do you have questions but don't know who to ask? Claire & Sharon are running an Alpha course, weekly in the church lounge on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm **starting on 5th October** for 9 weeks. Coffee and cake to start with! Please speak to one of us for more details. Sharon.hiley2@gmail.com
Claire.reynolds.bmc@gmail.com 07858 313677



HARVEST We're celebrating Harvest on **Sunday 8th October** – see **over for service times.** As

before we are collecting food for the Torquay Community Larder and would be really grateful for any donations of **non-perishable food** and some carrier bags! See the posters for items requested. Thank you!



For the Community

By the Community

Reading

Luke 1: 46-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

'My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me –
holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants for ever,
just as he promised our ancestors.'

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanks go to



Our musicians and
singers

News & Events



From Claire: HUGE thanks to everyone for supporting me on Sunday for my Ordination. Thanks to those involved in the service or preparing refreshments but also thanks to those in the congregation, making arrangements in the background that I wasn't aware of, and those at home who I know were diligently praying for Ruth and me. We had an absolutely wonderful day. Bishop James, Douglas, Nathan and Jackie Taylor were absolutely super, and made it a very accessible and joyous service. Thank you all.

News & Events cont'd

Latest news from Nicci Maxwell [Nicci Maxwell - newsletter Sept 23](#)

Mini First Aid Course Friday 6 October 12.30-2.30pm in the Hall. For parents, grandparents, carers of babies and young children. Cost £20. To book please contact Lena on 0790 337 6340 or lenafearnley@googlemail.com

Don't miss the opportunity to see the amazing performers at our **Friends Open Mic** Event on Saturday 14th October at 7.00 pm. Refreshments included. Tickets available after the Sunday morning service or from the Church Office. For more information contact 07789 692321.

Linx Christian Youth Trust invite you to join them for their anniversary event on 6 Oct 7-9pm at the Royal Lyceum Theatre, Abbey Rd, Torquay. See leaflets for details.



Did you know? You can now make donations to the church with this QR code (*though if you want to give more than £30 and can claim Gift Aid, please let the treasurer team know you have done that* treasurer@st-matthias-church.org) Thank you 😊

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Monday 'Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children...' (Ephesians 5 v 1). Dear Lord, help us to listen to you and to learn from you all the days of our lives.

Tuesday 'God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in trouble'. (Psalm 46 v 1). Father God, thank you that we can always turn to you when life gets tough.

Wednesday 'And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins'. (Mark 11 v 25). Lord, help us to always forgive others as you have forgiven us.

Thursday 'Don't be afraid; just believe.' (Mark 5 v 36). Dear Lord, help us to grow in our faith and love for you and not to be afraid of the future because you will be with us.

Friday 'For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes'. (Deuteronomy 10 v 17). Father. God, thank you that although our sins deserve severe judgement, you have chosen to show love and mercy to all who seek you.

Saturday 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?' (Hebrews 13 v 6). Dear Lord, help us to trust you to meet all our needs.

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[Please note that our services are often live streamed](#)