




Welcome! Join us in church or online

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The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm

Sun 1 Dec	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with breakfast</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/x5zLHTXI5VY?feature=share
Mon 2 Dec	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Tues 3 Dec	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 4 Dec	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>Tea, coffee, soup and chat!</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers
Fri 6 Dec	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me
	3-5pm Ilsham Academy Christmas Fair <i>in the church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sat 7 Dec	 7.30pm Big Noise Chorus concert
Sun 8 Dec	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with breakfast</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting

For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom link
<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

Collect

Almighty God
As your Kingdom dawns
Turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness
That we may be ready to meet you
In our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, **Amen**

Readings

Psalm 25:1-9

¹ In you, Lord my God,
I put my trust.

² I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

⁴ Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶ Remember, Lord, your great mercy
and love,
for they are from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.

⁸ Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his
ways.

⁹ He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ He told them this parable: 'Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² 'Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ 'Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.'

Dates for the diary

Men's Breakfast Christmas Special for ladies too! 14th

December at the Grand Hotel. Speakers will be David and Janet Coffey from Upton Vale Baptist Church. Please contact Charlie to book - torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com

Thanks go to:



All those helping
with Christmas
preparations

News and Help

Cockington Caper 7th December We are in great need of marshals and musicians. If anyone feels they can help please see Sue Day or contact me on 07550013101 or robandsued@gmail.com for further information. Thank you.

Advent Eco Actions! How about trying one of the following during Advent?
Fair Trade shopping or using local suppliers e.g Me and Mrs Jones or the Co-op.
Recycle/re-use - donating/buying at local charity shops.

Sad news We are sad to let you know that Sharon Giles and Jane Risness have died. Details of Sharon's funeral will be announced in due course. Jane's is planned for Dec 18th in Surrey nearer to her family. We pray for their family and friends at this sad time.

PCC Prayer Requests will follow next week The minutes of the September PCC meeting are now available on request from the office.

Shoebboxes Thank you so much for your kindness in providing 40 wonderful shoeboxes! They have been delivered to Exmouth for their onward journey to Ukraine and Moldova.



Emerging Generations Team Leader

We are currently recruiting for this post.

If you know of anyone who may be interested please see our website for details, click here <https://tinyurl.com/vvpsnb8j> or scan the code.



Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon As we face this week with so many world uncertainties let's always remember when situations seem really difficult, the promise in Hebrews 13 v 8 "God is the same yesterday and today and tomorrow".

Tues As the lead up to Christmas really gets going let us help those we come into contact with to think about the real meaning of Christmas.

Wed Looking towards Christmas is often hard for those who have lost loved ones. Help us to see who needs our help in this difficult time for them.

Thurs Pray for our leaders in their preparation of Christmas messages particularly aimed at folk who only visit at Christmas. Also for the schools that will be coming for their Christmas services.

Fri Pray for those who are sick and those who care for them. Pray for the many areas of the world that are in conflict. The many made homeless through war and are grieving their relatives and friends who they have lost.

Sat Let's pray for all those who are having relationship problems of any kind and all trying to help them. Help us to think carefully about our own relationships and if there is anything we need to put right.

CHRISTMAS....is coming!

And help with the preparation is needed!

Thank you to those who have already signed up – we will be in touch soon. **More people required please!**



Please sign up today if you can help with any of the following:

- Delivering Christmas leaflets
- Singing carols at the Street Party 12 December
- Singing carols on the Piazza on 19 December
- Help to put up 2 Christmas trees
- Moving chairs for services
- Stewarding/welcoming at our Christmas services
- Cleaning the church
- Putting up the staging for services



(Sign up sheets are at the back of the church)

THANK YOU 😊

For service dates and times please see the posters around the building.



Christmas Services at St Matthias Church			
Follow the star to Jesus			
Tues	10 Dec	3.15pm	Messy Christmas
Wed	11 Dec	12pm	Ukrainian Carol Service
Thurs	19 Dec	5.30pm	Carols on the Piazza with mulled wine and mince pies
Sun	22 Dec	5.30pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve		3pm	Crib Service especially for younger children
		5pm	Christingle Service especially for children & families
		11pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10am		Family Christmas Communion
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