

Sunday 11 September 2022

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Welcome!

Join us either in church or online via our YouTube channel

<https://tinyurl.com/88s6x6fd>

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

Today	8am Holy Communion <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	10am Gather for Prayer
	11am Morning Worship followed by coffee https://youtu.be/RpsXXhpfHac
	5.30pm Encounter <i>informal worship</i>

Collect

Gracious God, we give thanks
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, the church will be open for prayer and to sign a **Book of Condolence** on Monday to Friday 12th- 16th Sept 12-2pm & 5-7pm and Saturday 17th from 12-2pm. See below re a commemorative service. If you can help to keep the church open, please sign the sign up sheet today. Thank you.

Dear Friends

It is with great sadness that we mark the death of Her Majesty the Queen. She has been such a faithful servant of this country and the Commonwealth; of the Church of England; and of the Good News of Jesus. Further, she has been a constant beacon of kindness, wisdom, and always showed concern for the common good. I'm sure you will have your own reasons to be thankful to God for her long life and reign.

We're opening the church each day at certain times for the next week or so for people to pray, light a candle or sign the book of condolence. See above for when the church is open.

The services this coming Sunday are at the usual times. Our own Commemorative Service will be with Holy Communion at St. Matthias at 11am on Sunday 18th September.

Let's give thanks to God for the Queen and pray for King Charles and for all who mourn. God bless

John and Paul

Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm	
Tues 13 Sept	9-11.30am Toddlers is back! <i>in the church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
Wed 14 Sept	9am Holy Communion <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
Thur 15 Sept	10-12pm and 12.30-2.30pm First Aid courses <i>in the Hall</i>
Fri 16 Sept	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in the church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sat 17 Sept	<i>Through Faith Missions Weekend</i>
	Coffee Box on the piazza all day – come along and see what's going on! <i>10am – 12noon and 2 - 4pm (end time dependent on weather!)</i>
	7.30pm Special service with worship and prayers for healing <i>all welcome</i>
Sun 18 Sept	<i>Lessons from Luke – Bread for Life</i>
	8am Holy Communion <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	9.30am Explore Together <i>informal family worship</i>
	10am Gather for Prayer
	11am Service of Commemoration with Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>

Readings for Today

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-15

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.'

But Elisha said, 'As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.'

And he replied, 'As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them walked on.

⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?'

'Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,' Elisha replied.

¹⁰ 'You have asked a difficult thing,' Elijah said, 'yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours – otherwise, it will not.'

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, 'My father! My father! The chariots

and horsemen of Israel!' And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

¹³ Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. 'Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

¹⁵ The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, 'The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha.' And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

John 21: 15-17

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said,

'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep.'

What's on?

Do join with the 'Through Faith Missions' team next weekend.

In particular, please join the team hosting the 'Coffee Box' stall on the piazza and also visiting some local people from

10am on Saturday morning or 2pm in the afternoon and a

7.30pm Service of Worship with Prayer for Healing on Saturday

evening in the church building. Thank you to everyone who is

hosting someone. Team members will join our worship on

Sunday too. Contact Andrew Stilliard (07729 362802) or Joanna Wilkinson (07910

828321) or church office for more details. Also please pray for a fruitful weekend.



Music for our Time and all that Jazz Sat 1st

Oct at 7.30pm The Friends of St Matthias are

pleased to welcome back the always

entertaining Jane Wibberley's "*Wibb Trio*"

(Jane, David and Mark). Tickets will be

available £10 after the 11am service on Sunday

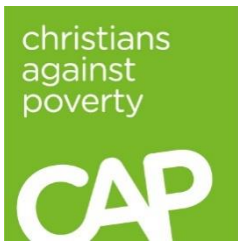
and every Sunday during September. Music,

entertainment, instruction and food. What

better way to celebrate the start of our autumn season? Rob Newman

Thanks go to:

Our regular building company who help to keep our church building and centre in good working order especially the gutters! 😊



CAP Course Worried about your finances? We're running a free CAP MONEY COURSE to help us all think about how we can spend, save and budget more wisely. When? 12, 19, 26 Oct at 7pm
Where? St Matthias Church Lounge
How do I book? Email: talktous@st-matthias-church.org

Or call the church office on 01803 214175

Begin Well - our free 5 week antenatal course returns for the 6th time on Thursday 6th October at 7.30pm in Church. For further information, contact Lena on 01803 295268 to book. Just a few places remaining!



Harvest We'll be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 9 October and will be collecting non-perishable goods for Torquay Community Larder. In particular they always need plenty of long life milk (*but no pasta please!*)

'Explore' and 'Encounter' Services

A simple table to help remember what time our informal services take place!
If you have never been to one of these, then we would love to see you.

1 st Sunday: Explore Together at 9:30am
2 nd Sunday: Encounter at 5:30pm
3 rd Sunday: Explore Together at 9:30am
4 th Sunday: Explore Together at 9:30am
5 th Sunday: United Service at 11:00am

Other News

Communion Architects, who designed the re-ordering to the church, have created a Project Storybook about the Wellspring project – you may like to have a look here <https://tinyurl.com/55vtxd3f>

Carbon Literacy Project Interested in the science and solutions of climate change? See here for more info <https://exeter.anglican.org/environment/carbon-literacy/>

Fund raising request Message from Jon Bevins...I am attempting to raise £2,000 to purchase sensory equipment for use by young people with special/complex needs. Please donate to my JustGiving Crowdfunding Page and help make it happen. Thank you for your support. <https://tinyurl.com/9ntryr8a>

Pete Norris. Please keep Pete, Rachel, Evie and Ella in your prayers since Pete is off ill at present. Thank you. John B.

Andrew Tremlett, who was a curate here some years ago, will be installed as the new Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London at 3pm on 25th Sept 😊

Please pick up a copy of the '**2022 Give to God**' leaflet today!

[Giving to God 2022](#)



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