



**WELCOME ON
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**



Sunday 12 November 2023

www.st-matthias-church.org

Join us in church or online


www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

Church open for visitors and prayer Wednesdays 12-2pm

Sun 12 Nov REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	10.45am United Family Service followed by coffee/tea NOTE earlier start https://youtube.com/live/JoSF0Pyoo0E
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Mon 13 Nov	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom
Tues 14 Nov	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom
	9-11.30am Toddlers Group
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits – knit and natter
Wed 15 Nov	9am Holy Communion
	9.40am Ukrainian support group
	12-2pm 'Welcome Space' in the church
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers practice in the church
Thurs 16 Nov	7.30pm Alpha course continues in the lounge
	7pm Girls Allowed Quiz Night in the Hall
Fri 17 Nov	10-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30pm Youth Club in the Hall
Sat 18 Nov	Concert @ 7pm Handel's Messiah – Torbay Singers
Sun 19 Nov	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion followed by coffee/tea

You may have noticed there have been some issues with the church heating. Please continue to wrap up warmly.

Collect
God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease,
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to

Our clergy and all those involved in leading and helping with services

Readings

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

John 14: 23-27

²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Upcoming events

This weekend you are invited to 'Come and See' with The Archbishop of Canterbury
<https://tinyurl.com/ynr22n6e>

11 Nov at 10:50am Walk of Reflection for Peace and Act of Remembrance at Torquay War Memorial with The Archbishop of Canterbury

11 Nov 2.30-5.30pm The Archbishop in Conversation at Exeter University Alumni Auditorium. Join the Archbishop of Canterbury for an afternoon of reflective conversation about bereavement, grief and finding hope. There will be a candlelit walk and time of reflection. [Click here to book your space.](#)

1 December Festive Carol Service with J John, Lucy Grimble and Mike Robins at the Riviera Centre – free tickets here <https://tinyurl.com/ypfxyu2x>

2 December Ecofest – 1.00 - 4.30pm –with seminars and information stands. Keynote speaker is Ruth Valerio from Tearfund, who will also be at **The Big Quiz Night** at 7.30pm. Please register your quiz teams (6 – 8 people) at ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org Suggested donation is £10 per team and you can give via our Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/page/eco-action-st-matts-32002122023 All proceeds to Tearfund. *David Hodson, Clare Whittaker, Judi Stannard*

CONCERTS AT ST MATTHIAS

Saturday 18th November @ 7pm Torbay Singers **Handel's Messiah** www.torbaysingers.com

Saturday 25th November @ 7.30pm South Devon Choir www.southdevonchoir.org

News



Heated seats! We are investigating heated seat pads to provide extra warmth for those who feel the cold during services and to help us ensure Welcome Space is also comfortable for those attending. If anyone feels able to donate part of their winter fuel allowance to help fund purchase of these please contact the church office/Kevin.



Shoebox Appeal

But you need to hurry!

As in previous years, we will be supporting **cr2ee** (Christian Response to Eastern Europe) If you'd like to send a **Christmas Shoebox** to someone in Moldova or Ukraine, pack a shoebox full of new items – some practical, some to play with and some to wear, wrap it in Christmas paper, clearly mark it for a girl or boy (with suggested age ranges), a family, a granny or grandpa, and drop it into the Church by Sunday 26th November. From there, it will make its way to the charity's store in Exmouth and will then be loaded onto a lorry bound for Eastern Europe.

<https://www.cr2ee.org.uk/>

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Lord, we honour those who died in World Wars and conflicts. Comfort those who mourn; bring peace and healing to all wounded in body, soul and spirit.

Tues We remember all who are currently facing war and atrocities. In your mercy would you bring about ceasefires, understanding and peace in the Ukraine, Israel and other areas of conflict.

Wed Loving God may those suffering from post-traumatic stress – military, veterans, police and emergency services; victims of assault, slavery and abuse; and survivors of disasters and displacement find relief.

Thurs INTERNATIONAL TOLERANCE DAY. Spirit of love and peace, teach us to treat others with openness and engage in gentle, reasonable debate when we disagree.

Fri God of compassion, bless and strengthen the work of medical missions that send emergency teams in response to disasters around the world, to serve in refugee camps and deliver healthcare and training to the poorest communities.

Sat Lord we are thankful for the UK's 5.7 million unpaid carers, many of whom face financial hardship, cannot hold down a job and are affected by poor health and isolation. Please provide for them.

Sun King Jesus, we look forward to the day when you return in glory, to bring us to the 'Holy City, the new Jerusalem when you will live with us forever'. (Revelation Ch21). Help us to rejoice in this hope as we serve you daily.

Christmas Services at St Matthias

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ who is God with us

Sunday 17 Dec	5.30pm	Carol Service
Tues 19 Dec	3.15pm	Messy Christmas
Thurs 21 Dec	4.30pm	Carols on the Piazza
	6pm	Carols on the Piazza <i>both with mulled wine</i>
Christmas Eve	11am	Holy Communion
	3pm	Crib Service <i>especially for younger children</i>
	5pm	Christingle Service <i>especially for children & families</i>
	11pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day	8am	Holy Communion <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	10am	Family Christmas Communion



Christmas Flyers – could anyone take any flyers please to distribute to their neighbours or see Pere in the office if you could take some A4 posters to the shops in Wellswood. Thank you.



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 😊

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