



## Welcome!

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<b>Today</b> <b>Lessons from Luke</b> <b>'Looking Up or</b> <b>Looking Down'</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b> <i>in the Hall</i>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b> <i>(note new time)</i>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by coffee</i> <a href="https://youtu.be/lpjNmjGGze8">https://youtu.be/lpjNmjGGze8</a>

### Collect

God, our judge and saviour,  
 teach us to be open to your truth  
 and to trust in your love,  
 that we may live each day  
 with confidence in the salvation  
 which is given  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:



The Messy Church team

### Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm

Mon 17 Oct	<b>2.30pm Funeral of Jenny Lane</b>
Tues 18 Oct	<b>12-1.30pm Matt's Knits</b> <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
	<b>7.45pm Alpha</b> <i>on zoom</i>
Wed 19 Oct	<b>9am Holy Communion</b> <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	<b>10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>
	<b>9.45am Alpha</b> <i>in the lounge</i>
	<b>7pm CAP Money Course</b> <i>in the Lounge</i>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers</b> <i>practice in church</i>
Thurs 20 Oct	<b>7.30pm Ecumenical Celebration Service</b> <i>at Church of the Assumption, Abbey Rd – Churches Together in Torquay (CTT)</i>
Fri 21 Oct	<b>10-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b> <i>in the church</i>
Sun 23 Oct	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b> <i>(note new time)</i>
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> <i>followed by coffee</i>

## Readings for Today

### Micah 6:6-8

<sup>6</sup>With what shall I come before the LORD  
and bow down before the exalted God?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
<sup>8</sup>He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.

### Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup>To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup>‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: “God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.”  
<sup>13</sup>‘But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”  
<sup>14</sup>‘I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

## What's on?

**Seeds for sale!** Runner beans, leeks, peas, flowers...and more. Donations in aid of Tearfund (minimum 50p per packet). See table at back of church. And when they have grown why not send in a picture of your lovely produce!

## Dates for your diary!

Thursday **3<sup>rd</sup> November 1.30pm a Special Ilsham School Harvest** service with the commissioning of the new head, Mr Grinsill. It will be great to have some of the ‘Sunday’ church family join in that celebration of our partnership.

St Matthias Christmas Market - **12 Nov 10am - 1pm** Following the much-enjoyed Jazz Evening with the Wibb Trio (many thanks to Jane, David and Mark and to all who supported the event – it will be returning!) we are now planning this year’s Christmas Market. The good news is that many of the stall holders who came last year want to join us again. But not all the slots are allocated, so if you want to be part of it, do let us know. And if you just want to come and enjoy the day – get it in your diary!

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm We will be holding a **Big Quiz Night** to raise money for Tearfund. More details to follow!

**5 Nov Men's Breakfast** Livermead House Hotel – Matt Bray from Bay Church & 3 Dec at the Grand Hotel – ladies invited too! To book contact: [charlieallansen@gmail.com](mailto:charlieallansen@gmail.com)

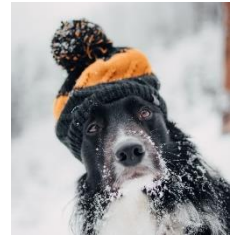
**Funeral** The funeral for Jenny Lane will be held here on Monday 17 October at 2.30pm. Our thoughts and prayers are for Ian and the family at this time.

<https://youtu.be/8tcTNN51kGo>

## Other News

**Winter Fuel Crisis** Last Sunday, Keith Y encouraged us to think and pray about how we might respond as a church – outlining plans to create a 'hardship fund' – with the initial suggestion of inviting anyone who feels they do not really need it, to give away any Winter Fuel Allowance or other grant monies we may receive for fuel this winter. The text of his informative and challenging introduction can be found here [Winter Fuel Crisis October 2022](#)

Look out for more details about how this fund will work, and other ways we hope to serve our church family and local community this season.



St Matthias has recently registered onto the **Eco-church Project** run by Christian Conservation charity 'A Rocha'. You can find out more here

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>



**On behalf of the Community Larder** thanks go to all who brought food to our Harvest Festival service. We filled two cars with a wonderful selection of food which will be much appreciated by our folk in need. It is only with all of our churches support that the Larder is so successful in Torbay. Thank you and God bless – Malcolm Ford

**Help! Accommodation needed (again).** Unfortunately the new accommodation for Olga, Danyil and Alice has just fallen through, so once again we are appealing for someone who might be able to help. This could be with a host through the Homes for Ukraine scheme, or in self-contained accommodation. Danyil and Alice are both settled into St Cuthbert Mayne, so the ideal would be somewhere within Torquay so they can continue there. If you might be able to help, please give Tessa (07850529747) or Paul (07968121923) a call.

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*Please note that our services are often live-steamed*

## Prayers

### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

**Sun** Pray for all suffering in any way, spiritual, physical, material, especially for Ian Lane and his family as they mourn - Jenny's funeral is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm. Underneath are His everlasting arms.

**Mon** Give thanks to God for the congregation's generosity this Harvest for the Community Larder helping really needy people in Torbay.

**Tue** Please pray for our MP, Kevin Foster, with his new responsibility as Minister for Railways, especially in the present rail strike and the huge work for HS2.

**Wed** Pray for the new CAP course helping people to know how to manage their finances in a good way to help them week by week.

**Thu** Please pray for Torbay Council as it conducts a review of housing requirements and opportunities, formal use of brownfield sites, for protection of wildlife sites and for affordable housing.

**Fri** Please continue to pray for Ukraine and for Afghanistan, Pakistan and many African countries facing huge droughts, floods and starvation.

**Sat** Thank God for St. Matthias giving its tithe which enabled £1,000 to be given to the Pakistan Flood Disaster. May it be used rightly.

**Sun** Although about 3000 languages have part of the Bible translated, there are more than 1600 languages where there is no work in progress. Please pray for the Bible to be available in all languages including sign language for all. God bless the Bible Society.



Our Harvest Display last Sunday – thank you for the foodbank gifts – and for decorating the church



*Jollyween Autumn Light Party* - pumpkin carving, disco party games and music with Dean, lantern crafts and much more!

See posters for more info **30 October 4.30-6.30pm**

Booking via Lena on 295268 or [stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org)

**Services on 30 October:** United Family Communion at 11am with Revd Nathan Kiyaga (the Area Dean) (no 8am Prayer Book Communion that day)