



Welcome!

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' on home page

Sun 16 January	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) in church
	9.30am Zone Service with Rev Nathan Kiyaga, Rural Dean in church Activity sheet: Wedding at Cana
	11am Holy Communion with Rev Nathan Kiyaga, Rural Dean in church and livestreamed https://youtu.be/EefXcgtH-p8
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting on zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76450192416?pwd=Tpm4TwtfCKc2JUyoaQozJKFBpnbx_r.1 Meeting ID: 764 5019 2416 Passcode: 1H66ew

Our readings today are:

Isaiah 62:1-5 <https://tinyurl.com/33wwrknx>

John 2:1-11 <https://tinyurl.com/5n7xbbzz>

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:

The stewards
keeping the
church open in
the week 😊

Mon 17 Jan	7.30pm PCC meeting on zoom
Tues 18 Jan	9.00 -11.30am Toddlers in church
	12-1.30pm Matts Knits in the Hall
Wed 19 Jan	9am Holy Communion (<i>Common Worship</i>) in church
	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers practice in church

Thurs 20 Jan	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer
Fri 21 Jan	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i>
Sun 23 Jan	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) <i>in church</i>
	11am Morning Worship <i>in church and livestreamed</i>
	5.30-6.30pm 'Encounter' <i>a youth-led gathering for all in church</i>

Covid – the latest

In order to minimise the risk we continue to ask everyone to follow the steps we have put in place for the time being:

- To use the 'one way' system - using the main West Porch glass doors to come in and the linkway doors to leave.
- To continue to use the hand sanitizing stations.
- In addition to wearing a face covering, we would also like people to do a "Lateral Flow Test" before coming to church please. They are fairly easy to do and should be available from local chemists, although you have to order via the Government website <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>. This is not a requirement, and we will not be asking if people have undertaken one!
- Please don't come to church if you feel unwell with any flu or cold symptoms, and consider not coming to church if you have not been vaccinated at all.

News

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th- 25th January

To help us pray for the unity of the church, you may like to use some of the prayer guide material produced by Christians in the Middle East at home this week, which you can find here:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/WPCU-2022-English-A5-1.pdf.pagespeed.ce.c2Ohs37kOX.pdf>



New year, new challenges? What is God's call on your life? Read about how Sharon Hiley is exploring this for her life by following this link: [New Year, New Challenges?](#)

Our Christmas Appeal for Compassion has raised a wonderful £1000...thank you to everyone who has been able to support this.

Torquay Community Larder...thank you for your continued support of the Larder with your generous donations. They continue to welcome all tinned food, cereal, tea etc – they are overflowing with rice and pasta 😊

Events

Begin Well ... our fourth Antenatal Course is starting on Thursday 3rd February at 7.30pm. We are hoping to be able to meet in Church but failing that, we will be on Zoom! Please contact Lena on 01803 295268 for further information or book via Begin Well Torquay Eventbrite.



The Friends of St Matthias are delighted to announce that their New Year meal for 2022 will be held on Tuesday 8th February at Amici Italian restaurant in Torwood Street. We were last there in 2019 but COVID meant we had to give it a miss in 2021 and in 2020. We're really looking forward to being able to resume this popular tradition, and we shall be selling tickets from next Sunday, the 23rd January.

Looking forward to seeing you there. And in the meantime, Felice Anno Nuovo!
Rob Newman 07305 681522.



LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

Diaries out please! LENT begins soon!

- **Ash Wednesday 2nd March** – *with an early evening Communion time tbc*
- **The Lent Course this year is 'Living in Love and Faith'**

A 5 week course on Monday evenings from 7th March, repeated on Wednesday mornings from 9th March. It intends to provide a safe space to listen to one another and to God to explore human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

These are really important subjects, but ones we find hard to talk about, so the national Church of England has produced this course to help us do that. The Staff Team here ran the course themselves in November and warmly commend it to everyone. You can watch a 2 minute intro video by copying this link into your browser <https://tinyurl.com/y2s66r8x>

We'll share more details over the coming weeks, but for now, please put the five Mondays or Wednesdays in your diaries!

PCC...The PCC meets this Monday evening, 17th January 2022

This does not give much notice, sorry, but these are the main items on the agenda, so if you have particular comments to make, please contact David in advance of the meeting: dwilkinson.tq@btinternet.com And please pray for the PCC and this meeting - thank you.

We aim to ensure each item is related to one of our three main aims: Worshipping God, Making Disciples and Transforming Communities

- *Reflections on Christmas; Covid concerns/comments; Finance report;*

- Consider proposal for the church to register for the Green Accreditation Scheme run by 'eco' Christian charity 'A Rocha'.
- Review plans for a new service rota, especially for the 930 congregation
- Update from SCYP and consider how best to proceed to find a Youth Worker
- Consider report about how best to open the church for private prayer and visitors in the daytime;
- Review revised documents about our Values and next stages on new Strategy process.
- Consider implications for latest Safeguarding requirements, in particular, Safer Recruitment.
- Begin to consider ideas for future capital projects to improve the building.

Readings for Today

John 2: 1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

⁴ 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Prayer

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

Sun. Please pray on climate Sunday, for the enthusiasm of the autumn, in Glasgow, to be maintained, for everyone reviewing lifestyle decisions to be more climate care aware and for a better understanding of how these issues form part of the mission of the church.

Mon. Pray for the PCC meeting this evening as they deal with the day-to-day business of running the church and looking ahead to a program for the coming year. They would value your wisdom, distinctive guidance and refreshing for the

work and their service to us, and pray too that they may be outward looking into the community and world.

Tue. In this week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for the world-wide Church but especially for the Church in Torbay. Pray that churches work more closely together in love and harmony. Pray for the Rev'd Matt Bray as he starts soon in the Bay Church, Paignton, but to work across the Deanery. Pray that we will all give him a really warm welcome.

Wed. Pray for our country in this time of chaos and deceitfulness. Pray that our MPs will speak with respect and dignity for truth so that our country will go forward into prosperity, confidence and hope. Pray for Kevin Foster our own MP.

Thu. With anxieties about increases in energy costs and taxes in April, please pray for all helping in debt counselling and advice, for those struggling to afford higher energy costs and yet who feel the cold because of health and other reasons.

Fri. Please remember all who have recently been bereaved, especially because of Covid, those who are ill at home or in hospital, those awaiting a procedure and all front-line medics and carers that they may be kept safe and have the strength to carry on. All who suffer difficulties in their businesses, especially in the hospitality trade due to the covid restrictions.

Sat. There are numerous organisations and activities which happen in the Church. Pray that they may be an instrument of spiritual growth. Pray too for all who hire our halls that they may know that they meet on "holy ground" and act accordingly.

Sun. Praise God for our staff team in all their ministry. Thank God especially for Sylvia and Paul our Churchwardens who work so hard. Pray for the worship life of the Church that we may love, praise and honour our Lord.

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