

Welcome!



Sunday 17 September 2023


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Join us in church or online

www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

Sun 17 Sept	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion followed by coffee or tea www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FKp8l1-rwo

Church open for visitors and prayer Wednesdays 12-3pm

Mon 18 Sept	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Tues 19 Sept 	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits knit and natter in the church – all welcome
	3.15pm Messy Church to book: admin@st-matthias-church.org
Wed 20 Sept	9am Holy Communion
	9.40am Ukrainian support group
	12-3.30pm 'Welcome Space' in the church
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers practice in church
Thurs 21 Sept	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
	7pm Girls Allowed in church
Fri 22 Sept	10-11.30am Mummy & Me
	1pm Funeral of Norman Lake
	6.30-8pm Youth Club in the Hall
Sun 24 Sept Ordination of Claire and Ruth	9am Said Holy Communion at St Matthias
	10.30am Ordination of Claire Reynolds and Ruth Beckett at St Paul's Church, Preston 19 Locarno Ave, Paignton, TQ3 2DH (There is a sign-up sheet for transport in church) There is no 8 am or 11am service at St Matthias
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' - informal worship at St Matt's

Morning Prayer zoom information: tinyurl.com/mr4dd2ey

Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 Password: Pray

We use the 'Daily Prayer' app – it's free: tinyurl.com/yc88txae

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

Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to
All those caring
for others



Readings

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: they gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷But since you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Luke 12: 13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' ¹⁴Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?' ¹⁵Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'

¹⁶And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops." ¹⁸Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" ²¹'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'



ALPHA Do you want to know more about the Christian faith? Do you have questions but don't know who to ask? Claire & Sharon are going to be running an Alpha course in the church lounge, weekly on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm **starting on 5th October** for 9 weeks.

Coffee & cake to start with! Please speak to one of us for more details.

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At St. Matthias, one of our values is to be
'Generous like Jesus'

This year, our regular 'Give to God Sunday' is being extended over a number of weeks to explore biblical teaching about money and giving.

We hope that each of us will prayerfully consider what we are able to give. The program of events and teaching is shown below – please try to come to at least one of the special prayer times shown, or commit to praying from elsewhere at those times. We seek to know more of God and his renewing, his plans and provision for us. Don't forget the special Renewal weekend of teaching too!

Generous God – Generous People

Sunday 17th Sept Giving our money part 1

with briefings about our financial situation.

Sunday 24th Sept Giving our money part 2

(It is also the ordination of Claire & Ruth at St Paul's Preston.)

Special Prayer Times

Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th 1pm - 2pm & 6pm - 7pm

where we gather to seek to know more of God, his renewing, his plans and provision for us. If you are able to, you may like to fast over those periods to help your praying.

Monday 25th September 7.30pm Q and A session

with Kevin Francis, the PCC Treasurer, in the Larkin Hall.

Sat 30th Sept & Sunday 1st Oct Renewal Weekend

with Stephen and Janet Dinsmore of 'ReSource' www.resource-arm.net/about

Our Generous God – there's always more!

Saturday 30th September

9.30am – 1pm Teaching workshops:

- ✓ **Always more to Jesus**
- ✓ **Always more to the Spirit**

7pm Evening Celebration – **Spiritual blessings in Christ**

Sunday 1st October Always more to worship

- ✓ **8am Prayer Book Communion**
- ✓ **9.30am 'Explore' with breakfast**
- ✓ **11am Holy Communion**

Sunday 8th October Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day

in gratitude for God's goodness, we're asked to revise the level of our regular giving to the church's work and invited to make special one-off gifts too.



Bible study guides

'Generous God - Generous People'

daily reading and reflection over 35 days, available for use by individuals or Home Groups.–

And coming up soon: **Legacies and Will writing** – date to be confirmed.

Helpful general advice from church family solicitors.

Tues 19 Sept @
3.15pm. Come
along for crafts,
stories, songs,
& food!



News & Events

Girls Allowed on Thursday 21st September @ 7pm in church Please join us for an evening of fun, creativity and catching-up. To book please call Judi on 01803 211947.

ROMANS A new course from the Bible Society. If you are not in a house group, you are invited to join the 'in church' group on Wednesdays, starting on 13th September at 10am in the Lounge and then fortnightly. <https://tinyurl.com/yr8j53pv>

Ordinations on 24 September at St Paul's Preston: Do come along to support Claire and Ruth. At St Matts we're having a said 9am Communion and 'Praise @5.30'
Transport Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you can either offer a lift to the ordination or need a lift.

Hosting requested Would anyone be able to offer B&B accommodation for our Renewal Weekend leaders please – Stephen and Janet Dinsmore for one or two nights Friday 29/Saturday 30 September. Please contact Sylvia. Thank you.

Sign up sheets...for the Renewal Weekend and for ordination transport are at the back of church. Please sign up today.

Mini First Aid Course Friday 6 October 12.30-2.30pm in the Hall. For parents, grandparents, carers of babies and young children. Cost £20. To book please contact Lena on 0790 337 6340 or lenafearnley@googlemail.com

Don't miss the opportunity to see the amazing performers at our **Friends Open Mic** Event on Saturday 14th October at 7.00. Tickets available after the Sunday morning service or from the Church Office. For more information contact 07789 692321.

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Monday The presidency of the G20 passes to Brazil. Pray for the emerging powerful economies (eg BRIC) as they take a lead - and take a path that's "non-aligned" with the West.

Tuesday Our preaching series is entitled "Generous God – Generous People". Pray that we experience God's generosity deeply, and can respond with love, service and financial liberality.

Wednesday There has been troubling news of "controlling behaviour" by leaders in companies – and even churches. Pray for Christian leaders to be servant-like, following Christ.

Thursday Birmingham City Council is virtually bankrupt. Pray for those who work in town and city councils – with massive pressures on budgets for social services.

Friday Lots of things start up again in September – like Alpha and Youth Group. Pray that God prompts people to come and benefit from each group. Pray, too, for the leaders!

Saturday Both Claire Reynolds and Ruth Beckett from our church are being ordained tomorrow. Pray that God will richly bless them and empower them for ministry.