

WELCOME



Sunday 19 November 2023

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Join us in church or online


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Church open for visitors and prayer Wednesdays 12-2pm

Sun 19 Nov	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	<div data-bbox="1157 920 1465 1317" data-label="Text"> <p>You may have noticed there have been some issues with the church heating. Please continue to wrap up warmly.</p> </div>
	9.30am Explore Together	
	10.30am Gather to Pray	
	11am Holy Communion followed by coffee/tea https://youtube.com/live/h1t79S5Qko?feature=share	
Mon 20 Nov	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom	
Tues 21 Nov 	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom	
	9-11.30am Toddlers Group	
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits – knit and natter	
	3.15pm Messy Church	
Wed 22 Nov	9am Holy Communion	
	9.40am Ukrainian support group	
	12-2pm 'Welcome Space' in the church	
Thurs 23 Nov	7.30pm Alpha course continues in the lounge	
Fri 24 Nov	10-11.30am Mummy & Me	
	6.30pm Youth Club in the Hall	
Sat 25 Nov	Concert @ 7.30pm South Devon Choir – Faure's Requiem & Armed Man	
Sun 26 Nov	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	
	10.30am Gather to Pray	
	11am Service of Confirmation and Holy Communion followed by coffee/tea	

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope that all creation
will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to
Sunday Coffee Team


Readings

Romans 6:1-10 & 7: 14-19

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

7: 14-19

¹⁴ We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing.

Luke 9:22-24

²² And he said, 'The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.'

²³ Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.'

Upcoming events

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 Dec @ 9am at the Grand – Men's Breakfast Christmas Special for ladies too! The speakers will be Paul & Tessa Barton. Email to book your place: torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com



EcoFest

 Climate change and Nature

 Everybody Welcome

 Join us to celebrate, learn and create

Saturday 2 December 12 - 4.30pm

 St Matthias Babbacombe Rd TQ1 1HW



Talks

- Share insights on our coastal and marine environment - local experts on coastal landscape, sea grass and soil
- Ruth Valerio author and environmentalist on the global impact
- Hear what is being done - and what we can do with Jacqui Warren Torbay Climate Emergency Officer

Stands and displays

 Energy efficiency advice and renewable energy

 Endangered species embroidery exhibition

 Devon Wildlife Trust

 Ocean Marine Conservation Trust

 South West Water

 and many more

Plus lots of family crafts and activities

 More info from ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org

2 December Ecofest – 12.00 - 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*

Friends Christmas Lunch - Headland Hotel - Sunday 3rd December. To book come to the Friends' Table at church on Sunday. (And while you're there don't forget to check out the Christmas cards on offer) **Rob Newman**

9 Dec @ 7.30pm Don't miss your chance to see the amazingly talented and versatile singing sensation Jonathan Veira live in concert at Christ Church Paignton. Tickets are selling fast and are available for £10: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jonathan-veira-christmas-concert-tickets-725698362337?aff=oddtcreator>

News & help



Christmas help - there are lots of opportunities to get involved with the Christmas services this year

- **Welcomers for Christmas services** – if anyone would like to help to welcome people to the church for the Christmas services please sign up at the back of church today

- **Help with moving chairs for the services**
- **Help to put up or take down the staging 4th December (training given)**



Christmas tree outside on the West Porch – we would like to put up an artificial tree this year instead of a real tree (approx. 7ft). Does anyone have one which they could lend to us please? We are hoping to put it up during the week commencing 11th December in time for the Carol Service on 17th. And help to put some lights on it too would be great! Thank you.

Choice Words in Newton Abbot - a charity delivering Christian books, media and resources for everyone in the community. Why not buy your Christmas books from them this year? Open Mon-Sat 9.30-4.30pm.



Shoebox Appeal *But you need to hurry!*

We are supporting cr2ee (Christian Response to Eastern Europe) to send a **Christmas Shoebox** to someone in Moldova or Ukraine. Please see last week's notices for more information and drop it into church by Sunday 26 November.

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

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon - Universal Children's Day Bless every initiative seeking to enhance children's lives.

Tues We pray that as the Christmas Shoeboxes reach Moldova and Ukraine children will be blessed.

Wed Bless all Christmas preparations in churches and schools. May they know the real meaning.

Thurs Holy Spirit stir in each of us to share the Good News of Christ with others this Christmas.

Fri Bless all those fighting for peace in Ukraine where people are still being killed daily.

Sat Forgive us as the news of conflict in Israel/Palestine becomes stale. We pray for your peace.

Sun Heavenly Father we praise you as you reconciled the world to yourself through Christ - no longer counting our sin against us.

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