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Welcome!

Sunday 2nd February 2025

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Welcome! Join us in church or online

www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm

Sun 2 Feb	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together with breakfast
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/eOwJBHLZu8o?feature=share
	AV demo after the 11am service
Mon 3 Feb	6.15-7.30am South Devon Prayer Team <i>with tea/coffee</i>
	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Tues 4 Feb	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 5 Feb	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers
Fri 7 Feb	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sat 8 Feb	9am Men's Breakfast <i>at the Grand with Nathan Kiyaga</i>
Sun 9 Feb	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship with Baptism <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting

Collect Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen**

Thanks go to:



Preschool Management
Committee

For Morning Prayer online,
we use the Church of England 'Daily
Prayer' app and this zoom link
<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

Readings

Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord’), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: ‘a pair of doves or two young pigeons’.

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

‘Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.’

³³ The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: ‘This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Dates for the diary



THIS SUNDAY Simple demo of how the Sound Desk works

We need to expand the AV team – it's not as complicated as you might think! Come and watch the demo **over coffee after the 11am service on 2nd February**

New Year Meal We shall shortly be closing our list for the Friends of St Matthias New Year meal at Amici Restaurant on Tuesday 4th February. All are welcome. To book your place please speak to either Christine or Rob at the end of Sunday services or as soon as possible. **Rob Newman 07305 681522**

News

Sad news Dennis Stannard (Paul's Dad) died peacefully at Erith House on Tuesday. Details of his funeral will follow in due course. We pray for his family and friends at this time.



Emerging Generations Team Leader

We are currently recruiting for this post.

If you know of anyone who may be interested please see our website for details, click here <https://tinyurl.com/vvpsnb8j>

or scan the code.



Church Cleaners needed! Would you like to join the team to help to keep the church clean? Dusting, vacuuming and some tidying involved each team doing just a couple of hours each month. Please contact Sheila Sherriff who will be very pleased to hear from you 😊 07732 734486



New Year... why not explore life, faith and meaning?

We will be running an Alpha course this spring. Date to be confirmed. Watch this space for more details or speak with one of the clergy.

Keswick in Devon 3-7 March at All Saints Church Sidmouth – bible teaching, fellowship and worship. www.keswickindevion.org.uk or call Carole Hawkins on 01395 515674

Missing raincoat! Did you by any chance leave with the wrong raincoat at the funeral on Monday? If so we have yours here! (Seasalt black ladies waterproof.) Please let the office know. Thank you.

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Prayers for this week *Ephesians 3:14-15* I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

Monday Father, we celebrate the blessings of family. Help us to nurture and cherish those in our families at home and church.

Tuesday In Children's Mental Health week, we pray for children who struggle with mental health issues at school. Please give them hope, strength and support needed to better their situation.

Wednesday We remember families who are living through grief, fear and anxiety having someone who is ill, missing or troubled.

Thursday We pray for all families, especially children who are affected by conflict, climate change, food shortages and loss.

Friday As National Marriage Week begins Father, we thank you for ordaining marriage and the many benefits that flow from it. We pray that more couples will commit to a lifelong faithful partnership and flourish within it.

Saturday Thank you for charities and agencies supporting families with material, emotional and social support by providing food, refuge, guidance, and medical expertise. Please provide the necessary human and financial support they need.

Sunday Father, we praise you for bringing your family from every nation, tribe, people and language. We pray for our sisters and brothers across the world to be filled by your spirit with faith, hope and love. Through the grace of our lord Jesus. Amen

PCC PRAYER REQUEST

1. Father we pray for unity among your followers.
2. Pray our Lord to provide the right people to offer to serve and help in the various activities in the church.
3. Pray for the parish visiting team who will be knocking on people's doors in the spring. May people be receptive when the team knocks on the doors.
4. Heavenly Father we pray for our Youth Alpha. May each participant of the group get to know you better and grow closer to you.
5. Pray for the right person to apply for the Emerging Generations Leader post.
6. Pray for home groups to grow and help people to grow in their faith.

Lent Course 2025 "Streams of Living Water" by Richard Foster

Over six weeks we will explore six distinct spiritual traditions: Contemplative, Holiness, Charismatic, Social Justice, Evangelical, and Incarnational. We'll be learning how each tradition offers unique pathways to deepen one's relationship with God, fostering a holistic Christian spirituality for us as individuals and as church. Each week, we look at a different bible character, historical figure and practices within Christianity.

Tuesday evenings *beginning 11th March in the Hall.*

Repeated on **Wednesday mornings** *in the Lounge at 10am from 12th March*

Ash Wednesday 5th March – service of Holy Communion at 7pm