



21 November 2021

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Welcome to our Services

in church and 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 21 Nov	8am Prayer Book Communion <i>in church</i>
Christ the King	9.30am Growzone <i>in church and livestreamed</i> https://youtu.be/1Wtqtxd4PIs King of Kings activity sheet
	11am Holy Communion <i>in church and livestreamed</i> <i>followed by coffee in the Hall</i> https://youtu.be/osCz86LDwEU
	5.30-6.30pm 'Encounter' <i>a youth-led gathering for all in church</i>

Our readings today are:

Philippians 2:1-18 <https://tinyurl.com/5586a5tp>

John 19:33-37 <https://tinyurl.com/h3pf4dd9>

Thanks go to:
Our clergy and
those taking part in
the services today
😊

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen**

Next Week at St Matts

Mon 22 Nov	9.00am Morning Prayer on ZOOM – all welcome to join us – <i>Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 – Passcode: Pray</i>
Tues 23 Nov	9.00am Morning Prayer on ZOOM – <i>as above</i>
	9.00 - 11.30am Toddlers <i>in the church</i>
	12.00 – 1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>in the Hall</i>

Wed 24 Nov	9.00am Holy Communion (Common Worship) <i>in church</i>
	10.30 – 11.30am Church open (<i>for private prayer</i>)
	 2.00 - 3.30pm Alpha Course <i>in church</i>
Thurs 25 Nov	10.30 – 11.30am Church open (<i>for private prayer</i>)
Friday 26 Nov	10-11.30am “Mummy & Me” <i>in the church</i>
	6.30pm Youth Group <i>in the Hall</i>
Sun 28 Nov	8am Prayer Book Communion <i>in church</i>
	9.30am Prayzone with Compassion <i>in church and livestreamed</i>
	11am Morning Worship with Compassion <i>in church and livestreamed</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>in church</i>

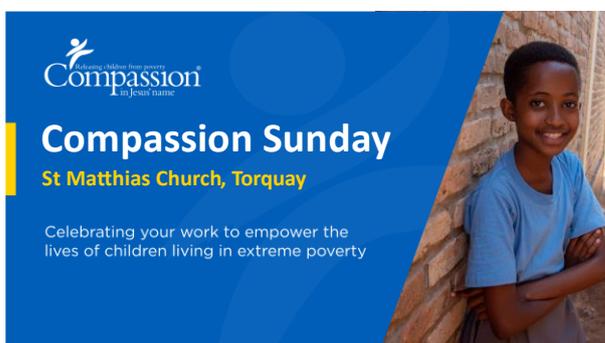
Latest News



TODAY! Encounter | 21st November | 5:30-6:30pm

We're really excited to be launching a new informal gathering called 'Encounter.' It's a youth-led gathering but for the whole church. It'll focus on sung worship, hearing from the Bible, and prayer ministry in a covid-safe way. We'd love to see you there!

Masks work well – that's the conclusion of researchers reporting in the British Medical Journal: *“Mask-wearing is the single most effective public health measure at tackling Covid, reducing incidence by 53%, the first global study of its kind shows...mask-wearing, social distancing and handwashing are all effective at curbing cases, with mask-wearing the most effective”*. So, thanks for continuing to wear a mask when you come to church. We know it is difficult, but given Torbay's case rates are currently 40% higher than the national average, please be kind and think of how you might protect someone else. And also please may we kindly ask you to stay away if you have cold symptoms as that is how Covid usually presents now. Thank you so much.



Next Sunday (28 Nov) we are delighted to have Mike Robins from Compassion UK with us at both the 9:30 and the 11:00 services. He will be speaking about those children who are sponsored by



members of the St Matthias family as well as informing us about their current work and concerns and allowing us the opportunity to sponsor a child in need in Rwanda. Please try to join us to hear what he has to say to us!

Christmas!



'At the Heart of Christmas'

Please pick up a leaflet today with details of our Christmas services beginning on 19 December with a carol service at 5.30pm. In order to manage the numbers attending, booking is required for *some* services. Please note that on Christmas Eve, the Crib Service at 3pm is especially appropriate for very young children. The link for booking is:

www.stmatthiaschurch.eventbrite.co.uk

If you are unable to book online please contact the office.

Other news and events

Sad news David Dyson died earlier this week. Our thoughts and prayers are for his wife Margaret and their family and friends. Funeral details to follow.

Torbay Men's Breakfast Get together on the first Saturday of each month for fellowship, a full English Breakfast and to listen to a variety of speakers.

8:30 for 9:00 at the Livermead House Hotel, Torbay Road, Torquay TQ2 6QJ

Please email if you would like to attend: torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com

Giving via blue envelopes We're really thankful to everyone who gives to the church, however much or little, and however often. Nevertheless, now that the nearest bank is in the centre of Paignton, and we are charged a fee by CAF for banking cash and cheques, giving via your bank account with the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is an even greater help than ever to us. As you probably know, this method also takes away the considerable amount of extra work involved in claiming the gift aid, at no cost to us. So, if you feel you could consider moving over to the PGS then please either contact Tony, our Treasurer, (07984 001973) for more information or simply pick up one of the leaflets at the back of church and see how easy it is to sign up. Thank you very much.



The Friends' Christmas lunch at the Osborne Hotel is on 5 Dec. Places are going fast. Advance booking is essential, so please come and see us after the service with your menu choices (Christine Tibbetts on 01803 291033)



Christmas Concerts in the church:

4 December @ 7.30pm Torbay Singers (Mozart Requiem + others)

www.torbaysingers.org

11 December @ 7pm South Devon Choir (Handel's Messiah)

www.southdevonchoir.org

How did it go?

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal... Thank you so much. We have delivered the fantastic total of 116 shoe boxes to send to Moldova for Christmas. Once again, this has been an overwhelming response from St Matthias with both Ilsham School and Rotary supporting too! Giles & Lena

Messy Church... 24 children and their families enjoyed our story of Tabitha on Tuesday, exploring the Holy Spirit through crafts, worship, prayer and supper together. It was a great afternoon. Huge thanks to all who helped to make this happen - Pauline, Karen, Diane, Elaine, Linda, Val, Dave, Paul, Tessa, and also Rachel for her amazing dancing and actions to the songs! Don't forget to book for Messy Church Christmas on Tuesday 21st December! Lena

Friends' Christmas Market - we were delighted to welcome more than two hundred and fifty visitors. For some, it was the first time they'd been inside the church, and we made sure that they all got a copy of Christmas Services leaflet. It was a real opportunity for the church to reach out to the community. Special thanks to all those (more than forty of you) whose labours helped to make the day such a success. A good time was had by all – and by the end of the day, we'd achieved a profit of more than £1300. Should we do it again next year? Do let us know! Rob Newman (Chairman) (There are a few nativity books left over from the market – speak to Val 01803 916338 for more information eg 'Sssh, Don't Wake the Baby' at £3.50 or 'The Camel who found Christmas' for primary age children at £2.50 each.)

Readings for today

Philippians 2: 1-18

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death –
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Do everything without grumbling

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence,
but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear
and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his
good purpose.

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless
and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’ Then
you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of
life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour in
vain. ¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and
service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too
should be glad and rejoice with me.

John 19: 33-37

³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not
break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing
a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵ The man who saw it has given testimony, and
his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you
also may believe. ³⁶ These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled:
‘Not one of his bones will be broken,’ ³⁷ and, as another scripture says, ‘They will look
on the one they have pierced.’

Notes:

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers

Sun Pray that we may become a real praying and serving community, that all around in Torbay may know that they are welcome in a place where God can be found.

Mon Please pray for two areas of the world where escalating problems are involving world powers namely the Polish Belarusian border and the dispute over Taiwan. We pray for peace, for successful diplomacy, for those innocently caught in the middle and particularly for the leaders of Russia, China, the USA and others.

Tue As colder weather arrives, we pray particularly for the homeless along with all who look after them and provide them with shelter and sustenance, and for all anxious about their financial circumstances in being able to pay energy bills.

Wed Pray for the Alpha Course and those who lead it. Pray that God's Holy Spirit will speak into the hearts of those attending and point them to Jesus in a new way.

Thu Remember all who find life difficult through financial, emotional, physical, or other problems. May we all be ready to help, encourage, cheer or unite.

Fri As the vaccination is extended for the booster and for the second dose to various age groups, we continue to pray for the NHS across the country and here in Torbay, for all working in health services, GPs and others.

Sat Thank God for all who staff St. Matts – our clergy, our Readers, our faithful Church Wardens, our PCC and all who help in services, cleaning, moving countless chairs and tables, and a multitude of other jobs.

Sun Pray for the group in our church making us more aware of our responsibility to our world and how we can help our world, especially in the area of global warming. Pray too for all our charities trying to help our world.

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At the heart of Christmas

Celebrate Christmas
at St Matthias

Sunday 19th December
Carol Service : 5:30pm

Friday 24th December
Crib Service : 3pm

Saturday 25th December
Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer) : 8am

Tuesday 21st December
Messy Christmas : 3pm

Friday 24th December
Christingle : 5pm

Wednesday 22nd December
Carols on the Piazza : 4pm

Friday 24th December
Midnight Communion : 11pm

Saturday 25th December
Christmas Day Communion : 10am

Thursday 23rd December
Carols on the Piazza : 4pm



Book your tickets at:
stmatthiaschurch.eventbrite.co.uk

