

Welcome!



Sunday 22 September 24

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Welcome! Join us in church or online

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

Sun 22 Sept	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/dJF6VLP7x4?feature=share
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' youth-led service – all welcome
Mon 23 Sept	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Tues 24 Sept	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>Do come along</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>All welcome</i>
Wed 25 Sept	9am Holy Communion
	10am–12 noon Ukraine Support Group
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>Tea, coffee, soup and chat!</i>
Fri 27 Sept	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 29 Sept	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Pet Service <i>a celebration of our pets!</i>
	10.30 Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion with prayers for healing <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>



Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Readings

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such 'wisdom' does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

4 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

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For more info phone 01803 214175 or email: admin@stmatthias-church.org

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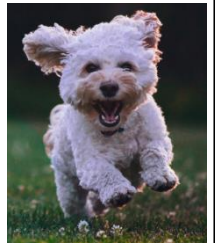
Parish Visiting
Teams – the
visitors and
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'Pet Service' Sunday 29th
September 9.30am
Join us, with or without a pet for a
celebration of animals and our pets!
(Please bring small pets in a secure
cage and it's probably not fair for most
cats with dogs around!)

PET PHOTOS needed please!

We'd like to share pics of our pets
on a powerpoint loop at the start
of the service, so could you send in
one pic of your pet that we can use
to the office please? Thank you –

PS there will be a special area for smaller pets
like rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters etc.



Dates for the diary

Ceilidh! Saturday 19th October We are delighted to be teaming up with the Hedgehogs' Brawl Ceilidh Band and the Torbay Folk Choir for a party with a difference. Come and let your hair down and enjoy a great evening of music, dancing, food and drink. Tickets now on sale and further information available after the 11am service. *The Friends of St Matthias*

2025! Save the date for your diary and for your garden. '*How green is my garden*' This half day of talks and activities, highlighting environmental aspects of gardening, will be held on Sat 18 Jan 2025 in the church hall. More details to follow.

News

Thank you for all the Harvest food donations. The Larder are very grateful for your support. We are happy to continue to receive more donations – please place them in the collection box in the Linkway corridor 😊



Bishop Jackie, who has been the Acting Diocesan Bishop for the last year, has announced that she will retire at the end of January 2025. Details of a farewell service will follow in due course. To read her letter click here [Bishop Jackie to retire](#)

Baptism and Confirmation Registers We have a wonderful historic register of the baptisms which have taken place at St Matthias since 1880. We would like to photograph this register so that we have a duplicate record in case of any damage to the original. Would anyone be able to help with this please? It makes a very interesting read of our history! Please contact Pere.

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Lord, thank you for those who are serving on our PCC. Pray that their meeting this evening will go well and that your Holy Spirit will guide all the decisions that they will make to the glory of your name.

Tues Pray for parents and other carers of young people leaving home for the first time, especially for those who are dreading their quieter family life.

Wed Lord, the prison system and accommodation in our country is failing both offenders and their victims. Pray that the review of reforms can be accelerated by the organisations involved and lead to new arrangements that work for the benefit of all.

Thu Instead of praying generally for those you love today, think of one of their qualities and thank God for it.

Fri Continue to pray for the end to the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East. Pray that the leaders of the countries involved remain open to urgently stopping the violence and to seeking a peaceful settlement.

Sat Tomorrow is our 'pet' service. Pray for the good behaviour of all the animals so that we can all feel blessed by their presence and their owners will not be anxious or embarrassed.

Sun Today is our Lord's day. *'Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live'* (1 Thess. 5:16-18, *The Message*)

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