



## Welcome on 'Bible Sunday'!

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<https://tinyurl.com/88s6x6fd>

or via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' home page

<b>Today</b> <b>Bible Sunday</b> <b>Lessons from Luke</b> <b>'A Good Read'</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b> <i>(note new time)</i>
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> <i>followed by coffee</i> <a href="https://youtu.be/u3pvvRo3uiw">https://youtu.be/u3pvvRo3uiw</a>

### Collect

Merciful God,  
 teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,  
 that trusting in your word and obeying your will  
 we may enter the unfailing joy  
 of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanks go to:  
 Our preachers and  
 bible readers



<b>Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm</b>	
<b>Tues 25 Oct</b>	<b>12-1.30pm Matt's Knits</b> <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
<b>Wed 26 Oct</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b> <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	<b>10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>
	<b>9.45am Alpha</b> <i>in the lounge</i>
	<b>7pm CAP Money Course</b> <i>in the Lounge</i>
<b>Sun 30 Oct</b>	<b>11am United Family Communion</b> with Revd Nathan Kiyaga (the Area Dean)
	<b>4.30-6.30pm Jollyween</b> Autumn Light Party

### *Jollyween Autumn Light Party*

Pumpkin carving, disco party games and music with Dean, lantern crafts and much more!

**30 October 4.30-6.30pm**

Booking via Lena on 295268

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## Readings for Today

### Psalm 119

- <sup>129</sup> Your statutes are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them.
- <sup>130</sup> The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.
- <sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant,  
longing for your commands.
- <sup>132</sup> Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
as you always do to those who love your name.
- <sup>133</sup> Direct my footsteps according to your word;  
let no sin rule over me.
- <sup>134</sup> Redeem me from human oppression,  
that I may obey your precepts.
- <sup>135</sup> Make your face shine on your servant  
and teach me your decrees.
- <sup>136</sup> Streams of tears flow from my eyes,  
for your law is not obeyed.

### Romans 15: 1-6

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up. <sup>3</sup> For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' <sup>4</sup> For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup> so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Luke 4: 16-24

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

### Some helpful Bible apps

#### YouVersion Bible



#### Lectio 365



#### Pray as You Go



#### Daily Prayer



<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. 'Isn't this Joseph's son?' they asked.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Surely you will quote this proverb to me: "Physician, heal yourself!" And you will tell me, "Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum."'

<sup>24</sup> 'Truly I tell you,' he continued, 'no prophet is accepted in his home town.'

## *Dates for your diary!*

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1.30pm a Special Ilsham School Harvest** service with the commissioning of the new head, Mr Grinsill. It will be great to have some of the 'Sunday' church family join in that celebration of our partnership.

**Sat 5 Nov Men's Breakfast** Livermead House Hotel – Matt Bray from Bay Church & 3 Dec at the Grand Hotel – ladies invited too! To book: [charlieallansen@gmail.com](mailto:charlieallansen@gmail.com)

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 10 - 10.40am. Special prayer meeting** here at St Matthias "A World in Crisis" - pray for Iran, Ukraine and Britain (and much more!) All welcome.

**Friends of St Matthias Christmas Market - 12 November - help needed!** We are looking for contributions - good quality books, jigsaw puzzles and games, cakes, jams and chutneys. We also need helpers for a range of duties before during and after the event. If you could help please speak to Christine (291033) or Rob (07305 681522).



**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 'Warm Space' begins** St. Matthias is planning to help by opening as a Warm Space on Wednesdays from 12noon - 5pm – drop in for hot soup with a roll and a hot drink, a chat and to keep warm. Hopefully church members will drop in and socialise along with others from the area around us. Everyone welcome! See the notice board at the back of church for details.

**Big Quiz Night** to raise money for Tearfund on **November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**. Please invite friends and register your team at [ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org) Donate on our Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/eco-action-group-st-matthias-torquay>

## *Other News*

**Shoebox Appeal** St Matthias is once again supporting the Christian Response to Eastern Europe Shoe Box appeal for Maldives which this year will also help displaced Ukrainians. A few guidelines - please do label your box for a boy or girl, woman, man or for a whole family and state the approx age range. The authorities will only accept new items in these boxes. The following are always welcome - hobby crafts, toiletries, long life food tins,



chocolate, clothes and toys. We will be collecting during the Friends' Christmas Market on Saturday 12th November or you can leave your box at Church anytime!

**Jenny Lane** Ian, Kathryn and Tim wish to thank you all for the love and care you have shown for us in our sad loss. We are very grateful for those who contributed to making Monday's service one of Gospel filled thanksgiving and hope. Also thanks to those who helped with the catering. Our best tribute to Jenny will be to maintain and even increase the welcome we extend to all who come to St Matthias' - welcoming in the service of evangelism, as a fruit of Christian love.

**Thanks** to all who bought some seeds – money raised has gone to **Tearfund** (£32.50).

## Prayers

### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

**Sun** Pray for those who lead us in worship and to the throne of grace both in Church and in the various groups.

**Mon** Please pray for wisdom for our Government as they seek to find new leadership.

**Tue** Pray that as a Church we may know what to do to help with climate change, especially as heating bills rise. May we be conscious of one another's needs.

**Wed** Please pray for Somalia and other East African countries suffering severe drought, and other countries severe flooding.

**Thu** Pray for Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iran, Ethiopia etc suffering unimaginable violence and hatred.

**Fri** In the face of extreme protests, please pray for wisdom on how to protest appropriately and get across to national and international leaders the dire urgency of change in respect of climate concerns and for effective action and targets.

**Sat** Remember all the church and secular groups that use the church, that they may feel and show the love of God.

**Sun** Pray for the recently bereaved, the sick, those suffering in other ways that they may allow God to meet them at their point of need.

## CHRISTMAS!

**Welcomers and Stewards** Would you like to welcome the congregation and visitors to our church over Christmas? We are looking for people to help at our services on Christmas Eve. Please see the sign-up sheets at the back of church.

If you are already thinking about buying your Christmas presents you may like to look at this Alternative Gifts Catalogue from Potters Village in

Uganda [www.pottersvillage.org.uk/friends-of-pv/christmas-gifts/](http://www.pottersvillage.org.uk/friends-of-pv/christmas-gifts/)

