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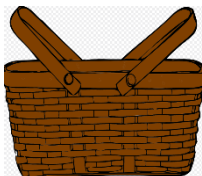
Sunday 26th January 2025

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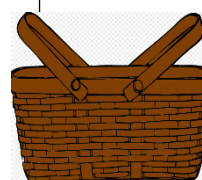
Welcome! Join us in church or online

www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

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

	Sun 26 Jan	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/P1EA6v7MtsY?feature=share
		12.30pm Church Family Indoor Picnic with games! All welcome
		5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' <i>time of worship led by our young people</i>
Mon 27 Jan		9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
		10.30am Funeral of Anne Dunnage
Tues 28 Jan		9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
		9-11.30am Toddlers
		12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 29 Jan		9am Holy Communion
		12-2pm Welcome Space <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
		2.30pm Girls Allowed <i>in the church</i>
Fri 31 Jan		9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me
		6.30-8pm Youth Club
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>

TODAY! Church Indoor Picnic 12.30pm after the morning services. Come and eat lunch together and play some games – indoor rounders etc! Please bring your own picnic...coffee and tea will be available.



Collect God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has
pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this
meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer

.Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ '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, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ 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. ²¹ He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

Thanks go to:

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Dates for the diary



NEXT 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



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.

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

Prayers for this week:

Mon Lord, give me wisdom to steer my life on the straight paths that lead to eternal life.

Tues Dear God, help us to be good shepherds in every area of our lives, in our churches, schools, businesses and community.

Weds Dear God, thank you that the potential for my life is vast. Help me to be fruitful for you in every area of my life.

Thurs Dear Lord, thank you that one day your kingdom will come, every knee will bow before Jesus, and he will rule in a new creation.

Fri Lord, help me to serve you in such a way that my life brings light to a dark world.

Sat Lord, give wisdom to all leaders. May they lay aside their own personal agendas and work together for justice, peace and unity in every nation.

Sun Dear God, help me to be ready for service and to make the most of everything that you have entrusted to me.

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.

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