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**The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm for visitors
or for personal prayer**

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| Sun 26 May | 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) |
| | 10.30am Gather to Pray |
| | 11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/LsxE33zaWEI?feature=share |
| | 5.30pm 'Praise@5.30' <i>informal praise and worship led by our youth group – all welcome</i> |
| Mon 27 May | CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY |
| Tues 28 May | 9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i> |
| | 12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits – <i>knit and natter</i> |
| Wed 29 May | 9am Holy Communion |
| | 10am – 12 noon Ukraine support group <i>in the church</i> |
| | 12-2pm 'Welcome Space' <i>join us for soup, coffee and a chat</i> |
| Thurs 30 May | 3.30pm Funeral of Graeme Whitaker |
| Sat 1 June | 9am Men's Breakfast <i>at the Grand Hotel</i> |
| Sun 2 June | 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) |
| | 10.30am Gather to Pray |
| | 9.30am Explore Together <i>with breakfast!</i> |
| | 11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> |
| Mon 3 June | 7.30pm Understanding Younger Generations – <i>all welcome</i> |

Collect

O God our mystery, you bring us to life,
call us to freedom, and move between
us with love. May we so participate in
the dance of your Trinity, that our lives
may resonate with you, now and
forever **Amen**

Thanks go to:



Our cleaners for
Centre and Church

Disabled toilet out of use
for a week beginning 28
May (loo being refurbished)

Readings

Romans 8:12-17

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘*Abba*, Father.’ ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.’

³ Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.’

⁴ ‘How can someone be born when they are old?’ Nicodemus asked. ‘Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!’

⁵ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, “You must be born again.” ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’

⁹ ‘How can this be?’ Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ ‘You are Israel’s teacher,’ said Jesus, ‘and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.’

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Dates for the diary

'Gen Z', 'Millennials'...who are they and what makes them tick?

Understanding Younger Generations

Mondays 3rd and 10th June 7.30pm in the Centre Lounge with Hannah Aske. All church family welcome.



Church Family Outing - Dawlish Warren

29 June - a day to chat, play and eat together for all the generations in our church family including an act of worship and BBQ – we've booked indoor hall space but there's plenty to do outside too of course. Easy access from train station, car park and we hope to share lifts. Please sign up on the list if you are coming.



News

Sad news We are sad to report that Graeme Whitaker has recently died. Penny and Graeme worshipped with us here for many years before moving to St Marychurch. His funeral will be at St Matthias on Thursday 30 May at 3.30pm.

Essential Safeguarding Refresher Training 3rd July - at either 10am or repeated at 7.30pm at church - for everyone involved with children or 'vulnerable adults'. Thanks to Sue Davies for providing this important training for us.



The loo! We are pleased to report that the 'disabled loo' in the linkway is having a make-over! Work will begin on Tuesday 28th May until Tuesday 4th June and so it will be out of use during that time and particularly on Sunday 2 June. The loos downstairs will still be available. Thanks go to The Friends for the generous funding of this project and for making it possible to update our facilities.

Nicci Maxwell – our CMS partner – click below to read her latest newsletter. Nicci is coming to visit us at St Matthias on Sunday 9th June and will be giving an update on her work and future plans. [Newsletter Nicci Maxwell May 2024](#)

Supporting our ministry at St Matthias: you can give financially either through the Parish Giving Scheme <http://tinyurl.com/3pzu34sn> or by scanning this code.



Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon The half term holiday leads into exams for many school children. Pray that they will be able to perform to the best of their abilities and not suffer from anxiety or distraction.

Tues Many Christians around the world are persecuted or are disadvantaged because of their faith. Pray that they will know God's presence when they are under threat and in need.

Wed Pray for family, friends and others, who are awaiting diagnoses for health issues, that test results will be negative for any serious illnesses.

Thurs Praise God for our church leaders and all who serve at St Matthias in any way. Pray for guidance in how to encourage more church family members to serve.

Fri Pray for followers of Jesus worldwide to seek the common ground of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Sat This weekend, many people will visit Torbay to enjoy its popular airshow. Pray for opportunities to welcome and bless them in Jesus' name.

Sun Set aside some time to rest today and postpone unnecessary tasks. Pray for refreshment - physically, mentally and spiritually.

Use it – then lose it!

Look out for this new resource,
still available this Sunday.

Use it first! and then 'lose it'

by giving the booklet to someone else to try praying! <https://www.trypraying.org/>

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