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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 26
Sept**

9.30am Prayzone *in church and livestreamed*

Service: <https://youtu.be/ZoVMkYaj9mg>

Activity sheet: <https://tinyurl.com/8tvk9wj7>

10.30am Coffee Time *on zoom*

Grab a drink and log in to 'zoom' to meet and catch up with others in the St Matthias family!

<https://tinyurl.com/35vr9jh> Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8

11.00am Morning Worship *in church and livestreamed*

<https://youtu.be/dH9F7NVsZEM>

Followed by a coffee on the piazza!

5.30pm Prayer Meeting *in the church*

Our readings this week are:

Psalms 19: 7-14 <https://tinyurl.com/5xpureb6>

Matthew 9: 1-8 <https://tinyurl.com/a2v93ds>

Retiring Collection There will be a retiring collection today after the service towards the cost of Mission Torbay.

**Thanks go to:
Gardeners and
Farmers especially
during this time of
Harvest ☺**

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

Next Week at St Matts

Mon 27 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer on ZOOM – all welcome to join us – <i>Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 – Passcode: Pray</i>
Tues 28 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer on ZOOM – all welcome to join us – <i>Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 – Passcode: Pray</i>
	9.00 -11.30am Toddlers in the church
	12.00 – 1.30pm Matt’s Knits on the piazza/in the Hall
Wed 29 Sept	9.00am Holy Communion (Common Worship) in church <i>If you’ve not been before, do come along to join us for a simple service of communion</i>
	10.30 – 11.30am Church open for private prayer
Thurs 30 Sept	10.30 – 11.30am Church open for private prayer
	7.30-9pm Begin Well Ante-Natal course in church
Fri 1 Oct	10.00 -11.30am Mummy and Me in church
	10.30 – 11.30am Church open for private prayer
Sat 2 Oct	3.30pm Wedding of Sarah and Evan
Sun 3 Oct HARVEST SUNDAY	9.30am Harvest Breakfastzone in church and livestreamed
	10.30am Coffee Time on zoom Grab a drink and log in to ‘zoom’ to meet and catch up with others in the St Matthias family! https://tinyurl.com/35vr9jrh Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8
	11am Harvest Thanksgiving in church and livestreamed <i>Followed by a coffee on the piazza!</i>

Latest News

Thank you. A huge thank you to the Mission Team for their work this week and to everyone who has either hosted or provided meals for them or has been involved in any way. And thank you to Joanna and Andrew for their amazing efforts coordinating the week. Well done to everyone!



Harvest – it’s our Harvest service next Sunday 3 October and we are collecting for the Torquay Community Larder. Please bring any donations on the day (non-perishable items - tins, packets etc). Thank you.



Alpha Course – our next course begins on Wed 6 Oct @ 2-3.30pm in the church and will run every Wednesday for 11 weeks. We are also running a course online (zoom) beginning on Thurs 7 Oct @ 7.30-9pm. To register for either course or to find out more please contact the office.



Wedding invitation David and Joanna Wilkinson invite church members to join them in celebrating their daughter Sarah's wedding to Evan Jones, at St Matthias, on Saturday 2nd October, at 3.30pm.

Torbay Men's Breakfast begins again on 2 October and on the first Saturday of each month for fellowship, a full English breakfast and to listen to a variety of speakers. It's at the Livermead House Hotel at 8.30 for 9am, cost £15. For more information: torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com

4 Week Creation Care Course Beginning on 7 October this is a collaboration between The Diocese of Chester, HeartEdge, Melanesian Mission UK and Southampton University. The course will provide you with vital information about climate change, its impacts on people and reflect on our role as Christians in taking practical climate action. Subjects include: Caring for Creation, Understanding Climate Change, Living Climate Change, Taking Action. Please register separately for each week here: <https://tinyurl.com/jeputrww>

Ways to serve and wanted

Lifts to church – if anyone would like a lift to church please could you contact the office. And would anyone be able to offer to either give someone a lift in their car or offer to drive the minibus? Again please contact the office and Pere can give you more information about both these options.

Leaves! We could really do with some help, please! You may have noticed all the leaves around the church and the car park - and it will get worse over the next month or two. Is there anyone who could commit to possibly an hour each week, (we have a leaf blower available) to collect and bag the leaves - it would make the area outside the church look so much tidier. Please have a word with Paul Stannard or Sylvia or phone the church office. Thank you.



Coffee on a Sunday – it was lovely to enjoy a drink after the 11am service on Sunday. Do come and join us for a cuppa! We are still short of one volunteer and also need help to serve at the zone services at 9.30am

Please contact Pere if you would like to join in.

Stewards Would you like to welcome people on a Sunday at the 11am service? If so please contact Sylvia: sylvia@ab-consulting.org

Other news and events

Today! Prayer Meeting at 5.30pm in the church – all ages welcome.

Youth and Outreach Worker We are continuing to advertise for a youth and outreach worker to begin in October. Thank you to all who have agreed to financially support this vital post. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

Pray Torbay Sunday 31 October @ 8pm One of the blessings to emerge from the pandemic has been a new connectedness between the churches across the whole of Torbay. Building on that preparations are taking place for the next Pray Torbay event at 8pm on Sunday 31st October. Please reserve the date in your diary. We're praying that this will be a great event and that the life of our whole community will be covered in prayer. *Christians Together in Torquay*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87961456537?pwd=cW5hNlM2VmIrTFZ6ZmpWS2RRT0Vwdz09>

Meeting ID: 879 6145 6537 Passcode: 121123



Mummy & Me – a group for babies aged 0-12 months and parents/grandparents/carers. Every Friday in the church at 10-11.30am. Contact Lena for more information 01803 295268
stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org

Begin Well – an ante-natal course beginning on 30 September for 5 weeks 7.30-9pm. Book your FREE place now by ringing Lena on 01803 295268.

Open House Toddler Group meets on a Tuesday morning... We welcome children aged 0 to 4yrs together with their parents, grandparents or other carers to join us for a relaxed morning including play, chat, a bible story, craft and songs – not forgetting refreshments! Please contact Judi on 211947 if you have any queries.

Congratulations to Brendon Prince for completing his 141 days Paddleboarding right around Britain to promote water safety <https://www.facebook.com/thelongpaddle2021/>

Covid Regulations As the level of infection is still relatively high, and we are urged by both government and our Church Leaders to continue to respect one another and be aware of the ongoing risks, we are continuing to ask people:

- to sign in via the QR code on arrival
- to respect each other's personal space and maintain 1-2m social distancing
- to wear a mask inside in order to protect others more than ourselves
- to refrain from embracing one another in the Peace
- to continue to use 'intinction' (dipping the wafer into the wine) during communion.

Offering Because of Covid we have not been passing a basket around, but instead have baskets at the back of church as well as a card reader which is near the entrance to the Link Corridor. If you are not signed up with the Parish Giving Scheme, nor have a standing order in place, and wish to contribute to the work of St Matthias, then please make use of either the basket or the card reader. Thank you.

Messy Church... it was amazing we were joined by Amanda Darling our Deputy Mayor and her Guide Dog Pepsi to help us understand the story of Blind Bartimaeus. We had a great turn-out of 32 children and 19 adults who enjoyed worship, prayers, crafts and a supper in glorious sunshine. A huge thanks to Paul, Val, Dave, Susan, Linda, Diane, Andrea and Giles for their amazing help. Our next Messy will be on Tuesday 12th October. *Lena*

Prayer

We would be glad to pray with you over the phone. Please phone our usual Office number 01803 214175. You are more likely to be able to speak to someone quickly Monday to Friday in office hours, but even at weekends, the messages are checked at least twice a day so someone will return your call.

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers

Sun. Praise God for those involved in Mission Torbay, for any who found faith in Jesus, for those encouraged to renew their faith, and that all the conversations and contacts will bring forth spiritual fruit. As we praise God for the visiting team pray for their protection from the likely attacks of the enemy.

Mon. The young people desperately need a leader to help them, so pray that the right person will reply to the advert. Pray for those who have recently changed schools, those going to college and university for the first time. Remember Jack Perry who did so much with the young now starting his teaching career, and Tom reading medicine.

Tue. During the pandemic giving has decreased in so many churches and charities. Pray that we may all be aware and respond as God would want us to.

Wed. Pray for the 4 Week Creation Care Course trying to help Christians to face climate change and all its ramifications. Pray that decisions and promises made by world leaders at the recent meetings will be kept and we see a change in our lifetime. Pray also for the Alpha Course being planned soon, that leaders will be appointed and people come forward to join the course.

Thu. Nicci Maxwell our CMS Mission Partner needs our prayers as she practices in Potters Village Hospital in Uganda where they face Covid 19 on top of her vital work amongst very vulnerable and sick babies in the neonatal department. Praise God for all she does and is.

Fri. Pray for all our leaders: Her Majesty the Queen, the Royal family, the Government and all who influence others and seek to maintain justice. Pray that they will find answers to the natural disasters – floods, fires and the volcanic eruptions in La Palma and Melbourne.

Sat. The Torbay Men's Breakfast (as it is now called) meeting today, and for their speaker Keith Yelland. Pray people will find him interesting and a help in their lives.

Sun. The Ministry Team work hard putting the services together, running courses and caring for people's spiritual needs like visiting and praying for people. Pray that they will all have the wisdom that they need and the strength to do all that is needed for the work.

To contact the Church

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Harvest
Sunday 3 October