



**Today is the birthday of the church!** There will be a special prayer focus on our needy world and the church. **Please join us at 10am.** And please come dressed in something orange or red or yellow as we meet to celebrate this day!

## Welcome! Join us in church or online via our YouTube channel

<https://tinyurl.com/5dp72vs6> or via the church website [www.st-matthias-church.org](http://www.st-matthias-church.org)

follow links from 'online services and worship resources' home page

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| <b>Sun 28 May</b><br><b>Pentecost</b><br><b>Sunday</b> | <b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )   |
|  | <b>10am Special time of Prayer – please join us</b>  |
|  | <b>11am Holy Communion followed by coffee</b><br><a href="https://youtube.com/live/1G_r1zn8maY?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/1G_r1zn8maY?feature=share</a> |
|  | <b>5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30pm'</b>  |

### Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
 ignite in us your holy fire;  
 strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
 revive your Church with the breath of love,  
 and renew the face of the earth,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Thanks go to:**



The 'Prayer  
 Ministry' team

### Church usually open for visitors and prayer Monday to Friday 12-2pm

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| <b>Mon 29 May</b>   | <b>Bank Holiday – church and centre closed</b>                            |
| <b>Tues 30 May</b>  | <b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom</b>                                    |
|                     | <b>12-1.30pm Matt's Knits knit and natter in the church – all welcome</b> |
| <b>Wed 31 May</b>   | <b>9am Holy Communion</b>   |
|                     | <b>9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>                      |
|                     | <b>12-3.30pm 'Welcome Space' in the church</b>                            |
|                     | <b>7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers practice in church</b>               |
| <b>Thurs 1 June</b> | <b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom</b>                                    |
|                     | <b>2-4.30pm Church cleaning party – all welcome!</b>                      |
| <b>Sat 3 June</b>   | <b>9am Men's Breakfast at The Grand</b>                                   |
| <b>Sun 4 June</b>   | <b>8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>                         |
|                     | <b>9.30am Explore Together with breakfast!</b>                            |
|                     | <b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>   |
|                     | <b>11am Holy Communion followed by coffee</b>                             |

## Readings

### Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.' <sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved."

### John 7: 37-39

<sup>37</sup> On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.' <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

## Events and Dates for the Diary

**Everybody Welcome?** Please help us make the church as welcoming as we can by joining the 'Everybody Welcome Course' coming up soon. Four Tuesday evenings in the Larkin Hall – 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> June & 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**Men's Breakfast 3 June** at The Grand Hotel – contact Charlie - [torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com](mailto:torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com)

**Thursday 29 June at 7.30pm at the Grand Hotel for a talk and free buffet!** Come and meet the people from the NGO (non-government organisation) who risk their lives to save others in Ukraine – and who Charlie worked with recently to distribute gifted generators. We need as many people as possible to attend as the Hotel will give us a discount on the buffet, if we can fill the room. Max capacity 150! Spread the word. But to get access to the free buffet, **you MUST register your attendance**. Please book your place by emailing [info@ukrainegenerators.org](mailto:info@ukrainegenerators.org) or phone 07917 005406.

## News

**Clavinova (digital piano)** free to a good home! Speak to the office. (A few of the keys need some attention.)

**Cleaning Party!** We're having a cleaning party in the church on 1<sup>st</sup> June from 2-4.30pm – dusting, vacuuming etc. Come and join the party with tea and cake! Cleaning materials provided. We're also looking for more to join the monthly rota – please see Pere if you feel you can help. Thank you 😊



**Cleaner needed!** Occasional cleaner on a Friday afternoon/evening to clean rooms in the centre ready for weekend hirers – a paid position. Next dates required are 9 & 23 June. Please contact Pere in the office for more info – 01803 214175

**Internet** We have new and faster broadband in the church and the centre! To log in go to 'St Matthias Guest' – the password is stmatts2011



**Good news!** St Matthias has recently received a **Bronze Eco Church Award** from A Rocha. For information about what this means please look at the green board on the bookshelf in church. We are now working towards a Silver Award so if you take part in community activities such as gardening, litter picking... or collect specific items for recycling, please sign the sheet on the board so we can build up a picture of what we as a church family are doing. More news to follow! **The Eco Action Group**

## Prayer

For 'Thy Kingdom Come' this year, we are encouraging churches to pray for the 'Come and See' Mission Weekend on the 10-12 November 2023 (Remembrance Weekend). Archbishop Justin Welby will be spending the weekend in Devon taking part in a number of missional outreach events. Each mission community is being encouraged to host a missional event over the weekend. Now is a good time to be praying for people in your community to come to know Jesus during Come and See.

**'Morning Prayer'** You're most welcome to join in - **on zoom** at 9 – 9.30am on Monday, Tuesday and now Thursdays as well.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79289480664?pwd=d1hJendrSmVzdVhvZEk0UGdCZmJzZz09>

Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 Password: Pray

We use the 'Daily Prayer' app – it's free:

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer>

### Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

**Sun** Today we celebrate Pentecost. Pray that the fruit of the Holy Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) is more evident in us today than yesterday, and tomorrow than today.

**Mon** Pray for children who are taking exams at this time 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 enduring long term illness of any kind that they will find God with them all the time.

**Thu** Praise God for our church leaders and all who serve at St Matthias in any way. Pray that more people will come forward to support the Welcome Space and children's activities.

**Fri** Pray for new initiatives worldwide that will help lead to the end of the wars in Ukraine, Sudan and other countries and give their people hope.

**Sat** As the holiday season starts, many people will visit Torbay to enjoy its attractions. Pray for opportunities to welcome and bless them in Jesus' name.

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