



**Harvest
Sunday
3 October**



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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 3 Oct

9.30am Harvest Breakfastzone *in church and livestreamed*

https://youtu.be/uG_qn1ER_ew

<https://www.st-matthias-church.org/content/pages/documents/generosity.pdf>

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SUNDAY**

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/35vrx9jh> Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8

11am Harvest Thanksgiving *in church and livestreamed*

Followed by a coffee on the piazza!

<https://youtu.be/LzG3pcjNQ54>

Our reading this week is:

Genesis 1:1-5 and 24-31 <https://tinyurl.com/dz9ea88e>

Thanks go to:



**Everyone who
works to bring
food to our tables**

Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Alpha Course – do come along! Our next course begins this week on Wed 6 Oct @ 2-3.30pm in the church and also online (on zoom) on Thurs 7 Oct 7.30-9pm. To register for either course or to find out more please contact the office.

Next Week at St Matts	
Mon 4 Oct	9.00am Morning Prayer on ZOOM – all welcome to join us – <i>Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 – Passcode: Pray</i>
Tues 5 Oct	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 6 Oct	9.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) <i>in church</i> <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
	 2.00 - 3.30pm Alpha Course <i>in church</i>
Thurs 7 Oct	10.30 – 11.30am Church open for private prayer
	7.30-9pm Begin Well Ante-Natal course <i>in church</i>
	 7.30 - 9pm Alpha <i>online</i>
Fri 8 Oct	10.00 - 11.30am Mummy and Me <i>in church</i>
	10.30 – 11.30am Church open for private prayer
	6 - 8pm Youth Group ‘The Loft’ Gaming Night <i>in the Hall</i>
Sun 10 Oct	8am Holy Communion <i>online</i>
	9.30am Ozone <i>in church and livestreamed</i>
	10.30am Coffee Time <i>on zoom</i> <i>Grab a drink and log in to ‘zoom’ to meet and catch up with others in the St Matthias family!</i> https://tinyurl.com/35vrx9jh Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8
	11am Morning Worship <i>in church and livestreamed</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>on zoom</i>

Latest News



Harvest – it’s our Harvest service today! We are collecting for the Torquay Community Larder and non-perishable items will be much appreciated. Thank you.

The Friends of St Matthias are back! Members of the Friends will shortly be getting details of the AGM to be held on Sat 30th Oct. Our first meeting of any kind in almost two years, and an opportunity for all our members to hear about our plans for the year ahead and to let us know your thoughts. Other events already planned include a Christmas Market on the 13th November and our usual Christmas lunch on Sunday 5th December. And for all members of our church family – at 3.30 on the 30th October we are extending an invitation for everyone to join us for a cream tea in

the Church Centre. We're not charging for this – it's an open event and all are welcome, though we shall be asking you to let us know if you're coming, just to assist with catering arrangements. More details to follow. Rob Newman

4 Week Creation Care Course Beginning this week on 7 October. See link for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/jeputrww>

Ways to serve and wanted

Lifts to church – can anyone offer a lift or perhaps drive the minibus? Or do you need a lift. Please contact Pere in the office if so. Thank you.

Leaves! There are lots of them about! If you could offer to sweep them up that would be much appreciated and would help to make the church look tidy. (A leaf blower is available or broom.) Please speak to Paul Stannard or Sylvia. Thank you.

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



Messy Church Tuesday 12th October 3.15-5.30pm "Elijah fed by Ravens"
Come along and find out what this is all about. All families welcome.

Youth and Outreach Worker We are continuing to advertise for a youth and outreach worker to begin in October. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

Date for the diary: Pray Torbay Sunday 31 October @ 8pm *Christians Together in Torquay* <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87961456537?pwd=cW5hNlM2VmIhRlRkZ6ZmpWS2RRT0Vwdz09>
Meeting ID: 879 6145 6537 Passcode: 121123

Regular events



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 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... do 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.

Covid Regulations 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 Thank you.

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 and so someone will return your call.

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers

Sun All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above - on this, our harvest thanksgiving day, let us praise the Lord for all the things we have that so many others do not - homes to live in, clothes to wear, food on our plates, schools and colleges to learn in, families and friends, work etc.

Mon Praise the Lord for the recent Mission Torbay. Remember those who were visited or talked to on the streets, the functions attended, the testimonies given. May all this impact on people's lives and draw them closer to the Lord. Pray God's protection for the Missioners as the evil one likes to attack after good things have been happening.

Tues Pray for those who are sick, in pain, the bereaved, those affected detrimentally by the pandemic, those who have lost their livelihood or live in abusive homes or places of work, praying that God will meet them and help them right where they are suffering.

Wed For the gas and energy supply difficulties facing many countries around the world, as life starts to return in many ways and energy needs to pick up again, for those anxious about paying their energy bills including the elderly and those on their own, and pray against misinformation which causes unnecessary panic buying.

Thurs Remember the two Alpha Courses beginning this week. May God speak into people's hearts and bring new hope and joy into their lives. Pray too for all leading these groups as well as those in Paignton and Preston.

Fri Nicci Maxwell, our CMS Link Partner has a huge job to do in Kisoro, Western Uganda, especially with very sick tiny babies and with people suffering from Covid 19. Being away from home or her own church she may feel lonely. Pray for her staff that they may be united and back her up.

Sat Pray that God would nudge someone's heart to apply for the job of Youth and Outreach worker. Also let us pray for the young people in our church and those who lead them, they desperately need an overall leader and mentor.

Sun Pray for the Clergy, Lay Readers, Church Wardens, PCC, Home Group leaders and all who help run our church and parish smoothly. We pray wisdom and strength for them in all they do. Let us pray too for a greater sense of love and unity in the Church.

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