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

**We welcome Rev Steve Morgan from Mission to Seafarers**

<b>Sun 3 Nov</b> <b>Sea Sunday</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b> <i>with breakfast</i>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> <a href="https://youtube.com/live/V_ROWdFLloE?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/V_ROWdFLloE?feature=share</a>
	<b>4pm All Souls Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service</b>
<b>Mon 4 Nov</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on zoom – details below</i>
<b>Tues 5 Nov</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	<b>9-11.30am Toddlers</b>
	<b>12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits</b>
<b>Wed 6 Nov</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12-2pm Welcome Space</b> <i>Tea, coffee, soup and chat!</i>
	<b>7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers</b>
<b>Fri 8 Nov</b>	<b>9.30-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b>
<b>Sun 10 Nov</b> <b>REMEMBRANCE</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</b>
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>10.45 United Family Service</b> <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> <i>Note earlier start</i>
	<b>5.30pm Prayer Meeting</b>

**Collect** God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their examples with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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## Readings

### Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.' <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.'

### John 11:32-44

<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> 'Where have you laid him?' he asked.

'Come and see, Lord,' they replied.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> 'Take away the stone,' he said.

'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.'

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face.

Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'

**Thanks go to:**

Missions Action  
Group



For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom link  
<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

## Dates for the diary

### **TODAY All Souls Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 4pm**

You are warmly invited to this service to give thanks and to remember any friends and loved ones who have died, especially in the last few years.

**Friends' Christmas Market on Saturday 16th November 10am – 1pm** All the usual attractions, plus some new ones. Donations of good quality books and jigsaws will be welcome and may be brought in on Sunday or alternatively during the week may be left under the table in the Linkway. Calling all Bakers and Cake Makers! Please come to the Friends' table on Sunday and tell us what you can provide. This is a very popular table at the Market - we sold out last year – so all contributions will be warmly welcomed. Christine Tibbetts on 07789 692321 or email [christine.torquay@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christine.torquay@hotmail.co.uk)

**Friends Christmas lunch at the Headland Hotel on Sunday 1st December.** Bookings taken at the Friends Table on Sunday or Rob Newman, Chairman 07305 681522 [rob.thenewmans@gmail.com](mailto:rob.thenewmans@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY LUNCH at the Babbacombe Inn 17 Nov at 1.30pm** The last lunch at the Inn was such a success that they are organising another one (and hopefully every month but not December). If you would like to go please contact Gill Buick by 13<sup>th</sup> November to book your place 07709 727714.

**Tearfund Quiz Night - 16<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm.** If you would like to enter a team or come as an individual please speak to David H, Clare W or Judi S. Teams (of 6 or less) then need to be registered with an email to [ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org) and the suggested donation of £10 can be paid to: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/eco-action-group-st-matthias-torquay-1727862195317> or by cash on the night.



## News

Would anyone have any **'annex like' accommodation** that might become available in the next few months...we are advertising again for an Emerging Generations Leaders for the young people at St Matthias. (Rent to be paid.) Please speak to one of the clergy.

**Welcome Space** continues to run every Wednesday lunchtime, but we **urgently** need more people to serve on the team as we reach out to our local community. Could you help, even once a month or so? Please contact Sylvia.

**Saline Solution 7 Dec** This is a one day training course (9.30am – 5pm) at Upton Vale Church for healthcare professionals to be 'salt of the earth' in the workplace <https://tinyurl.com/26drcsvt>

**Many thanks to everyone** who gave so generously for Advent Calendars and Christmas treats for those who use the Food Larder. You raised £235! If you missed the notice it's not too late to give - just see Mike Higgins or Linda Townsend"

## *Prayer* Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

**Monday** Pray that world leaders will resolve to address the impact of the changing climate on food, water and energy supplies, increased competition over natural resources, loss of livelihoods and forced migration.

**Tuesday USA Presidential Election.** May your will be done as millions vote. We pray the new president will know their need for your wisdom and grace and be willing to serve all peoples without favour. Grant your peace across the nation and unity across the political divide.

**Wednesday** Lord raise up righteous leaders across the world, who are willing to discern your wisdom in the spheres of politics, finance and business, the environment, health, education and law and order and commit to stability and peace.

**Thursday** We pray about developments in AI (artificial intelligence) that will transform the way we live. Help countries to implement effective safeguards to counter unethical and criminal uses.

**Friday** Lord as world markets affect financial stability help us to trust in your boundless provision and when we have much to be generous towards those who are in need.

**Saturday** Father, show mercy to the 120 million people forcibly displaced by conflict, persecution and disasters – a third who have become refugees. We pray for their protection and rehabilitation.

**Remembrance Sunday** Today we are gratefully remembering those who have died to uphold freedom and justice. Please comfort bereaved families and bring healing and peace to all who have been wounded in body, mind and spirit. Through Christ our Saviour, Amen.

## *PCC Prayers*

Following the recent PCC meeting, we would value prayer for these areas of our life together.

- For those who had been visited during the recent Parish Visiting project
- For a dynamic emerging Generation leader as we re-advertise
- For support for Welcome Space team and for volunteers to assist in AV
- Pray for office/administration help on Pere's non-working day (Tuesday)