

**31 October 2021**

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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

<b>Sun 31 Oct</b>	<b>8am Prayer Book Communion</b> <i>in church</i>
<b>All Saints</b>	<b>9.30am Coffee Time</b> <i>on zoom</i> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/35vrx9jh">https://tinyurl.com/35vrx9jh</a> Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8
	<b>10am United Family Service</b> <i>in church and livestreamed followed by coffee in the Hall</i> <a href="https://youtu.be/Sb_W9vYz9gM">https://youtu.be/Sb_W9vYz9gM</a> <b>Activity sheet:</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/tc2az39x">https://tinyurl.com/tc2az39x</a>
	<b>5-6.30pm Jollyween Light Party</b> <i>in church – for more info or to book contact Lena: 295268 <a href="mailto:stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org">stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org</a></i>
	<b>8pm Pray Torbay</b> Join other saints from across the Bay to pray together <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87961456537?pwd=cW5hNlM2VmRlRkZkZmpWS2RRT0Vwdz09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87961456537?pwd=cW5hNlM2VmRlRkZkZmpWS2RRT0Vwdz09</a> Meeting ID: 879 6145 6537 Passcode: 121123

### Our readings today are:


John 11:32-44 <https://tinyurl.com/pr2trjcn>  
 Hebrews 11:32-12:2 <https://tinyurl.com/2k7wejvh>  
 Rev 7:9-17 <https://tinyurl.com/f83mycym>

**Thanks go to:**  
**All the saints who**  
**serve in so many**  
**ways 😊**



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

## Next Week at St Matts

<b>Mon 1 Nov</b>	<b>9.00am Morning Prayer on ZOOM</b> – all welcome to join us – <i>Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 – Passcode: Pray</i>
	<b>2pm Funeral of Charlotte Hewitt</b> <i>followed by refreshments in the Hall</i>
<b>Tues 2 Nov</b>	<b>9.00am Morning Prayer on ZOOM</b> – <i>as above</i>
	<b>9.00 - 11.30am Toddlers</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>12.00 – 1.30pm Matt’s Knits</b> <i>in the Hall</i>
<b>Wed 3 Nov</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship) <i>in church</i>
	<b>10.30 – 11.30am Church open</b> <i>(for private prayer)</i>
	 <b>2.00 - 3.30pm Alpha Course</b> <i>in church</i>
<b>Thurs 4 Nov</b>	<b>10.30 – 11.30am Church open</b> <i>(for private prayer)</i>
	<b>7.30-9pm “Begin Well” Ante-Natal course</b> <i>in church</i>
<b>Friday 5 Nov</b>	<b>10-11.30am “Mummy &amp; Me”</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>6pm Youth Group</b> <i>are going bowling!</i>
<b>Sun 7 Nov</b>	<b>8am Prayer Book Communion</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>9.30am Breakfastzone</b> <i>in church and livestreamed</i>
	<b>10.30am Coffee Time</b> <i>on zoom</i> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/35vr9jh">https://tinyurl.com/35vr9jh</a> Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by coffee in the Hall</i>

## Latest News

The thanksgiving service for Charlotte Hewitt will be held at St Matthias on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2pm. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.

We are holding a **Newcomers Tea** at 2.30 on Sunday 7 November in the church. If you have joined the church in the last 18 months and have not received an invitation to attend, please do speak to one of the clergy as we would love to invite you!

## Other news and events



**Christmas Shoebox appeal 2021....** We are supporting this fantastic cause which sends Christmas boxes across eastern Europe for children and families. We are looking to beat last year’s fantastic total of 145 boxes! Please pick up a leaflet in church for more information. If you have any questions, please do ask Lena!

**Lifts to church?** We are planning to start using the minibus again once a month. If anyone would like a lift please contact the office.

*A reading from the Good News Bible:*

## **Hebrews 11:32-12:2**

<sup>32</sup> There isn't enough time for me to speak of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. <sup>33</sup> Through faith they fought whole countries and won. They did what was right and received what God had promised. They shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> put out fierce fires, escaped being killed by the sword. They were weak, but became strong; they were mighty in battle and defeated the armies of foreigners. <sup>35</sup> Through faith women received their dead relatives raised back to life.

Others, refusing to accept freedom, died under torture in order to be raised to a better life. <sup>36</sup> Some were mocked and whipped, and others were put in chains and taken off to prison. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawed in two, they were killed by the sword. They went around clothed in skins of sheep or goats—poor, persecuted, and mistreated. <sup>38</sup> The world was not good enough for them! They wandered like refugees in the deserts and hills, living in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> What a record all of these have won by their faith! Yet they did not receive what God had promised, <sup>40</sup> because God had decided on an even better plan for us. His purpose was that only in company with us would they be made perfect.

### **God Our Father**

**12** As for us, we have this large crowd of witnesses around us. So then, let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way, and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and let us run with determination the race that lies before us. <sup>2</sup> Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne.

*Notes:*

## Prayer

### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers

**Sun.** Pray that there may be more care, love and peace in our worship and church life.

**Mon.** Pray for our CMS Mission Partner Dr Nicci Maxwell in her work in Uganda. Pray too for charities we support, especially those involved in helping the disadvantaged.

**Tues.** Please pray for how within our church and our community we can make a difference, as part of our gospel witness and evangelism **about God's care for us and his planet.**

**Wed.** Pray for the **Alpha Course** – for the leaders, for those taking part that they may have their questions about the Christian faith answered.

**Thu.** Remember **the sick**, those awaiting treatment, those with dementia and those recently bereaved. May the Lord meet them all with loving healing and joy.

**Fri.** Pray for **the Churches Together in Torbay** that we may all work more effectively in the extension of God's Kingdom here on earth.

**Sat.** **The UN climate change conference** starts this coming Sunday in Glasgow, until 12<sup>th</sup> November. Please pray for the conference and a beneficial outcome. Please pray that after the talking stops there may be real committed and effective action.

**Sun** Pray for all **church leaders**, especially our Bishops, our Rector John, Paul, Pete their spouses and all who assist them.

## More news and events

**Friends Christmas Market Saturday 13th November** from 10.30am.

more details to follow but we'd love to hear from you now if you'd like to help, and particularly if you have an idea for a stall. We still have one or two vacancies. For more info: Christine Tibbetts on 01803 291033.

**Messy Church** Tuesday 16th November - 3.15-5.30pm. Come join us for stories, crafts, worship and supper. We will have lots of fun learning about Tabitha! We are moving inside into the Church for the winter months. Please book by calling Lena Fearnley on 295268 or [stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org)

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