



Welcome! Join us in church or online

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

Sun 5 Jan	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with breakfast!</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> youtube.com/live/nuLuL8cPrBo
Mon 6 Jan	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Tues 7 Jan	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 8 Jan	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers
Fri 10 Jan	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 12 Jan	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting – all welcome

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

Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Isaiah 60: 1-6

‘Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon
you.

² See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

³ Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your
dawn.

⁴ ‘Lift up your eyes and look about you:
all assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,

and your daughters are carried on the
hip.

⁵ Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought
to you,
to you the riches of the nations will
come.

⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”’

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.’

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Prayers

Suggestions for your prayers for this week:

Mon Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and for the security of Europe.

Tue Pray for wisdom and compassion to achieve peace in the Middle East.
Pray for all those suffering.

Wed Pray for a smooth transition of power in the USA.

Thurs Pray for our children's ministry especially Mummy and Me, Toddlers, Messy Church and Youth Club.

Friday Pray for the environment and pray that bold decisions might be made by those in authority to halt climate change.

Sat Pray for our NHS and those waiting for treatment and all members of staff especially with the current flu outbreak.

Sun Pray for all food banks, those who work in them and all who receive food parcels.

Dates for the diary

KITCHEN (in hall) OUT OF ACTION 6th – 19th JAN (new floor etc being fitted.)

New Year lunch! 19 January at 1.30pm at Babbacombe *Hotel* (not the Inn). £13.95 for a carvery with dessert (no other options). Please contact Gill B to book a place 07709727714.



Church Indoor Picnic Sunday 26 January after the morning services. Come and eat lunch together and play some games. Bring your own picnic.

New Year Diary date! The Friends of St Matthias New Year meal will be held at Amici restaurant in Torwood Street at 7 for 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th February. Open to all

– members and non-members. You can book now – we're looking forward to seeing you there. Please speak to either Christine or Rob at the end of Sunday services.

News

Christmas Collection – thank you for your generous giving for the Nazareth Appeal. You have raised £997!

Sad news We are sad to report that Geoff Payne has recently died. His funeral will be held at St Matthias on Tuesday 14th January at 2pm.

The funeral of Tessa Flatman will be at Crematorium on Thursday 9th January at 11.30am.



Emerging Generations Team Leader

We are currently recruiting for this post.

If you know of anyone who may be interested please see our website for details, click here <https://tinyurl.com/vvpsnb8j> or

scan the code.



New Year... why not explore life, faith and meaning?

We will be running an Alpha course sometime soon. Date to be confirmed. Watch this space for more details or speak with one of the clergy. See note below about Youth Alpha.

Nicci Maxwell's latest newsletter – <https://tinyurl.com/3uxvx4te>

The St Matthias Youth Club returns on Friday 10th in the Hall at 6.30-8pm. Anyone of secondary school age is welcome to join – please speak to Ali, Linda or Claire if you know someone who is looking for a youth club. **Youth Alpha** will start again on Friday 17th January following on from the youth club session.

Thanks go to:

Everyone who helped with
welcoming, hospitality and services
during Advent and Christmas



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