



Welcome!



Sunday 8 January 2023

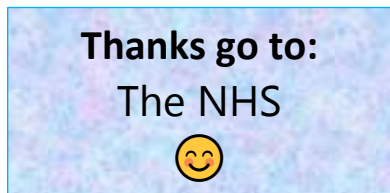
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Sun 8 Jan First Sunday of Epiphany	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am United Family Service youtu.be/pdkPUWg6C5Y



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**

<i>Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm</i>	
Tues 10 Jan	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in the church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
Wed 11 Jan	9am Holy Communion <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	12-5pm Warm Space <i>in the church</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
Fri 13 Jan	10-11.30am Mummy & Me
	2.30pm Funeral of Geoffrey Evitts
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 15 Jan	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion

Readings for today

Isaiah 60: 1-6

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

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

³Nations 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.

⁵Then 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.

⁶Herds 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 ²and 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.'

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When 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.”

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He 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.'

⁹After 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

News & Events

Thanks I would like to give a big thank you to all those at St Matts who have supported me, particularly during Rob's last few months and to all who made the service to celebrate his life so amazing. Sue

Winter Night Shelter – a new initiative starting in the New Year being run across the Bay and based at the ROC Centre, Old Mill Road, Torquay. If you feel able to volunteer or would like more information please contact Mark Gridley at newfootingsministries@gmail.com or phone 07712 892735.



'Hope Explored' Course: 3 sessions - Hope, Peace and Purpose. A great way to explore the Christian faith in the New Year. Contact the office or speak to the clergy to find out more.

Torquay Community Larder is short of loo rolls! Also long-life milk, tinned potatoes, veg, meat. All donations much appreciated. Thank you.



Warm space – has returned and will be open every Wednesday from 12-5pm - everyone welcome! Come and have some lovely soup, hot drinks, chat...

Winter Fuel Allowance Would anyone like to donate some or all of their fuel allowance to help those who are in need this winter? If you are in the PGS scheme, you can call them to change it for one payment by phoning: 03330 021260, or, if paying by BACS, the Church's account details are: Sort Code: 40-52-40, Account No. 00017933 Please mark your payment 'Winter Fuel'. Thank you.

PCC meeting on 16th Jan – if you have any agenda items you would like to be considered by the Standing Committee, please email the PCC secretary, Suzy, on sjwright1717@gmail.com

Mini First Aid Course Tues 17 Jan 12.30-2.30pm in the Hall A two-hour course aimed at parents, grandparents and carers of babies and young children - run by the award-winning Liz Watt from **Mini First Aid Devon**. At a special price of £20 the course covers choking, CPR, bleeding, burns and much more... it is a real must particularly with all the concerns around ambulance response times. Please book by calling Lena on 01803 295268.

Congratulations to Rev'd Nathan Kiyaga on being awarded an OBE for his services to the community in Devon and Cornwall. Read the full story here: <https://exeter.anglican.org/new-year-honour-for-torbays-revd-nathan-kiyaga/>

Evening Meal 7 Feb at Amici Italian Restaurant – arranged by the Friends – contact Christine for more details or to book: 01803 291033

Christmas Cards...there are still lots of lovely cards waiting at the back of church for you to open them...please have a look on the shelves near the linkway door.

Prayers

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

Sun Praise God for all His help and presence during 2022 both in our personal and church lives. Pray that we may be totally committed to Him throughout 2023.

Mon Pray to the Prince of Peace for all the war-torn countries in our world, especially Ukraine, for peace, harmony and trust that people will put others before themselves.

Tue Pray for all Church leaders. In our country for the Archbishops, Bishops, Archdeacons and more local leaders, including all who lead any group in our Parish life, praying that they may have faith and courage to be obedient to the Lord.

Wed Pray for His Majesty the King and Camilla Queen Consort, the Prince and Princess of Wales and all the Royal family as they lead. Pray that there may be forgiveness in their family relationships.

Thu Praise God for all who lead in church groups week by week that people will have fun and feel God's presence and be drawn to him.

Fri Pray for all who are ill, recently bereaved especially the family and friends of Rob Day, and all who suffer in any way.

Sat Pray for all who feel that they have to strike to achieve justice in their pay and work conditions. Pray too for all who suffer or are inconvenienced as a result of the strikes, mostly in the NHS.

Sun Pray that we may worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth in our worship Sunday by Sunday and day by day so that our lives reflect the beauty of Jesus.



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