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**Tenth Sunday after Trinity  
Sunday 9 August 2015**

**Welcome!**

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.  
Please do join us for refreshments in the hall after the 10.30am service.*

<b>Today</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship including the baptism of Georgina Fearnley
<b>During the Week</b>	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30am Open House parents and toddlers in the Lounge
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge
Sat	2.30pm Wedding of Janie and Charlie
<b>Sunday 16 August</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Family Holy Communion (CW)

**What's On & News**

**From Maureen Taylor** 'To all my dear friends at St Matthias Church. Please accept my thanks for all your prayers and lovely cards and gifts. It was great to see you and helped me to still feel part of the normal world. I am told I am making good progress, I guess I have to have a lot of patience and many more prayers. Bless you all for being there.'

**Summer Cleaning** Please can anyone help to give the kitchen in the main hall a spring clean on either Monday 17 from 2pm or Tuesday 18 August from 10am. Coffee and cakes will be provided! Date will be decided depending on response.

**Ordination of Paul Barton** Saturday 26 September at 3pm at St Matthias Church.

**Pigeon holes** Please take a look in your pigeon holes at the back of church as there are still some Christmas cards in there! Thank you.

**Choir rehearsals** - advance notice: 24 Sept, 1 Oct, 8 Oct for Harvest on 11 Oct and for Paul's ordination service on 26 Sept. Further details to follow.

**Home Groups** Norman and Lindsay Doidge will be taking over from Colin Cook as home group coordinator for St Matthias.

**Street Pastors** are looking for new recruits for Friday and Saturday nights. For more information please contact the Street Pastors office on 01803 411214 or see one of the Pastors from St Matts.

**Wondering what life is all about? Wanting to find out more about the Christian**

**faith?** We're running two courses exploring the Christian faith...In early October and November, the 6 session course 'START!' and beginning January 2016, the more in-depth 'Alpha' course runs again

**Start!**

for 8 weeks. To find out more, please email or phone the office (details at end of this notice sheet) or have a look at



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**Ladies Lounge** Volunteers needed for this project which is running at St Mary Magdalene Church. Ladies Lounge is a weekly women's only drop-in session set up to support the most vulnerable women in Torbay in need of emotional support, advice and information. For more details, please contact [atr@torbay.streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:atr@torbay.streetpastors.org.uk) or ring 07895 155965.

**Church Cleaning** We are just putting together the next cleaning rota for the church. Since Barbara and Colin are leaving we have vacancies – male or female. This involves working with a team once every six weeks. If you can help please let the office know. Thank you.

**Spiritual MOT** How did you get on? If you missed the information which was in last week's notice sheet, please pick up a copy from the back of church (yellow leaflet).

**Dates for the diary:** Sun 11 Oct – Harvest Lunch, Sat 31 Oct - Jollyween, Sat 21 Nov - coach trip to Cardiff

#### **Contacting the Church**

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## Readings for Today

### **Ephesians 4: 22–32 and 5: 1-2 (Good News)**

<sup>22</sup> So get rid of your old self, which made you live as you used to—the old self that was being destroyed by its deceitful desires. <sup>23</sup> Your hearts and minds must be made completely new, <sup>24</sup> and you must put on the new self, which is created in God's likeness and reveals itself in the true life that is upright and holy. <sup>25</sup> No more lying, then! Each of you must tell the truth to the other believer, because we are all members together in the body of Christ. <sup>26</sup> If you become angry, do not let your anger lead you into sin, and do not stay angry all day. <sup>27</sup> Don't give the Devil a chance. <sup>28</sup> If you used to rob, you must stop robbing and start working, in order to earn an honest living for yourself and to be able to help the poor. <sup>29</sup> Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you. <sup>30</sup> And do not make God's Holy Spirit sad; for the Spirit is God's mark of ownership on you, a guarantee that the Day will come when God will set you free. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, passion, and anger. No more shouting or insults, no more hateful feelings of any sort. <sup>32</sup> Instead, be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ. Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him. <sup>2</sup> Your life must be controlled by love, just as Christ loved us and gave his life for us as a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice that pleases God.

### **John 6: 35, 41-51 (NIV)**

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup> At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. <sup>44</sup> "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.'<sup>[d]</sup> Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. <sup>46</sup> No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. <sup>50</sup> But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

<b>Suggested topics for our personal prayers this week</b>	
Today	Pray for the All Age Worship and for Georgina Fearnley as she is baptised during this service. Please pray for her family and friends.
Mon	Pray for the music of our Church, now especially for the volunteer choir preparing for special occasions.
Tues	We praise God for the work and ministries of Barbara and Colin Cook amongst us; but this week we not only praise God for them but we pray for them as they leave to go to a new home near their family - our loss is their gain! Pray as it is not easy to move.
Wed	Pray about the prayer life of the Church, not only personally but corporately. So please pray that more may support the prayer meetings, and for the praying in the Home Groups.
Thurs	Pray for the charities working in our town, that we may have wisdom to know which ones to support and how.
Fri	Pray for all who are struggling with their life through illness, pain, broken relationships, homelessness, lack of employment etc. Pray for families far from our homes who are separated by thousands of miles and in different countries and cultures. Some serving the Lord like our CMS link partners.
Sat	Please remember those who have been and will come to the children's "St. Matthias' Summer Club". Pray for the leaders and the children that together they may meet Jesus. Pray for all camps, house parties and missions taking place this month. Pray for Janie and Charlie as they are married and start a new life together.
Sun	Pray for the services today. Pray for John, our Rector, and all who are ministering for the Lord today. Please pray for all the ministers in the Bay, for the Churches Together. Pray that the Ministers will encourage us all to be one Christian family.

**Collect for Today**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen