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**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Sunday 6 September 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.*

**Sunday 6 September**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone
10.30am	Family Holy Communion (CW)

**During the Week**

Mon	7.30pm Fabric Committee – Rose Price room
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am 'Open House' Parents & Toddlers - the Lounge
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at the Palace Hotel

**Sunday 13 September**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	All Age Worship with the baptism of Lucy Biden
5.30pm	Prayer meeting at 5.30pm with tea at 5pm

**TODAY**

We welcome Trevor Staveley from the Torbay Street Pastors and thank him for being here with us today. If you would like to find out more about what the Street Pastors do please contact them on 01803 411214 or [torbay@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:torbay@streetpastors.org.uk).

## What's On & News

**Calling all cooks!** Is anyone available for Messy Church catering on Tuesday 20 October please. If so please see Norma Gerry or the office. Thank you.

**Drivers required** If you would be able to help give lifts to church on a Sunday morning please could you let Jean Fricker know.

**The youth bank** are having a sponsored sleepover on the 10th-11th October 2015 where they will be giving up technology and trying a range of challenges related to the persecuted church. If you would like to come please speak to Tessa Barton or Ruth Jones or email Ruth, [ruth.stmatthias@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.stmatthias@gmail.com). If you have any boardgames that we can borrow for this sleepover can you let Ruth know ASAP please? Many thanks!!



**Come and Sing!!!!!!** You may have seen already the invitations to sing and give a lead to the music for Paul's Ordination service on Saturday, 26 Sept at 3 pm as well as to do the same for the Harvest Festival service on 11 Oct at 10.30am. All singers are welcome. The Ordination Service will involve learning new pieces together with singers from Cockington church and may be more enjoyed by singers with some experience whilst the music for Harvest will be more readily accessible to any who perhaps have not sung in a choir before but perhaps recently inspired by Geraldine Latty, would like to use their voice in worship.

Please come and sing in one of these services or both. Attendance at the rehearsals is essential. These will not be onerous and should also be fun! We shall rehearse on Thursdays from 5.30 until 7.00pm, finishing promptly. To ensure that we have music copies for everyone and to help planning, please let Barry Dunnage know that you are coming to sing. Please do this ideally by e-mail to [barrydunnage@aol.com](mailto:barrydunnage@aol.com), or phone 616454 or even speak to me!! Ordination rehearsals will be on 17 and 24 Sept and Harvest Festival rehearsals on 1 and 8 Oct. You could just send the message, 'Ordination', 'Harvest' or 'Both'. If you have any queries of any kind do be in touch. Barry

**Thank you** to the volunteers who have joined the church cleaning rota.

**Ordination of Paul Barton** Saturday 26 September at 3pm at St Matthias Church followed by a cream tea in the Hall.

The word 'Start!' is written in a large, white, stylized font with a black outline, set against a solid red rectangular background.

**Wondering what life is all about? Wanting to find out more about the Christian faith?** We are going to be running a course exploring the Christian faith beginning in early October and November probably on a Tuesday. It's called 'START!' and will consist of 6 sessions. To find out more, please email or phone the office (details at end of this notice sheet) or have a look at [www.st-matthias-church.org](http://www.st-matthias-church.org)

**HUGE THANKS** from Colin and Barbara for all the kind wishes, cards, pressies, lunches, tea and cake, evening meals and most of all prayers lavished upon us for our move to Dorset. We will miss our St Matthias family greatly, you really are very special but please keep in touch. Our new address is: 51 Mudeford Lane, Mudeford, Dorset, BH23 3HN and not too far to visit! We will continue to remember you fondly with love and prayers. Barbara and Colin Cook

**Coffee Rotas** Would all coffeemakers please pick up their new rota from the church pigeon holes. Thank you.

**TORQUAY CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2015!** 17th & 18th October at St Cuthbert Mayne School Torquay TQ1 4RN with Charles Whitehead, David Wells, Rev. Russ Parker (former Director of Acorn Healing Foundation), Jenny Baker and even more workshops to choose from this year! More details and booking form soon to be available on the Celebrate website: [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org)  
We hope to see you there. Every blessing, Torquay Celebrate Core Team

**Some more dates for your diary:**

Sat 12 Sept	Men's Breakfast
Tues 15 Sept	Messy Church
Sun 11 Oct	Harvest Lunch
Sat 31 Oct	Jollyween
Sat 21 Nov	Coach trip to Cardiff

## Readings for Today

### Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes,  
in human beings, who cannot save.

<sup>4</sup> When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
on that very day their plans come to nothing.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

<sup>6</sup> He is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them –  
he remains faithful for ever.

<sup>7</sup> He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

<sup>8</sup> the LORD gives sight to the blind,  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,  
the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the foreigner  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,  
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD reigns for ever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

## Mark 7: 24-end

<sup>24</sup> Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. <sup>25</sup> In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

<sup>27</sup> 'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

<sup>28</sup> 'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

<sup>29</sup> Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.'

<sup>30</sup> She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

<sup>33</sup> After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup> He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, '*Ephphatha!*' (which means 'Be opened!'). <sup>35</sup> At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly. <sup>36</sup> Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup> People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

### Collect

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<b>Suggested topics to help in our private prayer time</b>	
<b>Today</b>	Pray for the services today, praying especially that people will feel the presence of Jesus in the Communion.
<b>Mon</b>	Pray for Paul Barton as he prepares himself to be ordained later in the month. Pray, too, for others to be ordained with Paul from other Parishes. Pray for the Fabric Committee meeting today. Thank God for them and the way they care for the Church.
<b>Tues</b>	Please pray for those who are ill from our congregation, that God may draw near to them and that they may feel Him there to strengthen and heal. Pray, too for all who mourn the loss of loved ones. The Parents and Toddlers Group starts today - pray they will come to feel at home in our Church.
<b>Wed</b>	We pray for children going back to school . Pray that they may make friends quickly.
<b>Thurs</b>	Pray for Bishop Josiah as he gets to grips with his huge, important job in the Anglican Communion, also remember his wife and children. We pray for all still on holiday in Torquay, especially for any who come into our Church that they may feel a warm welcome.
<b>Fri</b>	Pray for Home Groups as they prepare to start again after the Summer. May they be places of fellowship and learning the Christian pathway.
<b>Sat</b>	Pray for the other Churches in Torbay - that together we may all show Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Pray for those leading these Churches.
<b>Sun</b>	Praise God for John, our Rector and all who minister within our Church. Pray that the Lord will give them strength and wisdom as they serve the Lord. We pray for Lucy Biden and her family. Little Lucy is being baptised today, praying she will grow to know and love Jesus as her Lord and Saviour.



### **The Friends - Dates for your Diary**

**18 Sept @ 7.30pm**

**Organ Recital given by David Davis**

**3 Oct @ 10.30–2.30pm**

**Blackberry & Apple Fayre**

**For more information about these events please see posters.**

Jesus had compassion on the woman's daughter  
who was ill



### **Creche, Toilets, Baby Changing Facilities**

At 10.30 communion services there is a staffed crèche in the Lounge downstairs, but if you wish to stay in the service, toys are available at the back of the church. Baby changing facilities are available in both toilets on the lower ground floor. There is a disabled access toilet at this level on your left as you exit church.

### **Contacting the Church**

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