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Sunday 22 November 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.

Today	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	Morning Worship
During the Week	
Mon	11am funeral of Patricia Almy
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9.30-11.30am Open House parents and toddlers - Lounge
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Wed	9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge
	6-7pm Prayer Meeting in the Rose Price room
Sunday 29 November	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Advent Sunday Family Service

Collect

Eternal Father,

Help us to hear the call of Christ the King

And to follow in his service,

Whose kingdom has no end;

For he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, one glory. Amen

Readings for Today

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

⁹ 'As I looked,
'thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.

¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was seated,
and the books were opened.

¹³ 'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

John 18: 33-37

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

³⁴ 'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?'

³⁵ 'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'

³⁶ Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.'

³⁷ 'You are a king, then!' said Pilate.

To contact the church

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Suggestions for your private prayer time

Today	Pray for our service leaders today.
Mon	Please pray for family and friends of the late Pat Almy - her funeral is this morning.
Tues	Pray for Matt's Cats as they prepare to be involved in the Advent Service.
Wed	Pray that more people will come to pray for the church & her witness.
Thurs	Pray for France and for all endeavours for peace and unity in the world.
Fri	Pray for all our young people as they become excited for Christmas activities.
Sat	Pray for the Queen and all our leaders. For Kevin Foster our M. P.
Sun	On Advent Sunday (today) we remember Jesus' first coming and coming again. Pray for our Church leaders - especially in our Church - John and all the staff.

What's On & News

Today 22 Nov There will be a Winter Shelter meeting for all volunteers in the Lounge after coffee today at 12.15pm.

Christmas Hamper Appeal Please see the Anode clipboard by the pigeon holes at the back of church for hamper items requested. Donations will also be shared with Factory Row and the Windmill Food Bank in Torquay. Thank you. Donations by 13 Dec please.

Pre-Christmas Lunch - Friends of St Matthias Do join us at the Palace Hotel at 1pm on Sun 29 Nov for lunch. Sign up list, menu and prices on the board in the hall. Look out for more dates for your diary in the next few weeks or see the website.



Christmas Concerts See posters for concerts being held by Torbay Singers on 5 December, Big Noise on 12 December (both at St Matthias) and Rejoice at St Andrew's Church also on 12 December. Some tickets available in the office otherwise please see the posters.

Welcomers If you would like to help welcome visitors to the school Nativity and Christingle services and to the 'midnight' Christmas communion, please sign the sheet at the back of church. Thank you.



'50+' Christmas Tea and launch of 'Chat @ St Matts' Come and see what this is all about on 3 Dec at 2.30pm in the Hall. Tea, cakes, entertainment and stalls. Please see the posters and sign up at the back of church.



Alpha A new Alpha course will begin on 20 January. Please see Paul or John for more information.

Advent Calendars As we approach the month of Advent we are purchasing 'Real' Advent Calendars for our Pre-School children, the Toddler group and children of families who attend our various church services. It is a calendar that helps parents and grandparents to share the Christmas story in a fun way. They cost £4 each and donations towards this would be much appreciated. Please put your donations in a blue envelope and mark it 'CALENDARS'. If you are able to gift aid your donation please provide your details on the envelope. Thank you.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

As you are aware Christmas is only just around the corner so we are inviting all of you who would enjoy being a part of our Christmas choir to join us again for our carol service. This will take place on Sunday 20th December at 6pm and will be a candlelit service of carols and readings. We propose to have two rehearsals which will be the 3rd and 17th December commencing at 5.30pm for approximately 1 hour. Please let me, Mike Hackeson know as soon as possible if you wish to be a part of this choir for this great celebration! Thank you.

Christingle Volunteers needed for drama, stagehands, firecrew and for creating the Christingles (Wed 23 Dec am) – please contact Pere in the office.



Singing in the Care Homes If you would like to join a group of people to sing carols in the care homes on 14 and 16 December you would be most welcome! Please sign the list at the back of church.

Posada The touring crib set will begin its journey again on Sunday 29 November. If you would like to take part please sign up on the list at the back of church or contact Ruth Beckett: jrmp@btinternet.com.