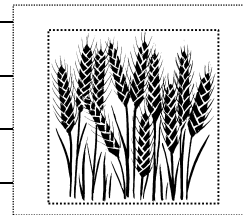




Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.
Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am today.*

Today	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	United Family Service for Harvest
12.30pm	Church Family Harvest Lunch
5.30pm	Evening Holy Communion
During the Week	
Mon	12.30pm Matt's Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in church</i>
	9am Open House Parents and Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy church
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm Matt's Cats
Thurs	10am Warberry Academy Harvest Service
	10.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Fri	2pm <i>Funeral of Jenny Green at Upton Vale</i>
	6.30pm Youth Club
21 October	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Growzone <i>in the Hall</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion
5.30pm	'Route 66' – youth-led service in church



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Readings

Joel: 2: 21-28a

²¹ Do not be afraid, land of Judah;
be glad and rejoice.
Surely the LORD has done great things!
²² Do not be afraid, you wild animals,
for the pastures in the wilderness are
becoming green.
The trees are bearing their fruit;
the fig-tree and the vine yield their
riches.
²³ Be glad, people of Zion,
rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given you the autumn rains
because he is faithful.
He sends you abundant showers,
both autumn and spring rains, as
before.
²⁴ The threshing-floors will be filled with
grain;
the vats will overflow with new wine
and oil.

Matthew 6: 25-33

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?
²⁸ 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Psalm 65

¹¹ What a rich harvest your goodness provides!
Wherever you go there is plenty.

²⁵ 'I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten –
the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm –
my great army that I sent among you.
²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,
and you will praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed.
²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.
²⁸ 'And afterwards,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

¹² The pastures are filled with flocks;
the hillsides are full of joy.

¹³ The fields are covered with sheep;
the valleys are full of wheat.

Everything shouts and sings for joy.

Collect
Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

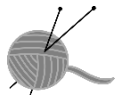
For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Praise God for all He provides for us this Harvest Festival. Pray that we may never take things for granted. While we celebrate harvest let us pray for those without food, shelter or security.
Mon	Praise God for the lives of some of the fellowship who have died recently - Jennifer Mason-Putt and Jenny Green. We pray for all their families and friends.
Tues	Pray for all the Home Groups which meet around the Parish in Torbay. Pray for the leaders and the groups in other churches in the Bay.
Wed	Pray for our Pre-School that they may have adequate staff and all the children learn well.
Thurs	Pray about the Re-ordering now in its initial stage of getting tenders in. Pray the architect will find efficient and sensitive builders. Pray we will all be sensitive to one another about the future. May we realise that this is part of our mission.
Fri	Pray for all our leaders both in State and the Church, remembering especially our Archbishops and Diocesan Bishops. Pray for our Prime Minister and MPs.
Sat	Praise God for the generosity of people at the recent auction.
Sun	Pray for our services today and all who lead in any way. Thank God we are free to worship as we want. So pray for all the persecuted churches around the world.

What's on and news


- Jenny Green sadly died on Tuesday 9th October. A thanksgiving service will be held at Upton Vale on Friday 19th October at 2pm to which we are all welcome.
- If you missed 'The Story So Far' sessions, there are copies of the text with pictures at the back of church or on the website.

- **How do I request prayer?** Please pick up a leaflet (blue paper) at the back of church today as we launch the new 'blue light prayer phone' for particularly urgent prayer requests.
- **Cecil Johnson – Back to Uganda** – on 31 October Cecil is setting off again for Uganda to spend some months volunteering at KIDA, a community development project near Fort Portal – the town where he worked in 2015/17. There are some leaflets at the back of church about this. We wish him well and look forward to hearing how he gets on. 😊
- **HOME GROUPS** New home groups have started and if you would like to join one please contact the HG co-ordinators: Norman & Lindsay Doidge, Tel 01626 210427 (note new number) e-mail norman.doidge@hotmail.com or lindsay.doidge@icloud.com or pick up a leaflet in the Linkway.
- **Wellspring money boxes** available again from today from the back of church.
- Could you offer hospitality to a 'stranger soon to become a friend'? **Host UK** are looking for host families for international students who wish to stay in the UK at Christmastime. To find out more go to www.hostuk.org.



Matt's Knits If you enjoy knitting or want to learn then you would be very welcome to join us in the Lounge on Mondays at 12.30 for an hour. It is very informal and you don't have to be an expert! Help given. We are currently knitting hats and scarves for the Christmas Shoebox appeal. See Elaine Biden for more information. Small charge to cover costs. Wool can be provided.

Dates for the diary:

- **Saturday 27 Oct** Pray Torbay - churches across Torbay will be praying for the Bay throughout the day. St Matthias will be open from 10.30 - 12 noon in order to join with others praying both for the Bay and for peace. Refreshments will be provided from 10.30 until 11am. All welcome.
- **Saturday 27 Oct** Jollyween Party from 5 to 7pm in the Hall. Please join us for a family fun filled evening of games, crafts and party food. (No costumes please.)
- **4 November** – Traidcraft stall in the Hall during coffee or see Judi to order.
- **Sat 24 Nov** Church outing to Cardiff by coach 8.30am to 8.30pm approx. See Marilyn, Diane or Alan today in the Hall if you would like to go. Cost £18 adults, £9 children. 
- **25 November** 'Light up a Life' service at 3pm at St Matthias – a special service to remember loved ones who have died in the last year or so.