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Remembrance Sunday

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) with act of remembrance
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	United Family Remembrance Service
5.30pm	'Remembrance 100 – Lord Have Mercy' <i>a reflective service with prayers, poems and music</i>
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in church</i>
	9-11.30am Open House Parents and Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12.30pm Matt's Knits <i>(Note change of day)</i> <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm Matt's Cats
Thurs	10.30am Prayer Meeting – <i>all welcome</i> <i>in the Ark</i>
Fri	6.30pm TGIF
18 November	
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 - <i>with Rev Mike Robins from Compassion UK</i>

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Readings

Micah 4: 1-5

In the last days
the mountain of the LORD's temple will
be established
as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and peoples will stream to it.
² Many nations will come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of
the LORD,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.'
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
³ He will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong

nations far and wide.
They will beat their swords into
ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against
nation,
nor will they train for war any more.
⁴ Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig-tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the LORD Almighty has spoken.
⁵ All the nations may walk
in the name of their gods,
but we will walk in the name of
the LORD
our God for ever and ever.

Matthew 5: 1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he
went up on a mountainside and sat
down. His disciples came to him, ² and
he began to teach them.
He said:
³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of
God.
¹⁰ Blessed are those who are
persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people insult
you, persecute you and falsely say all
kinds of evil against you because of
me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because
great is your reward in heaven, for in
the same way they persecuted the
prophets who were before you.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Praise God for all who gave their lives for our country. Pray for all who suffer as a result of various wars either mentally, physically or because they have got life changing disabilities, or have lost a loved one.
Mon	Pray for Nicci Maxwell , our CMS Mission Partner, in Uganda, in her special ministry among newly born children and some still in the womb. Pray too for Cecil Johnston for his voluntary work also in Uganda. Pray that they both have enough strength and are used by God through His Holy Spirit.
Tues	Pray for our Staff Team in all they do in the community to make Jesus known.
Wed	Pray for the Posada nativity sets. May the families who host them for a night become more understanding of the Christmas story.
Thurs	Pray for all who are ill, waiting for test results or appointments. Also for those who are lonely, depressed or finding life difficult, praying that they may find Jesus very real to them.
Fri	Pray for peace in the world - so many countries where people are at war with each other. Pray for our Prime Minister, for other leaders, for Kevin Foster our local MP that he may have wisdom in all the decisions he makes.
Sat	Remember before God all the homeless in Torbay that 'somehow' they may feel Jesus' touch on their lives.
Sun	Pray for the Torbay Council of Churches that the Gospel message may be faithfully proclaimed. Pray especially for all those taking part in our services.

What's on and news

- **TOWNS Winter night shelter 2019** St Matthias will be hosting the Shelter for the homeless in Feb and March. For more info or to volunteer speak to Malcolm or Avril Ford or email malcolmford47@gmail.com
- **Christmas Gift?** Inspirational and encouraging. Please sign-up if you would like copies of the illustrated *Faith, Family & Fun* Poetry Booklet produced by Merrilyn & Nina. ALL proceeds are to raise funds for the church reordering.
- **Kitchen Table Project:** an opportunity to chat with other mums and dads about how we can build faith in our children. A fun, informal session where we can share ideas and learn from each other. **9th Dec**, Pine Room, 9.30am
- **Shop here for Christmas!** Starting Sun 18 Nov for 4 consecutive Sundays, a Christmas Gifts 'pop-up shop' will be open in the Hall. This is a trial venture with Choice Words Christian Bookshop, organised by Dave and Val Burch. Come along and see the selection of lovely gifts for yourself, including Advent calendars, Nativity sets, angel figurines, children's books, seasonal coasters and candles,



Nativity baubles for your Christmas tree, jewellery, bookmarks and more. All gifts at reasonable prices - cash or cheque payments only - with profits to the Wellspring Project. What's not to like!?

- **Blue Light Prayer Phone** 07579 030681 – to request prayer for life-threatening or life-changing emergencies.

Dates for the diary:

- **18 Nov @ 5.30pm - Route 66 (youth led service)** – Rev Mike Robins from Compassion UK will be joining us to talk about their work amongst the world's poorest children. The young people will be holding a fundraising evening for Mugisha, their sponsored child on Friday **7th December**. More details to follow.
- **19 Nov Girls Allowed** 7.30pm in the Lounge for puddings and chat. Please check your email or speak to Ruth, Marjorie or Judi for more information and sign up by email or in the Hall
- **23 November @ 7.30pm** – Organ Recital – the Friends of St Matthias will be welcoming back David Davies, formerly the organist at Exeter Cathedral. Works to include Bach, Mendelssohn, Pomp and Circumstance Military March and Nimrod by Edward Elgar with Handel's Royal Fireworks Music. Tickets £10 or £9 for members and available today or from the office.
- **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.

- **2 Dec** Friends Christmas Lunch at the Headland Hotel. Book early to avoid disappointment ☺

REMEMBER

Peace, not war, the desire of our hearts
Is, sadly, not always our choice.
When opinion divides and appeasement departs
Our foes have the loudest voice.

And so it was, in nineteen fourteen
When Ferdinand drew his last breath,
And the Central Powers set the scene
For the horrors of carnage and death.

Global conflict, for four long years,
Took its toll on our soldiers, so brave.
Whilst those at home knew well their fears
Facing death and an early grave.

By the time the Allied Forces held power
Sixteen million people lay dead.
Men, women and youths
who, cometh the hour,
Would never return to their bed.

And thus it is, a hundred years on
We remember them all with such sorrow
And pray that the peace they sought and won
Might live on beyond each tomorrow.

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Posada Hosts needed for our two nativity sets as they travel the parish and beyond this advent. In 2017 lots of folk joined in and they also popped up in the shops, our schools and the Post Office.

Be part of the journey and sign up today!

See Ruth Beckett for more info.

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