

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)
9.30am	Growzone
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>
During the Week	
Mon	7.30pm Girls Allowed <i>in the Lounge</i>
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>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm Matt's Cats
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club
	7.30pm Organ Recital by David Davies
25 November (Christ the King)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11.00am	Morning Worship
3pm	'Light up a Life' service

Collect Heavenly Lord,
 you long for the world's salvation:
 stir us from apathy,
 restrain us from excess
 and revive in us new hope
 that all creation will one day be healed
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Readings

Romans 3:21-26 (New International Version NIV)

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Luke 15:1-10 (New International Version NIVUK)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, ‘This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.’

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ ‘Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.” ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

⁸ ‘Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.” ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for today’s services, especially “ Route 66 ” (the Youth led service) with the Rev Mike Robins of “ Compassion UK ” their speaker. Pray for all the young people associated with the Church.
Mon	We are asked to pray for success in the applications for grants for the Wellspring Project and pray for the sub group in the PCC who are making the applications. The sooner we get the money the sooner we can start the project.

Tues	Praise The Lord that the Church Finances are in a much better situation and the Parish Share has been paid to the Diocese and the tithe is paid . We still need to ask God if we are paying what we should be!
Wed	Pray for the Kitchen Table Project as parents and others discuss how they can build faith in their children. Pray that our church will be an outward looking and effective source of evangelism in and around our Parish.
Thurs	Pray for all immigrants and refugees and the homeless in Torbay. Pray for peace and the provision for their needs.
Fri	Let us not forget to pray for our Staff Team especially as they begin to prepare for the Christmas Services when they will need extra strength.
Sat	Pray for the PCC Awayday facilitated by Bishop Nick as they discuss outreach into our Parish. Pray for all who come to these services, especially those who do not normally come, praying they may see what Christmas is all about.
Sun	Please pray for our services today, especially for Prayzone . Pray too for all who are ill or suffering in any way, that they may see Jesus at work in their lives.

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**
- **Blue Light Prayer Phone** – to request prayer for life-threatening or life-changing emergencies. Phone on **07579 030681** - please make a note of this number.
- **Bible Notes** If you wish to cancel or change your bible notes for 2019, please see Suzy Young or call on 614658 by the end of November.
- **Church Archives** Would anyone like to help Marilyn look through the church archives (at church)? We are looking for information about St Matthias in Canning Town. Please contact her direct on 298653. Thank you.



Wellspring – when will it happen?

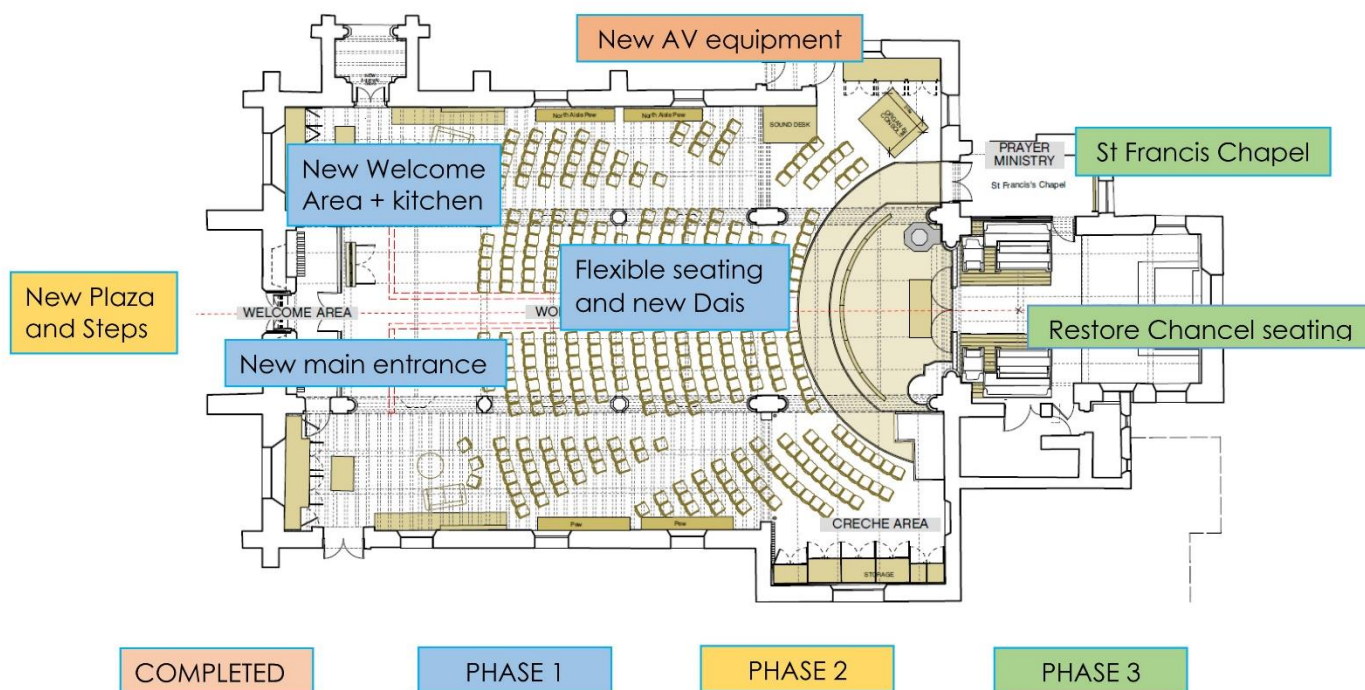
As many will know, after 4 years of planning, in July 2018, we gained the permissions we need to go ahead with the reordering of the church to enable us to worship and witness to **the Wellspring** – Jesus – the source of ‘living water’ who invites us into life in all its fullness.

The architect is currently working on detailed drawings with a local quantity surveyor and structural engineer, and specialist heating and lighting advisors so that tenders for the work can be sent to about 5 local firms just after Christmas.

We’re likely to choose one main contractor but there will be many other specialist workers too, for example for the joinery, furniture, glazing, electrical and heating work.

The process of drawing up a contract ensures best value for each part and for the whole. Hopefully, the early estimate of £850,000 will get reduced when we have more accurate figures when tenders come back in late January 2019.

Once the PCC have reviewed these documents, with advice from the new ‘REM Group’ (Re-ordering and Maintenance), **we hope to be able to say ‘Yes, go ahead’ in early February at that point - if we have enough money!**



If you'd like to find out more, follow the *links to 'The Story so far' and video of the architect Alex Coppock* on the 'wellspring' pages on the church website www.st-matthias-church.org and there are information boards up in the back of the church.

Wellspring Appeal

We're wanting to fund 3 phases of the work. Thanks to generous giving from the congregation last year, and from legacies gifted to the church and to the Friends (who have also been fundraising in other ways), we have nearly £500,000 already available, and are busy applying for grant money.

However, to begin the work in Spring 2019, for the first phase, we need your financial support please.

More accurate costs are due in January 2019, but for now, our estimates are:

- **For the 1st phase, for the main internal works, including the new glass doorways, we estimate we'll need a further £78,000 – ideally by end of January 2019.**
- The 2nd phase, to redesign and landscape the west piazza, we'll need a further £132,000.
- And the 3rd phase, to significantly improve the chancel seating and create a better 'prayer space' in the Francis Chapel will need a further £61,000.

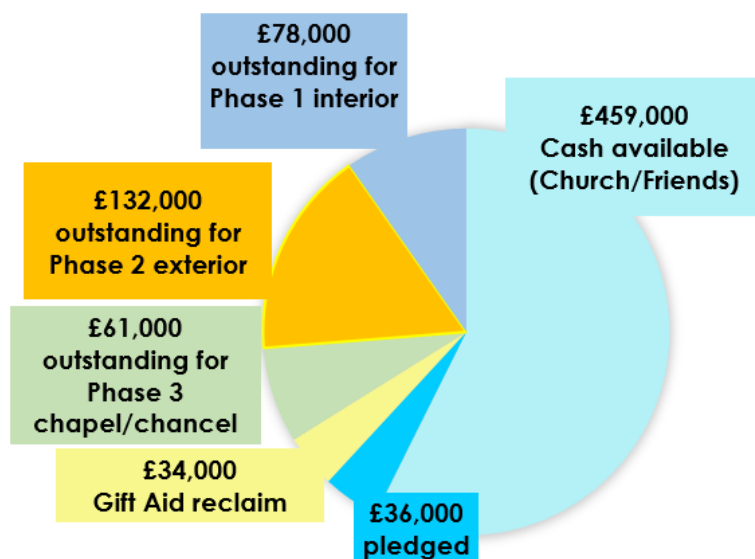
Could you play a part in seeing the visionary Wellspring Project can become a reality?

- ✓ Could you buy a chair or two? (£164 each) or a table? (£80 each)
- ✓ Could you give a more substantial amount of money?
- ✓ Could you provide an interest free loan to help the cash flow of the project?
- ✓ You could take home one of the special moneyboxes, available from the back of the church or from the church office, and fill it with your small change & return it when full?

Thank you!

Please put any donations into the large barrel at the back of church – and if you can claim Gift Aid, please complete one of the 'Wellspring' Leaflets from the back of church – or you can pay money online to the Wellspring Project: Bank sort code: 40-52-40 A/C number 00017933.

APPEAL AS AT NOVEMBER 2018
£800 - £850,000 (ACTUAL COSTS EXPECTED END JAN 19)



Dates for the diary:

TODAY!

- **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 ☺
- **6 Dec Chat@St.Matts Christmas Tea** We are holding this in the hall on Thursday, 6 December at 2.30pm. If you do not normally come to Chat@St.Matts you are more than welcome to come to our Christmas Tea. Please sign the board at the back of church to help us with numbers.

Events Elsewhere

- ***The Cockington Caper 8 Dec 2018 for the Barnabas Sports Trust. Marshals and prayer requested for this annual outreach event. Please contact Rob Day for more information. robandsued@gmail.com***
- ***The Plymouth Soft Play Café at Plymouth Methodist Central Hall is looking to appoint 3 people beginning Jan 2019. For detailed job descriptions and an application form please email pmchoffice@btconnect.com. and indicate your preferred hours. Closing date 19 November.***




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.
(jrmp@btinternet.com)



Christmas

- **Christmas Choir** Would you like to help lead the singing at the carol service here on 23rd December? Rehearsals 5.30–7 pm on **27/11, 4 & 11/12**. Sign up on sheet in church or see Lindsay Glazebrook for further details.
- **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.
- **Christmas Services dates and times** – leaflets available today.
- **Helpers requested to deliver Christmas leaflets** and posters to local shops and hotels. And could anyone deliver some leaflets to your own street? Please see Pere if you can help.





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Christmas Services at St Matthias Church

Tuesday 18th

3:15pm Christmas Messy Church

Sunday 23rd

5:30pm Carol Service
(Lessons and Carols)

Christmas Eve

5pm Christingle Service
(especially for children & families)
11pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion
10am Family Christmas Communion
(& Carols around the Christmas Tree)

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