

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	Family Communion
6.30pm	<i>"The Story so Far" – a talk in the Hall – see over for details</i>

During the Week

Mon	<i>12.15pm Funeral of Philip Kirkup at Cockington Church</i>
	<i>12.30pm Matt's Knits in the Lounge</i>
Tues	<i>9am Morning Prayer in church</i>
	<i>9am Open House Parents and Toddlers in the Lounge</i>
	<i>7.45pm Alpha course continues in the Lounge</i>
Wed	<i>9am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	<i>7.30pm St Matt's Cats in the church</i>
Thurs	<i>10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting in the Ark</i>
	<i>2.30pm Chat @ St Matts in the Hall</i>
Fri	<i>6.30pm Youth Group in the Hall</i>
Sat	<i>6.30pm Dream Auction at the Imperial Hotel – see over for details</i>

7 October (Matthew 25: 35-40)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11.00am	Holy Communion
12.30pm	Baptism of Freddie Petrov

"Paraclesis" - What's that?! It's the Greek New Testament word for how we '**come alongside**' one another to offer comfort, love and help, following the example of the Holy Spirit, or '*paraclete*' who comes alongside us and is the basis for our current teaching.

Readings

Isaiah 61: 1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the broken-
hearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the
prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's
favour and the day of vengeance of our
God,
to comfort all who mourn,

³ and provide for those who grieve in
Zion –
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of
righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendour.

Luke 13: 10-17

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' ¹³ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, 'There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.'

¹⁵ The Lord answered him, 'You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?'

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	As we worship together today, pray for Churches around the world where people are forbidden to gather for worship and persecuted for doing so.
Mon	Pray for the staff team, led by John, and all the people in the Church who keep the building clean and tidy; all who read the lessons or make 🎵 for our worship.
Tues	Pray for the Wellspring Project (Reordering) and for money to be given for it. Pray for wisdom and safety in all things.
Wed	Pray about the rest of the “Paracletis” Course that we may all be prepared to be alongside each other, especially those we don’t know well.
Thurs	Please pray for the Alpha Course and those leading. Pray that questions will be answered and that all will grow closer to Jesus.
Fri	Pray for the Macmillan coffee mornings and pray for all you know who are suffering from cancer. Pray for the one at Mount Tryon today from 2.30pm.
Sat	Pray for peace in our world and for our leaders in this country that they may be given wisdom and graciousness. Pray especially for Kevin our local MP.
Sun	Pray for today's services especially the Holy Communion with prayer for healing. Pray that none of us may feel afraid or embarrassed to come forward to seek God’s blessing. Pray too for the meeting “The Story so Far” - a talk in the hall about the Wellspring Project (Reordering).

What’s on and notices

Re-ordering – The Story So Far Sunday 30 Sept @ 6.30pm.

TODAY!



This is your opportunity to hear and ask questions about the background to the re-ordering project and how we got to where we are now: The sessions are intended for everyone but will be particularly helpful for anyone new to St Matthias or if you have questions about what is planned.

You may also like to watch the video made in November 2016 at the initial presentation by our Architect Alex Coppock – either via the church website ‘latest news’ page, or on this link www.youtube.com/watch?v=FREKbe9n0wI&feature=youtu.be



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Dream Auction VI – The Friends of St Matthias cordially invite you to a **Prosecco and Canapes Reception** at **The Imperial Hotel from 6.30pm on Saturday 6 October**

followed by the auction itself with 100 varied and exciting Lots on offer including a House of Commons Bordeaux wine signed by Prime Minister Theresa May.

Our grateful thanks to the many local businesses and parishioners who are supporting this event. Catalogues (£1) available at the Friends Desk today or from the office during the week. “All proceeds will go to the St Matthias Wellspring Fund; details of the project will be on display on the night “

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- **Sunday 14 October** Harvest Service at 11.00am followed by the Church Family Harvest Lunch. Please sign up on the board in the hall. 
- On the theme of ‘paracletis’ – coming alongside one another - does anyone think God might be calling them to join the **pastoral visiting team**? If so please speak to the clergy or to Suzy Young.
- **Christmas Magazine** – Would you like to join the editorial team for the next edition of the church magazine ‘Everything at St Matthias’? If so, please speak to Pere in the church office.
- **Congratulations** to Emily and Craig on the birth of their baby Isla on 21 September. This makes Tessa and Paul grandparents!
- **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. 
- **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.
- **Jennifer Mason-Putt** passed peacefully away on 18 September 2018. The funeral service will be held at St Matthias on Monday 8 October at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the Hall. Flowers are welcome or if desired donations for “Rowcroft Hospice at Home” by retiring collection or may be sent to Torbay & District Funeral Service, 11 Babbacombe Rd, Torquay, TQ1 3SB.