

Growing on the Journey



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## Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.*

*Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am today.*

<b>Today</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Growzone <i>in the Hall</i>
10.30am	Coffee <i>in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion
5.30pm	'Route 66' – youth-led service in church – "Giving"
<b>During the Week</b>	
Mon	12.30pm Matt's Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Sat	10.30am Pray Torbay <i>see over for details</i>
	5pm Jollyween Party <i>in the Hall see over for details</i>
<b>28 October</b>	
(2 Tim 3: 10-17 & Luke 4: 14-30)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayzone <i>with speaker Rachel Greenwell from Open Doors</i>
10.30am	Coffee <i>in the Hall</i>
11am	Morning Worship <i>with speaker Rachel Greenwell from Open Doors</i>
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting <i>in the church</i>

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## Readings

### Romans 12: 1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgement, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

### Matthew 7: 7-12

<sup>7</sup> 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>9</sup> 'Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! <sup>12</sup> So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

#### Collect

Almighty God,  
in whose service lies perfect freedom:  
teach us to obey you  
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

#### How do I request prayer?

To request prayer for a life-threatening or potentially life-changing emergency, we now have a **'Blue Light Prayer Phone'**  
Please pick up a leaflet at the back of church today for more information.  
Tel: 07579 030681

### For our prayers and praise this week


Sun	Pray for the services today. Growzone, Holy Communion and “Route 66” the Youth led service. Praise God for and pray for anyone taking part.
Mon	Pray for the <b>Wellspring</b> Project - for the Architect, response to tenders and the committee involved in overseeing the changes.
Tues	Please pray for the <b>Home Groups</b> as they meet, that we might all learn more about being disciples of Jesus and what that involves for us.
Wed	Pray for the new “ <b>blue light prayer phone</b> ” project where we can ask for prayer. Let us remember that “prayer changes things” in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thurs	Pray for our world with so many problems at the moment.
Fri	Praise God for the life and witness of Jenny Green. Pray for Andrew and all the family at this sad time and all the readjusting to be made.
Sat	Today is “ <b>Pray Torbay</b> ” when Churches around TORBAY including here at St Matthias, will be praying for the Bay. Also pray for young and old as Halloween is taking place. Pray for our alternative party, <b>Jollyween</b> to be held in the hall. Pray that people will not be frightened by some of the activities that take place.
Sun	Pray for our <b>Staff Team</b> who minister to us so faithfully Sunday by Sunday.

### *What's on and news*

- **Wellspring money boxes** available again from today from the back of church.
- **Friends of St Matthias** My thanks to all who supported the Friends’ Dream Auction and who helped us raise a magnificent £5000 for the Wellspring Project. In particular I would like to thank Tim Dickinson, who had the dream and made it real. We are now busy planning our programme of future events and here are a few dates for your diary: **23<sup>rd</sup> November** - we shall be welcoming back David Davies, formerly the organist at Exeter Cathedral. Tickets are available from today. **2<sup>nd</sup> December** the ever popular Friends’ Christmas lunch at the Headland Hotel. Places will be limited so do note it in your diary now to avoid disappointment.
- 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.
- **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.

- **TOWNS Winter night shelter 2019** St Matthias will be hosting the Torbay Winter Night Shelter for the homeless in February and March next year. This will be the fourth year we have run this project. Our nights will be Sundays 10,17,24 February and 3 & 10 March 2019. The past three years have run very successfully and have been well received by guests and volunteers alike. We know that it may seem a long time off but please consider volunteering. We cannot run this without your support, and there is a job for anyone. This is our church reaching out to those less fortunate - exactly what we have been studying for several weeks now with Paracletis (coming alongside others). Please have a word with **Avril or Malcolm Ford**, or email [malcolmford47@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmford47@gmail.com) for more details.
- **Thank you** to everyone who supported and helped with last Sunday's Harvest lunch. The balance of £50 has been sent to Christian Aid's Harvest Appeal, which has been match funded to the tune of £200 by the EU for life-changing work in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Honduras and Malawi.  
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/harvest-appeal>

## 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.

## Events Elsewhere

Open Doors Regional Day at Brunel Manor on Sat 3 Nov. Registration at 9.15am and day ends at 4pm. Further details Linda Townsend on 201379. We also have an Open Doors speaker here at St Matts on 28 October.