



Knowing God's Joy

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	Breakfastzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall with Traidcraft Stall</i>
11am	Holy Communion

During the Week

Tues	12.30pm Matt's Knits <i>(Note change of day)</i> <i>in the Lounge</i>
	9am Morning Prayer <i>in church</i>
	9-11.30am Open House Parents and Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Fri	<i>9am Remembrance Service with Ilsham School</i>
	6.30pm Youth Club
Sat	<i>9am Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cafe</i>

11 November – Remembrance Sunday

8am	Holy Communion (BCP) with act of remembrance
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	United Family Remembrance Service
5.30pm	<i>'Remembrance 100 – Lord Have Mercy' a reflective service with prayers, poems and music</i>

Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
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

Readings

John 11: 32-44

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ 'Where have you laid him?' he asked.

'Come and see, Lord,' they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ 'Take away the stone,' he said.

'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.'

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face.

Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'

Revelation 21: 1-6a

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

⁶ He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.'

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Praise God for all the families who attend Breakfastzone and all who lead them. Pray for the service of Holy Communion that we may understand what Jesus has done for us and proclaim Him as Lord.
Mon	Pray for all the activities taking place every week in our church and centre. May all who take part realise they are in God's house and in His presence.
Tues	Pray for all the homeless people in Torbay who have to sleep on the streets and in shop openings. Pray for all who have mental health or alcohol issues, that God will be with them and speak to their hearts.
Wed	Pray for the meeting today to plan a series of mission events in Torbay in 2019 with the evangelist J John.
Thurs	Pray for the Blue Light Prayer Phone ministry (07579 030681) . May it fulfil real need and that people will not be afraid to use it.
Fri	Pray for the wider Church, especially where there is active persecution. May Christians know when to speak and when to remain silent.
Sat	Pray for the Men's Breakfast meeting this morning. Pray for John Hart as he speaks to many of the men of St. Matts and other churches.
Sun	Remembrance Sunday. Thank God for all who gave their lives for our country in the many wars in the past and in recent days. Pray for healing of those left with physical, mental and spiritual wounds, that God would touch them at their point of need.

What's on and news

- **Wellspring money boxes** available again from today from the back of church.
- **Cecil Johnston has returned to 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 Shelter for the homeless for the 4th year running in February and March next year beginning on 10 Feb. The past three years have run very successfully and have been well received by guests and volunteers alike. Please consider volunteering as we cannot run this without your support - 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**
- **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.

Dates for the diary:

- **10 Nov** Men's Breakfast at Kent's Café with speaker John Hart - contact Charlie to book c.allansen@btinternet.com
- **11 Nov Remembrance Sunday** 11am family service with act of remembrance and at 5.30pm a special 100th anniversary service: "Remembrance 2018 Lord have mercy"
- **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. Concert tickets are available from today.
- **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 😊
- **9 Dec 'Inspire'** An opportunity to chat with other mums and dads about how we can build faith in our children in the everyday. 9.30am in the Pine Room.



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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Elsewhere

- **Ladies Lounge** in Torquay needs four more volunteers for kitchen or craft duties on two sessions a month, Monday or Wednesday. Speak to Ruth Beckett for more information or look at the website ladies-lounge.co.uk

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