



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	Coffee in the Hall <i>with 'Christmas Shop'</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)
Lunchtime	Friends Christmas Lunch at the Headland Hotel
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>in the Lounge</i>
	5.30-7pm Christmas Choir rehearsal <i>in the church</i>
	7.30pm Matt's Cats <i>in the church</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	2.30pm Chat @ St Matts Christmas Tea <i>in the Hall</i>
Fri	6pm Family Quiz Evening for Mugisha <i>in the Hall</i>
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at English Riviera Centre for ladies too!
9 December	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30	Kitchen Table Project <i>in the Pine Room</i>
10.30am	Coffee in the Hall <i>with 'Christmas Shop' & 'Matts Knits' goods</i>
11am	United Family Service
5.30pm	Evening Holy Communion

Collect

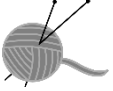
Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

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For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for Breakfastzone and thank God for the numbers who come. Pray that the Communion service will become more meaningful to all who come.
Mon	Remember Churches Together and the witness to Jesus Christ across the Bay. Remember the new Ministers at Upton Vale Baptist Church, and the Roman Catholic Church.
Tues	Pray for all preparing for Christmas activities in the Church, the choir, Matt's Cats, the Worship Leaders, decorators, cleaners and any others.
Wed	Pray that now we are in the Advent season we may prepare ourselves for Christmas, but more especially our Lord's return.
Thurs	Pray for peace in our world, especially those trying to get to safer countries, and pray for the homeless of Torbay sleeping out in the bitter weather.
Fri	Thank God for our Young People and tonight for their Quiz Night and the funding for their sponsored young person, Mugisha from Rwanda .
Sat	Pray for those attending the special Men's Breakfast today (for ladies too) . Remember Sylvia and Tony Barratt who will be speaking.
Sun	Pray for the United Family Service . Pray that many families will come. Pray for those leading and for all the Staff Team In their Christmas preparations.

What's on and news

- **Do you like ironing?** Is there anyone who loves ironing and would like to take on the ironing of the altar cloths? Please contact Sylvia if you can help. Thank you.
- **Welcomers** requested for the Schools Christmas services. Please sign up on the noticeboard at the back of church if you would like to help.
- **Part time** cleaner required for the Pre-School 3.30-4.30pm Monday to Friday in term time. Please contact Liz for more information on 07812 941029.
- **Blue Light Prayer Phone** (07579 030681) for life-threatening or potentially life-changing emergencies – pick up a leaflet from the back of church.
- **Tearfund** £500 is going to Tearfund's Yemen Project from our 'mission tithe' (10% of our regular giving income). Thank you.
- **SMARTIES** Sorry, we aim to only buy Fairtrade chocolate but we made a mistake with the Smartie tubes.
- **Matt's Knits** are having a stall of handmade items at coffee time on Sunday 9 December 
- **Men's Breakfast - Christmas Special – Ladies are invited too!** Tickets have nearly all gone! Email c.allansen@btinternet.com to reserve your seat. **8th December** doors open at 8.30 for 9am start at English Riviera Centre. Guest speakers are Sylvia and Tony Barratt. £8.50 for a full English breakfast or £4 for plenty of coffee, tea. Book now to get your seat!

- **Quiz Night 7 Dec** The young people are holding a fundraising evening for Mugisha - their sponsored child. It is from 6-8:30pm and tickets are £10 per family or £2.50 each. It will be a family quiz evening and the tickets cover tea and coffee and a piece of cake but there will be opportunities to buy other non alcoholic drinks. Tickets sold on the door but there is a sign up sheet in the hall so we have a rough idea of numbers. Please come and support them and thank you.
- **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



Christmas



- **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.
- **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 the sheet in church or see Lindsay Glazebrook for further details.
- **Shop here for Christmas!** A Christmas Gifts 'pop-up shop' will be open in the Hall today and 9 Dec. 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. **New stock every week!** 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 sign up on the sheet at the back of church or speak to Pere.
- **Christmas Gift?** Inspirational and encouraging. Please sign-up if you would like copies of the illustrated *Faith, Family & Fun* Poetry Booklet produced by Merylyn & Nina. ALL proceeds are to raise funds for the church reordering.
- **Christingle Making** 11am on 23 December in the Hall
- **Carol Singing around the Residential Homes on 17 & 21 Dec** – please sign up at the back of church.



Wellspring – we're making progress...

£6000 has been given over the last 6 weeks!

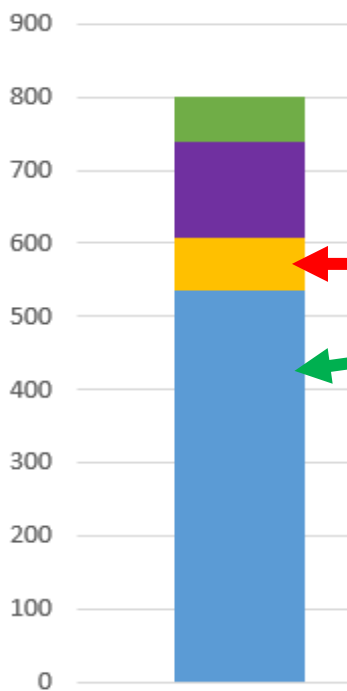
(and the offer of a loan)

Could you pitch in?

**Wellspring
target
£800 -
850,000**

We already have £535,000 available, leaving just £72,000 needed to complete Phase 1 – the main interior work and new West doorway.

The changes will enable us to keep growing and provide even more flexible space for us and the community to use



£61,000 needed for Phase 3 (chapel/chancel)

£132,000 needed for Phase 2 (exterior)

£72,000 needed for Phase 1 (interior)

£535,000 Funds so far (Church/Friends)

- ✓ Chairs are £164. We need 400 *Could you pay for 1, 10, or 100 of them?* Matt's Cats have just bought one!
- ✓ Tables are £80. *We need 20 of them.*
- ✓ Take home a moneybox *and fill it with loose change?*
- ✓ Fill up your Smarties tube *with pound coins?*
- ✓ Have you savings *that could provide us with an interest free loan?*
- ✓ Have you savings *that God is prompting you to give to invest in St Matthias' building for the next generation?*

Every little (or large) bit helps.

Please, if you want to sow however much, please put any donations into the large barrel at the back of church –

and if you can claim Gift Aid (remember that doesn't cost you any more but gives us an extra 25%!), 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

Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers and support; without you, none of this would be possible.

Readings

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

¹⁴ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ “In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:

The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.”

Luke 21: 21-36

²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. ²² For this is the time of punishment in fulfilment of all that has been written. ²³ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵ ‘There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

²⁹ He told them this parable: ‘Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² ‘Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ ‘Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.’

³⁷ Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives, ³⁸ and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.