



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	Baptism of Alastair Barr
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	United Family Service
12pm	Towns Night Shelter meeting <i>in the Lounge</i>
12.30pm	<i>Church Family Lunch</i>
5.30pm	Evening Holy Communion
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	9-11.30am Open House Parents and Toddlers <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12.30pm Matt's Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
	3.15pm Messy Church
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
Fri	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>in the Hall</i>
Sunday 20 January	
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

Collect

Heavenly Father

at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
 may we recognize him as our Lord
 and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

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Readings

Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now, this is what the LORD says –
he who created you, Jacob,
he who formed you, Israel:
'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name;
you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;
I give Egypt for your ransom,
Cush and Seba in your stead.

⁴ Since you are precious and honoured
in my sight, and because I love you,
I will give people in exchange for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
I will bring your children from the east
and gather you from the west.
⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up!"
and to the south, "Do not hold them
back."
Bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the ends of
the earth –
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Luke 3: 15-17 and 21-22

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'
²¹ When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'



**To explore more about the Christian faith
our next 'Basics' Course starts very soon
'Life' - 'God' - 'Mess' - 'Jesus'...**

Wednesday evenings in January 730pm for a 745pm start

*For more details please contact John Beckett 293119,
or the Church Office 01803 214175*

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for the United Family Service . Pray that members of all the congregations will get together and get to know each other better.
Mon	Pray for our Government during this critical week and for more gentle and polite behaviour as major decisions are made. Remember our Prime Minister and our MP, Kevin Foster . May they know God's wisdom.
Tues	Praise God for the recent sunshine. While it is still very cold pray for those who live out of doors. Pray for the Churches who are welcoming people to sleep in the warm and have hot food. May they feel Jesus' presence.
Wed	Pray for Home Groups, Alpha Courses, and other opportunities to learn more of the Christian journey .
Thurs	Pray for all involved in the Wellspring Project , especially the Architect. Pray that the work begins soon and that we may all be understanding and pray for the work and the future of the Church.
Fri	Thank God for all the Youth in our Church and for Victoria Yates our Youth Leader. May they have fun AND learn more of Jesus and His ways.
Sat	Pray for all who are ill, in hospital, at home, home bound, worried or sad. May God meet them in their place of need.
Sun	As we have the freedom to worship, let us pray for peace in our world and that countries will make it possible to have freedom to worship .

What's on and news

Church Family Lunch TODAY Sunday 13 Jan Come along to the family lunch today.

A big thank you to the staff and to all of you at St Matt's for your enthusiastic support of the Christmas Gifts Shop in the church hall during Advent. Our pop-up shop was made possible by the inspiration and support of Roy and Pam at Choice Words in Newton Abbot. 10% profits of £105 were donated to The Wellspring Project and in addition, Choice Words generously donated the Gospel booklets carousel now in place at the West end of the church. The booklets may be taken free of charge by any visitor to the church and the services. Watch this space for the possibility of further pop up shop opportunities.....**David & Val Burch**

Minibus drivers Would anyone like to help to provide lifts to church on Sunday mornings on a rota basis? You would need to be aged 30 to 75 and have a category D1 on your driving licence. For more information please see Andrew Stilliard or email acstilliard@gmail.com.

Friends of St Matthias Meal at Amici Restaurant Wed 6 Feb. Tickets now available. So make your booking and choose your menu now. If you've not been before, then you'll be particularly welcome.

TOWNS night shelter meeting **Sunday 13th January** after our 11am service in the Lounge – aiming for 12ish to fit in with the family lunch. Please could all volunteers, or anyone else who is interested in helping, attend so we can work out rotas etc. We also have to redo the volunteer sign up forms (data protection) but our new ones will last 3yrs. We don't expect the meeting to go on too long so hope to see you all on the 13th. Night shelter dates are: 10,17,24 Feb, 3,10 Mar. Thanks. Avril & Malcolm.

Wellspring Update – thank you

A further £1490 has been given since Christmas, with Gift Aid this gives us £1740

- ❖ I table has been bought = £80
- ❖ 5 chairs have been bought = £820
- ❖ Smartie tubes are starting to be returned – so far giving us £111
- ❖ Winter allowances donated = £200
- ❖ Money Boxes continue to be handed in –
- ❖ Thank you! - all the pennies count

After a slight delay over Christmas, the tender documents for the building contractors are now expected to go out at the end of January, so we hope to review tenders and be in a position to decide when we can start work and on what aspect of the project around the end of February. Please keep praying. Thank you.

Bible Notes Please remember to pay Suzy Young for your Bible Reading notes, and if you were the person who asked over Christmas if they were too late to order, would you speak to Suzy again, sorry. 01803 614658. Thank you Suzy Young

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 or Pere in the office.

Giving to support the church: We encourage people to give via the 'Parish Giving Scheme' (PGS) from their bank accounts. That's why the collection plate often goes around empty! So, if you are new to St Matthias, please do not feel you need to put any cash into the collection plate but do ask one of the welcomers for more information about the PGS. Thank you.

10% of our regular giving goes to other charities anyway, but we have an additional collection every Christmas. **This year, we gave to Christian Aid – thank you** for these generous gifts. We collected the magnificent sum of £1,768.60, which will be match-funded: every £1 will be worth £5 for life-changing work in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Honduras and Malawi.

Thanks...to the people who manage the money and accounts at church 😊