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20 January 2019
Epiphany 3
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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	Growzone			
10.30am	Coffee in the Hall			
11am	Holy Communion			
5.30pm	Route 66 – youth-led service			
During the Week				
Tues	9am Morning Prayer			
	9-11.30am Open House Parents and T	oddlers	in the Lounge	
	12.30pm Matt's Knits		in the Lounge	
Wed	9am Holy Communion	followed	by coffee in the Lounge	
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats			
Fri	6.30pm TGIF			
Sunday 27 January			(Reading Luke 4: 14-21)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)			
9.30am	Prayzone		with speaker from Linx	
10.30am	Coffee in the Hall			
11am	Morning Worship		with speaker from Linx	
12.45pm	Thanksgiving service for Luna-Rae			
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting			

A Collect for Christian Unity

Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd. Amen

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Readings

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to dumb idols. ³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus be cursed,' and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit.

- ⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.
- ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

John 2: 1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

- 4 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'
- ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'
- ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.
- ⁷Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.
- ⁸Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.' They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'
- ¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



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 churches in Torbay that we may work ever more closely towards the unity that Jesus desires for his Church.		
Mon	Pray for Her Majesty the Queen , the whole Royal Family , the Prime Minister and all involved in trying to sort out the political unrest in our country at the moment. Pray they may all show integrity, trust, and charity in thought word and deed.		
Tues	Pray for the Night Shelter work starting around Torbay, coming to us in February. Pray that the welcome they get in the various churches may speak of Jesus' love.		
Wed	Pray for all taking part in the <i>Questions Course</i> , designed to answer basic questions about life and the Christian faith.		
Thurs	Remember Nicci Maxwell our CMS Mission Partner. May she have wisdom as she treats sick babies and women.		
Fri	Pray for all the young people who attend our Church at various times, from the pre-school children, the school assemblies, and the Youth Club. Pray for those who lead them.		
Sat	Remember the Wellspring Project at this critical time. May all involved be given special wisdom and guidance. Pray especially for John Beckett in his leadership.		
Sun	Thank God for the years of faithful ministry in St. Matthias. Pray for today's services and may the congregation remember they have been in a holy place.		

Thanks go to...the staff and management committee of the Pre-School ☺

What's on and News

The Friends of St Matthias Amici Meal Do join us at Amici restaurant on Wednesday 6th February at 7 for 7.30pm for our traditional New Year Italian meal. Tickets are on sale now on Sunday mornings over coffee. Rob Newman

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.

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.

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.

Men's Breakfast 9 February at English Riviera Centre with speaker Dave Burch. Contact Charlie to book. Email <u>c.allansen@btinternet.com</u>

We're sad to hear that Sally Salmon (Ann Gray's mum) died on Thursday. Her funeral will be held on 8 February at 11.30am at St John the Apostle, Montpellier Rd, Torquay. All are welcome. We have also heard that Joan Wakefield has recently died. Her funeral will be held at St Matthias on 7 February at 2.30pm. We pray for their families and friends at this time.