



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 <i>with breakfast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	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>
	7.30pm Deanery Synod meeting at All Saints Babbacombe – all welcome
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7pm Friends meal at Amici Restaurant
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting <i>in the Ark</i>
	2.30pm Funeral of Joan Wakefield
	2.30pm Chat @ St Matts <i>in the Hall</i>
Fri	6.30pm TGIF
Sat	9am Men's Breakfast at English Riviera Centre
Sunday 10 February	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Coffee in the Hall
11am	<i>United Family Service</i>
5.30pm	Evening Holy Communion
6pm	Winter Night Shelter begins tonight <i>in the Hall</i>

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Readings

Malachi 3: 1-5

'I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,' says the LORD Almighty.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

⁵ 'So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud labourers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,' says the LORD Almighty.

Luke 2: 22-40

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'.

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.'

³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory
of Israel:

make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your
God, and our God. Amen

against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for services today, especially the service of Holy Communion knowing that as well as being fed spiritually ourselves, it is a witness to others.
Mon	Remember Captain Ade in his ministry around Ellacombe.
Tues	Pray for the Winter Night Shelter Project , for all hosting it and for the homeless who will use our premises. May they feel really welcomed and respected. First night here is on 10th February .
Wed	Pray for all who have recently been bereaved and need the calm and real presence of our Lord.
Thurs	Pray for our Prime Minister, members of the Government and all who have an interest or influence in our society.
Fri	Praise God for Nicci Maxwell our linked C.M.S. Mission partner as she works with babies and mothers.
Sat	Pray for Stephen Yates in the Holy Land and then on his placement.
Sun	Pray for all the Church Leaders in the Bay and that people will hear and heed God’s Word.

What’s on and News

Church Electoral Roll Being on the Electoral Roll is a way of saying... “**I belong**” here at St Matthias. Each year we revise the roll but every six years the roll is fully revised and we all have to reapply. If you are on the current roll or the church contact list then please collect a named envelope from the table at the back of the church. There are spare letters for anyone else who would like to consider being on the next electoral roll.

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

Girls Allowed will be meeting in the Lounge on 26 Feb. Further details to follow.

Thanks go to... the children and young people and their group leaders 😊

Wellspring Update

The Architect visited us last Thursday to finalise the tender documents before they go off to contractors. Unfortunately we won't be able to make the decision about which contractor to use and for which parts of the project, until the end of April. Thank you for continuing to pray about the Project.

You won't see **Stephen Yates** for a few weeks. He is currently in the Holy Land and will be beginning his curacy placement on his return. He's spending a month or so with the group of smaller churches based around Shaldon.

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

We're sad to hear that Cecily Chevriot has died. Her funeral will be held at St Matthias Church on Wednesday 13 February at 1pm. The funeral of Joan Wakefield will be held here on Thursday 7 February at 2.30pm. We pray for their families and friends at this time.

Winter Night Shelter 'Towns Project' - clothes and toiletries requested please. Good winter weight clothing eg jumpers, coats, gloves, hats, scarves. Underwear and socks (new please) and personal toiletries. Thank you so much. Please bring to church and put on the back pew. The first night is Sunday 10 February.

Advance notice for Lent – we are running a Lent course again this year on six Tuesday evenings and repeated on Wednesday mornings starting on 12 & 13 March.

Torquay Community Larder - thank you for all items donated to the Larder over the past few weeks - the Larder has received many generous gifts over the Christmas period but are still short of some basic items:

Tinned Potatoes; Meat; Vegetables; Fruit; Rice Pudding

Jars of Pasta Sauce; Jam; Coffee

Cartons of Milk

Packets of Sugar

Unfortunately, due to regulations around baby food, we are unable to accept donations of baby food or formula milk.

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.