



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	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)
5.30pm	'Route 66' youth-led service
6pm	Winter Night Shelter <i>in the Hall</i>
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer
	12.30pm Matt's Knits <i>in the Lounge</i>
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting – all welcome <i>in the Ark</i>
Sunday 24 February	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayzone
10.30am	<i>Coffee in the Hall</i>
11am	Morning Worship
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting
6pm	Winter Night Shelter <i>in the Hall</i>

Collect

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen

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Readings

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

⁵ This is what the LORD says:

‘Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from
the LORD.

⁶ That person will be like a bush in the
wastelands;
they will not see prosperity when it
comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of
the desert,
in a salt land where no one lives.

⁷ ‘But blessed is the one who trusts in
the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the

water that sends out its roots by the
stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.’

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things
and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

¹⁰ ‘I the LORD search the heart
and examine the mind,

to reward each person according to
their conduct,

according to what their deeds deserve.’

Luke 6: 17-26

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. ²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ ‘Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ ‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

For our prayers and praise this week	
Sun	Thank God for all the young people who lead Route 66 , our youth-led service. May they be a blessing to us all and may they be blessed in leading.
Mon	Pray for the Night Shelter for those who normally sleep on the streets.
Tues	Pray for all countries where there is hatred and division and for the leaders of those nations that they may have wisdom and empathy for all in need.
Wed	Please pray for all the meetings that take place in our church. May God be glorified and people built up in their faith journey.
Thurs	Remember before God the Diocesan and Parish leadership . Remember John, Paul and Stephen especially . Pray for Stephen doing his placement.
Fri	Pray for all who are ill, all who are sad or confused, the recently bereaved, especially the family and friends of the late John Purdy .
Sat	Remember before God all those who work to help in society. The emergency services, the health services, and all who care for us.
Sun	Pray for today's services, especially all members of the Staff Team .

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 it 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 church. There are spare letters for anyone else who would like to consider being on the next electoral roll. And please remember to return your application form to us once completed! 😊

Note to Welcomers and Home Group Members. Do you have copies of the "Everybody Welcome" booklet that we studied some time ago? If so Jenny & Ian Lane would be grateful to receive them to lend to new Welcomers. Thank you.

10 March 'Money Matters' @12pm – following our morning service we have arranged for two professionals to join us for a useful advice session covering money management, legal advice about wills and lasting powers of attorney. This informative one hour long session is aimed for all age groups, not just 'older' members! To enable both parents to attend we will be providing activities for children. Money management is an important part of our lives as Christians. Please stay after the morning service to hear what our 'experts' have to say.

Wellspring Update

In the last month we have received gifts totalling £920 – a wonderful mixture of money boxes, smarties, a table and 2 chairs. We've also received a £5,000 bequest from Jenny Mason-Putt. Thank you for continuing to give and to pray.

Girls Allowed will be meeting in the Lounge on **26 Feb** 7.30-9.30pm. Treasures – time to meet to chat, bring something you treasure to share. Sign up in the hall or email Ruth on jrmp@btinternet.com. Thank you.

We're sad to hear that John Purdy has died. The details of his funeral will be announced in due course. Please pray for Maureen and their family and friends at this time.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on 6 March. There will a service of Holy Communion at 9am and at 7pm.

Lent Course – we are running a Lent course again this year on six Tuesday evenings and repeated on Wednesday mornings starting on 12 & 13 March – see posters for more information.

Thanks go to...the Welcomers 😊

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 which means that you are likely to have the necessary category to drive a minibus on your driving licence. For more information please see Andrew Stilliard or email acstilliard@gmail.com.



Family Notices in Hall - remember to have a look at the first board on the left for notices from the church family about sponsorship, events taking place elsewhere etc.

Torquay Community Larder Thank you for your ongoing donations of food. We continue to need the 'basics' eg sugar, tinned vegetables, jam, coffee etc.

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.