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## Welcome!

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.  
Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am in the Pine Room.*

Today		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Pine Room</b>
9.30am	Growzone	<b>Hall</b>
10.30am	Coffee	<b>Pine Room</b>
11am	Holy Communion	<b>Hall</b>
5.30pm	'Route 66' – youth-led service – all welcome	<b>Hall</b>
During the Week		
Tues	9am Morning Prayer	
	9-11.30am Open House Parents and Toddlers	Lounge
	12.30pm Matts Knits	Lounge
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	Lounge
	10am-12pm Open Church Coffee Morning – all welcome	Lounge
Sunday 28 July		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Pine Room</b>
9.30am	Prayzone	<b>Hall</b>
10.30am	Coffee	<b>Pine Room</b>
11am	Holy Communion	<b>Hall</b>
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting	<b>Lounge</b>

**Thanks go to...**  
Those who set-up the hall  
on a Sunday morning 😊

## Readings

John 10: 1-18

‘Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger’s voice.’ <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, ‘Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. <sup>[a]</sup> They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

<sup>11</sup> ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> ‘I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.’

### Collect

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd,  
I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in  
green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

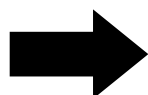
<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will  
follow me

all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
for ever.

### For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray especially for <b>Growzone, The Holy Communion Service and Route 66</b> (our Youth led service), and all those who lead them.
Mon	Praise God for all our Lay Readers who give such valuable service.
Tues	Pray for the world's <b>leaders</b> . For the decision this week concerning our new Prime Minister, that the right man will be elected. Pray he will seek truth justice, and will learn from those around him.
Wed	Remember all asylum seekers, refugees and homeless. Pray they will be treated with dignity, generosity, and justice.
Thurs	Pray for all in the church family who are suffering from illness, depression, loneliness, stress in relationships or any other problem. May God draw near and help them.
Fri	Remember our Staff who give so much of themselves for us in so many ways.
Sat	Pray for Christians and churches who are being persecuted and who suffer for naming the name of Jesus. Pray that they may know when to speak up and when to be silent.
Sun	Thank God for all who serve in the church in any way.

## What's on and News



**Entrance and car parking** – for the next couple of weeks entry to the building is through the north porch and through the church into the centre. The door code remains the same.



The main car park is for **disabled use only** on a Sunday. There will be a team of welcomers to help you to get into the building if required. (Limited space available during the week.) Please can we ask folk *not* to park in the minibus space (hashed yellow lines). Thank you.

**Torquay Community Larder** ... we are still collecting donations of food for the Larder – there is a basket in the linkway under the table. Thank you.



**Coffee on a Sunday** – can anyone help us to serve coffee at 10.30am in the Pine Room? You would need to be available from 9.50am to set up and then clear away at the end – there's very little washing up as we're using paper cups 😊 If anyone is available this will be a great help especially during the summer months. Please speak to Sheila Hart or the office. Thank you.



**Coffee Morning...** During the re-ordering there will be an 'open church' coffee morning each Wednesday in the Lounge from 10-12. All welcome.

## Wellspring Update

We met the Architect this week, he continues to be pleased with progress. Please pray that this will continue.

**Fundraising continues** as we endeavour to reach our target and we have been successful in obtaining another grant. If you still wish to donate, please speak to Alan Poole or any of the ministry team.

***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 or the Treasurer for more information about the PGS. Thank you.

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