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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)	<i>Pine Room</i>
9.30am	Prayzone	<i>Hall</i>
10.30am	Coffee	<i>Pine Room</i>
11am	Morning Worship	<i>Hall</i>
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting	<i>Lounge</i>
During the Week		
Tues	9am Morning Prayer	
	12.30pm Matts Knits	<i>Lounge</i>
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<i>Lounge</i>
	10am-12pm Open Church Coffee Morning – all welcome	<i>Lounge</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting	<i>Ark</i>
Sunday 4 August		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Pine Room</i>
9.30am	Breakfastzone	<i>Hall</i>
10.30am	Coffee	<i>Pine Room</i>
11am	Holy Communion	<i>Hall</i>

### Collect

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Thanks go to...** those  
who work in the  
hospitality industry 😊

## Readings

### Genesis 1: 1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light 'day', and the darkness he called 'night'. And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day.

### John 8: 12-20

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

<sup>13</sup> The Pharisees challenged him, 'Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.'

<sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, 'Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. <sup>16</sup> But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. <sup>18</sup> I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.'

<sup>19</sup> Then they asked him, 'Where is your father?'

'You do not know me or my Father,' Jesus replied. 'If you knew me, you would know my Father also.' <sup>20</sup> He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

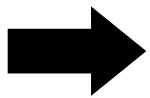
### For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for all leading today's services. Pray that many will come to the Prayer Meeting, as we seek to make prayer the heartbeat of the Church.
Mon	Pray for <b>Mr. Johnson</b> , as he begins his term of office as Prime Minister.
Tues	<b>Wellspring</b> Thank God that the Architect is pleased with the progress of the work and pray for the contractors. Pray for their safety and goodwill.
Wed	There are many in our Church family who are ill, bereaved, worried, sad, and facing relationship problems. Pray they may turn to God for an answer to their situation.
Thurs	Thank God for <b>John and Ruth Beckett</b> as they return today to leading the Church in all aspects of its life. Let us pray for them, and for their health and vision.

Fri	Pray for our young members of the church family. Pray they will have happy and safe holidays. Thank God for all who work for, and all who are served by <b>Torquay Community Larder</b> and pray that we, as a church, may not forget our support.
Sat	Pray for the homeless, hungry and disadvantaged of our country and world. Pray for all NGO groups and charities, as they seek to help ease the troubled people.
Sun	Pray for all the <b>Staff Team</b> and others who assist in leading our worship, including the lesson readers, those who lead intercession, welcomers, prayer team.

## What's on and News

**John and Ruth** return from their sabbatical this week, and we welcome them back. Their first Sunday will be 4 August. We hope they've had a time of refreshing and renewal.



**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 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.

**Chat @ St Matts** ...is having a summer break. Come and join us in September when we start again 😊 (5 September at 2.30pm in the Hall)

**Advance warning** – after the All Age Service on 11 August a number of our young people will be baptised in the sea off Meadfoot Beach. Following the baptism, we are planning a bring your own picnic on the Green. All welcome.

## **Wellspring Update**

Progress continues on the Wellspring Project. The font has been moved and work has started on the west steps. Progress remains good. 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. Please pray that our remaining grant applications will be successful too.

***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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