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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	Breakfastzone	<i>Hall</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Pine Room</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	<i>Hall</i>
12.15-12.45	Wellspring Q & A session	<i>Hall</i>
During the Week		
Tues	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>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats	<i>Hall</i>
Thurs	10.30-11.30am Prayer Meeting	<i>Ark</i>
Sunday 8 September		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>Pine Room</i>
10-10.30am	Wellspring Q & A session	<i>Pine Room</i>
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Pine Room</i>
11am	United Family Service	<i>Hall</i>

### Collect

God of glory,  
 the end of our searching,  
 help us to lay aside  
 all that prevents us from seeking your  
 kingdom,  
 and to give all that we have  
 to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
 through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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## Readings

### Acts 8: 26-40

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

### John 1: 35-51

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!'

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?'

They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?'

<sup>39</sup> 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.'

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother

Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' <sup>46</sup> 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip.

<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.' <sup>48</sup> 'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.' <sup>50</sup> Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.' <sup>51</sup> He then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on" the Son of Man.'

**For our prayers and praise this week**

Sun	Pray about our Sunday teaching beginning today. Pray for the service leaders that they may have the knowledge to lead us so we can be <b>"Growing on the journey"</b> ( <i>lessons from Jesus in John's Gospel</i> ).
Mon	The Wellspring Project is going well, so let us pray it will continue to go well with the contractors and that they will be happy and proud of their handiwork.
Tues	Pray for Stephen, Victoria and family on holiday. May they find real rest and peace after their busy time with extra Parochial responsibilities.
Wed	Pray for peace in our world. For the leaders of the nations, but especially for those attending the G7 conversations.
Thurs	Remember all those who are sick, suffering pain in body, soul or spirit, and all who have been recently bereaved, all those whose families are separated by many miles.
Fri	Remember before God all who lead or influence in our Church family, especially our Staff Team, praying they will be given wisdom and strength to know God's will.
Sat	Continue to pray for children on holiday, that they may be kept safe and happy. Pray for those families who do not have enough food for each day. May God provide for them in every way.
Sun	Pray for today's services: Holy Communion and United Family Service. May we all worship in Spirit and in Truth.

# What's on and News




## OPEN MIC EVENING

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October

For One Night Only

The opening you've been waiting for!! A fantastic opportunity to showcase your talents in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere: Singing, Playing an instrument, Poetry, Jokes... Please contact Charlie Allansen, Dean Winter, Rob Newman or Christine Tibbetts for details.

- ❖ **Cancelled** – Chat @ St Matts 5 September – come along instead on 3 October
- ❖ **Torquay Community Larder ... needs our help.** They are short of donations and so are grateful for any you can give. There is a basket in the linkway under the table. Thank you.
- ❖ If you haven't received your **bible notes** please pick them up from the office.
- ❖ **Alpha** We're hoping to run an Alpha course at the end of Sept/beg Oct. If you or someone you know is interested, please let the clergy or office know. 
- ❖ **Men's Breakfast Sat 14 Sept @ 9am** – see Charlie Allansen for more info or to book
  - ❖ **Revised diary date:** The Blackberry and Apple Fayre has been cancelled for 21 September and replaced with a Christmas Fayre on 7 December (Friends of St Matthias)
  - ❖ **Philip Yancey** (*Christian author of books including 'What's so Amazing about Grace'*) will be on tour and visiting Upton Vale on Saturday 28 September at 7pm – tickets £7 from [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

Today we begin a new teaching series on Sundays to explore our core value of **Growing on the Journey: "Lessons from Jesus in John's gospel"** (Leaflet available today with more details.)



**Thanks go to...** Torquay Community Larder and all who run and support it 😊

**Q & A Wellspring** An opportunity to find out the latest news on any details of the re-ordering – or suggestions you might have. It would be helpful if you could let us know your questions/suggestions in advance ideally by email please to: [admin@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:admin@st-matthias-church.org). We are running 2 sessions:  
Sun 1 Sept @ 12.15-12.45 in the Hall  
Sun 8 Sept @ 10-10.30 in the Pine Room. *And the Fundraising continues...*