



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)	Pine Room
10-10.30am	Wellspring Q & A session	Pine Room
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	Pine Room
11am	United Family Service including the baptism of Nancy	Hall
During the Week		
Mon	7.30pm PCC meeting	Hall
Tues	9-11.30am Open House 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
Sat	<i>9am Men's Breakfast at Riviera Centre speaker Tim Funnel</i>	
Sunday 15 September		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine Room
9.30am	Growzone	Hall
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	Pine Room
11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Hall
5.30pm	Youth-led service	Hall

Collect

God of constant mercy,
 who sent your Son to save us:
 remind us of your goodness,
 increase your grace within us,
 that our thankfulness may grow,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Readings

Ephesians 1: 15-22

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.

John 3: 1-15

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.'

³ Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.'

⁴ 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'

⁹ 'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ 'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

Thanks go to... PCC for their commitment
in their leadership role 😊

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for our services today and for the Q & A session. Pray people will come with genuine and concerned questions and that queries will be answered.
Mon	Continue to remember the Wellspring Project. Pray for the architect and all on the steering committee that the alterations will continue well. Pray that the finances still needed will come in and grant applications be favourable.
Tues	Pray for our Government and its struggles with Brexit.
Wed	Praise God for His created world and pray that peoples in all nations will be more responsible in caring for it.
Thurs	Pray for all who are sick or suffering and that God will meet them and begin to sort out their needs. Praise God for those we know who are recovering.
Fri	Pray for all homeless, stateless or other suffering people. Pray for all who are trying to help them. In Torbay pray for the Torquay Community Larder.
Sat	Pray for the Men's Breakfast today and for the speaker.
Sun	Pray for the teaching series "Growing on the journey: lessons from Jesus in John's Gospel". May we all be challenged and helped to move onwards. Pray for the Staff Team, especially John our Rector.

What's on and News



OPEN MIC EVENING

Saturday 5th 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.

Confirmed? Bishop Jackie is coming here for a confirmation service in March 2020. If you've not been confirmed but would like to find out more, please speak to one of the clergy and also join one of the Alpha courses which we're running.

Torquay Community Larder ... needs our help. They are short of donations and are grateful for any you can give. There is a basket in the linkway under the table.

If you haven't received your **bible notes** please pick them up from the office.

Men's Breakfast Sat 14 Sept @ 9am – see Charlie Allansen for more info or to book

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

Q & A Wellspring Today at 10am in the Pine Room, an opportunity to find out the latest news on any details of the re-ordering – or suggestions you might have.
And the Fundraising continues...

Today we continue the 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.)



Messy Church at St Matthias

Messy Church is for Parents, Grandparents and Children. Come and Join us for Bible Stories, Crafts, Celebrations and Supper. (No fixed charge, but contributions welcome.)

After school from 3.15pm:

17th September 15th October

19th November 17th December



Alpha

We’re running a daytime Alpha course beginning on 7th October (morning) and an evening course in January. If you or someone you know is interested, please let the clergy or office know.

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.