



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.*

Sunday 6 October

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine Room
9.30am	Breakfastzone	Hall
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	Pine Room
11am	Holy Communion	Hall

During the Week

Mon	9.15am Alpha Course begins	Lounge
Tues	9-11.30am Open House Toddlers	Lounge
	12.30pm Matts Knits	Lounge
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	Lounge
	2pm Ilsham Academy Harvest Service	Hall
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club	
Sat	<i>9am Men's Breakfast with speaker Sam Leach – Riviera Centre</i>	

Harvest Sunday 13 October

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pine Room
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	Pine Room
11am	United Family Service for Harvest <i>Torquay Community Larder would be very grateful for any gifts of non-perishable items</i>	Hall

Thanks go to...Men's
Breakfast ☺

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Then Hannah prayed and said:
'My heart rejoices in the LORD;
in the LORD my horn is lifted high.
My mouth boasts over my enemies,
for I delight in your deliverance.
2 'There is no one holy like the LORD;
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.
3 'Do not keep talking so proudly
or let your mouth speak such
arrogance,
for the LORD is a God who knows,
and by him deeds are weighed.
4 'The bows of the warriors are broken,
but those who stumbled are armed
with strength.
5 Those who were full hire themselves
out for food,
but those who were hungry are
hungry no more.
She who was barren has borne seven
children,
but she who has had many sons pines
away.
6 'The LORD brings death and makes
alive;

Luke 1: 46-55

46 And Mary said:
'My soul glorifies the Lord
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my
Saviour,
48 for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call
me blessed,
49 for the Mighty One has done great
things for me –

he brings down to the grave and raises
up.
7 The LORD sends poverty and wealth;
he humbles and he exalts.
8 He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes
and makes them inherit a throne of
honour.
'For the foundations of the earth are
the LORD's;
on them he has set the world.
9 He will guard the feet of his faithful
servants,
but the wicked will be silenced in the
place of darkness.
'It is not by strength that one prevails;
10 those who oppose the LORD will be
broken.
The Most High will thunder from
heaven;
the LORD will judge the ends of the
earth.
'He will give strength to his king
and exalt the horn of his anointed.'

holy is his name.
50 His mercy extends to those who fear
him,
from generation to generation.
51 He has performed mighty deeds with
his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud
in their inmost thoughts.
52 He has brought down rulers from
their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things

but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,

remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants for ever,

just as he promised our ancestors.'

John 19: 25-27

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' ²⁷ and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for our Staff Team and others who help lead the worship. Pray that we may worship in Spirit and truth, remembering that He is a holy and awesome God.
Mon	Alpha Course begins today. Please pray for those attending that they may grow in their Christian faith. Pray too for those leading, that they may have wisdom.
Tues	Please remember the Torbay Larder that we may not forget to give, and pray for all in hardship both locally and nationally. Remember those preparing for the Night Shelter being held again.
Wed	Pray for our country in political chaos . Pray a solution will be found over the Brexit business. Pray for our MPs and especially Kevin Foster our local MP. Pray there will be greater harmony and less insensitive arguing.
Thurs	Thank God for all our young people and pray for them in school or college.
Fri	There are so many in our church family who are unwell, in hospital, at home or separated from us by many miles. Pray that God will meet their needs.
Sat	The Wellspring Project is going ahead well, though there have been some delays. Ask God to protect them and enable them to do it all in good time.
Sun	United Family Service for Harvest - pray for all leading and ask God to draw us together as a family.

What's on and News

Date for your diary... The Night Shelter will be running at St Matthias again next year beginning on 9 February 2020.

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 enquire about joining one of the Alpha courses which we're running.

Torbay Churches and 'Through Faith Missions' are holding a Torbay wide faith mission in 2021. If you want to be part of this exciting venture, there will be a training day at St Matthias on 15 February. We're holding an info eve on 15 October at St Matthias Church at 7.30pm in the Hall.



Alpha – come along and try it! It's a great refresher of the basics, and a great introduction to the Christian faith. Our next course begins on Monday 7 October and will be run weekly over about 10 sessions. Each session begins at 9.15am and we're planning to arrange childcare. (There will be an evening course beginning in January.) If you or someone you know is interested, please let the clergy or office know.



Celebration Weekend...for the re-opening of the church
Save the Date!

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 December (daytime & evening).
We'd love for as many people as possible to sign up as a helper for this. Please see one of the leadership team today to put your name on the list. Thank you.

Some further sad news for the Yates, Perry and Bentham families that Olive - Susan Bentham's mother - has died. Her funeral was held on Friday.

Men's Breakfast Saturday 12 October at 9am at Riviera Centre – see Charlie for details or to book c.allansen@btinternet.com

Thanks – the Perry, Yates and Bentham families wish to thank everyone for their support on Thursday, for providing the refreshments and for coming to the service of thanksgiving for Andrea.



It's Messy Church time! Tuesday 15 October from 3.15pm in the Hall. Crafts, bible stories, celebrations and finishing with supper together.

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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.