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**13 October 2019**

Give thanks to the LORD,  
 for he is good;  
 his love endures for ever.

## 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 13 October**

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

**During the Week**

Mon	9.15am Alpha Course	<b><i>Lounge</i></b>
Tues	9-11.30am Open House Toddlers	<b><i>Lounge</i></b>
	12.30pm Matts Knits	<b><i>Lounge</i></b>
	3.15pm Messy Church	<b><i>Hall</i></b>
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<b><i>Lounge</i></b>
	10-12noon Open Church Coffee Morning – all welcome	<b><i>Lounge</i></b>
	2pm Pre-School Harvest Service	<b><i>Hall</i></b>
	7.30pm Matt's Cats	<b><i>Pine Room</i></b>
Thurs	10.30-11.30 Prayer Meeting – all welcome	<b><i>Ark</i></b>
Fri	6.30pm TGIF	

**Sunday 20 October**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<b><i>Pine Room</i></b>
9.30am	Growzone	<b><i>Hall</i></b>
10.30am	<i>Coffee</i>	<b><i>Pine Room</i></b>
11am	Holy Communion	<b><i>Hall</i></b>
5.30pm	Youth-led service	<b><i>Hall</i></b>

**Thanks go to...**all  
 those who serve us in  
 shops ☺

**Collect** Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea, and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

## Readings

### Colossians 3: 12-17

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Matthew 6: 25-34

<sup>25</sup> 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup> 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

### For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	<b>Harvest Family Service.</b> Pray for those who will receive our gifts through the <b>Torquay Community Larder.</b>
Mon	Pray for the <b>Alpha Course</b> , for those taking part and that they get a more in depth understanding of the Christian faith. Pray for the leaders and that they will have God's wisdom.
Tues	Please pray for all who <b>care for others</b> in their homes, for family, in the community in all sorts of ways, but especially our nurses and doctors, and in our churches pray for our staff team, pastoral team, house group leaders and others.

Wed	Remember any who may be interested in the <b>Torbay Churches &amp; Through Faith Missions</b> being planned for 2021. May the right people feel the call to impact Torbay for Christ.
Thurs	Pray for <b>Messy Church</b> month by month.
Fri	Pray for <b>The Wellspring Project</b> as it progresses. Pray for safety of the workers, for the timing of the work and all the money needed will be forthcoming.
Sat	Please remember all the families and friends of folk recently bereaved, all who are ill and all who have hard or distressing decisions to make.
Sun	Please pray for today's services and all who take any part in the leadership, including the welcomers, the readers, those praying and any others.

## What's on and News



**Alpha** – come along and try it! It's not too late to start! It's a great refresher of the basics, and a great introduction to the Christian faith. It's running on Mondays and will be run weekly over about 10 sessions (not in half term). Each session begins at 9.15am and there is 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).  
Barn Dance Saturday evening, carol service with Bishop Nick on Sunday 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.



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

**Girls Allowed** meets to carve pumpkin-lights with a Christian theme to give to Jollyween families on Thursday October 24th, 7.30-9.30pm in the Church Lounge. Poster in Hall for signing up or email [jrmp@btinternet.com](mailto:jrmp@btinternet.com).

**Jollyween Sunday 27th October** 4 to 6pm in the Hall. Please join us for a family fun filled afternoon of games, crafts and party food. (No costumes please.)

**The Friends of St Matthias** are grateful to everyone who supported the Open Mic event on October 5<sup>th</sup>, particularly the many talented performers who provided a great evening's entertainment, but also all who worked so hard behind the scenes to

ensure that everything went so smoothly. The Friends are planning a follow up next year - in the church! A total of £639 was raised on the night, all of it for the Wellspring Project. Thank you!

**Light up a Life Rowcroft Service** Sunday 1 December at 3pm. A special service to remember loved ones who have died in the last year or so.

**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.

**Sad news** Gladys Bosley has recently died. Her funeral will be held in the Hall here at St Matthias Church on 24 October at 11.30am. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

**TODAY**

**Prayer Gathering Torbay Deanery** 7-8.15pm at St Mary Magdalene Church. Join churches from across the Deanery to pray for God's will to be done in our churches and his love to be made known across the Bay. Refreshments served before and after.



***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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