



Bible Sunday

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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.*

### Bible Sunday - 27 October

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Pine Room</b>
9.30am	Prayzone	<b>Hall</b>
10.30am	Coffee	<b>Pine Room</b>
11am	Morning Worship	<b>Hall</b>
4-6pm	Jollyween – <i>family fun and games</i> 😊	<b>Hall</b>
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting	<b>Lounge</b>

### During the Week

Mon	9.15am Alpha Course	<b>Lounge</b>
Tues	9am – 11.30am Open House Toddlers group	<b>Lounge</b>
	12.30pm Matts Knits	<b>Lounge</b>
Wed	9.00am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<b>Lounge</b>
	10-12noon Open Church Coffee Morning – all welcome	<b>Lounge</b>
	7.30pm St Matts Cats	<b>Pine Room</b>
Fri	6.30pm Youth Club	<b>Hall</b>

### Sunday 3 November

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

At St Matthias we're here to:

- worship God
- make disciples
- transform communities

as we seek to "share the good news of Jesus with everyone"

### Collect

Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and  
uncertainty,  
that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen

## Readings

### Romans 15: 1-6

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up. <sup>3</sup> For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' <sup>4</sup> For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup> so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Luke 4: 16-24

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. 'Isn't this Joseph's son?' they asked.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Surely you will quote this proverb to me: "Physician, heal yourself!" And you will tell me, "Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum."'

<sup>24</sup> 'Truly I tell you,' he continued, 'no prophet is accepted in his home town.

#### **Prayer for the Nation at this Time**

(taken from the "pastoral letter" from the Bishops)

God of hope, in these times of change,  
unite our nation

and guide our leaders with your wisdom.

Give us courage to overcome our fears,  
and help us to build a future in which all may prosper  
and share; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	Pray for all the activities today: <b>Prayzone, Holy Communion, Morning Worship, Jollyween Party, Prayer Meeting.</b> Pray that God will be manifest in all of these activities. Pray for more people to attend the Prayer Meeting.
Mon	Think of and pray for all those who are ill, recently bereaved, facing tensions at home or at work, those families separated by different countries.
Tues	Pray for the <b>Wellspring Project</b> , that the contractors will get the work finished on time without any problems. Pray the weather will favour all the outside work.
Wed	Pray for our <b>Bishops, Archdeacons, Rural Dean and other leaders.</b>
Thurs	There is much to be decided in the political world, and discussion for peace and harmony. Pray for our <b>Prime Minister &amp; all MPs</b> as they plan the future of our country. Pray for wisdom and respect for each other.
Fri	Remember the homeless and stateless in the world. Pray for compassion from those who have enough and to spare.
Sat	Thank God for our <b>Staff Team, Home Group Leaders, Prayer Ministry members, Welcomers, those who read the Scriptures, lead the prayers and other voluntary tasks.</b>
Sun	Pray for all those who <b>Minister in our Deanery, the various churches which make up the Churches Together in Torbay.</b> Pray for unity between them and spread the Gospel to the whole area.

## What's on and News



**Alpha** – tomorrow, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am (with child care). 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. (There will be an evening course beginning in January.)



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

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 December (daytime & evening).  
Activities during the day on Saturday – stalls, inflatables, crafts, entertainment, refreshments followed by a Barn Dance Saturday evening, carol service with Bishop Nick on Sunday evening. We'd love for as many people as possible to come and also 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.



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

Thanks go to...  
preachers and Bible  
readers😊

**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.

The prayer above is taken from a **“pastoral letter”** sent by our Bishops to the church and church leaders in the light of the Brexit tensions currently facing us. Copies of the letter are available in church today.



**Remembrance Sunday 10 November** – we will be trying to have a short period of quiet before the start of the service at 11am and so we are asking for the congregation to be seated by 10.55am if possible. Thank you.

**Men’s Breakfast** Saturday 9 November 9am – see Charlie for more info or to book  
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Remember the clocks go  
back on 27 October!

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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.

