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Welcome

*We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.
Please do join us for refreshments in the Hall at 10.30am.*

Sunday 26 January

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
9.30am	Prayzone	Church
10.30am	Coffee	Church
11am	Morning Worship	Church
5.30pm	Prayer Meeting	Church

During the Week

Mon-Fri	10am – 12.30pm Church open for visitors	Church
Mon	6am Early morning prayers	Church
Tues	9am Open House Parents and Toddlers	Lounge
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits	Lounge
Wed	9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	Church
	7.30pm Alpha <i>continues at Me and Mrs Jones</i>	
	7.30pm Matt's Cats	Church
Thurs	2pm Funeral of Bentley Hawker	Church
Fri	6.30pm TGIF	Hall
Sat	<i>Carpets throughout the centre to be cleaned – limited access</i>	

Sunday 2 February

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
9.30am	Breakfastzone	Church
10.30am	Coffee	Church
11am	Holy Communion	Church

Thanks go to...
our faithful band of
coffee makers
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Collect

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit, and set all your people free, to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan –

- ² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep
darkness
a light has dawned.
- ³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
- as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.
- ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

Matthew 4: 12-23

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – ¹⁴ to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

- ¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles –
¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.'

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.

For our prayers and praise over Christmas

Sun	Pray for Staff Team, and all who take us to the Throne Room of God to meet with Jesus, especially the preacher, organist and other musicians.
Mon	Pray for Nicci Maxwell our CMS Mission Partner, who is due for home leave soon and for Cecil Johnston who is in Uganda. Pray for safety and peace.

Tues	Pray for the Yates family who will be leaving us soon and for the children, whether they need to change schools or not, all the packing up while still involved with St. Matthias people and affairs.
Wed	Praise God for our Home Groups and pray they have really good fellowship together, and that they learn a lot about how to live the Christian life better.
Thurs	Praise God for the Ministry of Matt's Cats. Pray for Anya as she leads and inspires the group and pray that they may inspire people who listen to them.
Fri	Remember those who lead Messy Church. Thank God for all the children who come and how much the new church layout is appreciated and helpful.
Sat	Remember before God the families and friends of all those who have been bereaved recently. With them pray for all who are ill or awaiting operations.
Sun	Pray for all who minister on Sundays including the welcomers, cleaners, decorators, lesson readers, leaders of prayers, and preachers.

What's on and News

Valerie Collison and family wish to thank everyone for the love, prayers, support and help given to them in their recent loss of John.

Keeping the church open for visitors – our team of volunteers are back and welcoming visitors (Mon–Fri 10-12.30pm) to our wonderful new space and church café. We would like to extend the hours to include a lunchtime session to provide a quiet space for people to come and maybe bring their sandwiches and have a coffee. Thank you to those who have already offered their time – if anyone else would like to join the team in this wonderful ministry, please speak to Pere in the office. We don't yet have quite enough people to open every lunchtime – we need another 6 or so. Thank you.

Night Shelter The Night Shelter will be running at St Matthias again this year beginning on 9 February 2020. Please see Malcolm Ford if you would like to help.

Men's Breakfast Saturday 8 Feb with speaker Jack Perry. Contact Charlie for more information or to book c.allansen@btinternet.com

Girls Allowed 25 Feb pudding evening for Shrove Tuesday. In the hall/church.

Children, youth and family worker? 😊

Last Monday, the PCC agreed we'd like to replace Victoria's part time role with a full time one! In addition to the large number of children and young people in our church family, who we want to help grow as disciples, we have many great opportunities to reach out to families and children in the preschool and local primary schools. However, the cost of employing someone only comes from our

church family income; so please think and pray about whether God is calling you to support this work financially in addition to your general giving.

We are aware that we still have significant money left to find for the Wellspring project too. So in the coming weeks, we will provide an update about that one-off capital project, and how much might be needed for an ongoing but key part of our mission with children, young people and their families.

In the meantime, we are aware there are several grant making bodies who could provide funds for both Wellspring *and* young people's work - we just need someone to offer to write applications - could you do that? Thank you. John Beckett



Friends of St Matthias New Year Meal. We are taking bookings for our first event of 2020, the ever popular meal at Amici Italian Restaurant in Torwood Street. Wed 5 Feb at 7.30pm. All proceeds to Wellspring. Places are limited - book now! Rob Newman & Christine Tibbetts.

Alpha...it's not too late to join...

Next session: 29 January @ 7.30pm

Venue: Me and Mrs Jones (Ilsham Road)

Pick up a leaflet today or speak with one of the team.



Confirmed? Bishop Jackie is coming here for a confirmation service on 1 March. If you've not been confirmed but would like to find out more, please speak to one of the clergy and also ask about joining the Alpha course.

Sunday 8 March This will be the last Sunday for the Yates family before they move to Brixham. There will be a church family lunch that day to say farewell. To give to a collection for them please contact the office or place in the collection in an envelope marked Yates.

Saturday 15 February – a date for the diary - Through Faith Missions Training Course – here at St Matthias from 9-5pm – to book please email missiontorbay@gmail.com. Tea, coffee, biscuits provided – please bring your own lunch.

Date for the diary: Lent Course – 4 Tuesday evenings on 'human flourishing/being what God wants us to be' led by Andrew Green. Begins 10 March. Plus Wednesday mornings @ 10.15am – 'Great Bible Stories'.

Coffee Makers We'd like to offer coffee at the end of the 11am service as well as at 10.30am but in order to do this we would need people to serve and clear up. Can you help? We also need more helpers for the 10.30am coffee which we are going to start serving in the church from this Sunday (instead of hall). Thank you so much 😊