



Welcome

Services online

Services – all available on the church YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJJf6YQ>

or via the church website:

<https://st-matthias-church.org/about-us/covid-19-corona-virus/>

(or follow links from 'covid/coronavirus' or 'services' tabs on home page)

**Sunday
7 June**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Breakfastzone

Link for Trinity Colouring Sheet is:

<https://www.st-matthias-church.org/content/pages/documents/1591209849.pdf>

and Special Agent ID instructions:

<https://www.st-matthias-church.org/content/pages/documents/1591209951.pdf>

10.30am Coffee on Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74077097424?pwd=M1Z5cjhEenlFSUtpMWFZa0txaExOZz09>

Meeting ID: **740 7709 7424** Password: **Coffee**

11am Holy Communion (CW)

Bible reading for today: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-14, Matthew 28: 16-20

Find it in your bible or at:

Corinthians: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+13%3A++11-14&version=NIVUK>

Matthew: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+28%3A++16-20&version=NIVUK>

Next week

**Sunday
14 June**

9.30am All Age Worship

Coffee on Zoom @ 10.30am

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5.30pm Prayer Meeting on Zoom

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Thanks today
go to ...**

Diocesan and
national church
leaders



For our prayers and praise this week

Sun	We praise God the great I AM, in the Name of Jesus His Son, who died, rose again, and ascended into heaven, and the Holy Spirit who sits with God and intercedes for us.
Mon	We pray for peace and justice in our world, especially for an end to the rioting and violence in the USA – and an end to racial discrimination.
Tues	Pray for the Staff Team and PCC especially as they consider the best way to re-open the church building for worship. Pray too, for volunteers to steward etc.
Wed	We remember the schools coping with the dynamics of some pupils returning to class and others being catered for through technology.
Thurs	Pray for all who have authority or influence in our society, thanking God for all they do to maintain peace and order.
Fri	Remember all Mission Partners and charity workers, especially those working in areas of the world where there is poverty or political unrest.
Sat	Pray for all sick or suffering as a result of the coronavirus. Pray for a vaccine and a cure.
Sun	Pray for today's services. Ask God to enable us all, at all our services, to hear what God wants to say to us.

News

Sad News Dougie Anderson died at home last week. His family have reluctantly decided to hold the funeral in Worthing as in the current circumstances there are strict limitations on the number allowed to attend and so it will be attended by his close family who all live in that area. It will take place on Thursday 18 June. If you would like to send a card please contact the church office for his sister's address: admin@st-matthias-church.org. Dougie's ashes will be scattered underneath a Rowan tree where his Nan's ashes were also scattered 5 years ago.



Do you have a flat available for rent? One of our church family, together with her young child, needs a 2 bedroom flat to rent as soon as possible. Could you help? Ideally with a bath and access to a garden would be a huge bonus! Walking distance to St Matthias. If you might be able to help please contact Paul on 07807636470 or revpaulbarton@gmail.com



Saturday 6th June 9.30am-4.00pm - one day only!

We are having a Veg and Bedding Plant sale. It's all in a good cause for raising money for The Church Mission Society and particularly Nicci Maxwell in Africa. Come and see what we have at the bottom of the drive!! The Larches, Middle Warberry Road, Torquay TQ1 1RP The Fearnleys

Torquay Community Larder is still operating and in need of donations. Please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372 to make arrangements for collection. (As the church is closed donations cannot be left there.)

When will the church open again?

The guidance about 'when and how might we be able to use the church building once again?' changes quite quickly – even though it feels quite a marathon we're in – especially if you live on your own. While current Government advice is that Places of Worship *could* be open from 4th July – our Bishops had hoped we might be able to open for 'private prayer' slightly earlier – but this is now very unlikely. However even when we can open, making church 'social distance compliant' is rather difficult.



Please pray for wisdom for St Matthias – and indeed the whole church facing these questions. Our PCC are meeting on Monday 15th June to consider what we should do – but whatever we are able to offer, it's going to be very different!

You may be interested to read the Diocesan document giving ideas and guidance about how we might go about it: <https://tinyurl.com/y96upx5l>

Some new ways to pray

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Requesting prayer for individuals

Now that we are no longer able to pray together for individual needs as part of our Sunday service intercessions, we still want to be able to do that as best we can. So, if you would like someone to pray for you, and you are not a member of a house group (who are in the best place to pray for you), please phone or preferably email the Church Office and share your request. Your request for prayer will then be shared with some members of St. Matthias Prayer Ministry Team, and the clergy, who will pray for you that week. For privacy reasons, this works best if you only request prayer for yourself – but if you do feel called to ask for prayer for someone else, it is essential that you get their permission first, and tell us that when you make your request.



Tuesday Morning Prayer

Every Tuesday morning the clergy meet to say Morning Prayer between 9am and 9.30am on zoom using the 'Daily Prayer' app published (free) by the C of E, which you will need to download onto your phone/tablet/computer. To join us, please ask for the zoom log on details from John or Paul - contact details below.

Sunday Prayer Meetings

Previously we have held a monthly prayer meeting at 5.30pm on 4th Sundays. We'd like to increase this to meet twice a month – each one will last 40 minutes. This has worked surprisingly well on zoom, so do please join us as we pray for the church, the Bay and the world. Details will be in the notice sheet as usual.

Who could you encourage?

Many people will have not been able to speak to someone face to face for a long time, and may value some company. Now the guidance allows us to visit one another in small numbers in a 'covid secure' way; if your health allows it, and you have a garden large enough to allow for social distancing, would you be able to invite someone to your garden for a tea or coffee and a chat? You may like to pray together too?

Dear Father,

*Thank you that our hope is in Jesus,
who came that we might have life to the full.*

*Thank you that, whether we are alone or with others,
you hold us in your loving arms.*

Help us to listen to your Holy Spirit and inspire us to show love to others.

As we meet together, let us encourage one another,

We pray this in the precious name of Jesus, Amen

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching". *Hebrews 10: 23-25*

Other News

Brunel Manor Brunel Manor Trustees have been given some breathing space by your generosity and the hard work behind the scenes. Andrew the chair of trustees writes "We are thanking God for the response thus far and looking to Him for further provisions so that we don't only avoid administration but also retain control of our destiny for the foreseeable future. Pray that we may be able to discern his will for what the charity should be doing next."

Does anyone need a bike? Peter Martin has a man's bike - free to a good home. Good quality in good order apart from a layer of dust and could soon be on the road after a wash, a bit of oil here and there and some air in the tyres. Please contact Peter on 01803 315971.



Although the church building is closed you can still contact the Church:

Office: 01803 214175 admin@st-matthias-church.org

(Pere Snow is on Furlough Leave but the phone is still being answered)

Rector: John Beckett 01803 293119 **Asst Minister:** Paul Barton 07807 636470