



**"I consider all things rubbish that I may gain Christ and be found in him..." (St. Paul)**

# Welcome

## Services online

Services – all available on the church YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

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  
12 July**

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**9.30am Church Family Worship**

**Follow the link to Lena's Godly Play lesson on line:**

<https://www.st-matthias-church.org/children-youth/godly-play/>

**10.30am Coffee on Zoom**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73949588004?pwd=WHhZVkVMRnBIV1RXSmtLTWk2TVIEZz09>

Meeting ID: **739 4958 8004** Password: **Coffee**

**5.30pm Prayer Meeting**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76518899860?pwd=cCtGNFc0d1dhMmZhSmM0Mks3QWRRTU09>

Meeting ID: **765 1889 9860** Password: **6XUMYq**

**Bible readings for today: Philippians 3: 1-11**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=phil+3%3A1-11&version=NIVUK>

**Next week – church building re-opening at 11am! See note below for details**

**Sunday  
19 July**

**9.30am Growzone**

**10.30am Coffee on Zoom**

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Meeting ID: **739 4958 8004** Password: **Coffee**

**11am Holy Communion – on line**

**11am Morning Worship – in church**

☺ Thanks go to...

Those working in cafes and restaurants as they re-open for business

## Collect

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## ALPHA?

### Questions about life? and about the Christian faith?

We hope to begin an **Alpha Course**  
over the summer, face to face or online!

Alpha

Contact the Church Office if you'd like to find out more

[admin@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:admin@st-matthias-church.org)

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### For our praise and prayers this week

<b>Sun</b>	Pray for the Church Family Worship - for those leading especially the young people making wonderful worship music.
<b>Mon</b>	Pray for the plans being made for an Alpha Course with opportunities to pursue questions about life and the Christian faith - could be life changing.
<b>Tues</b>	Pray for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic. Pray for all who are still suffering and the thousands who have been bereaved.
<b>Wed</b>	Pray for all in the Church family who are ill, in pain or awaiting an operation or treatment. Pray for their families and friends, that they will have peace in their hearts.
<b>Thurs</b>	Remember countries of the world where it is a struggle to be a Christian or to be Church. May they have the wisdom to know when to be silent or when to speak out.
<b>Fri</b>	Pray for Her Majesty the Queen, the Royal Family, our Prime Minister and Government and all who influence folk in our country.
<b>Sat</b>	Pray for our Police as they maintain law and order in this worrying time as we gently come out of lock down. Pray for responsibility by everyone at this time.
<b>Sun</b>	Thank God for all our Staff team and all making online virtual services. Ask God to help them and the PCC in making worship available in the Church building.

### *Learning from Philipians this week:*

#### **Compared to knowing Jesus – everything else is rubbish!**

That's one of St Paul's striking conclusions from chapter 3 that we learn about today. I wonder whether you feel the same?

Join us in worship today online at our Church Family Worship from 930am – Today, as last month, our United service progresses from a family friendly start towards a more formal 'second half'. Remember you can always watch the previous sermons, normally most in depth when part of our 11am services.

## Church Building Opening and Online Worship Update

We are delighted to be able to invite you back into St Matthias Church for prayer and services again.



- **For Sunday 12th of July only church will be open from 10am until 1230pm** for private prayer (and also on **Wednesdays 10 – 1230**)
- **From Sunday 19th of July onwards we will have a short Sunday 11 am service**, however, these services will be different from how they used to be, and to how they are online.
- *Space will be limited initially to 30 pairs of seats to accommodate up to 30 different households.*
- Seats will be set out in pairs well-spaced and with a one way system around the church.
- *Please wear a mask to protect other people. (if you don't have one, we have some available – they cost us about 50p)*
- We are not allowed to sing as this risks increased virus spreading.
- *Services will be shorter than usual, lasting around half an hour.*
- The church may be a bit colder than usual as the doors will be open for ventilation
- *In order to follow the bible readings, please bring your own bible with you – paper or electronic!*
- We will not be able to have coffee yet, and will still have to maintain 2 metre social distancing at all times.
- *In the event that the church is at capacity we'll try to put on more services for the coming weeks.*
- To help with track and trace we will offer the opportunity for you to provide your name and contact details but this will be optional and not used for any other follow up.
- *We hope to offer Holy Communion in early August, once we have established we can operate the services safely.*
- We are for the present continuing to record online services, including the 9:30am 'Zone' services and 11am services, with a Prayer Book Communion service each month.
- *They can be viewed on You Tube (search for St Matthias Torquay) and are valuable to everyone who is unable to attend church because of shielding or transport difficulties, who have children for whom the 11am service may be less relevant, and those who would like to make way for others at the limited capacity services in church.*

As the situation continues to improve we pray that we will be able to resume many valuable aspects of our worship. But have to wait patiently at present.

God bless, *John B*

# News

**Pere Snow** is back at work part time so for any church queries please email Pere on [pere.snow@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:pere.snow@st-matthias-church.org) or ring the office on 01803 214175.

**Another Survey** Can you help the Diocesan Communications Team please, by completing this survey? They write: "Over the last four months, our resilience has been tested in all sorts of ways. The crisis has shown how important good and accurate communication is". The survey is open until 19th July and, as a thank you, all completed responses will be entered into a draw to win a voucher! Please fill in the survey by clicking on this link:

<https://www.research.net/r/DOEBuildingstrongconnections>



**Sadly**, with the lockdown measures, we have only just been made aware that Audrey Cook has died at a nursing home in Galampton following a stay in hospital, and that a simple funeral took place in early May. Audrey has worshipped with St Matthias for many years, latterly living in Sundial Lodge. We are considering a short memorial service at St. Matthias next month.

**Girls Allowed Zoom Quiz** Wednesday 15th at 7:30. Please check your email for the links!

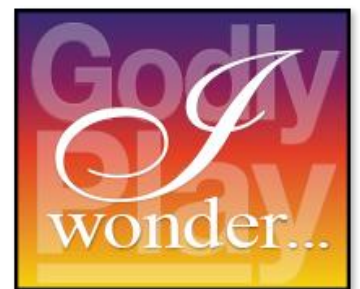
**Message from Gordon Percy** "Dear John, just a quick email to say that I have been enjoying the services you have put on line, which I have been joining in with during my unintended forced stay in NZ. I think the series on Philippians especially has been exceptional, and I have recommended the posts to several people. You are so blessed to have such technological and musical and ministry team and talents that you can draw on... Please remember me to those I know. Every blessing to you all, Gordon"

## New

PARENTS..... Godly Play Lessons are now available at:

[www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk](http://www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk) or [www.st-matthias-church.org](http://www.st-matthias-church.org)

Lessons last 20 minutes, and Lena has also put together activity packs which support children to explore the story further. Just email Lena for your copy: [lenafeanley@googlemail.com](mailto:lenafeanley@googlemail.com)



### To contact the church:

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*(Pere is back at work part time answering emails and phone calls.)*

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