



'Generous like Jesus'

23 August 2020

www.st-matthias-church.org

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 23 August	9.30am Prayzone online ...and Godly Play 'Exodus' – see below for details
	<i>10.30am Coffee on Zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73041356839?pwd=Y3B0TWNVdENjdlh5eTMrRmMvSWY1UT09 Meeting ID: 730 4135 6839 Passcode: j8xeRR
	11am Morning Worship online
	11am Morning Worship in church (See note below ref phoning to book a place & wearing a face covering)
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>in church</i>
	In the services today we have interviews with reps from the charity 'Worldshare', one of our mission partners. www.worldshare.org.uk
Bible readings for today: Isaiah 58: 6-11 (God's Word) & Luke 4: 14-21 (NIVUK)	
Isaiah: https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=isaiah+58%3A++6-11&version=GW	
Luke: https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+4%3A++14-21+&version=NIVUK	

Next week	
Wed 26 August	10-12.30pm Church open for private prayer
Sunday 30 August	9.30am Church Family Worship online
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Collect

Lord of all mercy,
 we your faithful people have celebrated that
 one true sacrifice which takes away our sins
 and brings pardon and peace:
 by our communion
 keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
 and preserve us from all sin;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to...

The Mission Action
 Group who oversee
 our support of mission
 agencies 😊

Sunday mornings @11am Morning Worship service in church

Sadly, we're still not able to sing, and we do have to wear a face covering to protect other people. But we now have a Perspex screen for the preacher and we can still all meet together to worship and pray.

There is usually space, but it's safest to phone to book in advance **01803 311488**

Please do not come into church if you are self-isolating, in the shielded group or looking after someone who is in that category.

For our praise and prayers this week

Sun	Continue to pray that we may meet with Jesus as we worship online and in Church. Pray that we will soon be free to worship together in one place.
Mon	Pray for those who mourn loved ones from their families and Church. May they feel the undergirding of our Lord's arms in these days. Pray, too for all who are sick and suffering in the Church family.
Tues	Remember the people of Beirut who have suffered unspeakable sorrow in the past few weeks. Pray the West will come forward with meaningful help.
Wed	Pray for peace and an end to chaos in our world with so much unnecessary suffering. Think of the world leaders that they find ways to help.
Thurs	Pray for the Church throughout the world, especially where people suffer for naming the Name of Jesus. May they know when to speak up and when to be silent.
Fri	Remember the church in Torbay, and that we may truly be the 'Churches Together in Torbay' and find ways of presenting a more united front.
Sat	Pray about our church funds – and that we might receive the VAT refund from Wellspring we need from HRMC soon. May we be faithful to our Lord in our giving when the funds are low in these hard times. Let's remember that the Lord is generous, so we should be too.

Sun	Pray for our Staff Team, wardens, PCC, and all in any leadership roles. Pray especially for those preparing the Alpha Course, those doing the Godly Play Course, Home Group leaders, the Prayer Ministry Team, and others. <i>“May God’s Name be praised in and through St. Matthias Church”</i>
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News



NEW THIS SUNDAY 'EXODUS'

Join our circle this week for more Godly Play fun! NOW available on www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk or through St Matthias Church's website. All lessons last

around 20 minutes. Lena has put together fantastic activity packs which support children to explore each of these stories further. Just email: lenafearnley@googlemail.com and you will be sent one!

Stewards for church – would anyone like to be a steward on a Wednesday morning when the church is open for private prayer or on Sundays for the 11am service? We have a small team already but would love more to join. If so please contact Pere or Sylvia. Thank you.

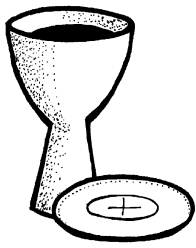
Men’s Breakfast HELP! Charlie’s computer has crashed and he has lost all his Breakfast contacts so if you would like to attend any future Men’s Breakfast meetings please contact Charlie at charlieallansen@gmail.com.

Beirut disaster support Church Mission Society, who are trusted mission partners of St Matthias, are assisting in the huge recovery work under way in Beirut. If you wish to give support, you may donate online, via the link below (scroll to the foot, and click on 'Give to CMS's work in Lebanon'). Alternatively, you can post a cheque, made out to 'Church Mission Society' enclosing a short note to specify the Beirut disaster, to: Church Mission Society, Watlington Road, Oxford, OX4 6BZ.

<https://churchmissionsociety.org/our-stories/lebanon-beyond-the-blast-a-call-to-prayer/>

Torquay Community Larder is still operating and in need of donations. Please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372 to make arrangements for collection. (Donations cannot be left in the church at the moment.) Thank you.

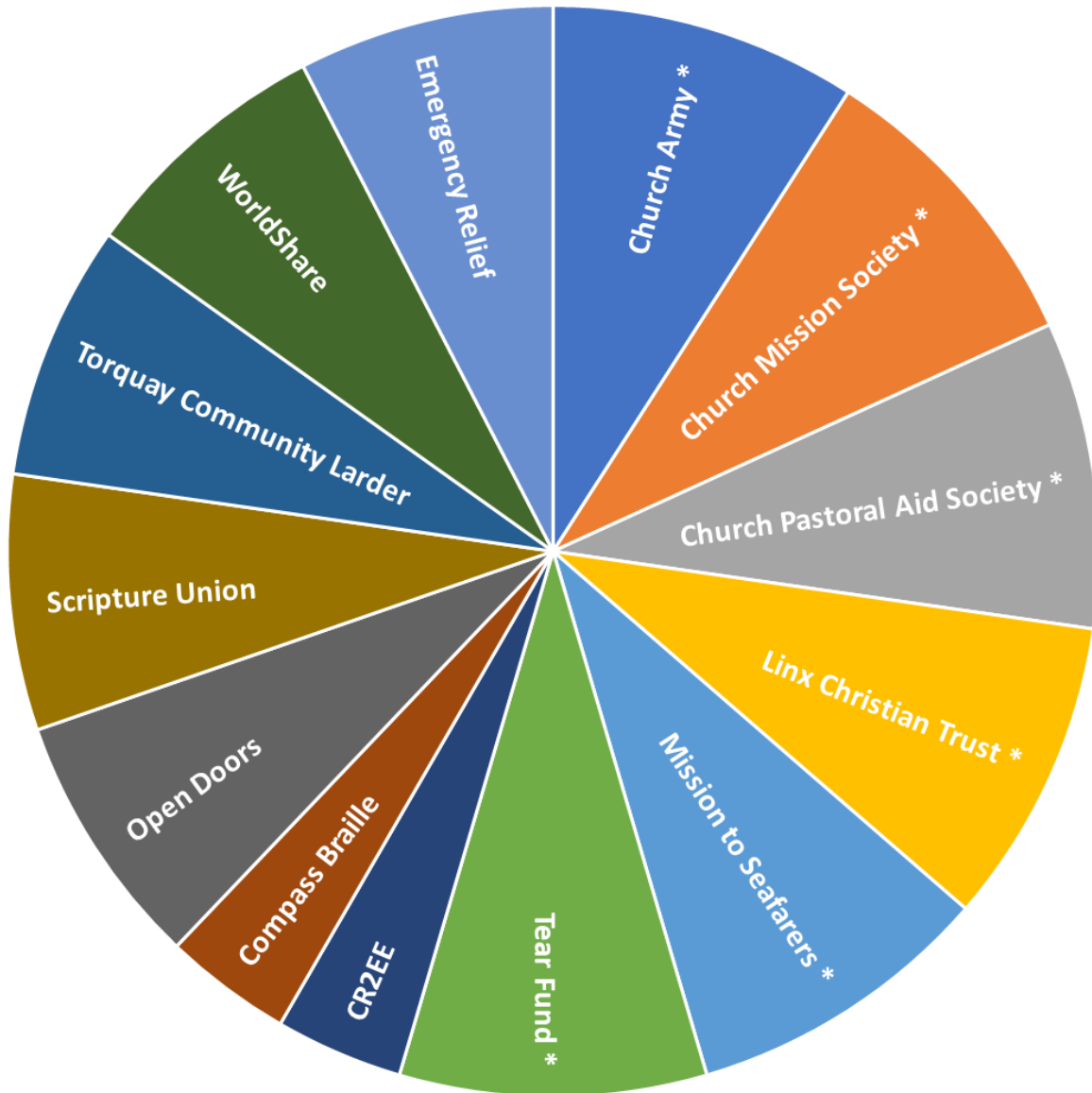
Spare flat? Anya Jones and family are looking for temporary accommodation from September for a few weeks. Please contact her on jones_anya@yahoo.co.uk or [07917741716](tel:07917741716) if you have a spare flat/annex/house to let. Many thanks ☺



What is happening with Holy Communion?

On pages 5 and 6 of last week's notices have a short reflection from John Beckett about when we might hold Communion services in the church, and discusses the value of the online Communion service.

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f107d5e319c5/content/pages/documents/1597332775.pdf>



St Matthias 'Missionary Tithe' This chart shows the charities who received our missionary tithe in 2019 plus 2 others who we gave to for the first time last year - Mercy Ships and Youth Genesis Trust. The starred sectors are ones we consistently support at St Matthias. In 2019, the total we were able to give was over £15 000.

To contact the church:

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

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