



Re-Imagining the new normal
as Kingdom shaped?!

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)

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| Sunday 6 Sept | <i>We welcome Mike Robins from 'Compassion' at our services today</i> |
| | 9.30am Breakfastzone online Godly Play Story – Joseph www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk |
| | 10.30am Coffee on Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73041356839?pwd=Y3B0TWNVdENjdlh5eTMrRmMvSWY1UT09 Meeting ID: 730 4135 6839 Passcode: j8xeRR |
|  | 11am Holy Communion online |
| | 11am Morning Worship in church (<i>Please see note below about wearing a face covering.</i>) |
| Bible readings for today: 1 John 3: 16-24 (NKJV) and Matthew 15:29-39 (GNB) 1 John: https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+John+3%3A+16-24++&version=NKJV Matthew 15: https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+15%3A29-39++&version=GNT | |

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| Next week | |
| Wed 9 Sept | 10-12.30pm Church open for private prayer |
| Sat 12 Sept | Wedding of Loui and Collin 😊 |
| Sunday 13 Sept | 8am Holy Communion online (Book of Common Prayer) |
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| | 9.30am United Family Worship Service online |
| | 11am Morning Worship in church (<i>Please see note below about wearing a face covering.</i>) |
| | 5.30pm Prayer Meeting on Zoom |

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to
yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Thanks go to... 😊

Alan Poole and Tony
Barratt for all their
work with Wellspring
finances and others
who help to deal with
the Church finances.

Sunday mornings @11am **We're back!** Morning Worship service in church

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

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.

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

In these difficult times we are in, where we are not able to meet in person so easily to worship and encourage one another, it is hard to know how to be church together. For those people who still have a job, or income, and whose health is good, there is a temptation to sit back and just mark time and wait for everything to sort out. Yet, as Jesus reminds us, God is still at work. He has an amazing vision. His invitation to partner with Him to bring in more and more of his Kingdom – where everything runs as God intends it to run – hasn't changed because of covid-19 – indeed there are more things than ever that are not as God wants them to be. And so, just as we pray 'Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven', today, we re-imagine what that Kingdom looks like, and re-commit ourselves to the service of the King.

To help us do that, we're joined today by Mike Robins, from the Christian charity 'Compassion' and look forward to hearing from him as the service progresses.

John Beckett



NEW THIS SUNDAY! 'JOSEPH'watch, listen and wonder...join the circle 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!

Sponsoring a child who is living in what we term 'the developing world' and see through their letters and photos the difference that sponsorship is making is utterly worthwhile. £28 a month provides for their education and basic needs, additional gifts can be given at birthdays and Christmas. £28 a month may be too much for some of us to give every month but why not consider doing this as a homegroup or why not consider two or more individuals joining together and give. Compassion provide opportunities to correspond via the internet to send and receive news and photos. If you want to know more about this unique way of showing Christ's love to a stranger or could possibly join with someone else and make a contribution please contact Keith or Cherry Yelland on keith@yellands.com and we will do our best to help you find a partner(s).



For our praise and prayers this week

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| Sun | Pray for Mike Robins our speaker today from "Compassion". Pray for their work amongst needy children around the world. Remember "Mugisha" from Rwanda who is sponsored partly by our young people - so pray for them too please. |
| Mon | So many nations have problems of war or natural disasters. Pray for those trying to bring order or healing, that our world might become a place more as God wished it to be. |
| Tues | Pray that ours and the French Governments may stop migrants from trying to cross the Channel and so many dying in their efforts. |
| Wed | Pray for the Churches Together in Torbay, praying for a greater sense of unity and co-operation, and so being a real witness for Jesus in the Bay. |
| Thurs | Remember all those in the Church family or linked in some way, who are ill, suffering in other ways, bereaved, finding the lock down bringing tensions, or division. Pray that they may turn to God and find in Him comfort, relief and help. |
| Fri | There are many needs in our Church, here are just a few for us to pray about: our financial position where we are in need; we are looking for a children's and youth worker; we need stewards at our Church services; wisdom for the PCC regarding the future programming and formatting of our service. |
| Sat | For those who work so hard in leading our church forward - our Rector John, Paul our Associate Minister, Readers: Norma, Lindsay, Alan Taylor and Ruth Beckett (now an Ordinand); there are also others who help in the leadership. |
| Sun | Remember our services in church and online - may we all be able to hear what God is saying to us and obey. Pray for those taking these services and those who arrange the technology. |

News

Sad News We have heard that sadly, Jeyde Waite died last week. However, we do not know of any other details, including about any funeral arrangements, but will share those with the church family when we can.

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.



What is happening with Holy Communion?

On pages 5 and 6 of the notices on 16.8.20 there is a short reflection from John Beckett about when we might hold Communion services in the church, and it discusses the value of the online Communion service.

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

Open Doors magazine & prayer diary If anyone would like a copy please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372.

To contact the church:

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(Pere is back at work full time and the centre will be open again during office hours: 9-12.30pm & 2-4pm Monday to Friday)

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