

BIBLE SUNDAY

Welcome

Services online

Services – all available on the church YouTube channel:

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

or via the church website:

follow links from 'online services and worship resources' on home page

Sunday 25 Oct	9.30am Prayzone online
	10.30am Coffee on Zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73557783878?pwd=VUNPQWo2UGZoR2x3TnBveE5wZXZIUT09 Meeting ID: 735 5778 3878 Passcode: 622Xfp
	11am Morning Worship in church and live streamed <i>(We ask that you stay at home if you are unwell or have a health condition making you particularly vulnerable. Please wear a face covering. Sadly, we still cannot sing and the new rules banning social interaction in groups of more than six people means we need to be more careful as we enter and leave the church.)</i>
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting in church

Bible reading for today: Nehemiah 8 and Matthew 24: 30-35

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=nehemiah+8&version=NIVUK>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+24%3A++30-35&version=NIVUK>

Bible Sunday resources:

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f107d5e319c5/content/pages/documents/1603361182.pdf>

Thanks go to... all the stewards who are helping to keep the church building open 😊



The clocks go back this weekend!

To contact the church:

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

(The centre is open during office hours: 9-12.30pm & 2-4pm Monday to Friday)

Rector: John Beckett 01803 293119

Asst Minister: Paul Barton 07807 636470

Next week	
Tues 27 Oct	10am - 12 midday Diary of a Disciple <i>(see ad)</i>
Wed 28 Oct	10am - 12 midday Church open for private prayer
Fri 30 Oct	12 midday Funeral of Ann Warren <i>Will be streamed on YouTube - details available from Paul Barton</i>
	No Youth Club tonight – next one 6 November If you want to get in contact with the youth team please email: stmattscandy@gmail.com
Sun 1 Nov All Saints Day	9.30am Breakfastzone <i>online</i>
	10.30am Coffee <i>on Zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73557783878?pwd=VUNPQWo2UGZoR2x3TnBveE5wZXZIUT09 Meeting ID: 735 5778 3878 Passcode: 622Xfp
	11am Holy Communion <i>in church and live streamed</i>
	3pm All Souls Commemoration Service <i>in church and live streamed</i>

Collect

Blessed Lord,
 who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
 help us so to hear them,
 to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
 that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
 we may embrace and for ever hold fast
 the hope of everlasting life,
 which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Merciful God,  
 teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,  
 that trusting in your word  
 and obeying your will  
 we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

# News

**1<sup>st</sup> November at 3pm All Saints Day** We plan to have a special service in the afternoon to remember those who have died recently from our church family but where, with the covid restrictions we have not been able to attend a funeral. As a church family we particularly remember: Mary Langley, Audrey Cook, Dougie Anderson, Jeyde Waite and Helen Fearnley; but you may want to come to remember other people you know who have died recently too. Please phone to book a place on **01803 311488** where you will be asked for the following information: *your name; how many seats you are booking; your telephone number*



**8 November Remembrance Day service** in church at 10.45am – please phone to book a place on **01803 311488** where you will be asked for the following information: *your name; how many seats you are booking; your telephone number*

**Poppy making** could you make a poppy for a display in church – perhaps knitted, felted, paper or out of a plastic bottle? Empty plastic drinks bottles are also needed for making more poppies here. If you can help please bring to church and put in the bucket provided in a sealed bag – by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Thank you.



## **‘Mission Torbay 2021’ – what’s that?**

As preparation for this event, please join in the monthly Prayer Walks – the next one is on 28 October starting at 7pm, meet at Barton Baptist Church.



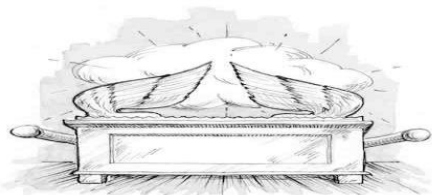
**How are you getting on with your shoeboxes?** If you are nearly there then please seal them down and bring in to St Matthias on **Saturday 14 November during the morning** (time tbc). Let’s try and send as many shoeboxes as we possibly can! 😊 For more info please email: [stmattscandy@gmail.com](mailto:stmattscandy@gmail.com)

**‘Harvest Pop Up’** Join Spring Harvest for a half term get-together:

[https://springharvest.org/news/harvest-pop-up?mc\\_cid=8d120486e2&mc\\_eid=484e8b6a15](https://springharvest.org/news/harvest-pop-up?mc_cid=8d120486e2&mc_eid=484e8b6a15)

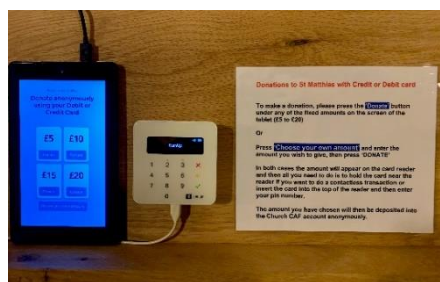
**Annual Church Meeting - video** John Beckett’s address from the annual meeting last Sunday can be viewed on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/rFfXS9kOGZA>

**Diary of a Disciple...** another fun event for children aged 5-11 on 27 October 10-12pm – explore the world of Dr Luke! Includes quizzes, crafts, drama and more. See the website for details. Booking is essential and places limited! Contact Lena Fearnley 01803 295268 or email [stmattscw@stmatthias-church.org](mailto:stmattscw@stmatthias-church.org)



### Godly Play - The Ark and the Temple

David was not allowed to build a house for God, because he was a man of war. His son Solomon would build the temple. Find out more in our New Godly Play Story which is available now on [www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk](http://www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk) or through St Matthias Church's website. All sessions last around 20 minutes. Lena has put together fantastic free activity packs which support children to explore each of these stories further. Just email [lenafearnley@googlemail.com](mailto:lenafearnley@googlemail.com) and you will be sent one!



**Church Giving** During the Covid-19 pandemic our Sunday collection plate offerings have been severely reduced. To make it easier and more convenient for anyone to make an anonymous donation if they are in the church building either on a Sunday or during the week, we have now installed a Card Reader which is mounted on the cabinet

shelf on the wall of the South Transept, with some simple instructions for anyone to use with a credit or debit card. The church web site is also being updated to cover other forms of giving, including the Parish Giving Scheme, and the information necessary to access them. It can be found in the menu item headed 'Giving' under the 'Church Life' button at the top of the home page. If you have queries on the above please contact our Treasurer, Tony Barratt, Tel: 07984 001973 Email: [tony@ab-consulting.org](mailto:tony@ab-consulting.org)

**Torquay Community Larder** thank you for your kind Harvest donations. Further donations are always welcome – please continue to give if you can.

**Alpha ONLINE**  
**Wednesday 4 November**  
**7.45-9.15pm "Why did Jesus die?"**



Contact the church office so we can send you the zoom link to join in – why not give it a try?

[admin@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:admin@st-matthias-church.org) 01803 214175

## Live Services - update - managing the risk

Thank you for replying to the recent mini survey we sent out by email and by phone, and for the many helpful comments. As a result of these, and with the national trend of increasing covid-19 cases, the PCC concluded this week that now is not the time to be increasing the number of 'live' services in church any further. In any event we do not have sufficient stewards nor time to run two services in any one Sunday morning. We will be reviewing the situation before Christmas.



In addition to the legal requirements, the Church of England has published detailed guidance about how to reduce the Covid-19 risk when we conduct our Holy Communion services and include one or two practices which may seem strange if you are unaware of them.

Here are a few points to note:

- Words at distribution of the Bread – the priest is not to say anything when sharing the bread to reduce the risk of any viral droplets going onto the wafers or being breathed in by the communicant, so says the words before starting to distribute the bread. We have not changed our thinking about what we mean by 'The Body of Christ, keep you in eternal life'.
- PLEASE keep the 2m distancing wherever you are in church – this applies to when you stand at the Communion rail too – there are white markers at 2m spaces on the carpet on the dais edge to help you with this.
- PLEASE leave promptly when the services end in church, and do not stay chatting - again, it is a sad reality but we owe it to one another to reduce risk where we can.
- And whenever you do come to church, please come wrapped up in warm clothes and coats – the heating will have been on, but to reduce the risk further, we are keeping some doors and windows open. It's not ideal, but safer this way.



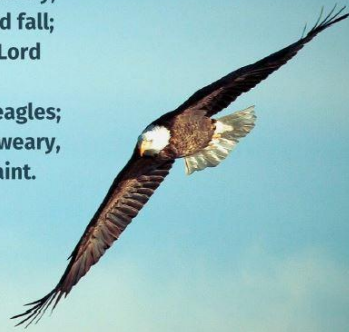
**Making Connections** As well as the **Coffee time** on Sunday mornings at 10.30am on Zoom, we are hoping to provide a few other occasions where we can meet to support one another. Watch this space for more info!

**Live Chat** If you are joining the worship at the 9.30 premiere YouTube viewings, or the 11am livestreams - do please join in the **live chat** - it's a great way of welcoming and encouraging one another.

Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31



**Jokes?** Are you ready for a joke about DIY orthodontists? If not, brace yourselves.

My dentist has been voted Dental Surgeon of the Year. Sadly, all he got for it was a little plaque. 😊

**For our praise and prayers this week**

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| <b>Sun</b>   | Pray for the proposed Mission Torbay 2021 being planned by Churches Together under the leadership of Stephen Yates, and the Prayer Walks including the one on October 28 <sup>th</sup> .                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Mon</b>   | Vicki Maxwell is looking to God for her future and when to return to Kisoro. Pray she has real guidance and the churches she does not visit are understanding.                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Tues</b>  | Remember all who are unwell in any way, mentally, physically or spiritually and that God would meet them all at their point of need.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Wed</b>   | Pray for the children and youth of our church – this week through their ShoeBox endeavour, the “Diary of a Disciple” a fun day for children as they explore the world of Dr Luke; and the ministry of Godly Play.                                                                                              |
| <b>Thurs</b> | Pray for an end to the epidemic causing so much havoc. Pray for the scientists trying to find a solution; the leaders enforcing lockdowns etc.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Fri</b>   | Pray for the <b>Brunel Manor</b> trustees as they meet today to discuss, discern and decide the way forward.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Sat</b>   | Thank God for the APCM and for those elected on to the PCC. Thank God for the work of those standing down. Pray for all future decisions made by them<br><br>The Charities we support are finding funding difficult these days as does our church. Pray that we may all be regular and generous in our giving. |
| <b>Sun</b>   | Pray for peace in our world and in the worldwide Church and for her leaders – especially our own Clergy and Lay Readers and Staff Team.                                                                                                                                                                        |