

Advent Sunday

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29 November 2020

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Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Welcome

Services online

available on the church YouTube channel

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

or

from specific links below in the notice sheet

or

via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' on home page

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Something NEW on Sunday Nov 29th

10am United Church Family Service – we're going to try having the service live via zoom! Other churches have found this a valuable way to meet to worship from time to time. Please be online by 0950 so we can begin on time. Please see the practical tips below.

<https://zoom.us/j/95202789541?pwd=emNGNmICV3BJd2t6VjU1aFl6Nyt6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 952 0278 9541

Passcode: 367025

This does mean that there will not be a recorded St. Matthias service on our channel for this week. If you cannot join us at 10am, the Diocese are inviting us to join the worship at Great Torrington from 11am www.stmichaelstorrington.org.uk/


HOWEVER there is the first of a series of **Godly Play** at St Matthias especially for Advent <https://youtu.be/rOm0aOA1ixM>

Coffee on Zoom will follow on after the 10am service about 10.45am on the same link as the service

Bible Readings: Mark 13:24-37 <https://tinyurl.com/yxe8g7du>

A few practical tips about joining the 10am service on ZOOM:

- If you've not tried zoom before, you will really need to speak to someone who does use zoom so you can join in easily - it's not that difficult but sometimes you need help the first time. You will probably need to download the free software 'Zoom Client for Meetings' from <https://zoom.us/download>
- If you do not have a smartphone, tablet or computer but would like to join in, please contact the office and we may be able to pair you up with someone so you can listen in over the phone.
- While you can use a smartphone or tablet, it is a better experience on a laptop or desktop computer because you can see more people at a time.
- Please ensure you log in early so we can begin on time – you may have to wait for a few minutes to be let into the service.
- Please keep your video on but mute your microphone – if not the sound quality is worse for everyone – as well as everyone being able to hear your phone, tv, radio, and comments to one another!
- At the end of the service we will have a short pause and then return to share coffee together around 10.50am – for this we may put everyone into smaller groups to meet in – these are called 'breakout rooms' and you will find an invitation to join one which you need to click 'yes' to!

Next week	
 Mon 30 Nov Tues 1 Dec	9-9.30am Morning Prayer Join John and Paul on zoom using words from the Church of England Daily Prayer App if you have that - if not we can provide the words 😊 https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79289480664?pwd=d1hJendrSmVzdVhvZEk0UGdCZmJzZz09 Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 Password: Pray
Wed 2 Dec	10am - 12 midday Church open for private prayer
Fri 4 Dec	6.30pm Youth Club online If you want to get in contact with the youth team please email: stmattscandy@gmail.com
Sat 5 Dec	10 -12 SHOEBOX drop-off – see note
	7pm SW Carol Service – see note
Sun 6 Dec	9.30am Breakfastzone online
	10.30am Coffee on zoom (zoom link to follow)
	11am Holy Communion online
	7pm SW Carol Service – see note

News

What's next after lockdown 2.0?

The PCC meets on Monday 30th Nov to discuss the balance of 'in the church building' and 'online' services from now until the New Year. It may be that we continue with online services only until Christmas in order to help reduce the general rate of infection. At present we plan to hold the Christmas Eve 5pm Christingle service and the 10am Christmas Day service online only, since there is no way we could get a significant number into the church with social distancing and we would not want to be in the position of turning people away at the door. We are still exploring the 'value vs risk' of having some simple 'said' services over the Christmas period. Sadly, it appears that we are still unable to sing in church – even carols ☹️.

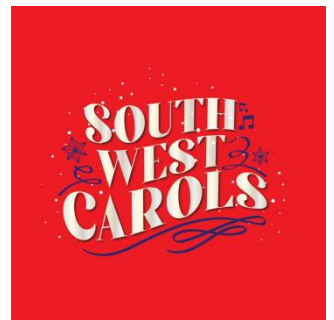
Christmas



*How will you Share God's
'Comfort and Joy'?*

Dec 5th and 6th Carol Service online @ 7pm –

South West Carols is going to be a high quality production including performances from the **London Community Gospel Choir, Exeter Cathedral Choir, Wildwood Kin** and the biggest ever local nativity performance involving around 27 schools including **our own Pre-School!** As well as all of this, there will be a mixture of traditional carols and a clear gospel message.



Do put the dates in your diary and **invite a neighbour to watch at the same time** and celebrate with people from all over the South West tuning in from their home for a festive online production featuring home grown talent and headline acts. For more information and to join in, go to www.southwestcarols.com (also on Facebook and YouTube)



Shoebboxes Please drop off your shoeboxes in the **car park** at church on **Saturday 5 December** between **10am and 12 noon** – there will be a table to put them on. We just want to say a massive thank you to all of you who are taking part in this appeal. If you would like

someone to collect your shoebox please email by Tuesday 1st December latest: stmattscandy@gmail.com Thank you – Youth Team

For details of what can be included in the boxes go to:

<https://www.st-matthias-church.org/children-youth/christmas-shoe-boxes/>





Christmas Services provisional dates and times:

Online: Thurs 24 Dec @ 5pm Christingle, 25 Dec service @ 10am

Online, or maybe in church: 24 Dec - a short, said Communion some time that evening, and also at 8am on 25 Dec.

Christmas Flyer deliveries

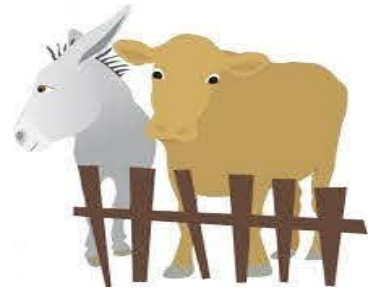
While we simply cannot host people in the church building as we usually do, we have a great opportunity to connect with more people than ever from their homes 😊 So, we'd like to hand deliver as many Christmas flyers as we can – could you deliver some to your neighbours? Please phone the Church Office to arrange collection of flyers and say which areas you can deliver to. Thank you.



Advent and Christmas Packs We are going to be giving our church family children an Advent and Christmas pack full of interesting stories and activities for each day of advent. They cost around £6 each – if anyone would like to donate towards this please do so in the usual way marking your donation 'Advent books'. Thank you.

Messy Christmas Just a few places remaining!

Sat 19 Dec 2-3.30pm - outdoor fun, crafts, prayers and much more. Come and take part in our Christmas Nativity Story Trail! Pre-booking essential - limited to 30. Sorry! Only one adult to accompany their children. Will go ahead whatever the weather, so dress appropriately! Contact: Lena Fearnley on 01803 295268 or stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org



Daily Advent Readings – go to: [1606394308.pdf \(d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://1606394308.pdf(d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net))

Godly Play – ADVENT

In preparation for Christmas, there will be a new short story released each Sunday of Advent. <https://youtu.be/rOm0aOA1ixM>
For more information go to: www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk
or email Lena at: lenafearnley@googlemail.com



For our praise and prayers this week

Sun **“Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives”**

Pray that on this Advent Sunday we may be expectant of seeing Jesus afresh during this season and especially over Christmas in this peculiar year.

Mon Praise God for the scientists who have worked hard and appear to have found a vaccine to slow the growth of Coronavirus which is causing such devastation

Tue Pray for those suffering from Covid 19, those bereaved, those experiencing loneliness or fear, those who have lost their livelihood. May they know the peace and presence of Jesus.

Wed Pray for everyone who has to make a decision about how to celebrate Christmas as rules are relaxed. Pray that all will be wise, responsible and keep safe.

Thu Pray for all who are ill, suffering relationships or other pressures, praying that they will put their trust in the Lord. May we all be generous to the Torquay Community Larder and the Trust work giving meals to the needy this year instead of accommodation.

Fri Pray for peace in our world that where there is chaos there will be order, where there is division there may be unity, where there is hatred there may be love.

Sat Pray for those preparing all the Christmas services, live or online. That Jesus will be praised and given all the honour and praise.

Sun Pray for John and Paul as they lead us and the PCC; for Sylvia and Paul Stannard our Church Wardens and others who work so hard

“Make way, make way, for the King of kings”

Other News

Update on Mission Torbay – for more information go to:

[1606394970.pdf \(d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/1606394970.pdf)

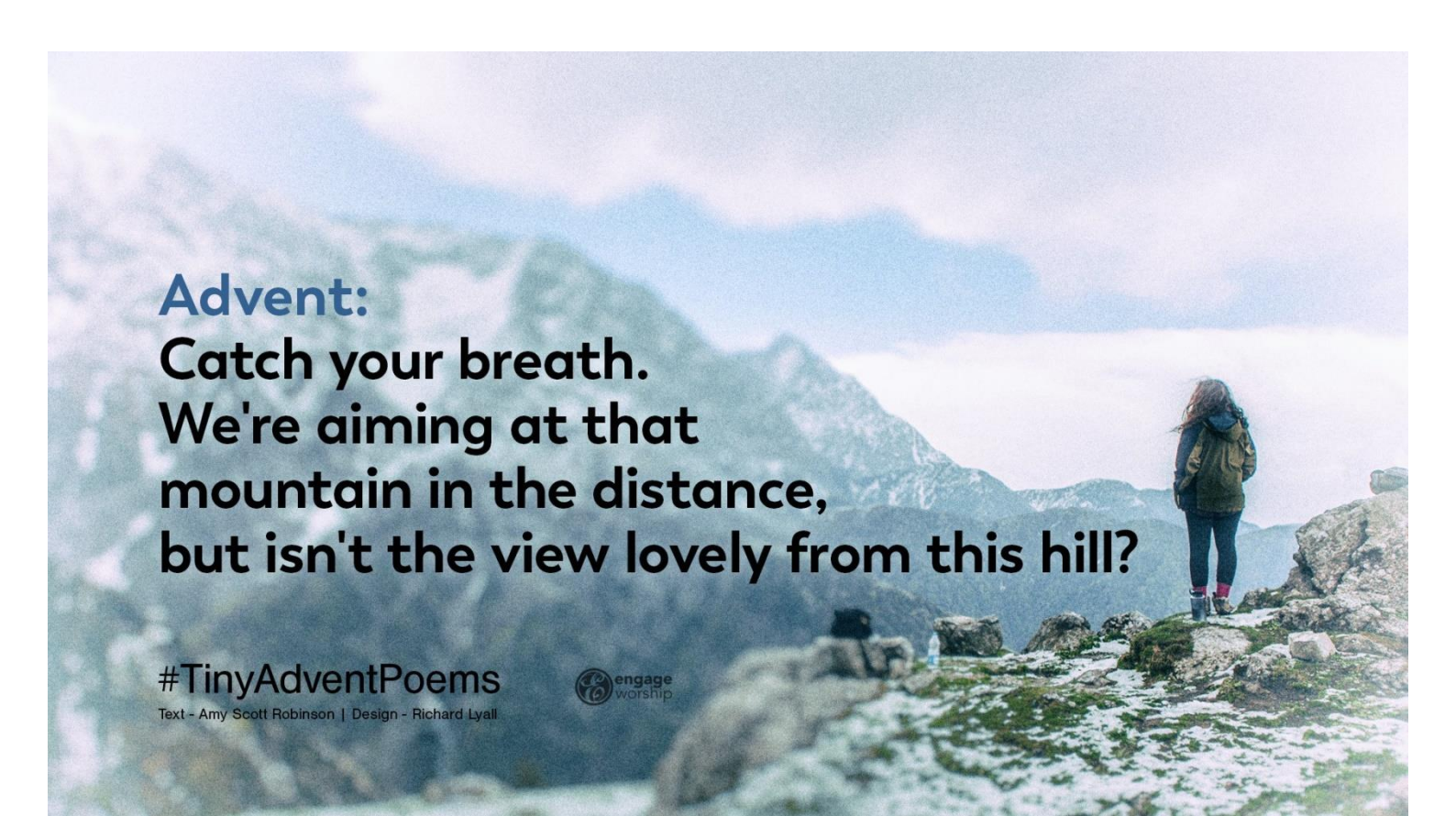
Next prayer walk: Saturday 5 Dec at 2.30pm - meet at Central Church, Torquay.

Torquay Community Larder is still collecting food supplies. Food can be left on Wednesday mornings when the church is open 10 -12, but alternatively Linda will happily collect. Please phone/text her for details on 07790 640372.

No internet access? Do ring free on the Daily Hope line 0800 804 8044.

Good news testimonies – how has God touched your life or blessed you this week? If you have some news to share please ring or email one of the clergy. Thank you.

Sheila and John would be really pleased to continue to hear from people either by phone or email. For a chat with John, it's usually best to email him please.



Advent:
Catch your breath.
We're aiming at that
mountain in the distance,
but isn't the view lovely from this hill?

#TinyAdventPoems

Text - Amy Scott Robinson | Design - Richard Lyall



Take a look at #TinyAdventPoems by www.engageworship.org

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Thanks go to:
Postal workers

