

# 3rd Sunday of Advent



13 December 2020

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## Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare  
the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. 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


**In the services today we are having an update from Nicci Maxwell, our CMS partner** (Church Mission Society). She managed to return to Uganda last week and has recorded a message for us. CMS are one of the main mission agencies we support as a church – using money from our 'Mission tithe' - 10% of our regular giving. The video report she has sent is available on this YouTube link <https://youtu.be/NR1rytnOXcA>. (but not on our usual channel)

You can find out more about Nicci on the CMS website:

<https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/nicci-maxwell/>

and also follow her blog <https://niccimaxwell.wordpress.com/>

<b>Sun 13 Dec</b>	<b>8am Holy Communion (BCP) <i>online</i></b>
	<b>9.30am Ozone <i>online</i></b>
	<b>10.30am Coffee <i>on zoom</i></b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09</a> Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975    Passcode: Jo3v16
	<b>11am Morning Worship <i>online</i></b>
	<b>5.30 Prayer Meeting <i>on zoom</i></b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71085893344?pwd=TXYyMk0yRWVJU1F6bVpHSFNDWXdrQT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71085893344?pwd=TXYyMk0yRWVJU1F6bVpHSFNDWXdrQT09</a> Meeting ID: 710 8589 3344    Passcode: XcNw5q
	<b>Bible Readings:</b> Psalm 126, Isaiah 61, John 1: 6-8 and 19-28 <a href="https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ps+126&amp;version=NIVUK">https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ps+126&amp;version=NIVUK</a> <a href="https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=isaiah+61&amp;version=NIVUK">https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=isaiah+61&amp;version=NIVUK</a> <a href="https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+1%3A+6-28&amp;version=NIVUK">https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+1%3A+6-28&amp;version=NIVUK</a>

Next week	
 <b>Mon 14</b> <b>Tues 15</b>	<b>9-9.30am Morning Prayer</b> 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 😊 <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79289480664?pwd=d1hJendrSmVzdVhvZEk0UGdCZmJzZz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79289480664?pwd=d1hJendrSmVzdVhvZEk0UGdCZmJzZz09</a> Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 Password: Pray
<b>Wed 16 Dec</b>	<b>10am - 12 midday Church open</b> for private prayer
<b>Fri 18 Dec</b>	<b>6.30pm Youth Club online</b> If you want to get in contact with the youth team please email: stmattscandy@gmail.com
<b>Sat 19 Dec</b>	<b>11-11.30am Carol Singing on the piazza – please book on 311488</b> <i>Please note the car park will be closed.</i>
	<b>2-3.30pm Messy Christmas (pre-booked only)</b>
<b>Sun 20 Dec</b>	<b>9.30am Growzone online</b>
	<b>10.30am Coffee on zoom</b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09</a> Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16
	<b>11am Holy Communion in church – please book on 311488</b>
	<b>2-3.30pm Messy Christmas (pre-booked only)</b>

# News

## Christmas



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

### Christmas Services online and in church

19 Dec @ 11-11.30am Carol Singing *on the piazza – pre-book on 311488*

24 Dec @ 11-11.30am Carol Singing *on the piazza – pre-book on 311488*

24 Dec @ 5pm Christingle *online*

24 Dec @ 5.45pm Lighting of the Christingles *on zoom*

25 Dec @ 8.30am Holy Communion (*Common Worship*) *in church – pre-book on 311488*

25 Dec @ 10am Christmas Family Communion *online*



### Christmas Flyer deliveries

Thank you to those who have already delivered some flyers with details of our Christmas services. If anyone else has an hour or so to spare and feels like a bit of a walk, then your help would be welcome. Or if you live in the parish and would just

like to deliver to your neighbours that would be fine too! Please phone the office to arrange ☺ 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 – thank you to everyone who has already donated towards this. We are still a little short so any further donations would be appreciated. To donate please do so in the usual way marking your donation ‘Advent books’. Thank you.

**Daily Advent Bible Readings** – go to:  
[1606394308.pdf \(d3hg9lq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://www.cloudfront.net/d3hg9lq6yacptf/1606394308.pdf)

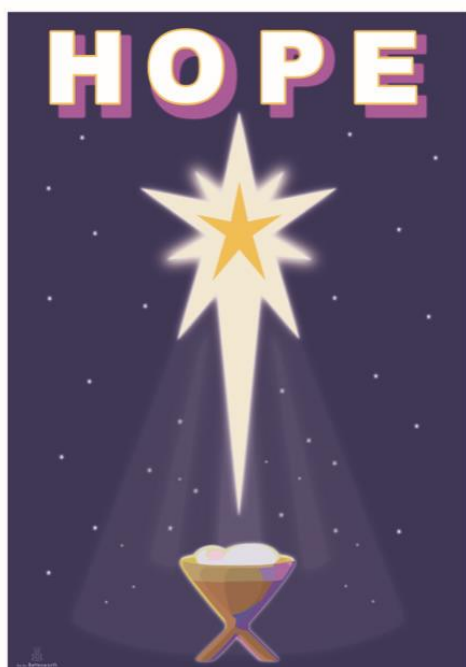


**Wondering through Advent**  
Join Lena Fearnley for  
**Godly Play**  
Each week of Advent  
A reflective space for us to explore the Christmas Story together  
These stories will be available from these dates:  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
[www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk](http://www.thegodlyplayroom.co.uk) or through St Matthias Church's website

### Godly Play – ADVENT

In preparation for Christmas, there will be a new short story released each Sunday of Advent. Available from 8am.

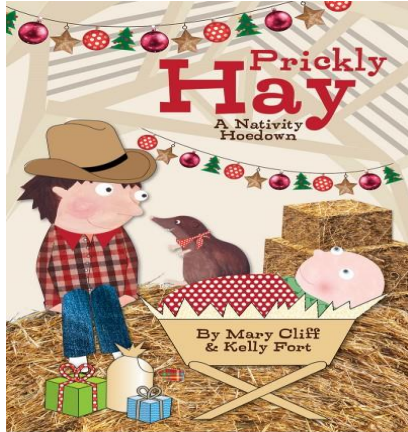
<https://youtu.be/7hg9LhuKMgE>



### Christmas Hope in Torquay Town Centre

**Christians Together in Torquay** are bringing Christmas hope into the heart of Torquay this year. There will be a nativity tableau, a Christmas Tree of Hope, a Nativity Trail, a miniature pony from Cockington and the project will run on market days throughout December. For more info contact Barney on **01803 606807** or **email: [barney@bettesworths.co.uk](mailto:barney@bettesworths.co.uk)** .

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS** to raise money for The Church Mission Society supporting **Nicci Maxwell** and her Christian Mission for babies and children in Uganda. Contact Lena Fearnley to place an order for one of these lovely wreaths at [lenafearnley@googlemail.com](mailto:lenafearnley@googlemail.com) 01803 295268. £15 and available to collect from 14 December.



### **Musical Nativity on Sunday 27 December**

Join us for some stable fun!

Performed by our very own St Matthias Children and Youth.

Watch on St Matthias YouTube channel available from 10am

### **Can You Help?**

We have had a phenomenal response to Messy Christmas and consequently we are now running 3 sessions on Saturday 19, Sunday 20 and Monday 21 December from 2-3.30pm! In total we have over 60 children coming! If you feel able to help on one of the above days, you would be most welcome! If so and for further information, please contact Lena Fearnley on 01803 295268 or [stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org).



## *Other News*

**Shoebboxes** – a big thank you to everyone who gave a shoebox to be delivered to Moldova. We collected 140 – what a fantastic achievement!

**Update on Mission Torbay** – for more information go to: [1606394970.pdf \(d3hg1q6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://d3hg1q6yacptf.cloudfront.net/1606394970.pdf)

**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.

**John and Sheila** would like to thank friends who have sent them kind messages, gifts and prayers at this difficult time. It is greatly appreciated. (And they will still be pleased to receive phone calls or emails.) Thank you.

**For our praise and prayers this week**

***O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord***

**Sun** Praise God for the work of scientists and their production of vaccinations against Coronavirus. Pray that these will be successful in stemming this pandemic.

**Mon** Pray for our Prime Minister and his Government as they struggle for a just and fair solution over the Brexit affair.

**Tue.** Pray for members of the media as they report and influence the population. May they be true in what they say and give a balanced view for the public.

**Wed.** At this time of partying may people be wise and responsible in their behaviour so that the pandemic may not spread unnecessarily.

**Thu.** Remember how many usually attend church over Christmas. May they watch services online and find them helpful as they watch in the informality of their home. Pray, too, for all separated at this time due to the pandemic or from living in a different country.

**Fri.** Pray that we, in the Church family, may be aware of folk around us who would like a phone call, a food parcel, a kind word or just a smile, so that they feel loved and not alone.

**Sat.** Praise God for and pray for John and Paul in their leadership, the PCC, The Churchwardens, Lay Readers, and all who take any part in our services.

**Sun.** Pray that as we remember God's love in giving Jesus, we may be more aware of those around us who need to know about Jesus and be given the chance to get to know Him and His love this Christmastide.



**Advent:**  
unseen bulbs asleep in frozen earth.  
Handwritten markers  
hold promises  
of spring colours.



Take a look at #TinyAdventPoems by [www.engageworship.org](http://www.engageworship.org)

**To contact the Church:**  
**Although the building is closed**  
**you can still get in touch:**  
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**Thanks go to:**  
Everyone who donated  
a shoebox and to the  
drivers who will be  
taking them to  
Moldova 😊

# Celebrate Christmas

with  
**St Matthias  
Church**

[www.st-matthias-church.org](http://www.st-matthias-church.org)

YouTube channel:

[tinyurl.com/t2ejz2a](https://tinyurl.com/t2ejz2a)



# Comfort and Joy

## **Saturday 19 December**

11am Carol Singing

*on the piazza (limited numbers and masks please!)*

## **Christmas Eve**

11am Carol Singing

*on the piazza (limited numbers and masks please!)*

5pm Christingle Service

online <https://youtu.be/LkLVloxxnwQ>

5.45pm Lighting of the Christingles

*together on zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/yxipjks9>*

## **Christmas Day**

8.30am Holy Communion

*in the church – please phone to book 01803 311488*

10am Christmas Family Communion

*online*

## **Sunday 27 December**

Prickly Hay

*children & youth production online from 9.30am*

11am Morning Worship *online*

Please check the website for up to date information as government guidance may change what is possible.



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**Prayer Card**

To cut out and hang on your  
Christmas Tree

*God of comfort and joy  
May we know your presence  
with us today  
And bring your gentle, joyful  
love to others  
This Christmas and always  
Amen*



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**Christmas Charity Collections**



This year our charity collection is:

Christian Aid

[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

To donate please go to their website

Thank you

**Questions about Faith?**

Look out for the next alpha  
course which we plan to run  
early in the New Year