



**Sunday 17 January 2021**

in the Epiphany season

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## Welcome

In the face of increased risks associated with the new variant of covid-19, and rising numbers of local cases, the Church Council decided that we will close the church completely for a few weeks. Sadly, that includes closing even for 'private prayer'. However we have suggested some alternatives to help us pray – see below!

### Services online

available on the church YouTube channel

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

It may be simpler to find all the services by looking at the different **PLAYLISTS** on St Matthias YouTube channel

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

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

<b>Sun 17 Jan</b>	<b>9.30am Growzone <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 Holy Communion <i>online</i></b> <a href="https://youtu.be/uHddvqna1_M">https://youtu.be/uHddvqna1_M</a>

**Readings: Rev 5:1-10 & John 1:25-51**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=revelation+5%3A++1-10&version=NIVUK>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A25-51&version=NIVUK>

#### Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Thanks go to:

Those  
administering the  
Covid vaccine



## Next Week

Sun 24 Jan

**9.30am Prayzone online**

**10.30am Coffee on zoom**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09>

Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16

**11am Morning Worship online**

**7pm 'PRAY TORBAY'** As part of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Churches Together) Prayer Meeting *on zoom*

Join us on Zoom at Meeting ID: **989 5311 7515** / Passcode: **064483**



While we are not able to open the church building for private prayer, we have provided some aids to prayer in both the North and West porch of St Matthias.

We would also be glad to pray with you over the phone. Please phone our usual Office number 01803 214175. You are more likely to be

able to speak to someone quickly Monday to Friday in office hours, but even at weekends, the messages are checked at least twice a day so someone will return your call.

Some local churches have decided to remain open for private prayer, and for Holy Communion. One near here is All Saints, Cary Ave, Babbacombe, Torquay, TQ1 3NY which is open as below:

- Open every day for private prayer between 9.30 am and mid-afternoon Monday to Saturday (from 11.45 on Sundays)
- The public Holy Communion services are Sunday at 9.30am and 10.30am

## News



Help? If you need help with shopping or can help anyone else with their shopping, please contact Pere in the office (214175). Thank you.



**NEW FREE ANTENATAL COURSE** starting 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 – see below for details

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

# Pray Torbay

Sunday 24th January 2021



## Prayer meeting Sun 24 Jan 7-8.30pm Christians Together Prayer Event ...

Living in Torbay we have many reasons to praise God. We're also aware of the many needs in our community and the importance of being united in our response to dealing with local issues. We are inviting key people who are involved on the frontlines of activity here to be our guests - Cllr Steve

Darling, Torbay Council leader, and Alison Hernandez, Police and Crime Commissioner, and church leaders from across Torbay will be involved too. There will be opportunities to be led in prayer and to join in praying ourselves in Zoom break out rooms. Reserve the date for Torbay's first big Bay-wide online prayer event. Join us on Zoom at Meeting ID: **989 5311 7515** / Passcode: **064483**

A big thank you, belatedly, for all of our Christmas cards. Thank you - John and Ruth

### Suggestion for our Praise and Prayers this week

**Sun** Pray for our Church leaders as they struggle to know how we should stay as "Church". Pray that they will have wisdom and courage in making their decisions.

**Mon** Pray that this terrible pandemic will soon be stopped. Praise God for the vaccines produced and pray that they may ease the spread of Covid 19.

**Tues** Pray for our Church and State leaders as they make decisions and try to help people spiritually and socially. Pray for all who are suffering as a result of the pandemic.

**Wed** Remember the Torquay Larder and others who are providing food for the needy of Torbay, may the recipients know that Jesus loves them.

**Thurs** Pray for peace and unity in our world – remember the USA divided over their leadership at the moment.

**Fri** Pray for all in the church family who have been bereaved recently, who are ill or are worried in any way. May they all know God's peace and healing.

**Sat** Pray for the preparations for Mission Torbay still due this September.

**Sun** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Pray that all Churches may work and witness together more. Pray for the "Christians Together Prayer Event" tonight, to which some key people from our society have been invited, pray that they may be an encouragement to Christians in the Bay.

**To contact the Church:**

Although the building is closed  
you can still contact the church  
as follows:

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**Asst Minister:** Paul Barton

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**Starting Blocks  
For Family Life**

**NEW *FREE* ANTENATAL COURSE  
IN TORQUAY**

**Starting 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

Dates: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> February,  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Time: 7 - 8.30pm

Due to Covid this course will be delivered on zoom.

**Book your free course NOW**

Find us on face book: [www.Beginwell.org.uk](http://www.Beginwell.org.uk)

Begin Well is a charity formed four year ago, which understands the  
importance of preparing families for the arrival of a new baby.

Run by : St Matthias Church, Babbacombe Road,  
Wellswood, TQ1 1HW