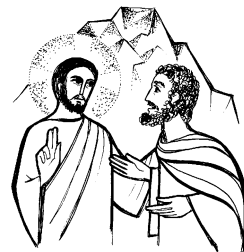


Sunday 23rd August 2026

All are welcome



The 11am on Sunday is live-streamed so you can join us in Church or online (or even worship later in the week!)

www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

Sun 23Aug



8am

Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

9:30am

Explore Together

10:30am

Gather to Pray *please come and join us*

11am

Morning Worship *followed by tea/coffee*

<https://tinyurl.com/yc7sbbxw>

5.30pm

Praise and Puddings @ 5.30

please join us for informal worship

Mon 24 Aug

9am

Morning Prayer on ZOOM – see below*

Tue 25 Aug

9am

Morning Prayer on Zoom – see below*

Wed 26 Aug

9am

Holy Communion *in the St Francis Chapel*

Sun 30 Aug

8am

Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

9:30am

Explore Together

10:30am

Gather to Pray *please come and join us*

11am

Holy Communion *followed by tea/coffee*

* **For Morning Prayer online**, we meet on ZOOM [tinyurl.com/2t56wex5] and use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app -you are welcome to join us!

The words we use can also be found here, with an audio version: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f

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Collect:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Our thanks go to

Those who thank others and
so make the world a better
place for all, and those who
continually give thanks to
God...so often they are the
same people.

Readings for this Sunday

Romans 12:1-8 NIV (UK)

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. **4** For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **5** so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; **7** if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; **8** if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Matthew 16:13-20 NIV (UK)

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

14 They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

15 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

17 Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. **18** And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' **20** Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Dates for your Diary



'David' - showing from the **21st to 27th August**, at Vue Cinema Torquay. A beautifully animated film about King David from his early years as a young shepherd, through his anointing, defeat of Goliath, and Kingship. Tickets bought in advance are cheaper than those available on the door and, if this sells successfully, they may well bring more Christian films to the big screen.

News



THANK YOU to everyone who helped with pre-school rubbish and re-cycling – it has made a great impact. However.... there is still some more. A mix of recycling, rubbish and wood (which may be suitable for a wood burner). If you are able to help please let one of the staff team know on Sunday.

Eco-Action – Remember to **Re-duce, Re-cycle** and **Re-use** as much as possible, and in the Church and Centre to either take it home or use the new green **recycling bins**. Use **clear bags** only and do not put in any **glass** - please take that home.

When you go to the beach, take a bag with you to collect any litter or plastic you come across.



Prayers for the week –

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. *Psalm 145:18*

- Mon** We look forward to rain & cooler conditions; but we continue to pray for farmers and those who deal with water resources
- Tue** We are so grateful for those who lead our music. Pray that this significant ministry will grow & flourish.
- Wed** "He makes wars cease.." (Ps 46:9) Pray for peace in Iran, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan..
- Thur** For most of India's 1.5 billion population, identity is synonymous with Hinduism. But 20 % are non-Hindu so anti-conversion laws have created many tensions for Christians. Pray for them.
- Fri** How to do Social Care in England has been a conundrum for many years. Pray for a political will to solve this issue effectively.
- Sat** Many families are coming back from holiday and gearing up for school. Pray for families we know and for our Youth and children's ministry
- Sun** Pray for those leading & preaching today: Stephen at 8.00; Stephen & Helen 9.30; Stephen & Paul at 11.00

Dear Friends,

'... at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' (Philippians 2:9–11)

Imagine – people from every nation of the world, joining together at the same time to honour Jesus and pray in his name. It's a small glimpse of heaven... and it's happening here on earth.

From 6 to 13 September, our friends at 24-7 Prayer are inviting the global Church to pray non-stop in every nation on earth during a Global Week of Prayer. We are excited to be partnering with them and adding Tearfund voices to lift up the name of Jesus together.

And we would love your church to be part of it too!

Will your church join hundreds of thousands of Christians around the world praying for people experiencing extreme poverty and injustice?

Injustice is loud, but Jesus' love is louder

After decades of decline, extreme poverty is on the rise. More than 800 million people are still living in extreme poverty worldwide.

Conflict, natural disasters and injustice are the main drivers of this, devastating communities around the world.

But that's not the end of the story, because Jesus' love leads us to pray for people in extreme poverty. Use the resource below to pray for and with your global neighbours.

Get inspired to pray in new ways and find guidance on how to pray for people living in poverty and other global issues.

see www.tearfund.org/get-involved/pray/prayer-resources/prayer-guides

Unless the Lord builds the house the labourers labour in vain...as we are reminded in Psalm 127:1.

Are you still praying daily for St Matthias, Stephen, and his family, using the prayer card we gave out a few weeks ago?