

4 October 2026

All are welcome



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

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Sun	4 Oct	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. Please use this link to join us https://tinyurl.com/4fferxnp
Tue	6 Oct	9-11:30am	Open House Toddlers
		12-1.30pm	St Matt's Knits
Wed	7 Oct	9am	Holy Communion in the St Francis Chapel
		10-12noon	Conversational English Class for those for whom English is a second language
		12-2pm	Welcome Space -coffee, soup and chat!
Fri	9 Oct	9-11:30am	Mummy & Me
		6:30-8pm	Youth Club – Chip Shop Challenge meet at the Clock Tower NOT in the Hall
Sun	11 Oct	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
		5.30pm	Prayer @ 5.30

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Collect:

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for this Sunday

Philippians 3: 4b-14 NIV (UK)

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33-46 NIV (UK)

³³ 'Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ 'The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said.

³⁸ 'But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance." ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ 'Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹ 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,' they replied, 'and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.' ⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes"'?

⁴³ 'Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.' ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

News

The Food Bank- is desperately short of many items. A list of those requested items is on the console table in the linkway. *I was hungry and you fed me...*

School News: This week Helen will be going into Warberry and Ilsham and sharing the account of Esther's deep courage, profound humility, and strategic wisdom as she risked her life to save the Jewish people.

Dates for your Diary

Youth Club – a reminder that, this week, the Youth will meet at the clock tower in Torquay at 6:30pm on a search to find the best chips in town. Please remember to bring your £2, and let us know your findings!

Torbay Men's Breakfast will be at 09:00hrs on Saturday 10 October at the Grand Hotel. £13 for the breakfast. A certain Reverend Stephen Yates will be sharing his interesting story about how the Lord has been leading him on his journey to where he is today, and how God answers prayers and speaks to us when we listen.



Our next **Sunday dine out** will be at Central Conservative Club at 1pm, on 25th October. Please contact Gill to book **before the 18th**, or for further information: 07709727714

Brave Women's Conference Friday 6th November 7-9pm and Saturday 7 November 10am-5pm. The theme is AWAKEN, around Ezekiel 37 and 2 Timothy 1:6. 'I have such a sense of God wanting to breathe on His daughters again; awakening what He has placed within us, refreshing us by His presence and stirring us again for what He is calling us into.

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The Friends of St Matthias Christmas Market will be on Saturday 14 November from 10am to 1pm. For more information see the poster and flyers in Church or contact Christine.torquay@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 07789692321

Save the date for the TearFund Quiz. 21st November at 7:30 PM at the church. Get in touch if you would like to come along: ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org

Save the date for the Friends of St Matthias Christmas Lunch which will be at The Headlands on Sunday 6th December. Christine.torquay@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 07789692321

Prayers for the week –

- Mon** The new term in Universities and College is well under way. Pray for students who will have to adjust to an unfamiliar and sometimes threatening environment. Many Christian Unions have evangelistic efforts in the autumn term because students, uprooted from the familiar, are open the Good News. Pray for the success of these missions.
- Tue** The war and conflict in the Middle East and Ukraine is awful! Of course we pray for “peace with justice” - but also remember the knock-on effect on the world economy. Pray for world leaders to have wise heads as they navigate a precarious world.
- Wed** Pray for Saudi Arabia as it is in the cockpit of Middle East conflict - on two fronts. The government considers all its citizens to be Muslim and conversion to any other faith carries a death penalty. Yet, there are Christian migrant workers in the country, and also Saudi citizens who travel abroad for education and commerce. Pray for the Gospel to touch this land.
- Thur** Stephen, our Rector has been in post a couple of months - learning new names, grappling with new issues, being pastoral yet mission focused. Pray for Stephen and for the staff team that surround him that they may be wise and discerning.
- Fri** Children meet at “Mummy & Me” this morning and then there is “Youth Club” at 6.30. Pray for all the significant relationships forged between children and leaders; also between leaders and parents. Pray that all these ventures nurture faith and grow Christian character.
- Sat** The weekend is a welcome break for humans but if mum & dad are both working there are domestic duties and family chores to perform. Pray for families we know that they may have time to rest and time to flourish.
- Sun** Thank God for all the life & vitality of the 9.30 service. Pray for all the ingredients of these services: the music, tech, refreshments - as well as the Word proclaimed