

6 September 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!)

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Sun 6 Sept 	8am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9:30am	Explore Together
	10:30am	Gather to Pray <i>please come and join us</i>
	11am	Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://tinyurl.com/53jcp2xz
Mon 7 Sept	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom – see below*
Tue 8 Sept	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom – see below*
	9-11:30am	Open House Toddlers
	12-1.30pm	St Matt's Knits
Wed 9 Sept	9am	Holy Communion <i>in the St Francis Chapel</i>
	12-2pm	Welcome Space - <i>coffee, soup and chat!</i>
Fri 11 Sept	9-11:30am	Mummy & Me
	6:30-8:30	Youth Club
Sun 13 Sept	8am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9:30am	Explore Together
	10:30am	Gather to Pray <i>please come and join us</i>
	11am	Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	5:30pm	Prayer @ 5.30

* **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: Holy and eternal God, you are the Maker of heaven and earth, you are the Word through whom all things were made, and you are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for this Sunday - Creation in Christ

Colossians 1:15-23 NIV (UK)

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Matthew 8:23-27 NIV (UK)

²³ Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. ²⁴ Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵ The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Lord, save us! We're going to drown!'

²⁶ He replied, 'You of little faith, why are you so afraid?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

²⁷ The men were amazed and asked, 'What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!'

News

Next week we will be Joined by Andrew Yelland, Chief Executive of WorldShare. WorldShare have been one of our Mission Partners for many years, as well as updating us on the work of WorldShare Andrew will be preaching at both services.

Eco-Action – September marks the beginning of Creationtide, an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action. Please pray through September for all those suffering from the effects of climate change, but also prayerfully consider those changes **you** can make. Next year is forecast to be the hottest year on record for the world.

School News: This week Helen is kicking off our Open the Book assemblies for the new academic year, going into Warberry and Ilsham talking about Paul's Missionary Journey.

Dates for your Diary

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An exciting message with the opportunity to join in.



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)

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. 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

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

Torbay MEN'S Breakfast on Saturday the 12th of September.

Martin Harris will share all that is going on with his ministry at the Lyceum Theatre. It promises to be an extremely interesting talk. Please book with Charlie - for and on behalf of the Torbay Men's Breakfast - 07917005406



Join us on **Saturday 19th September between 09:00-12:00** (or even just for an hour) as we do some general clearing up around the exterior of the church. Potential volunteers can find out more from Paul Sherriff or Keith Yelland. Many hands make light work and the sense of camaraderie and accomplishment cannot be topped.

Dear Ladies, We hope you have all had a lovely summer and managed to keep cool! **Girls allowed** next meet on **Wednesday 23rd September at 2-30 pm** in church, for fellowship, fun, light refreshments and to decorate candles into Advent candles to give to our families who attend Jollyween in October. No skill necessary all resources provided. Please reply to elainebiden@hotmail.com text or phone 07974001227 or 01803390222.



Our next Sunday dine out will be at the Babbacombe Inn at 1pm on Sunday 27 September. Please contact Gill Buick to book, or for further information; 07709727714

Prayers for the week – *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18*

- Mon** Through Your death and victorious resurrection, we are reconciled with our father, and we can ask him with confidence to bring in your kingdom. Stir up our hearts to encourage one another to pray more!
- Tue** Lord, may we learn through prayer to recognise, receive, and rejoice in your love for us at the cross, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit as he convicts, strengthens, and guides us into all truth.
- Wed** Lord prompt us 'to pray for all people intercede on their behalf and give thanks for them' - especially those in authority and positions of influence across the world and in our own community and nation.
- Thur** We pray for anyone who is experiencing ill health, loneliness, sadness, disappointment, anxiety, sincere doubt, or other adversities that make it very hard for them to pray. Please help them to come in their brokenness to receive your mercy and grace.
- Fri** Thank You, for every opportunity to pray together; in church, at home, online, and through prayer diaries and guides. Please help us to listen and pray effectively in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Sat** Lord, we pray for many prayer partnerships and groups to spring up in places of work, learning, leisure, and community. Inspire them to bring the needs of colleagues, friends and neighbours before You, asking for gifts of salvation, healing and peace.
- Sun** Gracious God, please continue to inspire our church leaders and to prioritise thanksgiving, praise, worship, and intercession within the rhythm of each week. We pray for a deepening desire to be in Your presence and greater faith to believe You will answer.