

Sunday 10 May 2026

Welcome



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

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Sun 10 May	8am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9:30am	Explore Together Holy Communion
	10:30am	Gather to Pray
	11am	Morning Worship followed by tea/coffee tinyurl.com/2jzu73s4
	5:30pm	Prayer @ 5.30
Mon 11 May	9am	Morning Prayer – on zoom – details below
Tue 12 May	9am	Morning Prayer – on zoom – details below
	9-11:30am	Toddlers
	12-1:30pm	St Matt's Knits
Wed 13 May	9am	NO COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY
	12-2pm	Welcome Space – coffee, soup and chat!
Thur 14 May	9am	Ascension Day Open the Book with Ilsham and Holy Communion
Fri 15 May	9-11:30am	Mummy & Me
	6:30-8pm	Youth Club
Sun 17 May	8am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	9:30am	Explore Together
	10:30am	Gather to Pray
	11am	Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee
	4pm	APCM
	6pm	<i>Thy Kingdom Come at Exeter Cathedral</i>



For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom link: tinyurl.com/2t56wex5 You are welcome to join us!
The words we use can be found here, with an audio version: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f

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Collect Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Our thanks go to:
The flower arrangers

Readings for this Sunday

John 14:15-21 (NIV UK) *Jesus, before going to the Garden of Gethsemane where he will be betrayed, continues speaking to his disciples:* ¹⁵ 'If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

Acts 17:22-31 (NIV UK)

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.'^[a] As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

News

School News: This week Helen will be in Warberry Academy on Wednesday telling the children about Ascension. On Thursday the children from Ilsham will be joining us and taking part in our Ascension Day service. Please join us for that 9am service, which will include Holy Communion.

Friends of St Matthias would like to thank you everyone who supported the Quiz evening on the 2nd May - you'll be pleased to hear that they raised nearly £300! The next event is a Charity Night at the Little Theatre on Monday 15th June at 7.30pm for the performance of " Spring and Port Wine " by Bill Naughton. Tickets for this will be available from the Friends' table after each Sunday service from the 17th May until the 14th June.

APCM Please check if your name is on the **Electoral Roll**, to see if you are able to vote in the upcoming APCM or to stand for office
We do have a **vacancy on PCC**, and another on **Deanery Synod** - is one of these something to which God is calling you – you will need to be nominated and seconded – forms are available at the back of church – please return to Cliff, or to Ester (PCC Secretary).



Ecoaction for May - find out more about our local marine environment, for example the seagrass beds, the Torbay and Lyme Bay marine conservation area - and put Marine Ecofest (organised and hosted by St Matt's) on 18th July in your diary!

Marine EcoFest. This day event organised by the St Matthias EcoAction Group will be held on **18th July** at the church. Please put in your diaries. It will be a major event for Torbay, looking at so many aspects of the marine environment around us; sustainability, clean waters, sea life, safety, beaches and enjoying the bay. Many activities for families in the morning and a series of excellent talks in the afternoon. More follows

Dates for your diary

10-16 May 2026. Christian Aid works with local partners and communities across the world, in response to humanitarian emergencies and to assist people in poverty by equipping them with tools and training to help them improve their lives. With increasing periods of drought due to climate change, Christian Aid is helping farmers to grow resilient crops, conserve water and make fertiliser. You are invited to donate in support of Christian Aid's vital work. If possible, please give via their website (which has the option to gift aid your donation) or by telephone: 020 7523 2269. For donations by post, please send to their Head Office at: Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost **14-24 May 2026** to pray for more people to come to know Jesus, and specifically for the 5 people God lays on our hearts. There will be a TKC service at 6pm on Sunday 17th in Exeter Cathedral. Download the App for daily prayers, or find resources at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



Messy Church is back on 19 May from 3.15pm in the hall. An engaging afternoon for primary school children and their families. Craft, Bible stories, Games and Food. If you would like to get involved in making this even more special, please come and see Helen.

Dine-out Sundays Our next lunch is on **24th May at 1.15pm** at The Central Conservative Club, Torquay. Please note the change of time, and contact Gill on 07709 727714, for further information or to book.

Crosslight -Paul Burbridge and Les Ellison's Passion Play Thur 18th - Sat 20th June @ 7.30pm (Matinee Sat 20th @ 2.30pm) 'Tickets 'Pay what you can' - £8, £12 or £15 (£18 on the door) Book www.unleashedtheatrecompany.com

Prayers for the week

Mon	We pray for "forgotten conflicts" - especially in Ukraine! We pray for peace and justice.
Tue	We pray for the pastoral team in this time of pastoral vacancy - that no one will feel left out.
Wed	We pray for Eritrea (4m pop 1.7, Christians) Religious persecution is oppressive and military service is forced on some - with no end date
Thur	Thank God for Ascension Day. For the completion of Jesus' earthly ministry and the gift of the Holy Spirit to us today. For the fact that Jesus has opened the way for all humanity to follow him.
Fri	We pray for the Youth Group as they meet this evening. Thank God for Helen and her able helpers.
Sat	We pray for good healthy family life in our community, church and nation. We pray for structures that will support families especially through the church.
Sun	We pray for our services this Sunday: Paul as he leads and Andrew as he preaches.

Please submit items for inclusion in the Notice Sheet by Tuesday lunchtime