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<b>Sun 3 May</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Explore Together</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> followed by tea/coffee
<b>Mon 4 May</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – on zoom – details below
<b>Tue 5 May</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – on zoom – details below
	<b>9-11:30am</b>	<b>Toddlers</b>
	<b>12-1:30pm</b>	<b>St Matt's Knits</b>
<b>Wed 6 May</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>12-2pm</b>	<b>Welcome Space</b> – coffee, soup and chat!
<b>Fri 8 May</b>	<b>9-11:30am</b>	<b>Mummy &amp; Me</b>
	<b>6:30-8pm</b>	<b>Youth Club</b>
<b>Sun 10 May</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
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	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Prayer @ 5.30</b> all are welcome to join us

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

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### Collect:

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

### Our thanks go to:

Those who pray –leading us in prayer at our services, or offering prayer ministry, the team who provide the weekly prayers in our notice sheet, and those who quietly intercede for the world, our community, our church, the sick and dying, and those in need.

## Readings for this Sunday

### Acts 7:55-60 (NIV UK)

*Stephen, one of the first deacons of the church, has enraged the Jewish council having given a bold speech retelling Israel's history to show how God's people have repeatedly resisted the ones God sends, culminating in their rejection of Jesus.*

<sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'

<sup>57</sup> At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup> dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.

Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep.

### John 14:1-14 (NIV UK)

**14** 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.'

## News

**School News:** This week Sue Davies will tell the children at Warberry & Ilsham Schools about the story of the two builders. Let us pray that the pupils and staff will learn more about God as we Open the Book with them.



**Important! Access changes are imminent** – please contact the office, this week, if you believe that you (or somebody else) need access to the photocopier, the office, or keys in the centre or in church

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

*Paulina E. Robbins-van Rijn - Electoral Roll Officer*

### Electoral Roll

- Belong**
- Participate**
- Contribute**

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** on in your diary! See *next item!*

**Marine EcoFest.** A day event organised by the St Matthias EcoAction Group to be held on **18<sup>th</sup> July** at the church. It will be a major event for Torbay, looking at 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.



**Alpha** – started on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Please pray for all those attending, and for those running the course. If you'd like to join the next course, click on the QR code for more information.



## Dates for your diary

**Torbay Men's Breakfast (also ladies this month) on 9<sup>th</sup> May** at 08:45 at the Grand Hotel. (£12.00 for a full English). *Speakers - Tim and Angie Moyler from Agape Ministries, who runs the 'Living and Telling' course, talking about the sharing our faith in a simple way. Prebooking required: Charlie 07917005406*

Sarah Chaplin will be at The Royal Lyceum for an uplifting, feel-good Gospel style retro sing-along. Suitable for all ages **Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>** @ 4pm

Tickets £7. [www.unleashedtheatrecompany.com](http://www.unleashedtheatrecompany.com)



**Christian Aid Week 10-16 May** 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>

### 14-24 May 2026 - Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer



movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost to pray for more people to come to know Jesus, and specifically for the 5 people God lays on our hearts. Download the App or find resources at [tinyurl.com/4bkb7emx](https://tinyurl.com/4bkb7emx)



### 25 May – 21 June This summer, the Church of England offers a new



reflection campaign centred around pilgrimage – places and stories that help us feel part of something bigger on our journey

towards God. The **Everyday Faith** app will carry reflections for adults [tinyurl.com/2kxzhe8f](https://tinyurl.com/2kxzhe8f)



**Dine-out Sundays** Our next lunch is on **24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Prayers for the week

- Mon** We continue to pray for the conflict in Iran and the Middle East - that there may be peace with justice
- Tues** We pray for Stephen Yates and his family as they prepare for coming to St Matthias
- Wed** We remember those in the church who enable smooth administration. Susie in the office, Cheryl & Claire as Church Wardens, and Margaret and Trudy as they deal with finance.
- Thur** We pray for the local government and mayoral elections in England, and for national assemblies in Scotland and Wales. Pray that through this process direction is discerned so that just and good things happen.
- Fri** We pray for politicians of all parties and none, to be able to work together - and for the common good.
- Sat** We pray for Sudan (50m. pop, with 2m. Christians) The civil war is the world's largest humanitarian crisis - hunger and lawlessness are rampant.
- Sun** We pray for our services this Sunday: Helen as she leads EXPLORE, Paul as he leads at 8.00 and 11.00, and Dallas as she preaches