



12 September 2021

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Welcome to our Services

in church and online via our YouTube channel

<https://tinyurl.com/88s6x6fd>

or via the church website - follow links from 'online services and worship resources' on home page

Sun 12
Sept

8am Holy Communion *online using the Book of Common Prayer liturgy with a sermon delivered by Rev Pete Norris*

<https://youtu.be/jYDDqUqDsdk>

9.30am Ozone *in church and online*

Activity sheet: <https://www.st-matthias-church.org/content/pages/documents/the-holy-spirit-comes.pdf>

https://youtu.be/g1pKG2wNV_U

10.30am Coffee Time *on zoom*

Grab a drink and log in to 'zoom' to meet and catch up with others in the St Matthias family!

<https://tinyurl.com/35vrx9jh> Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8

11am Morning Worship *in church and online*

Followed by a real cup of coffee (or tea) on the piazza!

<https://youtu.be/iVOW8hQMzsE>

5.30pm Prayer Meeting *on zoom*

<https://zoom.us/j/9368622025?pwd=a0taY055cTZUVUh0TWFMNwK0NHFFUT09>

Meeting ID: 936 862 2025 Passcode: PRAY

Our readings this week are:

Ezekiel 36: 22-28 <https://tinyurl.com/38rep4z9>

John 14: 15-21 <https://tinyurl.com/kb5k6vct>

Acts 2: 1-13 <https://tinyurl.com/uevntx26>

Thanks go to:

Teachers and all
working in schools



Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Week at St Matts	
Mon 13 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer on ZOOM – all welcome to join us – <i>Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 – Passcode: Pray</i>
Tues 14 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer on ZOOM – all welcome to join us – <i>Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 – Passcode: Pray</i>
	9.00 -11.30am Toddlers in the church
	12.00 – 1.30pm Matt’s Knits on the piazza/in the Hall
Wed 15 Sept	9.00am Holy Communion (Common Worship) in church <i>If you’ve not been before, do come along to join us for a simple service of communion</i>
	10.30 – 11.30am Church open for private prayer
Fri 17 Sept	10.00 -11.30am Mummy and Me in the church
	10.30 – 11.30am Church open for private prayer
Sun 19 Sept	9.30am Growzone in church and livestreamed
	10.30am Coffee Time on zoom Grab a drink and log in to ‘zoom’ to meet and catch up with others in the St Matthias family! https://tinyurl.com/35vrx9jh Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8
	11.00am Holy Communion in church and livestreamed
	3.00 - 4.30pm Families’ Picnic on Ilsham Green - see below
	6.00pm Commissioning Service for Mission Torbay <i>at Christ Church Preston – details below</i>

Church Family News

Pete Norris’s Ordination Pete is being ordained on Saturday 11 September. Please join the live-stream at: <https://www.facebook.com/CofEDevon>

Responding to the changes in Covid regulations.

Several people have asked why we are continuing to ask people to wear a mask: We appreciate that there is no longer a mandate to do so, and that other churches may be more relaxed than we are, but as you will be aware in Torbay the level of infection is amongst the UK’s highest, and we are urged by both government and our Church Leaders to continue to respect one another and be aware of the ongoing risks, knowing that even those of us vaccinated can still carry the virus.

This is why we continue to ask people:

- to sign in via the QR code on arrival
- to respect each other’s personal space and maintain 1-2m social distancing
- to wear a mask inside in order to protect others more than ourselves
- to refrain from embracing one another in the Peace
- to continue to use ‘intinction’ (dipping the wafer into the wine) during communion.

Offering Many people will be familiar with the Collection Plate being passed around in a Church service. Because of Covid (how many times has that phrase been used?!) we have not been passing a basket around, but instead have baskets at the back as well as a card reader which is near the entrance to the Link Corridor. If you are not signed up with the Parish Giving Scheme, nor have a standing order in place, and wish to contribute to the work of St Matthias, then please make use of either the basket or the card reader. Thank you.

Advert for a Youth and Outreach Worker We are continuing to advertise for a youth and outreach worker to begin in October. Please continue to pray for this ministry. You can see a video clip here

<https://youtu.be/QwTgUMblLjI>

Ways to serve and wanted



We need your Help!

The new season for Messy Church starts on 21st September.

Messy Church is focused primarily on families, but it is for everyone!

It is a Church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age. It meets for around 2 hours, immediately after school time, normally on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Families and friends get together to worship, enjoy a Bible story, pray, have creative craft fun, celebrate and have a supper together. Messy Church is a fantastic way to introduce people into our Church community.

We are looking for volunteers to help in all aspects of Messy Church - from putting craft activities together, and on the day, welcoming, cooking and generally supporting the families. We have a great time together!

If you think this is you, do please get in touch with me...Lena Fearnley on 01803 295268 or stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org

Church Cleaning Now that the church is being used more frequently we are trying to reinstate the rota for church cleaning. If you are able to serve for a couple of hours on a monthly basis please could you contact the office. We are looking for another 3 or 4 people to help please – thank you to those who have already offered. A rota will be sent out shortly.



Coffee on a Sunday – starts today after the 11am service. Do come and join us for a cuppa!

To help to make this a weekly event we are still looking for people to help prepare and serve coffee at the beginning of the 9.30 zone services and at the end of the 11am service. We have had some volunteers but need a few more! Please contact Pere.

Stewards Would you like to welcome people on a Sunday at the 11am service? If so please contact Sylvia: sylvia@ab-consulting.org

The upcoming Mission Torbay (19th to 26th September) will soon be upon us. Thank you to everyone who has taken a piece of the map home with a street or area to pray for – if you have not and would like to, there are some maps at the back of church.



When Jesus sent the disciples out on their first mission without him (Luke 10) he told them not to take “a purse or bag or sandals”, because those in the places they were going would provide for them. Similarly the people who will be coming from other parts of the UK as part of the Through Faith Missions team will come expecting the Lord to provide for them – and that involves us.

We would like 2 more hosts and offers for meals and lunches, so please contact Joanna or Andrew if you are able to help! Andrew 07729 362802 or Joanna 07910 828321

SEE THE POSTER AT THE END OF THESE NOTICES FOR MORE EVENTS

Other news and events

Open House Toddler Group has started again... We welcome children aged 0 to 4yrs together with their parents, grandparents or other carers to join us for a relaxed morning including play, chat, a bible story, craft and songs – not forgetting refreshments! Please contact Judi on 211947 if you have any queries.

Families' Picnic – please bring your own picnic and join us for games on Ilsham Green (the end away from the beach) on Sunday 19th September 3 – 4.30pm. We will have some organised games for those who want to join in but do bring other outdoor games if you would like to.

Torbay Mens Breakfast begins again in October on the first Saturday of each month for fellowship, a full English breakfast and to listen to a variety of speakers. It's at the Livermead House Hotel at 8.30 for 9am, cost £15. For more information: torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com

Prayer

We would be glad to pray with you over the phone. Please phone our usual Office number 01803 214175. You are more likely to be able to speak to someone quickly Monday to Friday in office hours, but even at weekends, the messages are checked at least twice a day so someone will return your call.

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers

Sun As we worship may we be faithful to our Lord and also know Him in our hearts and in our actions.

Mon Praise God for Nicci Maxwell and pray for her work with Covid patients and for her important work with neonatal children. Pray too for her social life, that she will be fulfilled and happy.

Tue Pray for the Government at this time and for Kevin Foster in particular, that they may have integrity and honesty and compassion for our nation as they make important and controversial decisions.

Wed Worldwatch: Bangalore is India's third largest city with a huge IT industry contributing 10% to India's GDP. And it will probably run out of fresh water by 2025. Please pray for all efforts underway to create water supplies, sanitation and clean water for the health of the population. Pray too for other parts of the world suffering similar problems.

Thur Pray for all those recently bereaved, ill in hospital or at home, those awaiting procedures many of which have been delayed due to Covid 19 ; for those suffering financially as their businesses suffer.

Fri As Covid infections remain very high in Torbay and across the south-west in contrast to the rest of the country, please continue to pray for those working in Torbay hospital and in healthcare in our area, for the vaccination programme, for care and caution in all we do and yet return to working and living in the confidence of the vaccinations. Please pray particularly for those seeking treatment and operations which have been delayed because of priority to Covid.

Sat Pray for the homeless of the world, those suffering from poverty and persecution, continuing to remember those in Afghanistan.

Sun Mission Torbay. Pray for the team as they assemble ready for the start of the Mission. Pray that God will use them and members of the local team as they share Jesus with the people of Torbay. Pray that many will come to faith and God's kingdom extended.

To contact the Church

You can get in contact with us by phone or email:

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Come and Join Us...

All welcome

Mummy and Me!

Starting again Friday 10th September



Every Friday 10-11.30am
at St Matthias Church Wellswood Torquay

Come make friends. Relax,
continue Postnatal education and
have fun.

Delivered by Kate Hancox – Daisy Foundation Trained

For further details call Lena Fearnley on 01803 295268
stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org

Come and join us for the
New Season of...

All families welcome



Tuesday
21st
September
From
3.15 - 5.30pm
At St Matthias Church



Come and discover the story of Blind Bartimaeus
full of outdoor fun, crafts, worship and much more!
- Supper included!

Making a new start!

The power of healing!

Pre Booking is essential. This afternoon will go ahead whatever
the weather – indoors if wet!

Please book by calling Lena Fearnley on 295268 or
stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org

The PCC are meeting on Monday, 13th Sept. Topics for discussion include:

- Updates on Pastoral Care, SCYP, Mission Torbay, Safeguarding and Preschool.
- Reviewing singing outside now that we can sing in church.
- **Next Steps:** Bishop Robert has produced a video, here <https://tinyurl.com/3sf58tys>, and a discussion paper which can be downloaded from here <https://tinyurl.com/3mwj4prc>
Do look at these. The PCC hope to explore this further in a future PCC 'Away Day'.
- Following on from the pandemic, as we begin to return and grow the church again it seems right to look at the structures we have in place and to build on these.
- Recommendations from the recent Quinquennial Inspection and Mission Action Group requests for the distribution on the first part of our parish tithe.

If you would like to comment on any of the above please email the PCC Secretary on dwilkinson.tq@btinternet.com Thank you

David Wilkinson



Mission Week 19-26 September Dates for the Diary

Sunday 19th September: **Commissioning service with Bishop Nick** at 6.00pm at Christ Church, Preston. Our team members, alongside those based in other churches, will be commissioned for the work they will be sharing across Torbay.

Monday 20th September (Wednesday if rain stops play): **Girls Allowed Treasure Trail Walk** round Cockington. We meet from 6pm at The Court, finishing at The Drum. Why not invite a friend or neighbour? Mission Team members will join us too. Numbers needed: please let Sue Day know you are coming: robandsued@gmail.com OR 07550 013101. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thursday 23rd September at 7.30pm at St Matts in the Hall: **Man in White** – an evening of entertainment and a bit of fun with **Dave Kelly!** Tickets are free – just turn up!



Jonathan Veira
comes to entertain
at Christ Church

7.30 pm Friday 24th September

Tickets: £10
(£6 for under 16s)
Contact Rev John Pout
johnpout@icloud.com

Friday 24th September: **An evening with Jonathan Veira** at Christ Church, Preston, starting at 7.30pm. Jonathan is a Christian entertainer, raconteur and pianist. (**'He is often at Spring Harvest and is brilliant'** Paul Barton) Tickets £10, in advance from St Paul's Church, Preston, or on the door. Watch a short YouTube clip here:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pdop6VCaqlk>

Saturday 25th September: **Men's Breakfast** in the Hall at 9.00am. which will be a good opportunity to come and catch up as well as a chance to bring a friend along. A voluntary donation of £5 to cover costs is requested. If you would like to come, please contact Kevin or Diane Francis: devonfrans@blueyonder.co.uk (07806 621497)

Going door-to-door with our visiting team

We shall be welcoming a team of 8 people (5 men and 3 women) from Through Faith Missions to join with us in mission, from 19th – 26th September. As well as taking part in activities going on in church, they will be visiting people door-to-door. If you feel called to join them in doing this – paired with a team member – please get in touch with Andrew 07729 362802 or Joanna 07910 828321, or a member of the clergy team.