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The church is open for prayer and for visitors on Wednesdays from 12—2pm

	<b>Sun 13 Oct</b>	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.30am Explore Together
		10.30am Gather to Pray
		11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> <a href="https://youtube.com/live/T4z5633krAo?feature=share">https://youtube.com/live/T4z5633krAo?feature=share</a>
		5.30pm Prayer Time
		5.30pm Youth Alpha <i>in the Lounge</i>
	<b>Mon 14 Oct</b>	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	<b>Tues 15 Oct</b>	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
		9-11.30am Toddlers <i>Do come along</i>
		12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>All welcome</i>
<b>Wed 16 Oct</b>	9am Holy Communion	
	10am–12 noon Ukraine Support Group	
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>Tea, coffee, soup and chat!</i>	
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers	
<b>Thurs 17 Oct</b>	10am '321 course' – <i>please contact the office for details</i>	
<b>Fri 18 Oct</b>	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me	
	6.30-8pm Youth Club	
<b>Sat 19 Oct</b>	7pm Ceilidh in the church! <i>Tickets on sale today...</i>	
	<b>Sun 20 Oct</b>	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		9.30am Explore Together
		10.30am Gather to Pray
		11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
		5.30pm Youth Alpha <i>in the Lounge</i>

**Collect** God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ, and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

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## Readings

### Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

### Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

<sup>18</sup> 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother."' "

<sup>20</sup> 'Teacher,' he declared, 'all these I have kept since I was a boy.' <sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

<sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!' <sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' <sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, 'Who then can be saved?'

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter spoke up, 'We have left everything to follow you!'

<sup>29</sup> 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.'

Thanks go to:



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For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom link <https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

## Dates for the diary



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October – youth Alpha continues** in Church at 5:30pm for an hour. Young people are warmly invited to come and watch a film, share some pizza, bring questions and chat about faith. If you know of any young people who would be interested do let Claire R know. Booking not essential, but useful to know for arranging enough pizza!

**18<sup>th</sup> October St Matthews Church (Chelston) Variety CONCERT of the year!** To raise funds for St Mags LAUNDRY & WASHROOM and Ukraine. Tickets £12 to include a glass of wine + cheese & biscuits, from Joanna & David Wilkinson and Church office. See posters. Additional information available from 01803 215254.



**Ceilidh! Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 7pm** with Hedgehogs' Brawl Ceilidh Band and the Torbay Folk Choir. Enjoy a great evening of music, dancing, food and drink. Tickets and more info after the 11am service. *The Friends of St Matthias*

**Girls Allowed 21<sup>st</sup> October** meeting in church at 6.30pm to enjoy soup and pudding. All welcome and bring a friend. Please let Elaine know if you can come and if any dietary requirements. Email [elainebiden@hotmail.com](mailto:elainebiden@hotmail.com) or text 07974001227

**Tearfund Big Quiz: 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm** Please enter your team via [ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org) or talk to Judi, Clare or David. £10 per team. Fun questions, fun prizes, BYO, mini pasties  
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/eco-action-group-st-matthias-torquay-1727862195317>



## News

**Monthly Sunday Lunch** at the Babbacombe Inn - **20<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm**. Would you like to join a group of folk from the church for an informal Sunday lunch? The Babbacombe Inn has been booked and it would be lovely to see you there. Please ring Gill on 07709 727714 (*by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October*) to book your place.

**Advent Calendars** Once again we are hoping to give an Advent Calendar with a Christmas story booklet to children whose families use the Food Larder. They cost £4.95 each. If you would like to buy one (or more!) please see Judi Stannard in church or phone on 01803 211947 – ideally by next weekend. **Linda T, Mike H and Judi.**

**Church Library** We're delighted by the £200 book grant from Choice Words (Newton Abbot) in partnership with Speaking Volumes. We've bought a wide range of subjects including some children's and young adult's books - displayed at the back of church and can be borrowed by anyone for however long they need. And the library itself downstairs in the Centre is open whenever the office is open and has a variety of books on different subjects all available to borrow.

## **Prayer** Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Following the recent PCC meeting, we would value prayer for these areas of our life together.

- For those who had been visited during the recent Parish Visiting project
- For a dynamic emerging Generation leader as we re-advertise
- For support for Welcome Space team and for volunteers to assist in AV
- Pray for office/administration help on Pere's non-working day (Tuesday)

## **A reminder about how to give money to St. Matthias**

Our preferred method for regular giving is the **Parish Giving Scheme**

- It is very easy to sign up for this to commit a regular monthly amount to be taken automatically from your bank account.
- It is secure and easy to change if ever you need to.
- The scheme saves time for the treasurer & gives much better cash flow for the church because the Gift Aid claim is made directly.
- It also *invites* us each year to keep our giving in line with inflation.

You can contact the PGS office directly on 0333 002 1260, quoting St. Matthias' reference number: 151502701 or simply register here: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/torquay-st-matthias-torquay/>

**If you prefer not to join the Parish Giving Scheme**, you can still:

- Make one off donations using **the card reader** or
- Use **the collection basket** on the 'Welcome desk' (or in the Hall)  
(Please do fill in the details on a blue envelope if your cash gift is over £30 so that we can claim Gift Aid on this)

We're also delighted that we are able to give away 10% of our regular giving to a number of poverty relief and mission agencies at home and abroad with our 'Mission tithe'.

**We're grateful for any gifts we receive – thank you!**

Further information about how to give to the church is available from from the Treasurer, Margaret Mundy on [treasurer@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:treasurer@st-matthias-church.org)