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

Sun 16 Nov	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee <i>Live on our YouTube channel https://tinyurl.com/3y836dcc</i> <i>Please note that as this service is livestreamed you may be seen on screen.</i> <i>If you do not wish to be filmed, please let a member of the Welcome Team know.</i>
Mon 17 Nov	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Tues 18 Nov	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 19 Nov	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space – Join us for soup, coffee, chat!
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers
Fri 21 Nov	9-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club 'Bake Off'
Sun 23 Nov Confirmation Service with Bishop Mike	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together with Bishop Mike
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Confirmation Service followed by tea/coffee

Collect: Loving God, you keep us as the apple of your eye and hide us under the shadow of your wings: keep us watchful, yet caring, trusting, yet ready to question, that all who worship here may do so in safety and in the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and meet on ZOOM using this 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



Thanks go to



Our Church Wardens, Cheryl and Clare and Safeguarding Officer, Sue

Readings

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶ 'What is written in the Law?' he replied. 'How do you read it?' ²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbour as yourself." ²⁸ 'You have answered correctly,' Jesus replied. 'Do this and you will live.'

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

³⁶ 'Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?' ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.'

Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Dates for the diary

PARKING 23rd November Confirmation Service @ 11am We will be hosting a number of visitors at the confirmation service and so it would be much appreciated if people could park on the road to leave the car park free for any with mobility issues who need to be closer to the church. Thank you.

It's the Friends Christmas Market on Saturday 15th November. Do come along from 10am until 1pm and enjoy our traditional pre-Christmas get-together with a hot drink and a mince pie. There will be Christmas Cards, craft stalls and displays providing the opportunity for some early Christmas shopping. We look forward to seeing you and your friends.

Saturday 15th November at 7:30 pm, Tear Fund Quiz in the church. Do come along with a team of 6 or come on your own and join a team. Pasties and cake and BYO*. Contributing to the brilliant work of Tear Fund. Contact us on ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org

[*BYO = Bring Your Own drinks, in case you didn't know!]

Sunday Lunch 16th November at 1.30pm We are going back to the Central Conservative Club in Union Street, the lunch was so good! To book please contact Gill on 07709 727714.

Prayer Focus for the Pastoral Vacancy Wednesday 26th November 9am – 12pm in the St. Francis Chapel Come when you can; Go when you must. As the selection Committee meet again soon. We invite every one to pray for this hugely significant moment in church life. We will start the Prayer Focus with the 9am communion service.

News



Last chance to bring along a shoe box!

If you'd like to send a Christmas Shoebox to someone in Moldova or Ukraine, pack a box full of new items – some practical, some to play with and some to wear, wrap it in Christmas paper, clearly mark it for a girl or boy (with suggested age ranges), a family, a granny or grandpa, and **drop it into the**



Church by THIS SUNDAY - 16th November.

Update on recruitment of new rector We continue to wait and pray, much as the disciples did after Jesus' Ascension. The diocese will be readvertising the post in due course, and the plan is to hold interviews in the New Year. Please continue to pray that God will be stirring the heart of his chosen person, for strength for Paul, Dallas and Claire as they carry extra burdens and for all of us, that God will help us to be strongly supportive of each other and outward looking so that we grow in our faith and as a Church in this period of waiting.

School news: The team at St Matthias continue to be heavily involved in the life of our local schools, with Claire and Helen making multiple visits to the schools in recent weeks. This week Claire is telling the children about the story of Zechariah.

Claire's last Sunday with us will be **December 7th**. There will be a special opportunity to say good bye and thank you to Claire and Al over tea in the hall that afternoon, **3.30-5pm**, after the Friends Christmas Lunch. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Claire there

will be a collecting tin at the back of the church/hall. Claire's licencing service in Okehampton is **Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 7pm** at All Saints Church, Okehampton, with refreshments afterwards. She would love to see as many of the St Matthias family there as possible and all are welcome. If you are planning to go and are driving the good news is there is a large car park attached to the church! Please do pop it in your diaries, a formal invite will be in the newsletter soon.

Latest newsletter from Nicci Maxwell – click on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/56pn3bnh>



CONCERTS THIS AUTUMN at ST MATTS

22 Nov @ 7.30pm	Torbay Singers	<i>Bach: Mass in B-minor</i>
8 Dec @ 7.30pm	Rock Choir	
13 Dec @ 7.30pm	Big Noise	Christmas Concert

See posters around building or concert websites for more information

Prayers for this week

Mon	Pray for King Charles and Prince William as they head up the Royal Family in challenging times.
Tues	Pray for God to prepare our new Rector whoever she/he might be. Pray also for the Appointment Committee that they will be discerning.
Wed	Pray for peace in Myanmar and relief for displaced, persecuted and marginalised groups
Thurs	Pray for all who receive our shoeboxes in E. Europe this year
Fri	Pray for Helen Baker as she leads our "Youth Bake Off" today.
Sat	Pray for refreshment for families that are under pressure and need Saturday as a Day Off
Sun	Pray for the Confirmation service today

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