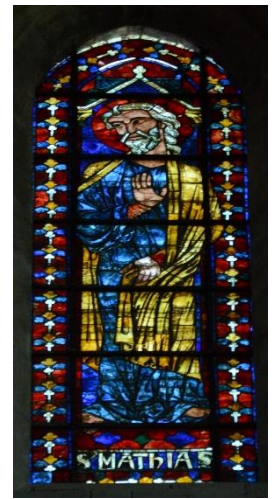




16 May 2021

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Welcome

'Thy Kingdom Come'

St Matthias' Day

### Services online

available on the church YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

It may be simpler to find all the services by looking at the different **PLAYLISTS** on St Matthias YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ/playlists>

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

<b>Sun 16 May</b>	<b>9.30am Growzone</b> <i>online and live on the piazza with children's groups</i> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2uhjpaxb">https://tinyurl.com/2uhjpaxb</a> (link to children's sheet) <a href="https://tinyurl.com/afdmp3wp">https://tinyurl.com/afdmp3wp</a>
	<b>10.30am Coffee Time</b> <i>on zoom</i> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84717137219?pwd=MIJtRVFXOVlPTWVHaUllcEg3U21lQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84717137219?pwd=MIJtRVFXOVlPTWVHaUllcEg3U21lQT09</a> Meeting ID: 847 1713 7219 Passcode: 038869
	<b>10.50am Sung Worship</b> begins outside (weather permitting) <b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>in church and livestreamed – please phone to book a place on 311488</i>

**Readings: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end & Ezekiel 36:24-28 & Matthew 6:5-15**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+1%3A+15-26&version=NIVUK>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel+36%3A24-28++&version=NIVUK>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+6%3A5-15+&version=NIVUK>

Thanks go to:  
The stewarding teams on  
Sundays and during the  
week who help to keep the  
building open and provide  
a lovely welcome 😊

**Collect**  
 Almighty God,  
 your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
 to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
 inspire us with your Spirit  
 and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
 that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next Week	
<b>Tues 18 May</b>	<b>9.30-11am Toddlers on Stoodley Green/Church!</b> <i>See note below</i> <b>Messy Church is back!</b> 3.15-5.15pm – <i>see note below</i>
<b>Wed 19 May</b>	<b>10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer</b>
<b>Thurs 20 May</b>	<b>10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer</b>
<b>Fri 21 May</b>	<b>10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer</b>
<b>Sun 23 May</b>	<b>9.30am Growzone</b> <i>online and live on the piazza with children's groups</i> <b>10.30am Coffee Time</b> <i>on zoom</i> <b>10.50am Sung Worship</b> <i>begins outside (weather permitting)</i> <b>11am Morning Worship</b> <i>in church and livestreamed – please phone to book a place on 311488</i> <b>4pm Annual Church Meeting</b> <i>on zoom</i> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99614005624?pwd=RlRrcVBQK01NVXhaWXBtSGs5akZEdz09">https://zoom.us/j/99614005624?pwd=RlRrcVBQK01NVXhaWXBtSGs5akZEdz09</a> <i>Meeting ID: 996 1400 5624 Passcode: APCM</i>

## News and dates for the diary

**Sad news** We are sad to let you know that Peter Fox died earlier this week. We pray for his family and friends at this time. His funeral is expected to be in early June.

**Church open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays** The church will now be open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10.30-11.30am for anyone who wishes to come for some quiet time to reflect and pray and to light a candle. Thanks to the new stewarding teams.



**Open House Toddler Group is back!** We are meeting every Tuesday 9.30 - 11am on Stoodley Green (the coffee shop end) if it's dry or in church if wet! To comply with current Covid guidelines we are only allowed to have 15 adults so please book ahead – it will be lovely to see you. To book please phone Judi on 01803 211947 to leave an answerphone message (including your phone no.) and Judi will call you back.

**Annual Church Meeting** is on Sunday 23rd May at 4pm – it's going to be on zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/99614005624?pwd=RIRrcVBQK01NVXhaWXBtSGs5akZEdz09>

Meeting ID: 996 1400 5624 Passcode: APCM

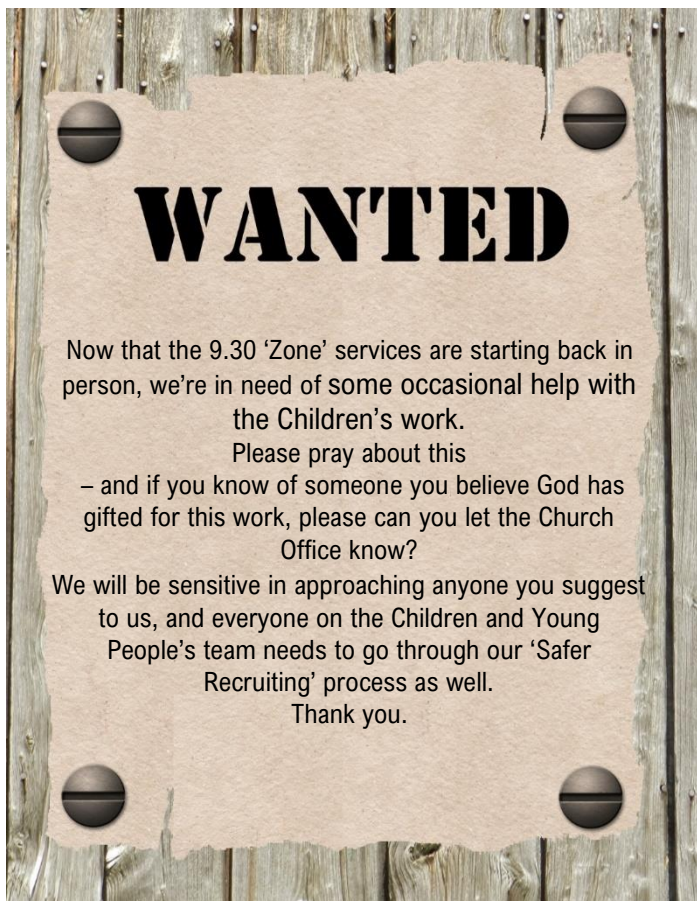
As we go to press, we still have no guidance about whether we are able to be in the church for this meeting after 17<sup>th</sup> May. Instead, we're hoping that everyone wishing to 'attend' will be able to access zoom or find a buddy with zoom. If this is a problem, please let us know. This is when we formally receive the Annual Report and the Financial Report for 2020 and elect 2 Churchwardens and 5 PCC members. Churchwardens are elected annually and PCC members serve for 3 years. (We also hope to record the meeting to make it available to any parishioners on request later). Nomination forms for Churchwarden and for the PCC are available at the back of the church, or by email from [dwilkinson.tq@btinternet.com](mailto:dwilkinson.tq@btinternet.com) The Annual Report may be accessed online at [APCM Report 2021](#) and we hope to have copies available in the church from Sunday. **David Wilkinson, PCC Secretary**

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

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. They work with local partners and communities across the world, providing disaster relief and equipping disadvantaged and marginalised people with the resources they need to enhance their lives. Increasingly, Christian Aid's work among poor communities involves combatting the damaging effects on them of climate change.

For over 50 years, Christian Aid have been active in India, where they are currently assisting with getting equipment and supplies to frontline medical and aid workers faced with the devastating impact of Coronavirus. 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>





Kindness    Gentleness    Joy    Patience  
Peace    Faithfulness    Goodness  
Love    Self-control

**Fruit of the Spirit**

All families welcome

**Come Join Us -**  
St Matthias Church  
- Outdoors  
Tuesday  
**18<sup>th</sup> May**  
3.15 – 5.15pm

**Messy Church**

**We're back!**

Come and take part in our fruit themed afternoon, full of outdoor fun, crafts, worship and much more! Picnic snack box supper too!

Pre Booking is essential This afternoon will go ahead whatever the weather, so dress appropriately!  
Please book by calling Lena Fearnley on 295268 or [stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org)



**Free to a good home!** We have a few items that we would like to dispose of - free to a good home!

Blue chairs by the organ (about 16), box of coloured fairy lights. Please speak to Sylvia or Pere.

**Wanted** - a shed for the church - if anyone has a shed in reasonable condition that they wish to dispose of, please could you speak to Paul Stannard.



## Two Projects, One Vision

You can view on St.Matt's website or FB page

[www.st-matthias-church.org/children-youth/children-youth-and-family-worker/](http://www.st-matthias-church.org/children-youth/children-youth-and-family-worker/)

**Please pray that we will find the right person for this important role.** We are still short of fully funding this post, so if you have not previously seen it, there is a letter you can read and more information on the church website, including a donation form and ways to contact Tony, the Treasurer at <https://www.st-matthias-church.org/information/wellspringscyp-appeal/>

## 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.

**Nicci Maxwell in Uganda** Please click on the link below for Nicci's latest Link letter. She is having quite a challenging time at present, so do remember her in your prayers. [cms-link-letter-maxwell-april-2021.pdf \(d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/cms-link-letter-maxwell-april-2021.pdf)

**Torquay Community Larder** would welcome donations of the following: Tinned Peas, Tinned Carrots, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Squash, Jam, Sugar, Breakfast Cereal, Toilet Rolls. They have enough pasta and sanitary items and toiletries. Please contact Linda Townsend on 07790 640372 to make arrangements for collection.

### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers

**Sun.** Pray for guidance as the church looks at “Thy Kingdom come” and how we should become involved in this great movement.

**Mon.** Remember Pete and Rachel as they prepare for coming to our fellowship as Assistant Curate. Pray for Pete’s Ordination in September. Pray also that the right person will apply to be our Children and Young People’s worker. Pray for all who will be involved in his/her interview.

**Tue.** “Messy Church” restarts. Pray for all involved in the leadership today and all children who will take part. Pray they will have fun and above all learn more about Jesus and His love for them.

**Wed** Pray for harmony in the Middle East, especially in Israel. Pray for their leaders that they may have wisdom and compassion.

**Thu.** Pray for all who are suffering in body mind or spirit. Especially pray for those who are sick or in hospital. Remember those who suffer in Torquay and for the work among them of the Torquay Community Larder and other organisations doing similar work.

**Fri.** Pray for the G7 Summit meetings and may they all take seriously the ecology situation in our world.

**Sat.** Remember the Annual Parochial Church meetings on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pray for wisdom in the election of the Churchwardens and five members for the PCC then the appointment of other church officers.

**Sun.** Praise God for all who teach, preach or take part in our services Sunday by Sunday. May they all be guided by God Holy Spirit.

**A New Church in the Bay!** From the diocesan webpages...

The Church of England in Devon has been successful in its £1.5m funding bid for a new mission initiative aimed at young people and families in Torbay.

The new Bay Church will be based at St Andrew’s Church in Paignton.

Rev’d Matt Bray, currently a curate at Harbour Church in Portsmouth, has been appointed as the church’s leader. He said, “It feels very exciting and a very welcome answer to prayer! ...This funding gives us a great platform from which to join in with the incredible work already happening in the Bay...I can’t wait to see the impact this will have on the lives of people in Torbay as we seek to play our part in seeing Jesus loved, the Church alive, and society transformed, in Jesus name!”



## Starting Blocks For Family Life

NEW **FREE** ANTENATAL COURSE  
AT ST MATTHIAS CHURCH, TORQUAY  
Starting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dates (all Thursdays):  
17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> June  
1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 7.30 - 9.00pm

Book your free course **NOW**

Find us on facebook or [www.beginwell.org.uk](http://www.beginwell.org.uk)

Begin Well is a charity founded by a health visitor and a consultant obstetrician, based on NHS guidelines to help prepare for the arrival of a new baby.

Run by: St Matthias Church, Babbacombe Road, Wellwood, TQ1 1HW  
Contact Lena Fearnley - 01803 295268

## This Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May The 9.30am 'Zone' service returns in person! - with the children's groups 😊

Meeting initially in the lower St. Matthias Pre-school car park  
(so we can sing 🎵 - *though still with face coverings please*)

The children's groups will be outside

- so do come dressed for all weathers!

*There's no need to book, but if you know you are coming,  
it makes it easier with Track and Trace if you can phone ahead please 01803 311488*

This week is a bit of a trial  
but we hope to continue each week.  
However, either way, we'll be online as usual too ✓

On SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY we will be looking at the 'THY KINGDOM COME' material and this includes the CHEEKY PANDAS. The format will in part be dictated by how things go on the 9<sup>th</sup> and any feedback you might give us!!

With blessings

**John, Paul and the ZONE team.**



**Thank you** Just to let the church family know that I am spending some time with Deborah Parsons of the 'Totnes Team' as part of my ministry training. As the end of my first year approaches, I'd like to say thank you for your encouragement and prayerful support. **Ruth**

**To contact the Church:** Although the building is closed you can still contact the church as follows:

**Office:** 01803 214175 [admin@st-matthias-church.org](mailto:admin@st-matthias-church.org)

**Rector:** John Beckett 01803 293119

**Asst Minister:** Paul Barton 07807 636470