



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**

Welcome

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

Sun 2 May	9.30am Breakfastzone <i>online</i>
	10.30am Coffee <i>on zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09 Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16
	10.50am Sung worship begins on the piazza outside 11am Holy Communion <i>in church and livestreamed</i> – please phone to book a place on 311488 https://youtu.be/xZujWC0_dCk

Readings: Acts 8: 26-end, John 15: 1-8

<https://tinyurl.com/2c83csb2>

<https://tinyurl.com/xwhpy794>

Next Week

Tues 4 May	9.30-11am Toddlers on Stoodley Green! <i>See note below</i>
Wed 5 May	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer

Sun 9 May	8am Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer online
	9.30am Ozone online and live on the piazza with children's groups
	10.30am Coffee Time online – to be confirmed - please see next week's notices
	10.50am Sung Worship begins outside (weather permitting) 11am Morning Worship in church and livestreamed – please phone to book a place on 311488

News and dates for the diary

NEXT SUNDAY 9th May - look out for the first ZONE TRIAL! See note at end ...

PCC Agenda Items Please pray for the PCC meeting on 10th May and do send in any comments about any of the agenda items we expect to look at – please send to the Church Office. We will be discussing:



- Church services - how to return to in-person and maintain online presence
- Beginning to discern which 'ministries' to re-start
- Progress on applications for the SCYP worker
- Reviewing re-opening of the Centre and Preschool operations
- Planning for the September 'Mission Torbay', the APCM, and welcome of the Norris family.
- Fabric items, including final stages of Wellspring
- Finance
- Upgrading the website and welcome booklet



The global prayer initiative '**Thy Kingdom Come**' this year is 13-26th May. Take a look here:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

If you'd like to help plan and run some prayer events here, please let the office or clergy know. We'll focus on w/e of 15/16th May, since 14th is St Matthias' Day!

Private Prayer on a Wednesday 10.30-11.30am The church is open again for anyone who wishes to come for some quiet time to reflect and pray and to light a candle.

Open House Toddler Group is back! We are meeting every Tuesday 9.30 - 11am on Stoodley Green (the coffee shop end). 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 – Sunday 23rd May at 4pm. Its purpose is to receive the Annual Report and the Financial Report for 2020 and to elect Churchwardens and PCC members. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to vote though you need to be on the Church Electoral Roll. If you aren't on the electoral roll but live in the parish and attend (in person or online) and are over 16 you are entitled to apply. If you live outside the parish you need to have been 'attending' online or in person for at least 6 months. If St Matthias is **your church** you are encouraged to be on the electoral roll. Application forms are available to download at [electoral-roll-application-form-2021.pdf \(d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://electoral-roll-application-form-2021.pdf) or at the back of the church and in the office; completed forms should be returned to the office. **David Wilkinson, PCC Secretary; Penny Whitaker, Electoral Roll Officer.**

**Thanks go to:
David Wilkinson -
PCC Secretary 😊**



Fair Shares Box or 'Goodie Box' The box really is full of goodies – books, DVDs, seeds and more for anyone to take away – and it's all free! Could anyone help Sue and Rob Day look after it? If so please contact Sue on 07550 013101.

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/

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 \(d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://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.



NEW **FREE** ANTENATAL COURSE
AT ST MATTHIAS CHURCH TORQUAY
Starting 17th June 2021

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

Book your free course NOW

Find us on facebook or 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, Wellswood, TQ1 1HW
Contact Lena Fearnley - 01803 295268

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

Rector: John Beckett
01803 293119

Asst Minister: Paul Barton
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Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers

Sun. Pray for Pete and Rachel in their preparation, spiritually and materially, to join our Ministry Team as Assistant Curate. Pray that they may even now begin to feel welcomed and wanted as a couple and as leaders. Pray for those decorating their new home that it may be done sensitively and efficiently.

Mon Starting Blocks for Family Life. A six week antenatal course is beginning in June. Pray for the preparations and for those considering attending.

Tue. Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd and I lead my sheep". Pray for the Ministry Team and PCC as they grapple with the relaxing of the "lock down" and what the future of the church should be like in the future. How much will we need to get back into the church building and how much will we continue to worship online. May we be faithful and look to the Good Shepherd to know His guidance and will for the future of the church.

Wed. We remember our young people and all that they have to go through in these days of going back to school, renewing friendships etc. Pray that the right person will answer the advertisement to become our youth and children's worker.

Thu. Mission Torbay is planned for September. Pray for all the planning taking place. Pray for Stephen Yates as chairman of the committee as they make plans and pray that Jesus will be lifted high in Torbay and His Kingdom extended here in our town and around.

Fri. Pray for Pere Snow, our church administrator, who looks after the rentals of the rooms as well as much of the church administration. Pray that she may have the strength and wisdom that she needs.

Sat Pray for an end to Covid 19 and pray for all suffering adversely from the virus. Praise God for all the scientists working so hard and well, for all the volunteers coming forward to help in this time of need.

Sun. Pray for the prayer life of the Church, in the meetings held for corporate prayer, the worship services including prayer and for individuals' prayer. May prayer be more and more the heartbeat of our Church.

RESTARTING THE ZONES

As we are slowly but surely coming out from the lockdowns and restrictions, we are very keen to try to get our ZONE families back together in the Church. On-line services have been a great blessing, and we are so grateful to have the technology available so that we have been able to keep in touch with each other, but we can't deny that it's not the real thing!

Some of us have been trying to work out the best way forward and – a bit like having VACCINE TRIALS last year – we are having a **ZONE TRIAL**.

We know that things will change, and we will have to continue to adapt what we are doing, but on **SUNDAY 9th MAY** we are going to be trying out a different format...

It doesn't have a name yet, but this is the plan:

9:30 Meet at church on the Piazza AND at the same time the YouTube Premiere showing.

Together we have a couple of worship songs (these will be recorded for those watching on YouTube)

9:40 the YOUNG PEOPLE and CHILDREN go to the pre-school area with the leaders for activities, crafts and to learn about the Bible story while the ADULTS go into the main Church building to join with the on-line service which will be on the screens (or could go home for a short time)

10:10 the ADULTS go back outside to join back with the YOUNG PEOPLE and CHILDREN for a final song and a blessing.

Of course we understand that the timings may not be quite so accurate, but we are keen to be available both in person at the Church and on-line.

At the moment we are only able to have 15 children in any group, so IF you KNOW you will be joining us, please let us know so we can have an idea of numbers – but we hope you will come even if you aren't able to let us know beforehand. Phone 01803 311488 to book.

On SUNDAY 16th 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 9th and any feedback you might give us!

We hope to 'see' you at BreakfastZone this Sunday as we look at a Chariot Ride – PLEASE join in with the live chat on YouTube!

With blessings

John, Paul and the ZONE team.