




Welcome! Join us in church or online

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

Sun 20 Oct 	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> youtube.com/live/whubLMpSrGQ
	5.30pm Youth Alpha <i>in the Lounge</i>
Mon 21 Oct	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	6.30pm Girls Allowed <i>in the church</i>
Tues 22 Oct	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>
Wed 23 Oct	9am Holy Communion
	10am–12 noon Ukraine Support Group
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>Tea, coffee, soup and chat!</i>
Thurs 24 Oct	10am '321 course' – <i>please contact the office for details</i>
Fri 25 Oct	Youth Club @ Home Church <i>(not St Matthias)</i>
Sun 27 Oct	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>
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' <i>youth led praise and worship</i>

Collect

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanks go to:

People who clean
the church and
centre 😊

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Readings

Romans 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we want you to do for us whatever we ask.'

³⁶ 'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked.

³⁷ They replied, 'Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.'

³⁸ 'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said. 'Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with?'

³⁹ 'We can,' they answered.

Jesus said to them, 'You will drink the cup I drink and be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.'

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Dates for the diary

TODAY at 1.30pm! Monthly Sunday Lunch at the Babbacombe Inn. Please ring Gill on 07709 727714 for more information.

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

Girls Allowed 21st October meeting in church at 6.30pm to enjoy soup and pudding. All welcome and bring a friend. Please contact Elaine elainebiden@hotmail.com or text 07974001227



Messy Light Party
'Jollyween'
Thursday 31st October
3.15pm – 5.15pm

The alternative Halloween Party
including a buffet party tea - no costumes please
it helps with catering if you can book a place email
admin@st-matthias-church.org
N.B children to be accompanied please



LIGHT PARTY



3rd November at 4pm All Souls Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service You are warmly invited to this service to give thanks and to remember any friends and loved ones who have died, especially in the last few years.

Tearfund Big Quiz: 16th November at 7:30pm Please enter your team via 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>



Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

MON Most people are back to work or their studies today. Pray that for Christians we know, that the “world of work” will be a place of achievement, fulfilment - and witness.

TUE Remember in prayer the Toddlers Group - that parents and children will feel supported.

WED The budget will be presented in a week’s time. Pray for Rachel Reeves (a Christian) and her team that this budget will be fair and just - encouraging growth but protecting the vulnerable.

THUR The 321 course meets today - pray that those just curious about spiritual things will encounter Jesus.

FRI Pray for the persecuted church in Nepal where Hindus form the highest percentage of the population, anywhere in the world.

SAT Cardinal Nichols warns the Assisted Dying Bill could shift the medical profession from “a duty to care to a duty to kill”. Pray for all involved in this debate to think beyond the clamour of loud voices.

SUN Remember all the churches in the Bay, that there will be a spirit of mutual cooperation and support.

News

Welcome Space continues to run every Wednesday lunchtime, but we urgently need more people to serve on the team as we reach out to our local community. Could you help, even once a month or so? Please contact Sylvia.

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 this weekend. *Linda T, Mike H and Judi.*

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 the Treasurer, Margaret Mundy on treasurer@st-matthias-church.org