

Welcome on 'Christ the King Sunday'

Join us either in church or online via our YouTube channel

<https://tinyurl.com/88s6x6fd>

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

Sun 20 Nov <i>Christ The King</i>	8am Holy Communion <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i> https://youtu.be/sCjC45U1WUY

Thanks go to:
😊
Warm Spaces Team

Collect God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen**

Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm

Tues 22 Nov	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in the church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
Wed 23 Nov	9am Holy Communion <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	12-5pm Warm Space in the church – <i>hot soup, hot drinks & chat</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
Thurs 24 Nov	10-12 Coffee Morning <i>in the Hall (Conservative Club) – Joanna Wilkinson will be speaking about the church – all welcome 😊</i>
Fri 25 Nov	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in the church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sat 26 Nov	7.30pm Concert – South Devon Choir – <i>Mozart & Handel</i>
Sun 27 Nov <i>Advent Sunday</i>	8am Holy Communion <i>(from the Book of Common Prayer)</i>
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by coffee</i>

To contact the church: Office 01803 214175;
Rector: John Beckett 01803 293119 jandrbeckett@outlook.com;
Associate Minister: Paul Barton 07807 636470 revpaulbarton@gmail.com;
Please note that our services are often live-streamed

Readings for Today

Colossians 1: 11-20

¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Luke 23: 33-43

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

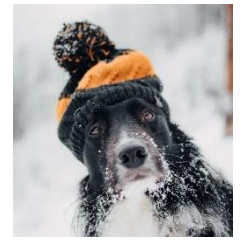
⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Warm space - continues this week!



St Matthias opened their doors for a weekly Warm Space last Wednesday from 12noon to 5pm. Several attended so do drop in for hot soup, a roll and hot drink, a chat and to keep warm. Everyone welcome! Special time to socialise, make new friends, join in an activity or enjoy a book and save on heating! See the board at the back of church for details.

Winter Fuel Allowance Would anyone like to donate some or all of their fuel allowance to help those who are in need this winter? If you are in the PGS scheme, you can call them to change it for one payment by phoning: 03330 021260, or, if paying by BACS, the Church's account details are: Sort Code: 40-52-40, Account No. 00017933 Please mark your payment 'Winter Fuel'. Thank you.



Other News

Survey help please

Please help us discern the next steps God wants for us as a church community by completing a specially designed online survey. It's anonymous and only takes about 10-15 minutes! Just click on the link here <https://form.typeform.com/to/rAn5RyYS> (you'll need to know that we're in the Totnes Archdeaconry and our Mission Community is St Matthias Torquay.) If you have time, please also complete this second, shorter survey too – even though it looks as though this is not meant for church family to complete! <https://hop8a5h9big.typeform.com/to/lw54PtGg> Thank you very much.



NEXT STEPS

Pete Norris Thank you for praying for Pete and his family, and we're really pleased to say that after several months off with poor health, Pete has just begun a phased return to work. However, it has been agreed between the Diocese and Pete, Rachel, Evie and Ella, that, sadly for us, they will be redeploying to Bay Church to continue the curacy. This enables them to stay local and gives Pete the best chance of furthering his recovery. We are thankful for Pete and the family's ministry with us here at St Matthias and we will miss them. Let's pray for them as they begin a new chapter in their journey.

Congratulations to Warberry C of E Academy on their 50th Birthday this week! Please sign their card at the back of the church today.

Defibrillator – we now have a defibrillator in church – it's at the back on top of the cupboards next to the first aid boxes.

Christmas Wreaths – profits to the Church Missionary Society (Nicci Maxwell Uganda) Once again we will be making and selling beautiful 12 inch fresh Christmas wreaths. We will be selling outside the church on Sunday 18th December at the 11am service. To order contact Lena on 01803 295268.

Home required to rent for colleague of Nathan Kiyaga – unfurnished, 3 bed, in Paignton if possible from mid December. Contact Bea on beaellaby@gmail.com

Thank you to all who attended the Christmas Market – a joyful time had by all and lots of money raised! There is still time to book for the Christmas lunch on **4 December** – see Rob after church or ring on 07305 681522.

Dates for your diary!

Concerts 26 November and 3 December in the Church – South Devon Choir and Torbay Singers – see posters for more details

Men's Breakfast 3 Dec 9am at the Grand Hotel - ladies invited too – speakers Brian and Norma Gerry torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com

Girls Allowed Monday Dec 5th @ 7pm. Back by popular request – our Christmas recipe sharing evening in the church. Please bring a few copies of your favourite recipe and, if possible, a sample that people can taste. There will be mulled wine and mince pies. A donation of £3 would be welcome. If you would like to come please phone Judi on 01803 211947. Marjorie, Elaine, Susie, Andrea and Judi.



Shoe Boxes...there's still time to bring a box – last day Wednesday **23rd November** Any questions, please contact Lena on 295268.

Prayers

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

Sun Today is known as Christ the King Sunday. May we all make Him King in our lives, our homes and in our Church.

Mon As the world population has just passed 8 billion, tripling in half a century, please pray for the distinctive pressures on the world's resources.

Tue There are many events happening this week. Pray that God will be in them all.

Wed "Warm Space" continues today. Pray that people will want to come and find peace and hope in keeping warm with others.

Thu Sadly, major sporting events worldwide tend to lead to an increase in domestic violence. Pray for the victims or those at risk over these next few weeks.

Fri There is great need for volunteers to welcome and steward the services over Christmas. It is amazing what a good effect a welcome has on people.

Sat Praise God for the growing competence of the clinical officers in Potter Village, Uganda. Pray for Nicci Maxwell's health from post Covid exhaustion etc. In full health she can do more for Jesus.

Sun Praise God for His Church where people can meet together and with God Himself. So please pray for all Church leaders.

CHRISTMAS!

Dates of services - look out for posters next week

Welcomers and Stewards Would you like to welcome the congregation and visitors to our church over Christmas? We are looking for people to help at our services on Christmas Eve. Please see the sign-up sheets at the back of church.

