



Welcome
in the week
of prayer for
Christian Unity



Sunday 22 January 2023
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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 22 Jan Third Sunday of Epiphany	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship https://youtu.be/no-b96bDwgw
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' all welcome!

Thanks go to:
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The 'Churches Together' movement in the Bay

Collect
God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

<i>Church usually open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm</i>	
Tues 24 Jan	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in the church</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>knit and natter in the church – all welcome</i>
Wed 25 Jan	9am Holy Communion <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning
	12-5pm Warm Space <i>in the church</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matts Gospel Singers <i>practice in church</i>
	Begin Well – <i>ante natal course in church</i>
Fri 27 Jan	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>I'm a Celeb/Messy Night – in the Hall</i>
Sun 29 Jan	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am United Family Communion

Readings for today

Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says: 'When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.'

⁹ (What does 'he ascended' mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Matthew 4: 12-23

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – ¹⁴ to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – ¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.'

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.

News & Events

The Thanksgiving Service for John Hart will be on Friday 10 February at 2pm – more information to follow.

Girls Allowed - dates for your diary! Monday 6 February Film night with light refreshments. **Tuesday 7 March** afternoon meeting in the church hall to hear from Jennifer Lawrence about her lacemaking. For more information contact Judi judithstannard@outlook.com



From the St Matthias Communications Group: we are trying to improve our social media, website and publicity! If you would like to be involved in anything involving 'comms' please let Pere know or email Suzy

sjwright1717@gmail.com.



'Hope Explored' Course: 3 sessions - Hope, Peace and Purpose. A great way to explore the Christian faith in the New Year. Contact the office or speak to the clergy to find out more.



Warm space – is open every Wednesday from 12-5pm - everyone welcome! Come and have some lovely soup, hot drinks, chat...

Winter Night Shelter – a new initiative starting in the New Year being run across the Bay and based at the ROC Centre, Old Mill Road, Torquay. If you feel able to volunteer or would like more information please contact Mark Gridley at newfootingsministries@gmail.com or phone 07712 892735.

Felice anno nuovo at Amici Restaurant 7 February 2023 We hope you can join the Friends for the annual New Year meal at Amici. Mauro Pettinelli and his team are offering their traditional Italian welcome and we are taking bookings now. Speak to Christine after the service on Sunday morning or Rob Newman on 07305 681522.

Generators for Ukraine – can you help raise enough money to buy generators for hospitals, churches, community centres, children's homes and more? See this link for more info - appeal led by Charlie Allansen and Keith Yelland <https://gofund.me/042640a7>

Christmas Collection Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Christmas charities. Almost £900 was raised and will be shared between Compassion (for the food crisis appeal in Ethiopia) and The Good Samaritan Fund (going to the Child Crisis Centre in Kisoro Uganda).

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

Sun Our Lord prayed that all His disciples would be one. As we look at the Church today we see many divisions and problems. In this week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let us pray for the unity of God's Church particularly in the Bay.

Mon Please pray for Nicci Maxwell, our CMS Linked Partner (read her recent letter!) Praise God for the good things happening at Potters Village and pray for Nicci's continued health improvement.

Tue Pray for all those who are not well at home or in hospital or are on the waiting lists for a procedure, may they have peace.

Wed Pray for the NHS in such a difficult time. Pray for wisdom to sort out all the problems in the 'care world'.

Thu Pray for all the organisations on strike, some having huge effects on people. Pray there will not be greed but a way to find justice for all the workers.

Fri Pray for peace in all the world, especially for Ukraine. May the bombing cease and President Putin of Russia see the right way.

Sat Pray for all the organisations that meet in our church. May they all realise that they are on holy ground. Remember especially all the young people's work.

Sun May we as church members be aware of people with needs and be compassionate in our help towards them.

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Please note that our services are often live-streamed

