



Welcome on Pentecost Sunday

also within the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer time

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 23 May

9.30am Prayzone *online and live on the piazza with children's groups*

https://youtu.be/CX_dy29PnWQ

The Fruit of the Spirit

10.30am Coffee Time *on zoom*

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77927258570?pwd=b2xCT3Z4RXplQ01CcFZoSDhSUHJuUT09>

Meeting ID: 779 2725 8570 Passcode: John3v16

10.50am Sung Worship *begins outside (weather permitting)*

11am Holy Communion *in church and livestreamed – please phone
to book a place on 311488*

https://youtu.be/hf5-zjx_KwE

4pm Annual Church Meeting *on zoom*

<https://zoom.us/j/99614005624?pwd=RlRrcVBQK01NVXhaWXBtSGs5akZEdz09>

Meeting ID: 996 1400 5624 Passcode: APCM

Readings: Acts 2: 1-21 & John 20: 19-23

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+2%3A+1-21&version=NIVUK>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A+19-23&version=NIVUK>

Thanks go to:
Our cleaners 😊

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next Week	
Tues 25 May	9.30-11am Toddlers on Stoodley Green/Church! <i>See note below</i>
Wed 26 May	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer
Thurs 27 May	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer
Fri 28 May	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer
Sun 30 May	10am United Service <i>on the piazza with children's activities</i>

Wednesday 9 June	New Look Wednesday 9am Service - Holy Communion <i>in church.</i> <i>See note below</i>
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News and dates for the diary

Sad news We are sad to let you know that Peter Fox died recently. We pray for his family and friends at this time. His funeral will be at the Crematorium on Monday 7 June at 11.15. Since there is limited space, please let Pere in the office know if you would like to attend and she will confirm whether there is space a few days before. The funeral will also be livestreamed and the link will be made available nearer the time.

Robert Barbour We are sad to also let you know that Robert Barbour died on Saturday. Please pray for Helen and their family and friends.

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.

Annual Church Meeting is on Sunday 23rd May at 4pm – it's going to be on zoom – please note it will be **recorded** so that it can be made available for private viewing after the event. 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.



<https://zoom.us/j/99614005624?pwd=RIIRCvBQK01NVXhaWXBtSGs5akZEdz09>

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The APCM 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. Nomination forms for Churchwarden and for the PCC are available at the back of the church, or by email from

dwilkinson.tg@btinternet.com The Annual Reports may be accessed online at [APCM Report 2021](#) and <https://tinyurl.com/atpkfdww>

and there are copies available in the church this Sunday. **David Wilkinson, PCC Secretary**

New Look Wednesday 9am Services June 2021

We're planning to re-start the midweek Communion services from 9th June.

While we learn to manage the logistics of livestreaming both the 9.30am and 11.00am, and so as to provide for both the midweek Communion congregation and a temporary 'home' for the Sunday 8am Prayer Book Communion congregation as best we can, we plan to hold the usual Common Worship Communion on 1st, 3rd and 5th weeks and use the Prayer Book words on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

At present, we are still not able to congregate after any service to chat, and face coverings will still be mandatory, however we hope that as these restrictions are lifted, we would then be able to stay on for coffee and a chat after the Wednesday morning service – even if we have to bring our own coffee in a flask!

Rev Mark Lord-Lear and Rev Brian and Norma Gerry have kindly agreed to host these services along with Paul and John, (though on occasion the Communion may have to be replaced with a Morning Prayer). So, from Wednesday 9th June, do come along at 9am for Holy Communion together.



Cleaner Required Can anyone recommend a cleaner or would anyone like to do some cleaning please? We are looking for an occasional cleaner to clean approx. once a fortnight in the Pine Room on a Friday evening (5.30-7.30pm) – floor mopping vacuuming etc. It is a paid position. If anyone is interested or can recommend a cleaner please contact Pere in the Office. Thank you.

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.



Messy Church On Tuesday 18th we restarted our monthly Messy Church - 'Fruit of the Spirit' was the theme. Due to the poor weather we were inside, in Church with 25 children having a great afternoon of storytelling, crafts, prayer, teachings and a picnic supper. Huge thanks to Andrea, Elaine, Diane, John, Paul and Karen for her excellent biscuit skills! We are hoping to be outside in the forest school area next month, in the sunshine! **Lena**

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/>

Upton Vale Friday Meals Service...in need of some help please in order to help the current volunteers to have a break If anyone could help with this please contact Tony Watkins ajpwatkins1@gmail.com They need:

- Cooks who will work in UV's kitchen *;
- Veg preparers who will prepare the veg and deliver it to UV *;
- Packers who will come to assist with loading up the sandwich trays and aluminium hot food trays *;
- Drivers who will take the food to St Mary Mags car park;
- Distributors who will give out the hot food and sandwiches;
- Stewards who will keep the waiting line socially distanced.

*indicates that we are very short handed here.

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://www.st-matthias-church.org/children-youth/children-youth-and-family-worker/)

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.



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.

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers

Sun *Pentecost Sunday* Pray for the Holy Spirit to fall down on our Church with great power and may we see the fruit of the Spirit manifested in the congregation.

Remember the Annual Parochial Church Meetings this afternoon, praying for the Holy Spirit to give us all wisdom to listen to the reports and to vote the right way for the right Church Wardens and members of the Council.

Mon Last week was Christian Aid Week. Pray we have given or will give generously to the great work they do. Pray for all who work with them.

Tues We remember before God all who are ill at home or in hospital, and all who have recently been bereaved. May they know God's healing and comfort.

Wed Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and may a solution be found for peace between Israel and Palestine.

Thurs We pray for Pete and Rachel, and daughter Evie, as they prepare for Pete's ordination in September and their coming to share in the work of God in the Parish before then. We pray for Ruth Beckett in her training for Ordination and pray for her as she spends time with Deborah Parsons in the Totnes Team Ministry. We pray also for the right person to feel God's call to answer the advertisement to come and be our Children and Youth work and for the members of the Parish who will do the interviewing.

Fri Pray for Nicci Maxwell, our CMS linked Mission Partner at Kisoro in Uganda who is going through a tough time (see last week's newsletter from her).

Sat Pray for New Church in the Bay, and the Rev'd Matt Bray who will be working across the Bay aiming primarily to young people and families.

Sun Pray for all who lead our worship that they may lead us to Jesus and strengthen our faith in Him, and then may many of us respond to the call to be part of Mission Torbay in September.

News of Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon

Josiah has been linked with St Matthias' for many years. He is currently based at Lambeth Palace as the Secretary-General of the Anglican Communion Worldwide and is working on preparations for next year's Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops. After that has been held Josiah plans to return to Kaduna, Northern Nigeria to re-engage in his peace-making activities, seeking to improve understanding between the Christian and Muslim communities. Sadly Josiah's house in Kaduna has recently been burnt down (due to careless bush burning by a local worker) and with it his theological library of between 6500 and 7000 volumes on both Christian and Muslim subjects. The library had been passed by Josiah to the Kaduna Centre which works for understanding and peace between the two communities. Prayer is requested for Josiah and his family and, if anyone wishes to make a contribution towards the restoration of house and library, Ian Lane ('phone 01803 607345) can give guidance on how this may be done. He has checked with the Revd Peter Larkin – while studying in Birmingham Josiah served with Peter as a curate in Bromsgrove - that the facts are correct (ie not a Nigerian scam using Josiah's name) and that insurance is not a viable option in Northern Nigeria.

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**

World Record Attempt!

You can follow Brendon Prince as he attempts the World Record for stand-up paddle boarding around the UK <https://thelongpaddle.co.uk/> I am sure that he and the family would appreciate our prayers too!



**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



WANTED

Now that the 9.30 'Zone' services are starting back in person, we're in need of some occasional help with the Children's work.

Please pray about this – and if you know of someone you believe God has gifted for this work, please can you let the Church Office know?

We will be sensitive in approaching anyone you suggest to us, and everyone on the Children and Young People's team needs to go through our 'Safer Recruiting' process as well.

Thank you.

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 07807 636470

Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 23rd May 2021 A G E N D A

A Annual Vestry Meeting

1. Opening prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of meeting of 18th October 2020
4. Matters arising
5. Election of Churchwardens

B Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Opening Prayer
 2. Apologies for absence
 3. Approval of minutes of meeting of 18th Oct 2020
 4. Matters arising
 5. Elections and appointments:
 - (a) Election of 5 Lay Representatives to the PCC for 3 years & 1 to serve for 1 year
 - (b) Appointment of Independent Examiner
 - (c) Election of Electoral Roll Officer (E.R.O.)
 - (d) Appointment of licensed Readers to the PCC
 6. Consideration of the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the PCC for Year Ended 31st December 2020
 8. Consideration of E.R.O.'s, Churchwardens' & Deanery Synod Reports
 9. Report on Safeguarding
 10. AoB
 11. Rector's Report, comments from the floor and Closing Prayer
- Date of next Annual Meeting – to be held before the end of May 2022

Brief notes of the Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held by Zoom on Sunday, 18th October 2020 *(yet to be approved)*

Present: Rev'd John Beckett (Chairman), 8 church members in church and 44 online

The Annual Vestry Meeting opened with prayer.

Apologies for absence received from Rob & Sue Newman, & Graeme & Penny Whitaker.

Sylvia Barratt and **Paul Stannard** were appointed as Churchwardens. Thanks were expressed to Sylvia & Paul (& their spouses) for their service over the past 18 months.

Sue Davies, Giles Fearnley, Andrew Stilliard and **David Wilkinson** were appointed to serve on Deanery Synod for a period of 3 years.

Tessa Barton, Jill McDowall, Sue Newman, Elaine Wilson and **Suzy Wright** were appointed to serve on the PCC for a period of 3 years and **Tony Barratt** for 2 years (replacing Marilyn Smee who has resigned and who was thanked for her service).

Smarter Accounting was appointed as Independent Examiner and **Penny Whitaker** as Electoral Roll Officer.

It was proposed that a Reader licensed to the parish be appointed to the PCC

Proposed: Barry Dunnage Seconded: Sue Davies All in favour

The **Annual Report** has been made available online and as hard copies. The Secretary reported that first part covers 2019 and 2020 up to the time of the publication of the report whilst the second part was a financial report on the year to 31st Dec 2019. At the time of the 2019 APCM the electoral roll was 216. Whilst under revision 3 names were added; in addition 5 have moved away and sadly 7 were deceased. There were now 207 on roll.

The Treasurer reviewed the **Financial Report**. Referring to the Operating Income & Expenditure Summary (Page F11), compared to the previous year Church income had increased by £9300 but Church Centre and Pre-School income had decreased by £5k and £16k respectively. 85% of voluntary giving was through the PGS and the Treasurer expressed his appreciation for those giving through the scheme. The Church Centre hiring had taken a hit but Pre-School numbers were on the rise. One challenge that we faced was a Common Fund payment of nearly £100k. Commenting on 2020, he went on to say that the circumstances were unprecedented. So far, voluntary income was down by 16% and Church Centre income by 40%. Maintenance costs were thankfully lower. In the coming months we would seek to address the shortfall in Centre income.

In conclusion the Treasurer thanked the banking team, Alan for his support with Wellspring, Sylvia for dealing with the statutory accounts, Smarter Accounting and everyone for their faithful giving.

Regarding the completion of payment for the Wellspring project, he explained that we were expecting VAT recovery of £75-100k which, with an expected legacy, would cover the repayment of an interest-free loan. The PCC had discussed this and agreed that we would absorb any shortfall within our reserves, which would have to be replenished. A question was raised requesting specific accounting details for the Wellspring project. John B explained that the project was a fixed price contract (with any extras agreed by the PCC) following a competitive tendering process. Due to a difficult online connection John asked for any specific questions to be emailed. The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to Tony and Alan. Sue Davies was thanked for all that she did in her role as Safeguarding Officer.

- in addition to the Annual Report there was discussion of the Report of Groups
- were there plans to engage an organist? – Tony and Lindsay were happy to cover
- did the meeting need to approve the accounts? – this was a PCC responsibility, following the report from the independent examiner
- thanks were expressed to everyone involved in Wellspring

John Beckett gave an address that was available online [Rectors Report at 2020APCM - YouTube](#). John and Ruth were thanked for their hard work – everyone else too – and the meeting closed with prayer.