

24 October 2021

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## Welcome to our Services

in church and online via our YouTube channel

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

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

<b>BIBLE SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30am Prayzone</b> <i>in church and livestreamed</i> <a href="https://youtu.be/AjUADKkOOjk">https://youtu.be/AjUADKkOOjk</a> Activity Sheet: <a href="#">Bible Sunday</a>
	<b>10.30am Coffee Time</b> <i>on zoom</i> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/35vr9jih">https://tinyurl.com/35vr9jih</a> Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8
	<b>11am Morning Worship</b> <i>in church and livestreamed</i> <a href="https://youtu.be/NeVcQkTP9Ek">https://youtu.be/NeVcQkTP9Ek</a> <i>Followed by coffee on the piazza</i>
	<b>5.30pm Prayer Meeting</b> <i>in church</i>

Our readings today are:

Isaiah 55	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/sdmxku4s">https://tinyurl.com/sdmxku4s</a>
Hebrews 4:12-13	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/33z73zp8">https://tinyurl.com/33z73zp8</a>
Psalms 119:105-112	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/66p45fzj">https://tinyurl.com/66p45fzj</a>


Thanks go to:  
Pre-School  
Staff  
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### Collect

Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,  
that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Next Week at St Matts

<b>Mon 25 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am Morning Prayer</b> <i>on ZOOM – all welcome to join us –</i> <i>Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664 – Passcode: Pray</i>
	<b>10.30-11.30am Church open</b> <i>(for private prayer)</i>

<b>Tues 26 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am Morning Prayer on ZOOM – as above</b>
	<b>9.00 -11.30am Toddlers in the church</b>
	<b>12.00 – 1.30pm Matt’s Knits on the piazza/in the Hall</b>
<b>Wed 27 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion (Common Worship) in church</b>
	<b>10.30 – 11.30am Church open (for private prayer)</b>
	 <b>2.00 - 3.30pm Alpha Course in church</b>
<b>Thurs 28 Oct</b>	<b>10.30 – 11.30am Church open (for private prayer)</b>
<b>Sat 30 Oct</b>	<b>2.30pm Friends AGM followed by cream tea for all at 3.30pm – contact Christine Tibbetts to book 291033</b>
<b>Sun 31 Oct</b>	<b>8am Prayer Book Communion in church</b>
	<b>10am United Family Service in church and livestreamed</b>
	<b>5-6.30pm Jollyween Light Party in church – for more info or to book contact Lena: 295268/stmattscw@st-matthias-church.org</b>
	<b>8pm Pray Torbay</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87961456537?pwd=cW5hNlM2VmIhRlRkZ6ZmpWS2RRT0Vwdz09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87961456537?pwd=cW5hNlM2VmIhRlRkZ6ZmpWS2RRT0Vwdz09</a> Meeting ID: 879 6145 6537 Passcode: 121123

## Latest News

**Sad news** We are sorry to let you know that Charlotte Hewitt has died. Her thanksgiving service will be held at St Matthias on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2pm. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.



**Christmas Shoebox appeal 2021....** We are supporting this fantastic cause which sends Christmas boxes across eastern Europe for children and families. We are looking to beat last year’s fantastic total of 145 boxes! Please pick up a leaflet in church for more information. If you have any questions, please do ask Lena!

## Other news and events

**Date for the diary: 13 November** from 10.30am **Friends Christmas Market** – more details to follow but we’d love to hear from you now if you’d like to help, and particularly if you have an idea for a stall. We still have one or two vacancies. For more info: Christine Tibbetts on 01803 291033.

**Lifts to church?** We are planning to start using the minibus again once a month. If anyone would like a lift please contact the office.

## Bible Sunday Resources

Prayer with daily bible reflections:

- lectio365 - <https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>
- Pray as you Go - <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

**‘YouVersion’** (try one of these translations: NRSV, NIV, GNB, ‘God’s Word’)

<https://youversion.com/the-bible-app/>



**Bible Gateway** <https://www.biblegateway.com/>  
which has an option to download to a phone or tablet



**Bible reading apps/daily emails:**

- <https://bibleinoneyear.org/en/>
- <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/form/sign-up-wordlive>

**Bible reading notes** – paper ones! – also available – and samples of these at back of church

**Books to help** (available via <https://www.eden.co.uk> )

- (For those just starting out) Michael F. Bird, Seven Things I Wish Christians Knew About the Bible (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Reflective, 2021)
- (For those who want to go a bit deeper...) Douglas Stuart and Gordon D. Fee, How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2014).
- (For more experienced Bible readers): N. T. Wright and Michael F. Bird, The New Testament in its World (London: SPCK, 2019)

## Prayer

### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers

**Sun** Pray that we may all **worship God** today in spirit and truth.

**Mon** **Nicci Maxwell** helps desperately ill babies, as well as Covid patients. Pray that she may have wisdom & strength in her work.

**Tue** Pray that the congregation play their part in the **Shoebox** appeal for Eastern European families.

**Wed** Pray for the **Alpha Course** that all may grow in their journey of faith.

**Thurs** Praise for the **Duke of Cambridge** Earthshot Project which has given real enthusiasm and excitement about what innovations are occurring and how change can be made and damage remedied.

**Fri** Pray for all who are bereaved, ill or waiting treatment. All doctors and nurses with the pressures of Covid.

**Sat** Please pray for how within our church and within our community we can make a difference, as part of our gospel witness and evangelism about God's care for us and his planet.

**Sun** Pray for **today's worship leaders** that they may take us into the presence and knowledge of Jesus.



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