



'I am the Good Shepherd'

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Welcome

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 25 April	9.30am Prayzone online
	10.30am Coffee on zoom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxlVzkyQT09 Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16
	11am Morning Worship in church and livestreamed – please phone to book a place on 311488 https://youtu.be/DSks59qLL54
	5.30pm Prayer Meeting on zoom Mission Torbay event – see notice below https://zoom.us/j/92861836329?pwd=b0tPenNzcm9kZm5vdE1sbUJqL3FrZz09 Meeting ID: 928 6183 6329 Passcode: PRAY

Readings: Acts 4: 5-12, John 10: 11-18

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+4%3A+5-12&version=NIVUK>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+10%3A+11-18&version=NIVUK>

Next Week	
Tues 27 April	9.30-11am Toddlers on Stoodley Green! <i>See note below</i>
Wed 28 April	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer
Sun 2 May	9.30am Breakfastzone <i>online</i>
	10.30am Coffee <i>on zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78179904975?pwd=TGJzcDBpQU8rR2NEcnhsQmxIVzkyQT09 Meeting ID: 781 7990 4975 Passcode: Jo3v16
	11am Holy Communion <i>in church and livestreamed – please phone to book a place on 311488</i>

News and dates for the diary



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Sunday 25th April 5.30pm on zoom

[Churches across the Bay are still planning for a Mission this September. Please join us as we begin to consider which events to hold at St. Matt's, and with our neighbours, and to pray!](#)

All are welcome to a Training day at St Paul's, Preston on Saturday 8th May. For details, see update.

[Link for latest update:](#)

mission-update-april-2021-2-46243033069.pdf

Open House Toddler Group is back! We will be meeting on Tuesday 27th April and every Tuesday from 9.30 - 11am on Stoodley Green (the coffee shop end). 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 she will call you back.



Congratulations to Anna for winning the 'Bursting with Life' video competition! You can see Anna's winning entry here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yr4s85fn>

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.



The global prayer initiative '**Thy Kingdom Come**' this year is 13-26th May. Take a look here:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> If you'd like to help plan and run some prayer events here, please let the office or clergy know. We'll focus on w/e of 15/16th May, since 14th is St Matthias' Day!

Volunteer help with food preparation! Cooking for the TOWNS project has been serviced all winter from a Paignton church and delivered to St Mary Mags every Friday from 5.30pm. Production of the food and sandwiches has now been moved to Upton Vale and Towns are looking for more volunteer cooks to work on Fridays probably about once a month from 12-5pm. All cooks will be supported and will work as a team. Is there anyone out there who fancies giving this a go! Susie Higgins has been helping so if you have any queries do contact Susie on 07900 362055 or contact Tony Watkins who runs the project. Thank you!
ajpwatkins1@gmail.com

**Thanks go to:
Gardeners**



Private Prayer on a Wednesday 10.30-11.30am The church is open again for anyone who wishes to come for some quiet time to reflect and pray and to light a candle.

Annual Church Meeting – The next Annual Church Meeting takes place in the church on Sunday 23rd May at 4.00 pm. Its purpose is to receive the Annual Report and the Financial Report for 2020 and to elect Churchwardens and PCC members. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to vote though you need to be on the Church Electoral Roll. If you aren't on the electoral roll but live in the parish and attend (in person or online) and are over 16 you are entitled to apply. If you live outside the parish you need to have been 'attending' online or in person for at least 6 months. If St Matthias is **your church** you are encouraged to be on the electoral roll. Application forms are available to download at [electoral-roll-application-form-2021.pdf](https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net) (d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net) or at the back of the church and in the office; completed forms should be returned to the office. **David Wilkinson, PCC Secretary; Penny Whitaker, Electoral Roll Officer.**



Fair Shares Box - volunteer needed please The 'swop box' outside the West Porch has been well used so far and in order to keep it tidy Sue and Rob Day are looking for a few more volunteers to help out on a rota basis. It only takes a minute or two so if perhaps St Matts is on your daily exercise route could you pop by and check that all is well with the box? If you can help please ring Sue on 07550 013101.

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/>

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.

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers

- Sun.** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. May we all be able to worship today our great and holy father through Jesus His Son and in the power of the Spirit.
- Mon.** We remember our Patrons and the charities which we support – especially at this time of financial restraint. Pray that God will answer our prayers and call a youth worker to join us.
- Tue.** Pray for all the planning for Mission Torbay in September. Let us pray that the Gospel will be faithfully proclaimed and people see Jesus.
- Wed.** Pray for children who are suffering after the lockdown – with mental health problems, strained relationships, those drawn into criminal behaviour. Pray too, for all those dealing with them – parents, social workers, lawyers, teachers.
- Thu.** Pray for the areas of our world where there is unrest and people are being made homeless, or find it hard to find food.
- Fri.** Praise God that sanctions are being lifted, and as we become free to do more together may we be sensible and responsible in our actions so that we do not cause Covid 19 to spread.
- Sat.** As Scripture reminds us to do, we pray for our leaders in both Church and State, praying for them wisdom and compassion. In the Church of England we pray for those addressing racism. Pray that this will be eradicated in our church.
- Sun.** Pray for our own Church leaders, John our Rector, Paul our Assistant Minister and our Readers as they lead us into a deeper faith in God. Pray especially for Ruth Beckett as she studies towards Ordination, pray too for Pete and Rachel as they prepare to join our fellowship and team.



Painter required! Pete and Rachel and family (our new curate and family) are soon to be moving into the area and are in the process of getting their house in Redgate Close ready. Could anyone help and give a hand with some painting (inside) over the next couple of weeks? **If you could help please ring Pere in the office on 214175. Thank you 😊**



begin well

Starting Blocks For Family Life

NEW **FREE** ANTENATAL COURSE
IN TORQUAY
Starting 27th April 2021

Dates (all Tuesdays): 27th April
4th, 11th, 18th May
1st and 8th June
Time: 7 - 8.30pm

Due to Covid this course will be delivered on Zoom.

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

To contact the Church:

Although the building is closed you can still contact the church as follows:

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