



25 July 2021

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Welcome

Welcome to our services

in church and online via the Church YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopwyXTvmHCMOUSKeJf6YQ>

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

Sun 25 July

9.55am Singing on the piazza before the service

10am United Family Service with the baptism of Sophia and Jonathan in church and online

Service - https://youtu.be/Zj_BE63cdLM

Service sheet - <https://tinyurl.com/svcryn53>

9.30am Coffee on zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75430941606?pwd=bWhlai8rUzFjWHZjVzdKM2VOQTdoQT09>

Meeting ID: 754 3094 1606 Passcode: ec6iw0

5.30pm Prayer Meeting on zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79303647040?pwd=MnJuYmxlQlNULzhleC9UeTRsMnZpdz09>

Meeting ID: 793 0364 7040 Passcode: 2Np901

Readings: Matthew 20:20-28 & Ephesians 3:14- 21

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+20%3A++20-28&version=NIVUK>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+3%3A14-+21++&version=NIVUK>

Thanks go to:



Our lifeguards and
coastguards

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next Week	
Mon 26 July	9am Morning Prayer <i>on ZOOM – all welcome to join us –</i> <i>Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664- Passcode: Pray</i>
Tues 27 July	9am Morning Prayer <i>on ZOOM – all welcome to join us –</i> <i>Meeting ID: 792 8948 0664- Passcode: Pray</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>on the piazza</i>
Wed 28 July	9am Holy Communion – BCP <i>in church</i>
	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer
Thurs 29 July	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer
Fri 30 July	10-11.30am Mummy and Me <i>in church</i>
	10.30-11.30am Church open for private prayer
Sun 1 August	9.30am Breakfastzone <i>in church and online</i>
	10.30am Coffee Time <i>on zoom</i> https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3882065555?pwd=VU12d0ZpNjJidHdSRE1qeGZBZzhUUT09 Meeting ID: 388 206 5555 Passcode: 1PEAb8
	11am Holy Communion <i>in church and online</i>

Church Family News

Responding to the changes in Covid regulations.

Having mentioned possible changes last Sunday, the Staff Team discussed the next steps for the Church Family, taking into account the recommendations from the Church of England and the discussions at the PCC. We are so aware of the high number of cases of Covid 19 in Torbay, with several people in the church family affected recently, and to this end we have agreed on the following:

To continue to ask people to sign in via the QR code on arrival

To respect each other's personal space and maintain 1-2m social distancing

Whilst outside there is no need to wear a face mask

Inside the building we ask people to wear a mask to protect others more than ourselves

If singing inside to do so with a mask

To refrain from embracing one another in the Peace

To continue to use intinction by the administrator during communion.

We understand that with the change in the law on 19th July there is no longer a mandate, but we are urged by both government and our Church Leaders to continue to respect one another and be aware of the ongoing risks and thank you for your understanding in this.

Paul Barton

Service on 29 August will be a united family service starting at 10am.

For the rest of August we will continue with 9.30 & 11am services as usual.

How important are our young people?

We think that they are incredibly important! But at the moment we are really struggling to provide them with the support that they deserve and need here at St Matts. Our depleted team are working really hard to provide teaching and activities for them, but if we are to continue to provide for them we need you. Do you have a desire to support and disciple our older children and young people? We need your help in their small groups during the Zone services as well as help with the Friday evening Youth Club. Please get in touch with Jack or Tessa if you are interested or want to know more. Material is available for those who lead the groups, but we also need people to come along as a 'second adult'. You will understand that everyone who works or helps out with our children has to go through our 'safeguarding' process!

Suzanne Barr We are sad to let you know that Suzanne has died and her funeral will be held at St Matthias Church on Saturday 31 July at 10.30am.

Ways to serve and wanted

Stewards for Friday...would you like to join the team of stewards who are currently keeping the church open for private prayer in the mornings during the week? We are looking for two people to join the 'Friday team' from September. Please contact Pere to find out more.



Anyone for coffee? We are hoping to begin to serve coffee again at 10.30am between services to share in fellowship, have a chat and catch up with one another...once Covid regulations allow. In order to do this we will of course need some folk to come forward to serve. Thus far only 2 people have done so, and so for the moment we are not able to share a drink between the services. Please ring Pere in the office if you can help.

Other News & Information

Open House Toddler Group is having a summer break but we're hoping to meet at Cockington on 10th August for a picnic – watch this space!!

St. Matthias' Church Pre-School – A BIBLE FOR A CHILD

As we do every year, the Management Committee of our Pre-School have presented a children's Bible (Beginner's Bible) to each of our 18 children leaving the Pre-School at the end of July to go to main school. These were presented at their end of term service in Church. We hope that the parents may read the stories to the children and also that the Bible would be treasured in years to come and be a reminder of what they learnt in Pre-School. The cost is £10 per Bible. If anyone would like to buy a Bible or make a donation towards the cost, please make an online payment to the church bank account marked BIBLES (sort code: 40-52-40 account no. 00017933) or



put your donations in a blue envelope marked 'BIBLES'. Please offer a prayer for the recipient as you give your gift. Thank you so much, Sylvia

Door code changes Every now and again we change the outside door codes for security reasons. This will be done soon! If you are already a code holder the office will contact you over the next few weeks. If you have not heard by the end of July please phone Pere.

Nicci Maxwell Check out the link here to see how Nicci is getting on in Uganda [cms-link-letter-maxwell-july-2021](#)

New Wine is online this year from 29 July to 3 August. For more info see <https://www.new-wine.org/events/united-breaks-out/>

New 'Through Faith Missions' training day

The 3rd training day has been arranged (7 Aug at 9am) and is open to everyone in the Church family – an opportunity to learn about the forthcoming week of Mission in September – and to get involved in sharing the



Good News of Jesus. For details about this event or to book please contact Joanna Wilkinson on missiontorbay@outlook.com See here for the latest update: [mission-update-july-2021](#).

Messy Church... In wonderful sunshine, we held a tremendous Messy Church. Whilst a number of our regulars were unable to be with us, it was so exciting to welcome 4 new families! We worked through the life of Moses, by story-telling, crafts, and exciting displays, all followed by a supper and ice cream! Many thanks to our amazing team - Elaine, Diane, Val, Giles, Paul S, Paul B and Lindsay. Also many thanks to Pauline for her fantastic Golden Calf statue! We look forward to the new season starting in September. Lena



Begin Well... Our second course concluded last Thursday evening after 5 sessions. Feedback is really strong from our parents-to-be which is spurring the team on for our third course starting on 23rd September! Many thanks to an amazing team of Jan, Tessa, Liz and Kate. Lena

Mummy and Me... Our last meeting before the summer break will be on Friday 30th July. We will be starting again on Friday 10th September at 10am in the Church. Contact Lena for more info on 01803 295268.

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. Praise God for the church family at St. Matthias and pray for the **United Family Service and for those being Baptized**. Pray that this will be a real beginning of their journey of faith for very many years.

Mon. Pray for some of the needs in the Church:- **Stewards** to look out for the church on Friday mornings; **Tea / coffee makers** to enable the fellowship of the church to flourish:- people to help with the **young people**, even if only by being an extra adult to be present.

Tue. The Bible tells us to pray for our leaders, so we pray for our **Archbishops, Diocesan and Suffragan Bishops, Archdeacons, Deans, Area Deans, and Parish Clergy**; especially our own – **John, Paul, Mark, Brian, Lay Readers and Trainee Workers**

Wed. Our Queen and the Royal Family, our Prime Minister, Government, local Councils, especially Kevin our M.P. and others working locally.

Thu. Pray for **Dr. Nicci Maxwell our CMS Mission Partner** working in Uganda against many difficulties. Pray for the very little babies she helps and right now the many Covid cases spreading through the country. Pray for her safety on the roads and amongst disruptive people, her own well-being for happiness and inward joy, may she not miss her family too much in this country and South Africa.

Fri. For the plans for **Mission Torbay**. May there be enough people to help, to pray, and to talk about and show the love of Jesus. In anticipation may we look forward to seeing many giving their lives to Jesus.

Sat. Pray for a just solution to the hundreds of immigrants coming over the channel in little boats, facing great danger with an uncertain future.

Sun. Let us keep **Sunday Special** and use it as a special day of relaxation and worship. May we worship together in Spirit and in Truth glorifying our Saviour.

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