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The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm for visitors and prayer

Sun 26 Oct Bible Sunday 	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> <i>Live on our YouTube channel https://tinyurl.com/2vpva3bs</i> <i>Please note that as this service is livestreamed you may be seen on screen.</i> <i>If you do not wish to be filmed, please let a member of the Welcome Team know.</i>
	5.30pm 'Praise @5.30' <i>informal praise and worship</i>
Mon 27 Oct	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Tues 28 Oct	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
Wed 29 Oct	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space – <i>Join us for soup, coffee, chat!</i>
Fri 31 Oct	3.15-5.30pm Jollyween!
Sun 2 Nov All Souls Day	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with 'Fairtrade' breakfast from 9.15am</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	Fairtrade blind tasting after the service
	3pm All Souls service – a service of reflection

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
 help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that,
 through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
 we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
 which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Thanks go to
Valerie – our
wonderful
organist



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For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app
 and this zoom link: tinyurl.com/2t56wex5 You are welcome to join us!

The words we use can be found here, with an audio version: tinyurl.com/2djd3t7f



Readings

Psalm 78: 1-12

¹ My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
² I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things,
things from of old –
³ things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
⁴ We will not hide them from their
descendants; we will tell the next
generation the praiseworthy deeds of
the Lord, his power,
and the wonders he has done.
⁵ He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
⁶ so that the next generation would know
them, even the children yet to be born, and

they in turn would tell their children.
⁷ Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.
⁸ They would not be like their ancestors –
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
whose hearts were not loyal to God,
whose spirits were not faithful to him.
⁹ The men of Ephraim, though armed with
bows,
turned back on the day of battle;
¹⁰ they did not keep God's covenant
and refused to live by his law.
¹¹ They forgot what he had done,
the wonders he had shown them.
¹² He did miracles in the sight of their
ancestors in the land of Egypt,
in the region of Zoan.

Luke 4: 16-30

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:
¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'
²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'
²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. 'Isn't this Joseph's son?' they asked.
²³ Jesus said to them, 'Surely you will quote this proverb to me: "Physician, heal yourself!" And you will tell me, "Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum."''
²⁴ 'Truly I tell you,' he continued, 'no prophet is accepted in his home town. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed – only Naaman the Syrian.'
²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Dates for the diary

Jollyween 2025! Friday 31st October, 3.15pm to 5.30pm

Join us for an afternoon of games, crafts, food and lots of glow in the dark fun. Open to Primary School aged children and their grown ups. Free entry.

Remembrance Sunday, 9th November

advance notice that our service will begin at 10.45am.



Sunday 2nd Nov - breakfast at EXPLORE at 9.15 and a blind tasting after the 11am service.

Saturday 15th Nov at 7pm - Tear Fund Quiz in the Church

Girls Allowed will be meeting in the Hall on **Thursday 13th November @ 2.30pm** for Tabletalk followed by tea, cake and a mystery speaker and on **Monday 8th December @ 10.30 am** for coffee and mince pies (g/f available) at Me and Mrs Jones. Please reply to Judi (01803 211947) if you would like to come. *Elaine, Sue, Andrea, Susie and Judi*

A warm welcome awaits you at the **Friends Christmas Market on Saturday 15th November** between 10.00am and 1.00pm. Come along and enjoy our traditional pre-Christmas get-together over a hot drink and a mince pie. There will be a chance to browse through the Christmas Cards, craft stalls and displays providing the opportunity for some early Christmas shopping. Our activity area will provide entertainment for the children, to include competitions and face painting. In the meantime, we would be grateful to receive donations of jigsaw puzzles, good quality books and games which you can leave in the Friends' labelled box in the Linkway. This year we are running a bottle stall and any donations (no spirits) should be left at the Friends Promotion Table. For more information please contact Christine Tibbetts on 07789 692321.

Sunday Lunch 16th November at 1.30pm We are going back to the Central Conservative Club in Union Street, the lunch was so good! To book please contact Gill on 07709 727714.

News



Shoebox Appeal As in previous years, we will be supporting cr2ee (Christian Response to Eastern Europe). If you'd like to send a Christmas Shoebox to someone in Moldova or Ukraine, pack a box full of new items – some practical, some to play with and some to wear, wrap it in Christmas paper, clearly mark it for a girl or boy (with suggested age ranges), a family, a granny or grandpa, and **drop it into the Church by 16th November**. Pick up a leaflet for more information.



Party Invitation to all! Mark and Rachel Farrin invite you to their joint 50th party on 1st November in the church hall. There'll be board games with cake in the morning 10.30-1 and an evening party with buffet 6.30-9.30 (Please bring your own drink.) RSVP to Mark by email: markfarrinphone@gmail.com

Update on recruitment of new rector

As announced in Church recently, sadly the first round of advertising did not produce a field of suitable candidates for shortlisting, for the interviews scheduled later this month. This is obviously disappointing but we have been told by our patrons that this is a common occurrence in the Church at present.

The diocese will be readvertising the post and the plan is to hold interviews in the New Year. Please continue to pray that God will be stirring the heart of his chosen person, for strength for Paul, Dallas and Claire as they carry extra burdens and for all of us, that God will help us to be strongly supportive of each other and outward looking so that we grow in our faith and as a Church in this period of waiting.

Claire Reynolds has been appointed to be Team Vicar in the Northmoor Team Ministry. Her final Sunday here will be 7th December with her licensing taking place on 7th January 2026. We are all very sad that she will be leaving us, but wish her every blessing in her new ministry in North Devon and we will say farewell with **tea and cake** at 4pm on the 7th Dec.

School News the Open the Book team are enjoying a week's rest. Pray that staff and students enjoy the well-earned break.

Thank you A big thank you from Anya and the choir to everyone who came to our concert last Saturday and to everyone who helped. It was an amazing event and together we have raised £610!



CONCERTS THIS AUTUMN at ST MATTS

8 Nov @ 7.30pm

22 Nov @ 7.30pm

8 Dec @ 7.30pm

13 Dec @ 7.30pm

South Devon Choir

Torbay Singers

Rock Choir

Big Noise Christmas Concert

Rutter & Puccini

Bach: Mass in B-minor

See posters around building or concert websites for more information

Prayers for this week

Mon. Praise God that He has promised to be with us at all times and His purpose is that we become His Ambassadors in our chaotic and dark world.

Tue. Pray that the leaders of the nations will have wisdom and integrity to bring about reconciliation and order in our world.

Wed. Pray for the Church in Torbay - that we may be led by Holy Spirit to present a united message that Jesus loves us all and wants His Kingdom extended.

Thu. Pray for all who are suffering in body, soul or spirit; for those in hospital and confined to their homes and those recently bereaved.

Fri. Pray for all those attending Jollyween that Jesus is truly 'The Light of the World'

Sat. Pray for our church leaders especially while we are waiting for God's choice to be the next Rector of this Parish.

Sun. May we all hear what God has to say to us today and pray that we may be willing to be obedient to do what He says.