



Sunday 26 June 2022

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Welcome!

Join us either in church or online via our YouTube channel

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

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

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| Today | 8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) |
| | 10am Prayer for Ukraine |
| | 11am Morning Worship https://youtu.be/liecYFPpCsY <i>followed by coffee</i> Activity sheet: The Lord's Prayer |
| | 4pm Explore @ 4 |

Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:

Our church
gardeners



Church open for visitors/prayer Monday – Friday 12-2pm

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| Tues 28 June | 9.00 -11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i> |
| | 12-1.30pm Matt's Knits <i>in the Hall</i> |
| Wed 29 June | 9am Holy Communion |
| | 10am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning |
| Thurs 30 June | 7pm Friends AGM <i>with drinks on the piazza</i> |
| Fri 1 July | 10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i> |
| | 6.30pm Youth Club <i>Taskmaster</i> |
| Sat 2 July | 9am Men's Breakfast <i>Livermead House Hotel</i> |
| Sun 3 July | 8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) |
| | 9.30am Explore Together |
| | 11am Holy Communion (<i>Common Worship</i>) |
| | 5.30pm Prayer Meeting <i>all welcome</i> |

Readings for Today

2 Kings 2:1-2 and 6-15

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.'

But Elisha said, 'As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' And he replied, 'As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them walked on.

⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?'

'Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,' Elisha replied.

¹⁰ 'You have asked a difficult thing,' Elijah said, 'yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours – otherwise, it will not.'

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, 'My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!' And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

¹³ Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. 'Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

¹⁵ The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, 'The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha.' And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to

fulfilment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.' ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

What's on?

'Living in love and Faith' - for those who attended the Lent Course this year, there's a follow-up session on Wednesday 6th July at 2pm, repeated at 7.30pm – in the Lounge specifically to look in more depth at related key biblical texts and themes.

Open Church...did you know that the church is open for visitors and prayer every weekday from 12 – 2pm? And on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (12-1) the church is manned so why not drop in to say hello and have a coffee too! You will be made very welcome.



Minibus lifts are starting again on 3 July (11am service) with a view to operating monthly to begin with. Please contact the office if you would like a lift.

The Friends of St Matthias AGM 7pm Thurs 30 June.
Afterwards, from 7.45pm, all members are invited to join us for Pimm's (and strawberries) on the Piazza. If you are not a member but would like to join – do get in touch.
Rob Newman Chairman



How do I share my faith? Come and find out how during a 2-hour session with Steve Rouse and Lyn Weston from LICC – London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. This session is open to all Christians in Torbay. Thursday, 14th July 2022 7pm - 9pm by Zoom. Book yourself a place £5 via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sharing-your-faith-tickets-349883921227>



Messy Church...we have had a brilliant time this week with the theme of 'Jesus fishing for Disciples' and even had our own cardboard boat! Thanks to our great team for their help. Next session is on Tuesday 19th July. Lena

Men's Breakfast Saturday 2nd July at 9am at the Livermead House Hotel. £15.00 each to cover the hire of the hotel and they throw in a free breakfast! torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com



St Matthias Church Pre-School Job Vacancy...we are looking for a very special person to join our team. It's a leadership position managing a small team of staff and the daily running of a Pre-School. Previous leadership experience preferable. Hours: 8.30am – 3.30pm daily plus 1 staff meeting per week (19.5 hours minimum to 32.5 hours depending on applicant). Enquiries to the church office (admin@st-matthias-church.org) or indeed.com

Prayer

Suggestions for our Praise and Prayer

- Sun** Praise God for our Church Family.
Pray that we grow closer to each other
- Mon** We pray for all who are ill, awaiting treatment or have recently been bereaved
- Tue** Dr Nicci Maxwell. Praise God for her return to Uganda. Pray for her full recovery
- Wed** Pray for peace in Ukraine and for the weekly get together in our church
- Thu** Pray for the Friends of St. Matthias' AGM and for good ideas for the Church to become 'greener'
- Fri** Please pray for Justin Welby and other Church Leaders that they may put forward positive solutions to the illegal immigration crisis affecting our country, and for discussion by all leaders
- Sat** Pray for the Torbay Men's Breakfast
- Sun** Pray for our Church Leaders, and Laura as she begins her Youth Work

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