



BIBLE SUNDAY



Welcome!


Sunday 27 October 24

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Welcome! Join us in church or online

www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

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

Sun 27 Oct Bible Sunday <i>Please bring a favourite Bible with you to church</i>	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>a relaxed hour in the Hall with refreshments, easy chairs and chat.</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/kNWmMqHxuRq
	5.30pm 'Praise @ 5.30' <i>youth-led praise and worship</i>
Mon 28 Oct	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Tues 29 Oct	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Wed 30 Oct	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>Tea, coffee, soup and chat!</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers
Thurs 31 Oct	3.15pm Messy Light Party 
Fri 1 Nov	2pm Memorial Service Anne Hall
Sat 2 Nov	9am Men's Breakfast at Grand Hotel
Sun 3 Nov Sea Sunday	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with breakfast</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	4pm All Souls Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service
Sun 10 Nov	Services at 8am, 9.30am and <u>10.45</u> (Remembrance Service)

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.**

Thanks go to:



Everyone who helped with the amazing Ceilidh on Saturday

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Readings

Isaiah 55: 1-11

Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not
satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of
fare.
³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with
you, my faithful love promised to David.
⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the
peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.
⁵ Surely you will summon nations you
know not,
and nations you do not know will come
running to you,
because of the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with
splendour.'

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the Lord, and he will
have mercy on them, and to our God,
for he will freely pardon.
⁸ 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,'
declares the Lord.
⁹ 'As the heavens are higher than the
earth, so are my ways higher than your
ways and my thoughts than your
thoughts.
¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and
bread for the eater,
¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my
mouth:
it will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire and
achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

John 5: 36b-47

³⁶ 'I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish – the very works that I am doing – testify that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, ³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. ³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.
⁴¹ 'I do not accept glory from human beings, ⁴² but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?
⁴⁵ 'But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. ⁴⁶ If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?'

Dates for the diary



DON'T FORGET –

The clocks go back on Saturday night!

But if you do forget, come and join us in the Hall for 'EXPLORE'!

For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England 'Daily Prayer' app and this zoom link

<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

Messy Light Party
'Jollyween'
Thursday 31st October
3.15pm – 5.15pm

The alternative Halloween Party
including a buffet party tea - no costumes please
it helps with catering if you can book a place email
admin@st-matthias-church.org
N.B children to be accompanied please

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All Souls Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service on 3rd November at 4pm

You are warmly invited to this service to give thanks and to remember any friends and loved ones who have died, especially in the last few years.

Friends' Christmas Market on Saturday 16th November 10am – 1pm

All the usual attractions, plus a few new ones. Good quality books and jigsaws will be welcome. Calling all Bakers and Cake Makers! Please come to the Friends' table on Sunday and tell us what you might be able to provide. This is a very popular table at the Market - we sold out last year – so all contributions will be warmly welcomed.

Rob Newman, Chairman 07305 681522 rob.thenewmans@gmail.com

Tearfund Big Quiz on Saturday 16th November at 7:30pm

Please enter your team via ecoaction@st-matthias-church.org or talk to Judi, Clare or David. £10 per team.

Fun questions, fun prizes, BYO, mini pasties

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/eco-action-group-st-matthias-torquay-1727862195317>



Friends Christmas lunch at the Headland Hotel on Sunday 1st December

News

Welcome Space continues to run every Wednesday lunchtime, but we **urgently** need more people to serve on the team as we reach out to our local community.

Could you help, even once a month or so? Please contact Sylvia.

Missions Market 2 November 11am – 3pm at Central Church – stalls including Choice Words bookshop, Linx, Community Larder, Street Pastors – tea, coffee, soup etc. Free entry.

Saline Solution 7 Dec This is a one day training course (9.30am – 5pm) at Upton Vale Church for healthcare professionals to be ‘salt of the earth’ in the workplace
<https://tinyurl.com/26drcsvt>

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Isaiah 55: 10 says the Word is like rain “that waters the earth and makes it bud and flourish”. Following Bible Sunday, pray that God’s Word enables our church to grow and blossom.

Tue Syria has been largely forgotten from the news. Yet there remain 12m displaced Syrians and the country has been devastated by earthquakes, sanctions and spiralling inflation. 10% of the population is nominally Christian. Continue to pray for the country.

Wed Today is Budget Day. It is key to government, national life, prosperity and fairness. Pray for all who are affected by the drama of the day - and its repercussions in the weeks and months ahead.

Thu Pray for the Messy Light Party (alternative Halloween party) meeting this afternoon. May children receive the Christian message of light - which dispels darkness and evil.

Fri The US Presidential elections are just 5 days away. Pray for the nation at this hugely significant crossroad.

Sat Saturday is a day for families. When families are strong, society is healthy. Pray for young families we know.

Sun Remember in pray all those who come to the All Souls Thanksgiving and Remembrance service - that they may hear the Christian message of hope and joy.

PCC Prayers Following the recent PCC meeting, we would value prayer for these areas of our life together.

- For those who had been visited during the recent Parish Visiting project
- For a dynamic emerging Generation leader as we re-advertise
- For support for Welcome Space team and for volunteers to assist in AV
- Pray for office/administration help on Pere's non-working day (Tuesday)

NOTES: