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

Sun 28 Sept	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/mtvau94n</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 worship and praise</i>
Mon 29 Sept	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Tues 30 Sept	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
	9-11.30am Open House Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 1 Oct	9am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space – <i>Join us for soup, coffee, chat!</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matt's Gospel Singers
Thurs 2 Oct	7-8.30pm visit from Nicci Maxwell in the Hall with refreshments
Fri 3 Oct	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sun 5 Oct	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with breakfast from 9.15am</i>
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>

Collect

Lord God, keep your church within your mercy
And because without you our human frailty
cannot but fall, keep us by your help from all
things hurtful, and lead us in the way of
salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to



The PCC

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

1 Timothy 6:6-19

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen.

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Luke 16:19.31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰“ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Dates for the diary

29 September @ 4pm Tea and cake at the Precinct Centre, St Marychurch. Find out how you could get involved in the Poppy Appeal.

Nicci Maxwell visit On Thursday 2nd October, 7 – 8.30pm, our CMS partner Nicci Maxwell will be giving an illustrated talk in the hall. Please come and hear about her experiences in war-torn South Sudan, caring for babies and children in hospital and a refugee camp. Refreshments, with cakes, will be provided.

BASIC AND FOUNDATION SAFEGUARDING COURSE Tuesday 7 October 9:30 -12:00 in the Lounge. If you are involved in any activity in church especially those involving children or would just like to know more, please join Sue Davies for this safeguarding course. If you have attended this course in the last three years or completed an online course you do not need to attend. If you have any questions please email me sjddavies54@gmail.com

Hall refurbishment The Hall will be out of action on 9th, 10th & 11th October while it is being re-decorated.

Sunday Lunch 12th October at 1.30pm. We are going to the Central Conservative Club, Union Street, for a change! It is a roast only Sunday Lunch, starting at £12 for one course. There is a booking for 12 people only, so please contact me to book a place on 07709 727714. Thanks. Gill Buick.



18 October 2:30pm St Matts Gospel Singers concert - celebrating their 10th anniversary. Teas/coffees/cakes during a break. Guest choir GGCC from Bristol. Continuing fundraising for the Give to Go Green project.



Save the date! Fair Trade Fortnight 22nd Sept - 5th Oct. Our events will be on Sunday 2nd November, with a Fair Trade breakfast at 9.30 and a blind tasting in the hall after the 11am service. On Saturday 15th November at 7pm we will be hosting the Tear Fund Quiz and more details will follow.

Confirmation – Sunday 23rd November We are delighted that Bishop Mike has agreed to visit us for a confirmation service. If you have not been confirmed and would like to explore what it means, then please get in touch with Paul, Dallas or Claire. If you have no idea what ‘confirmation’ is, then this might help – [Confirmation FAQs](#) – or the QR code along side. We will be offering some sessions to explore in detail in November.



News

Update on appointing John's successor The advert and Parish Profile have now gone live in the Church Times and on the Diocesan website – see link below. Please keep praying for the right person to be led by the spirit.

<https://exeter.anglican.org/vacancies/rector-torquay-st-matthias/>

Mike Blunsum His funeral will be taking place here at St Matthias Church on 16th October at 12.30pm followed by some refreshments in the Hall. Please do keep praying for his family at this time.

Tom Fish – we are now able to confirm that his service of thanksgiving will be here on Friday 10th October at 1.30pm. Again our thoughts and prayers remain with Tom's family at this time.

School News Our Open the Book continues each week. This week on Wednesday and Thursday Monica Rook will be in Warberry and Ilsham Academies telling the story of How David became King. In addition Helen and Claire continue to work closely with the schools in many other ways too. This week they will be hosting an afternoon tea for the new reception parents, and Claire will be going in to school to talk about their school values and how these relate to our faith. Please do keep praying for them in this work.

Harvest News Thank you for everyone who helped arrange and serve our fantastic church lunch last week, and thank you too to everyone who brought in donations for Torbay Community Larder. You may have seen the picture on facebook!

Prayers for this week

Mon King Jesus, thank you that you made the one perfect sacrifice for my sins so that I can be forgiven.

Tues Lord, thank you for your great love for me. Thank you for the utter transformation you bring to my life.

Weds Lord, thank you that those who put their trust in you will never be disappointed. Help me to keep on trusting you.

Thurs Lord, help us to keep on sowing, doing good and holding on to your promise that we will reap a harvest if we don't give up.

Fri Dear God, help me to deal with conflict wisely and to keep in step with the Holy Spirit.

Sat Lord, thank you for the freedom the Holy Spirit brings to my life. Help me to express my faith in love today.

Sun Lord, fill me today with the Spirit of wisdom. May my life be honouring to Jesus.

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