



Sunday 29 January 2023

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# WELCOME!

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

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

Sun 29 Jan	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am United Family Communion</b> <a href="https://youtu.be/-bV3eTwd-KA">https://youtu.be/-bV3eTwd-KA</a> <i>followed by coffee</i>

Thanks go to:



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### Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to our heavenly Father, Amen.

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

Tues 31 Jan	<b>9-11.30am Toddlers</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>12-1.30pm Matt's Knits</b> <i>knit and natter in the Hall – all welcome</i>
Wed 1 Feb	<b>9am Holy Communion</b> <i>Do join us and have a coffee afterwards</i>
	<b>9.40am Ukrainian support group/coffee morning</b>
	<b>12-5pm Warm Space</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>2.30pm 'Coronation' Meeting</b> <i>in the church</i>
	<b>Begin Well</b> – <i>ante natal course in church</i>
Fri 3 Feb	<b>10-11.30am Mummy &amp; Me</b> <i>in church</i>
	<b>6.30-8pm Youth Club</b> – <i>in the Hall – Talent Show!</i>
Sat 4 Feb	<b>9am Men's Breakfast</b> <i>at The Grand</i>
Sun 5 Feb	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> )
	<b>9.30am Explore Together</b>
	<b>10.30am Gather to Pray</b>
	<b>11am Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by coffee</i>

## Readings for today

### Hebrews 2: 14-end

<sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—<sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. <sup>17</sup> For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

### Luke 2: 22-40

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

## News & Events



**Girls Allowed Film Night** Mon 6 Feb at 7pm in the church - we will be watching 'Quartet' and there will be light refreshments. Please bring a cushion if you think you may need one! For more information please phone Judi on 01803 211947.



**From the St Matthias Communications Group:** we are trying to improve our social media, website and publicity! If you would like to be involved in anything involving 'comms' please let Pere know or email Suzy [sjwright1717@gmail.com](mailto:sjwright1717@gmail.com).

**The Thanksgiving Service for John Hart** will be on Friday 10 February at 2pm – more information to follow.

**Coronation Weekend 6-8 May** There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping to arrange the activities to celebrate the Coronation weekend – Wednesday 1 Feb at 2.30pm in church. Do come along – you will be very welcome. Thank you.

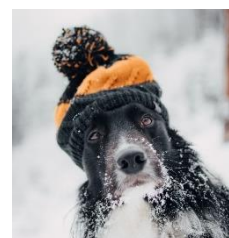
**Christmas Collections** Please read the note below from Brenda on behalf of the Good Samaritan Fund who received half of the money raised this Christmas. And thank you to everyone who gave so generously. Almost £900 was raised and has been shared between Compassion (for the food crisis appeal in Ethiopia) and The Good Samaritan Fund – see below.

*Thanks to all our "Good Samaritan" donors, a set of premature twins went home without the family having to sell everything they owned to pay their bill of nearly £600. They had really tried hard and paid as much as they could manage but it was only about half of what was required. The babies' dad actually wept with joy and relief when he was told that we would cover the outstanding amount. His alternative was to wait, leaving the babies in the ward, until some further money might become available in March! God bless you all, Brenda*



**'Hope Explored' Course:** 3 sessions - Hope, Peace and Purpose. A great way to explore the Christian faith in the New Year. Contact the office or speak to the clergy to find out more.

**Warm space – is open every Wednesday from 12-5pm -** everyone welcome! Come and have some lovely soup, hot drinks, chat...



**Amici Restaurant 7 February 2023** Tickets are selling well for the ever-popular visit to Torquay's Amici Restaurant. Do join us if you can. See Christine after the service on Sunday morning or call Rob Newman on 07305 681522.



**Contact Lists** The new and updated Church Family Contact List is available at the back of church today. A donation of £1 towards printing would be appreciated.

**Men's Breakfast** Saturday 4 February at the Grand Hotel. A full English Breakfast with tea, coffee, orange juice, toast, etc costs £10.00. Our speaker will be retired minister Chas Deacon. If any men would like to attend, please confirm no later than Thursday 12:00pm by email to [torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com](mailto:torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com)

## Prayers

### Suggestions for our Praise and Prayers this week

**Sun** Pray for the churches in "The Bay" and pray that we may all work well together to make the love of Jesus better known.

**Mon** Pray for all who are on or going on holiday. Pray for safety and a real rest for them all, and for all those coming to Torbay.

**Tue** The Toddlers Group meet this morning, let us pray for the parents, carers and children and their leaders.

**Wed** Pray for all who are ill – and for the NHS. Pray too for our teachers and for the great work they do with our children.

**Thu** Remember the countries which are at war with others especially Ukraine who are suffering such devastation. Pray for those suffering in Afghanistan.

**Fri** Pray for all the work being done among the young folk in our Church and praise God for how He is working amongst them.

**Sat** Pray for all those who have been recently bereaved, all who are ill, depressed or finding life difficult that the Lord would meet them and solve their problems.

**Sun** Please pray for those who hold leadership positions in our Parish. Especially for John Beckett, Paul Barton, our Church Wardens and other officers, all who help lead our services or help others in their spiritual lives and Pere in administration.

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*Please note that our services are often live-streamed*

