



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024



Welcome!
Sunday 29 September 24
www.st-matthias-church.org

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 29 Sept 	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Pet Service <i>A celebration of animals and how we can best look after them on Animal Welfare Sunday</i>
	10.30 Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion with prayers for healing <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/BdNoNRojfFE?feature=share
Mon 30 Sept	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
Tues 1 Oct	9-9.30am Morning Prayer on zoom – details below
	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>Do come along</i>
	12-1.30pm Matt’s Knits <i>All welcome</i>
Wed 2 Oct	9am Holy Communion
	10am–12 noon Ukraine Support Group
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>Tea, coffee, soup and chat!</i>
	7.15-9pm St Matt’s Gospel Singers
	7.30pm ‘321 course’ on zoom – pls ask the office for the link
Thurs 3 Oct	10am ‘321 course’ – repeated in the Lounge
Fri 4 Oct	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sat 5 Oct	9am Men’s Breakfast <i>with speaker Malcolm Ford</i>
Sun 6 Oct	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together <i>with breakfast!</i>
	10.30 Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	5.30pm Youth Alpha in the Lounge

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For Morning Prayer online, we use the Church of England ‘Daily Prayer’ app and this zoom link
<https://tinyurl.com/2t56wex5>

Readings

James 5: 13-end

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Mark 9: 38-50

³⁸ ‘Teacher,’ said John, ‘we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.’

³⁹ ‘Do not stop him,’ Jesus said. ‘For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

⁴² ‘If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me – to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung round their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.”

⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ ‘Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.’

Collect God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

DISCOVER LIFE
ACCORDING TO
JESUS IN

321

So how do
you see life?

In four short sessions **3-2-1** invites you to see life the way Jesus does.

It is designed to help you think about God, the world and yourself through immersive videos and thoughtful illustrations, and discussion with others who are asking questions about what life is all about.

Online zoom sessions **Wednesdays 7.30pm** starting 2nd October

In person on **Thursdays 10am** starting 3rd October.

For more info phone 01803 214175 or email: admin@st-matthias-church.org

Thanks go to:



Prayer Ministry
Team



'Pet Service' Sunday 29th

September 9.30am

Join us, with or without a pet for a
celebration of animals and our pets!

(Please bring small pets in a secure
cage and it's probably not fair for most
cats with dogs around!)

PET PHOTOS needed please!

Before Sunday, please email
any pics of your pets to

admin@st-matthias-church.org

Thank you

The Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals is an Anglican (Church of England) organisation founded over 30 years ago. We are called to make Christians and others aware of the need to care for the whole of creation. In particular, we are concerned with the abuse of animals. Here's their latest bulletin <https://www.aswa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/ASWA-Summer-2024-Bulletin-LR-1.pdf>



Dates for the diary



Ceilidh! Saturday 19th October We are delighted to be teaming up with the Hedgehogs' Brawl Ceilidh Band and the Torbay Folk Choir for a party with a difference. Come and let your hair down and enjoy a great evening of music, dancing, food and drink. Tickets now on sale and further information available after the 11am service. *The Friends of St Matthias*

Youth Alpha – starting Sunday 6th October in Church at 5:30pm for an hour. We'll be running Youth Alpha for 6 sessions over the next few months, where young people are warmly invited to come and watch a film, share some pizza, bring questions and

chat about faith. If you know of any young people who would be interested do let Claire R know. Booking not essential, but useful to know for arranging enough pizza!

News

Thank you to all involved with the **Parish Visiting Project** in the first two weeks of September – as visitors or prayer supporters. We'll be hearing feedback at the 11am service this week. Everyone was encouraged by the way the visits were warmly received by many, with folk valuing the care the church was showing. It was a great privilege to be part of God's Kingdom 'seed sowing' work. We plan to visit another part of the parish around Easter next year.

Thank you for all the Harvest food donations. The Larder are very grateful for your support. We are happy to continue to receive more donations – please place them in the collection box in the Linkway corridor 😊

Baptism and Confirmation Registers We have a wonderful historic register of the baptisms which have taken place at St Matthias since 1880. We would like to photograph this register so that we have a duplicate record in case of any damage to the original. Would anyone be able to help with this please? It makes a very interesting read of our history! Please contact Pere.

Monthly Sunday Lunch Would anyone like to join Gill and others for a monthly Sunday lunch? It will be a very informal get together at a local pub after church (eg Babbacombe Inn). It's for anyone whether on their own or a whole family or if you just don't fancy cooking lunch yourself! It'll be lovely to get together. To see if there is any interest for this or to find out more please contact Gill - 07709 727714.

Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

Mon Pray that peace-makers in the Middle-East may bring about a cessation of violence.

Tue Remember in prayer politicians of every stripe - that they can be "realistic" but also give hope.

Wed Pray for "Welcome Space", meeting today, that it joyfully lives up to its name - and welcomes all!

Thu The religious dimension plays a significant part in US politics. Pray Christians are wise and gracious.

Fri Thank God for the vibrant spirit in the Youth Group - ask God for his blessing on this work tonight.

Sat This is a day of rest for many: Ask God to help families we know that struggle to live happily.

Sun Youth Alpha is meeting for the first time today. Ask God to bring in young people - and that they enjoy it.