



Welcome!

4th May 2025

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Welcome! Join us in church or online

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

Sun 4 May	8.00am 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> https://youtube.com/live/nF-t5G3O5Cs?feature=share
Mon 5 May	<i>Bank Holiday – church and centre closed</i>
Tues 6 May	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom – details below</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers
	12-1.30pm St Matt's Knits
Wed 7 May	9.00am Holy Communion
	12-2pm Welcome Space <i>tea, coffee, soup and chat! All welcome</i>
Fri 9 May	9.30-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in the church</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Club <i>going to crazy golf!</i>
Sat 10 May	9am Men's Breakfast <i>Grand Hotel</i> torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com
Sun 11 May	8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
	5.30pm Prayer meeting <i>for the Rector appointment process</i>

Collect Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

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

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Thanks go to:



Our clergy!

Readings

Revelation 5:11-14

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵ 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. ⁶ 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'

John 21:1-19 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee, It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. ⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Dates for the diary

Saying goodbye to John and Ruth There will be a lunch in church on 1st June after the 11am service to say goodbye and thank you to John and Ruth. Please make sure you sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to come.

Help us to shape the Parish Profile

Please complete the form online or collect a paper form from the back of the church to help us reflect the views of all the church family as we prepare to recruit John's successor. <https://forms.gle/d4iUHX2VuK7iw4Fr7>

Church Annual Meeting Sunday 18th May at 4pm. Please come along as we review the last year and look ahead! We also choose Church Council members and churchwardens. So do please think and pray about whether you sense God calling you to serve in this way – and chat to John, Claire, or one of our wonderful wardens Clare or Cheryl to find out more.

Youth Club needs your help! On **16th May** our fantastic young people will be helping to clean and tidy some of our grounds in and around the church. They will be fundraising for Open Doors <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/> and Compassion <https://www.compassionuk.org/> **Please sponsor them!** Speak to Ali Buckley, Linda Townsend or Claire Reynolds for more details! Thank you.

18 June 2025 ST MATTHIAS DREAM AUCTION We are seeking 'promises' (goods & services) for sale. Can you help? All proceeds in aid of the St Matthias Green Project & Rowcroft Hospice. 90 lots promised already but entries closing after this weekend. Please contact auctioneer Tim Dickinson 07879 445146 tim@irvinenott.co.uk

Support our churchwarden! On **May 10th** Cheryl Bevins is aiming to complete the Trek26 Stonehenge 2025 to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. She would greatly appreciate any sponsorship for the 26 mile trek! <https://tinyurl.com/2zswcjup>

Sunday Lunch Club We are meeting again on Sunday 18th May at the Babbacombe Inn. Please contact Gill Buick by 15th May to book 07709727714.

Girls Allowed Thurs 22nd May @ 7pm Welcoming all ladies to a quiz evening with cake before Claire Reynolds shares some of her story. Please bring your ideas for raising money for 'Give to Go Green'. A donation of £3 is welcome. Looking forward to seeing you!

News



Christian Aid Week 11-17 May. Please see posters to see how you can help. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Repairs to the Hall roof will be taking place from 27th May for 3-4 weeks. We are not expecting to have to cancel any events but if you have any queries please speak to Paul Sherriff or Pere Snow.

Give to Go Green The fun/fundraising starts with the Dream Auction on 18th June and continues to Tuesday 29th July with a full programme of events to suit all ages and tastes. Events will include (26th June) a Midsummer evening of jazz & conversation with the ever-popular Jane Wibberley, a Quiz (come and test your knowledge of our area), a family BBQ, a Treasure Hunt, an evening with the Torbay Folk Choir, and a tea party on the Piazza. Money raised will be matched by the Diocese under the Give to Go Green scheme, and the proceeds will allow us to complete all stages of the Church Centre reroofing project. We're looking forward to a busy summer! Rob (07305 681522)

Prayers for this week

Mon Loving Heavenly Father, thank you those recently baptised here. We ask your loving care on all participants, that they may faithfully follow you.

Tues Lord Jesus Christ, we think of those in our community who – as you did on the cross - are suffering bodily pain. May they know your healing hand on them.

Wed Holy Spirit, reveal your truth to us, grant us your gifts, fill us with your loving care, and guide us in your footsteps at all times.

Thurs Father God, we continue to pray for peace in the world; for your wisdom and kindness to all who rule, especially so that no more children will starve.

Fri Loving Lord, you washed the feet of your disciples, knowing one would betray you. Fill us with your love and trust, so that we, too, may reach out to all in need.

Sat Dear Lord, we lift to you all who suffer mental health problems. May they come to know, and accept, the love and peace you have to offer them.

Sun Help us to fill your church, we pray, so that all may come to know that in surrendering to you, your loving arms will be around them, and they will know the peace of mind that comes in trusting you.